TEENAGE NINJA BAILIFF BUSTERS!
THE RECENT ARREST OF 836 PEOPLE IN LEEDS RATES AS THE BIGGEST EVER MASS ARREST IN BRITAIN.

Yet what was it that led to this unprecedented action by hundreds of police? A mass black magic style devil worshiping session? Thousands of tanked up Hell's Angels destroying some quiet village? Hundreds of Stanley knife wielding football fans trying to rearrange each others faces perhaps? No, they were guilty of having a party!

This mass arrest, plus one 3 weeks before which led to 230 arrests, has got sod all to do with crime, and everything to do with 'order'. These days any large gathering of people, be it at a rave, football match, poll tax march etc. is automatically looked upon by our rulers as being a 'threat to the state'. What other explanation is there for the police's actions?

What is equally baffling is the attitude of mock surprise, that the authorities adopt when, as a consequence of their Belfast style policing, they get their heads kicked in by irate members of the public! What do they expect? Sometimes they seem to live in a fantasy world where a grateful public should warmly thank the police officer, who's busy trying to beat you to a pulp, for having the cheek to want to go to a party!

It's a fact of life that people these days no longer accept the 'rule of law'. The police are looked upon as our enemies to be beaten and abused, they protect the rich, and maintain the gross inequalities in our society. Which allow the very rich to spend their lives in unparalleled luxurious splendour, on the wealth which WE create, whilst the rest of us have to fight it out for the remaining scarce resources.

P.S. Not one of the 836 people, was charged with ANY offence! Which is very strange since over £2,000 worth of drugs were "supposed" to been seized!

THE THIEF OF BAHGDAD?

Nobody gave a shit when Saddam Hussein slaughtered thousands of Kurdish men, women and children. When he invaded Iran in 1979, the super powers gave him money and arms. So why do they threaten to destroy this evil regime when they steamed into Kuwait?

The answer is oil and the money and power which flows from it. They don't give a fuck about defending Saudi Arabia, or any other people in the Gulf. All they care about is the effect of a massive rise in oil prices on their domestic economies. The world hovers on the brink of a recession, and they fear that Iraq will drive it over.

Not three years ago Britain, France, USA and Russia backed Iraq in the Iran Iraq war. They feared that Iran would win, and then go on to invaded Kuwait. Now the opposite has happened, and Hussein is laughing all the way up his supergun.

The Emir of Kuwait is an obscenely rich man, wallowing in his oil wealth whilst his people starved. He was the first on the plane out, leaving his people to suffer. They no more need him, than the people of Iraq need the Bank of Baghdad, or any of us, need the 'leaders' that are forced upon us.

WHERE DO THEY GET THEM?

Those bumbling bobbies in Hull have been at it again!

Not content with shooting themselves, or lying down in front of stolen motorbikes (see Class War 39) One of them has gone one better and decided that he's stopped stolen car by standing in front of it!

Brainless PC Andy Holmes is now in the Hull Royal Infirmary. But it is a matter of great interest to all of us at Class War, to find out exactly what makes Hull coppers so thick, or the Manchester address!
HOSPITALISED TOSSEUR!

POLO PLAYING PILLOCK, PRINCE CHARLES, COMES A CROPPER COURTESY OF A PISSED OFF POLO PONY!

Class War says "Shame he only broke his arm and not his neck. But if he'd like to get in touch with Class War Healthworkers we're sure they could rectify that for him!"

OIL'S NOT WE!

AS WE GO TO PRESS THE OIL INDUSTRY IS BEING ROCKED BY A SERIES OF 24 HOUR, ALL OUT STRIKES.

This action, called by the workers themselves, through the Offshore Industry Liaison Committee, has paralysed oil production on all but a few rigs. The trouble started in early August when thousands of men who struck for union recognition, and improved safety, were laid off by the contractors.

Knowing that as soon as they landed ashore they'd all be out of a job, many men staged sit-ins on the rigs. Oil called out other rigs as the managers tried to isolate the strikers, the result was almost total shutdown of the whole industry.

The oil companies tried, and failed, to but a brave face on it. Saying that most of the work stopped was only in contacting, but were then forced to admit that as the backlog of work to be done grew, the oil would stop flowing.

The oil workers unlikely ally in all this was Saddam Hussein! His decision to invade Kuwait sent oil prices sky-high.

CLASS WAR 1
HACKNEY COUNCIL 0

A LOONY LEFT LABOUR COUNCIL HAS FAILED MISERABLY IN ITS BID TO SACK A CLASS WAR ACTIVIST WHO CALLED THE TRAFALGAR SQUARE RIOTERS "WORKING CLASS HEROES".

Andy made the comments in radio and TV interviews the Monday after the riot. Everyone from the Met to Militant were trying to blame Class War for starting the trouble, so Andy took time out from work to put the record straight.

Not surprising his comments caused outrage in Parliament and the press, One Tory backbench MP "revealed" during Prime Ministers question time that Andy worked for Hackney council, then the shit really hit the fan.

And was hauled up before his bosses and suspended, pending an investigation into whether he had "brought the council into disrepute". It has since been alleged by local union leaders that the order to "get Andy Murphy" came directly from Kinnock's office at the House of Commons.

KINNOCK - gave order

His private secretary is rumoured to have phoned council leader, John McCafferty with the instruction. However the council underestimated the support from Andy's fellow workers. 25 of his colleagues walked out for half a day on hearing of the councils actions. Later, the threat of an all out 24 hour strike by the whole of the Nalgo branch forced the council to lift Andy's suspension.

His fellow workers realised that the attack on Andy was an attack on them all. If they were clamping down on Class War activists now, there was no telling where it would stop. However the victory was short-lived. Just days later the council announced a NEW investigation: this time into the politics of the Class War Fed!

Andy was grilled about articles that had appeared in Class War. He was issued with a Notice of Complaint which claimed that the politics of the Federation were "incompatible" with his job! As a result a mass meeting of Nalgo members voted massively to ballot for an all-out indefinite strike. They agreed that this was a blatant attack on the rights of council workers to hold their own political views.

This finally forced the council to back down, they had to admit they had made a big mistake. Later a disciplinary hearing said that no action should be taken against Andy.

The main thrust of the council's case was that Andy had "published material detrimental to the council". However, in trying to sack him they created even more publicity for Class War! Messages of support flooded in from anti-poll tax groups, union branches, trade councils and individuals all over the country.

Invitations to speak at union and poll tax meetings have allowed us to spread our message even more widely. In Hackney, papers soared. In trying to silence Class War, Hackney's Labour readers have given us an even bigger voice. They have shown themselves up to be the hypocritical, corrupt bastards they really are, and given the workers of Hackney a much needed, morale boosting victory.

They have shown an ability to cock things up for which we are eternally grateful.

It's a tough life being a member of the 'Thin Blue Line'. (no, not the Tory party) it seems everybody's got it in for you...

With the New Year comes.

"wait" starting tonight. Clive
Stow Jones appealed for
people to either be too busy
last to sleep and think to
abandon a police officer.

HARBED with throwing a pint of beer in Whitehall. It by-passed
Ric was patrolling the Searson
to Cot Rodeney, a bookmaker's clerk,
said: "I thought he was in fancy dress."
BASH THE BAILIFFS

AS WE'VE ALREADY SEEN, SHERIFFS OFFICERS IN SCOTLAND HAVE BEEN HAVING A RIGHT HARD TIME OF IT RECENTLY. (SEE OTHER ARTICLE) THE TACTICS USED IN SCOTLAND MUST BE COPIED IN ENGLAND AND WALES IF THE BAILIFFS ARE TO BE BEATEN.

With the first councils in the rest of the country starting to use bailiffs, the signs don't look too good for them! Northampton borough council was one of the first to instruct bailiffs to try to recover unpaid tax. They made a big show it, even inviting along cameras from the BBC, but locals were having none of it, and street receptions were organised for them, later that night someone burned down the offices of Madagan's, the bailiffs concerned. Looks like they won't be collecting anything for a while...

In the Somerset village of Bishops Lydeard, where the council was sending in the bailiffs to collect from 54 non-payers, pickets watched all roads into the village, and then barricaded all roads into the two estates concerned. Said one man "We will be informed if any bailiff were head towards us, we've got people at the end of the phone to mobilise their neighbours to turn out". In the end the bailiffs bottled out and didn't show.

Also, early August saw bailiffs try to act in the St. Wales town of Barry. Locals were having none of it however! They went to bailiffs offices were they glued-up the looks, and slashed their cars tyres, stopping them from turning up!

These are just a few examples of anti-bailiff activity, there are many more others about. One thing looks certain, if councils think that sending in the bailiffs will scare people into paying, THEY GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING!

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SAYING HOW UNFAIR THE POLL TAX IS. THEY POINT TO THE FACT THAT A MILLIONAIRE PAYS THE SAME AS THEIR BUTLER AND OTHER SUCH INEQUALITIES.

But what some of these people fail to see is that it's not only the poll tax that's unfair, it's the whole capitalist society we live in.

AFTER ALL, IS IT FAIR THAT THE RICH HAVE LUXURIOUS HOMES AND PRIVATE HEALTHCARE WHILST MILLIONS LIVE ON RUN DOWN ESTATES AND HAVE TO SUFFER THE DETERIORATING NHS? IS IT FAIR THAT THOUSANDS OF OLD FOLK DIE EVERY WINTER BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD HEAT, WHILST THE QUEEN MOTHER LIVES IN SPLENDID LUXURY?

Of course it isn't! And stopping after we've smashed the poll tax won't change it one bit. So why is it that others don't point out this obvious fact? The Labour Party won't mention it because they support capitalism, Militant won't mention it because they work WITHIN the Labour party, and don't want to rock the boat. The Socialist Workers Party won't mention it because they think we're all to thick to understand it.

Class War DOES say it, because unlike the rest of the so-called left we don't hide what we think. Also, unlike Kinmock and Co we don't believe that destroying capitalism is pie in the sky.

Direct action, solidarity and grassroots control are the minimum's that's needed to defeat the poll tax. All of these pose a threat to the power of the ruling class.

Direction action and solidarity mean breaking the law. Rank and file control means breaking the power of the bureaucrats, who have hampered working class struggle since the first world war.

Smashing the poll tax is good, it gives us a sense of our own strength, and helps us to prepare for other struggles. But it's not enough. Whether local government is funded by rates, poll tax or rent tax, our lives will still be controlled by the rich and powerful. Nothing will change.

We have the power to go all the way. All we have to do is find the guts to use it! Let's face it, what's there to lose?

OUT NOW!

NON PAYERS GUIDE TO THE POLL TAX

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT NON-PAYMENT OF THE POLL TAX, NOW AVAILABLE FROM NOW ON IN A HANDY BOOKLET TYPE, REO£ 10.00 ONLY 38P. PLUS P&P.

THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THIS ADDRESS!

TAKING THE PISS

A COCKY NON-PAYER SENT A UP-YOURS POSTCARD TO HIS LOCAL POLL TAX OFFICE!

The postcard from sunny Corfu said: "Wish you were here. Poll tax money better spent. Love and kisses - a poll tax defaulter". The office, at Reading, wasn't very amused!

What are you spending your poll tax money on? Why not drop us a line at the Manchester address and let us know!
NOTHING YET UNITED!

UNTIL NOW MOST ANTI POLL TAX ACTIVITY HAS CENTRED AROUND THE COMMUNITY. EVERYWHERE, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SETTING UP ANTI-POLL TAX UNIONS, DEMONSTRATING OUTSIDE THE COURTS, PROVIDING RECEPTION PARTIES FOR BAILIFFS AND GENERALLY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR NON-PAYERS.

However, the community is just one of the battle grounds in the war against the poll tax. After getting a court order, councils have the power to take unpaid poll tax directly from our wages and benefits. Some councils have already stated that these "wage arrestsments" will be their main weapon against non-payers.

There is no place for compromise. This is class warfare. The methods needed to win are outside the capitalist laws - working class solidarity and direct action.

They must be INDEPENDENT from the unions and of the political parties, they must cross union membership lines and unite all workers.

Finally, they must be AUTONOMOUS and DEMOCRATICALLY SELF-ORGANISED; which means that it must be the workers themselves who decide what the aims and methods should be. In the same way any representatives must be freely revoked whenever a majority of those they represent consider it necessary.

We must not fall into the trap of allowing outside bodies to dictate what we should and shouldn't do. As soon as we allow others to make our decisions for us we have lost the fight. But this doesn't mean workplace anti poll tax groups should exist in isolation.

Links must be made with other workplace and community groups. Working class solidarity is strength. Where there is a threat of bailiffs then workers should help repel them. Where there is a strike, or other action, against the poll tax, then the community must support the workers.

Remember, united we can beat the bastards. Divided we're fucked!

WE'RE STILL NOT PAYING

THE REGIONAL COUNCILS IN SCOTLAND ARE NOW FACING THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN THEIR EXISTENCE. THE POLL TAX STRUGGLE IS NOW OVER 14 MONTHS OLD, AND THE COUNCILS ARE NO NEARER RECOVERING ANY OF THE UNPAID TAX!

They have passed over 750,000 names to sheriff officers (bailiffs). It seems though that they too have problems. So far half a dozen sheriff officers premises have been occupied by activists. This has been done to force officers to stick to the four days warning notice before "trying to proceed with a warrant".

Recently in Glasgow, sheriff officers held their first press conference in 70 years. This was done to highlight the harassment felt by them since the campaign began. They complained that officers had been physically attacked in those areas they dare to enter, phone calls have been made to their homes in the early hours of the morning and cars have been vandalised.

It would seem that even children are getting in on the act. School kids have been harassing the children of sheriff officers in the playground. Ah, doesn't it make your heart bleed!

More news from Scotland can be got from the EXCELLENT, non-Militant, broadsheet, Refuse and Resist, 23 183 Ark Lane, c/o Murray, Glasgow, G31 2SS. Please send a donation with any order.
THE DIRTY DIGGER

WITHOUT A DOUBT, ONE OF THE BIGGEST SCUMBAGS IN THE KNOWN WORLD MUST BE RUPERT MURDOCH.

Murdock, who made his fortune hiring and firing workers at will, and pedalling semi-porn mixed up with extreme right-wing crap, has been the subject of a bit of research by yours truly, and here's what I dig up!

Contrary to his lies about being a "self made man". He took over his father's newspaper when he popped his et at a young age.

As a left wing (!!!) Labour party student at Oxford. He was stopped from becoming treasurer of the party due to using "dirty tricks" in a university election campaign.

RAISIN "COMIC" BERNARD MANNING WAS CALLED A "FAT RACIST BASTARD" BY BLACK RAP STAR WILDSKI.

It happened when Wildski, who sings with Britpop International, was with some friends at the Thistle Hotel in Aberdeen. They were at the reception desk, when a fellow Manning, who promptly made a "joke" about a black basketball team.

Wildski shouted "Shut your mouth, you fat racist bastard" and offered him outside to "discuss the matter further". Manning bolted out, and trotted off looking very nervous. Later Manning denied the whole thing, saying you must have the wrong Bernard Manning!

As if anybody could mistake this repulsive, obnoxious, bigoted, bucket of slime for anyone else. No wonder he still lives with his Mum. What woman would ever live with that! Am I right girls, or am I right!

SOD OFF JIM DAVIDSON

I'm sure it comes as no surprise to anyone with more than three braincells, that JIM DAVIDSON, who must rate as the craziest, out-dated, sexist, bigoted talentless has, has been axed from the TV screen.

It seems that ITV, given the task of sorting out the new years TV schedule, decided to drop the so-called comedy show "Home James", AND then dropped a bombshell by using "Stand up Jim Davidson" after only one series.

In a survey of viewers, "Stand up Jim Davidson" came top of the list, not only for being crap, boring and unfunny, but also for being the most offensive show on TV.

ITV said: "We're trying to present a new, more up to date image, and Jim Davidson doesn't seem to fit that bill!"

Don't worry Jim, no one will miss you!

DON'T CALL ME FERGIE

THE DUCHESS OF PORK, REVEALED IN A RECENT INTERVIEW THAT SHE THINKS ITS "DISRESPECTFUL" FOR PEOPLE TO CALL HER FERGIE.

What the fuck does this parasite think we should all do? Get on our hands and knees and call her "Your majesty" all the time?

Whilst we're on the subject of the royals, exactly how much money do they need????

The Queen is already the richest woman in the world, and yet the Tory bastards have just put a Bill through Parliament that is going to give them an AUTOMATIC 10% a year pay rise, for the next ten years!

All to "save them the indignity of having to have a yearly pay award". Well that's a good idea. So next time a group of workers want a pay rise do I take it that their bosses will just award it them automatically, at the full rate of inflation, without them having to ask, in order to save them their "dignity"? Like fuck they will!

The only rise I want to see the Royals getting, is one on the end of a rope!

TORY TURFED OUT

Leafing through the papers the other day, I came upon a right gem of a story!

Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, ex-Tory MP, member of the loony right-wing Monday Club, who lists his hobbies as "Shooting" (what?), and who was well known for his obsessive hatred of all things communistic, which went so far as to him writing a book called: "Non-Military Warfare in Britain" and joining the crack-pot "World Anti-Communist League". Was up in court!

Not unfortunately as a defendant, but giving evidence against his former landlord. What, I hear you cry, has his former landlord done? Well Winchester and Sandhurst educated, Stewart-Ship has fallen on hard times, he got made bankrupt, owed rent, and his land lord booted him out.

Nothing unusual in that, it happens all the time. But when your name is Stewart-Smith the results are a little bit different. Instead of his local council replying with "So what" His local council, Westminster (Chair Lady Porter, old friend) took the luckless land lord to the Old Bailey and charged him with "Unlawfully depriving him of his flat!"

After being evicted, Stewart-Ship had to spend the night sleeping in a Telecom workman's hut above a manhole. Shit the bastard never fell in, it would be one less rich bastard in this world!
THE BIG GREEN CON

WELCOME TO OUR CLASS WAR SPECIAL! THIS IS THE LAUNCH OF A REGULAR GREEN COLUMN IN THE PAPER. THE SPECIAL SETS OUT OUR BASIC ATTITUDE AND APPROACH TO GREEN/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

But don't worry, we don't aim to copy the miserable green movement that chokes on its breakfast muesli at every environmental disaster. Instead we aim to offer a more positive approach from the unique Class War point of view.

Why you might ask are we bothering with such an issue?

FIRST... Our class cares about the world they and their children have to live in, and it is OUR world, not the bosses and politicians.

SECOND... The green movement is coming out with increasingly dodgy right-wing statements about the solution to pollution etc. including wage cuts, price rises, and population control.

THIRDLY... The green media blitz is encouraging a mood of helplessness and despair amongst people - something which we're not to kee on!

For these reasons then, we have decided to have a regular column in our paper on green topics to set the record straight. The provisional title of the column is "MUCKSPREADER". If you can think of a better one send it to the Manchester address and you could win a free prize!

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THE FUTURE. Is it all doom and gloom? Do we have to go back to living in caves and tents or should we just sit our wrists and have done with it! What can be done now and what has already been done and succeeded.

Anyway, that's enough of the introduction, turn the page and get stuck in.

IN YOUR CLASS WAR GREEN SPECIAL...

In this special we'll be laying the foundations by covering the following topics:

CAPITALISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT. We look at how we got into the mess we are in and whether it is possible for capitalism to clean up its act. Then we examine so-called green capitalism and see if it is a solution.

THE GREEN MOVEMENT. Our own green team takes a close look at the politicians and organisations behind the movement, what their ideas consist of, and what are their plans for us.

CLASS WAR'S VERY OWN "MUCKSPREADER"!
SINCE THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, CAPITALISM HAS PUMPED AND PUSHED ITS SMOKE, CHEMICALS AND TOXIC WASTE INTO THE AIR WE BREATHE, THE WATERS WE DRINK, AND THE LAND WE FARM.

The methods of the capitalists are plain, to make as much out of our work and pockets as they can, to encourage as much greed as they can, and to exploit the world resources as much as they can get away with.

In order to expand their short-sighted greed, capitalists have gone multinational and have taken their pollution into the Third World with them.

Their dodgy, unsafe, fly-by-night factories and plants, like the one that killed thousands in Bhopal, India have polluted land, sea and rivers all over the Third World.

They take land away, either by force or bribery, from its native people, pollute it, and then force farmers into an economic situation where intensive farming and the production of cash crops to satisfy the greedy Western world capitalists, prevents them from tending their own land to feed themselves. The result: Famine!!

All of this to satisfy a capitalist market that doesn’t care where its profit comes from, as long as it comes from somewhere. Ecological devastation is no incurable disease - it’s the preserved gift of a system that exploits and pollutes us and our planet, pushes us to work in its farms, factories, oil fields etc. to work for pitance.

And then expects us to be grateful for the privilege! The bosses get the profits, we get the oil slicks, and a hole in the ozone layer you could hide Britain in.

This is the nature of capitalism. It’s a greedy, vicious economic system that wants to stay in business at all costs, even if that cost is wholesale poisoning of the planet.

SMOKESCREEN

Don’t be misled - green capitalism is a con and not the saviour of the planet! Its not us who are guilty, they are. If they can make money out of lying to us, selling us something that is ours already, or bullshitting us with “scientific” misinformation, they will!

And all the time this “caring capitalism” lies helps to cover up what they’re really about - exploitation for profit. They spent years dirtying our drinking water, and now they want us to pay through the nose for cleaning it up, they polluted the planet and want us to take responsibility for it.

Capitalism is not, can’t, and never will be, Green.

THE GREEN MOVEMENT

SINCE THE SIXTIES THE HIPPIE INSPIRED GREEN MOVEMENT HAS DONE A LOT OF WORK IN SussING OUT AND EXPOSING THE HAMMERING THAT THE WORLD HAS SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF CAPITALISM.

But the greens aren’t just “Rainbow warriors”, fighting for a cleaner, greener world for us all. There’s something unpleasant lurking at the green party HQ, something definitely anti-social, the monstrous desire for power to control our lives, what we spend our money on and even how we think!

They want us all to “unite in Fear” and are full of their own middle class paranoia. They tell us that we are all to blame and that we’re very naughty, stupid children. They naturally believe that they have all the right answers. One of these “answers” is to have us all suffering, to pay, to put things right when they, the bosses and the money makers are the ones who’ll benefit. They can stuff that for a start!

GREEN CAPITALISTS

Some of them even try to sell us the idea that they’ve gone ‘green’, that they really do care. That’s because the problems got so big that it’s impossible to hide.

They try to blame us and make us feel responsible for all their pollution.

You can always tell when the ruling class are worried, they lie more than usual. Just look at the rash of expensive, glossy adverts that are springing up, all telling us about how “Green” various multinational are. And their scummy lies don’t stop there.

In what is a master-stroke of marketing, companies that have for years sold us products full of crap, now suddenly take out some of the worst crap, spend millions on advertising telling us what a favour they’re doing us, and

CAPITALISM'S BEST FRIEND

It seems a bit odd that Friends of the Earth, the Green Party and Greenpeace do so much ecological work, but NEVER attack the root cause of all the environmental shit.

They slag people off, not the system. It would be odd if it wasn’t for the fact that they are just like the ruling class: they want to be an elite, with privileged information to baffle us all with and to keep us where they want us.

They get publicity and money from bosses and governments and use their high profile to go off their morals at us, cover up who really is to blame, and to keep their green careers afloat.

In return they willingly act as the middle class management for the bosses telling them what they’ve done wrong, and helping to provide capitalism with a nicer, friendlier, image to con us with - a trick that works very well thank you for the likes of Shell, ICI etc.

Not content with trying to put the frighteners on us, about the crap that their masters have dropped on us all, the “green gurus” want to see a world where
we work harder for less in order to be green. Where we have what THEY think we need. Where the amount of children we have, the spare time we have, are strictly limited by the green regime.

Where the decisions are made for us not by us. Where you'll have to cough up £700 road tax for the privilege of having a vehicle. Where we are the cannon fodder for their perverted idea of a green and pleasant land.

Sound familiar? IT fucking should do. Hitler had some very similar ideas. Just like the racist attacks that some greens have made upon Brazilian peasants who are forced to cut down their own rainforests, not because they want to, but because our banks are forcing them to.

CONSUMERS

It's quite easy to be a green consumer, buying all the overpriced soaps, cleaners and washing powders that we're told will help us to save the Earth. Easy, that is if you can afford it. The greens obviously can.

helping him.

if you are on the breadline, like most of the worlds workers, its a little harder to pop down to Tesco's for some Eco-friendly washing up liquid, especially if you happen to be a peasant farmer in El Salvador! What the greens can't afford however, is to lose the support of our enemy - the bosses.

That's why the greensies will stick to their one safe single issue. They blinker themselves into thinking that their cause is the answer to the worlds problems. Just like the trendy lefty middle class tools who thought the release of Nelson Mandela would hail the end of apartheid. We think a little deeper than that.

The greens never attack our real enemy, the enemy of the environment - capitalism. That's why they can never offer a real change that will be for the good of us as well as the world we live in.

ALL WASHED UP

So, when you've done the dishes with your favourite green cleaner, don't despair, you now we can win - why not chuck capitalism and the greens down the plug hole too.

That's the way to a greener world where the planet and people matter.

ECOLOGY VS CAPITALISM

The ecology we believe in is fundamentally opposed to capitalism. NOT just a way of reforming it which really means trying to make it work more efficiently.

There's been plenty of examples of working class people taking the initiative to fight all this destruction. In Australia builders, seamen, transport workers and dockers boycotted ALL work connected with the nuclear industry.

In Britain, the dumping of nuclear waste at sea wasn't stopped by the whinging of the greensies, or a few, token, chain yourself to the hull of a ship type events, but by the seamen refusing to work on it.

Mass direct action by some French and German communities - occupations, sabotage etc. - prevented nuclear power stations and reprocessing plants being built.

It's an inspiration to see workers taking up the green gauntlets for themselves, rather than see our "green saviours" making token protests or lobbies of parliament.

In the end though the only real solution is revolution. No matter how green they try to paint capitalism you can't change it's nature. Profits rate over everything else, and the continual obsession with economic growth makes a mockery of their so called green credentials.

There is the technology and the know-how to create a sounder world. Poverty, starvation, exploitation and pollution are
not the inevitable consequences of this age, but of the system we live under. When we can destroy this system, we can make an economic one that works for all our needs, rather than lining the pockets of the already bloated rich.

This isn’t just “pie in the sky” it’s a FACT that there is enough on this planet for EVERYBODY to have a decent standard of living, proper housing, efficient healthcare, enough food to eat and adequate social security to provide for the elderly, sick and infirm.

In our society all these things are declared a privilege, one that we have to work for, or else we suffer.

Capitalism is costing us the earth. The choice is plain, socialism or barbarism.

COMING SOON FROM THE GREEN TEAM...

INTERVIEW; with a member of Greenpeace’s Rainbow Warrior - given the sack for talking about class!

READERS SPOT; you write in, what do you think about the green movement and green politics? Write to the Manchester address.....

BRITAINS CHERNOBYL; the reactor fire the government would rather forget.

GREEN CON AWARDS; the latest round-up of green rip-off merchants. Plus! Handy shopping tips!

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL WARMING

THERE’S A LOT OF CON GOWING ON IN 1990.

GLASGOW - CITY OF CULTURE?

WE ARE NOW EIGHT MONTHS INTO GLASGOW’S YEAR AS CULTURAL CAPITAL OF EUROPE.

And what have we got from it? From recent events it seems that all people have gained is larger poll tax bills. This is due to the flops the council has poured money into.

Glasgow was heralded as the centre piece of the culture year. An exhibition of the true history of Glasgow for only £5. But ten minutes down the road there’s a great exhibition.

The Peoples Palace which goes on all year round and is free. It is also a million times better, now the Glasgow’s exhibition has failed to get the punters in, and faces a massive £3.5 million loss! No prizes who’ll foot the bill for that!

When heavyweight opera singer Luciano Pavarotti came to Glasgow the place was swamped with the bow-tie and fancy frock brigade. Very few working class people were to be seen, and you can bet that those who did fancy a night out weren’t going to fork out £75 for the privilege!

The most recent farce has been the Frank Sinatra shambles. Before he even arrived the show was a failure, with the seating reduced from 30,000 to 11,000. Tickets were priced around the £10 mark. Little wonder then that the thing turned into chaos, with the council refusing to say how much this flop would cost the people of Glasgow.

The next big event is on October 8th when the new Glasgow opera house is set to open. This is a special opening night when freebies will be on offer to the councillors, politicians; and other such parasitic scum and their hangers-on. The ordinary punters won’t even be allowed in. Not until five days later, and then its strictly cash or no entry, no freebies for us, even though it’s our money what built it in the first place. So lets get out there on the 8th of October, and give our enemies in high places a nice “warm” welcome to Glasgow.
HUN KING ARTHUR LOST HIS CROWN?

DURING THE FALKLANDS WAR, THATCHER MANAGED TO WHIP UP A SENSE OF 'BRITISHNESS', ALL TOGETHER AGAINST THE ARGY ENEMIES, THE ENEMY WITHOUT, SHE MANAGED TO DO IT WELL ENOUGH TO GET HERSELF ELECTED AGAIN.

During the miners strike, those alien forces from the North, or wild from the Valleys, were supposed to of threatened our British 'way of life', they were the enemy within. Now with Libyan pistols landing in Barnsley, and fortunes in Russian gold being 'creamed off', by corrupt union leaders. Gathafi and Scargill are both on the same hook. The enemy without meets the enemy within.

Haven't the press and TV given it wide? Kinnoch moves strangely in the background of the whole affair, Robert Maxwell, well known Labour party fund raiser and friend of Kinnoch, set the whole thing up. He paid £20,000 to the corrupt, ex-NUM admin. officer, who'd already done a bunk owing a similar amount to the International Miners Organisation.

But why did they bother to blacken the name of Scargill and the NUM? Class conflict was supposed to be dead. Indeed some went so far as to say there was nothing as class any more! Then the Miners strike came along, and mooted all the middle class philosophers into touch.

It swept aside notions of vanguard parties as the sole agents and communities themselves directed the struggle and kept self professed leadership out. Even though the strike was lost, its massive mobilisation of body and soul and enough to achieve its intention. If after all, Arthur could be seen to be profiting from the whole bloody, twelve month conflict, then the whole thing could be presented as one big con, and confidence in this form of struggle broken forever.

Yet what is it that's so earth shattering? That the leadership, to avoid the sequestrator, invented a variety of support funds moving to the families, the pockets and the union. So what? anything less that the union would of meant the union coming to a dead stop, and with it the strike.

We've been told that such moves were illegal, such as £12,000 of us were arrested for such illegal actions, many people were injured, some killed. All suffered, the law was at war with the pit communities, and neither the miners, their families or the leadership had any obligation to obey it. As we said we sought aid from Libya. At the time our communities were being starved and beaten, we had the right to ask for support from any source. They say me from the Soviet miners didn't get to us, who knows?

Is the State suddenly interested in helping our international support network? Or are they trying to discredit such ventures so workers will think twice before helping their brothers again? Roubles CAN'T be exchanged for Pounds. So much of the aid was given as food, clothing or kids holidays.

Some money, it is said, found its way into IMO funds, where it was given to our sacked miners, and miners unions in Namibia and South Africa etc. This, the fund according to IMO says, it was always intended for. Nobody, at this stage knows any different. Certainly the press are not interested in helping the NUM get back in Russian aid, but the anti-union hysteria they are whipping up is priceless to them.

So when all comes to all in this mighty ruling class establishment tuned into attacking two trade union leaders who's only crime is that they stand at the head of a militant and anti establishment trade union, we should have no problem in suing out who the real criminals are in this story.

Dave Douglas, NUM branch delegate, Hatfield Main Colliery, Doncaster.

BARRICADES

Mid July saw thousands of angry Greek's protesting at their government's allowing American bases to stay for another eight years.

On the sunny Isle of Crete over 2,000 people tried to occupy one of the bases, they set up barricades of burning tyres, petrol bombed the police, and tired shotguns at the Americans!

TAKEAWAY

Widespread looting took place recently in Chicago when a large part of the city was plunged into darkness by a power failure.

Inner city residents, from the West Side, took the opportunity to go out and help themselves to goods that they couldn't normally afford. Only 62 people were arrested, and hundreds more evaded special Police patrols.
In the last issue of Class War (40), we told you how some of the residents of Salford, Manchester, were getting together to drive anti-social elements out of their community.

They were banding together not only to get rid of the muggers, conmen who pray on old folk and people who bungle off other workers' class cards, but also to get rid of the police, the folk who protect the rich (the real criminals) and keep us in our place, the bottom.

Earlier in the year there was a series of large demonstrations against the police in Salford (See Class War 38). They were directed against police brutality and heavy handedness, often these demonstrations turned violent as the police tried, and failed, to clear the streets.

The result was a memorable "public meeting" between the police and youths. The top cop in Salford, Jim Tunmer, ended the meeting in uproar after telling the youths "if you want war, you've got war!"

All this was too much for the Greater Manchester Police, they "retired" Tunmer and put him in a free unit on the Ordsall estate. Since "Jolly Jim's" retirement Salford's finest have moved into the Precinct area.

Where once again they met with the violent opposition from the residents and youths of this designer's nightmare. With at the very least, 35 blocks of flats occupied mainly by the young unemployed, and low waged.

The terror tactics of the law aren't appreciated. Salford's Robo Cops cruised up and down the Broadwalk public pathway, harassing people in their way, and giving everyone a hard time. The fact they used not T.A.G. units for this made matters worse.

People were getting more and more pissed off with them. Eventually, the flashpoint came when a car chase through the estate saw at least ten cops cars screaming through the streets. People began attacking the police with anything they could lay their hands on, it was the start of a weeks rioting.

As the days passed police were met with petrol bombs and burning barricades. They responded by running amok, their 10 numbers pared down to 4, lashing out at anybody with their batons.

Breakaway groups of youths peeled off to attack the police station, they were successful. Eventually, the battle lost, the T.A.G. units were withdrawn, off another estate. Where hopefully they'll meet the same resistance.

In an interview with Class War, local youth summed up the mood: "The youth round here have realised that the majority of duties carried out by the police are either a trivial, time wasting load of bollocks, designed to keep us down, or are spent protecting the rich bastards in Salford Quays."

The youth of Salford have been making one thing clear since the start of the year. We are capable of sorting out our own problems within the community, by the community.

Burglars, rapists, muggers, con-artists and all the other socially unacceptable scum who pray on the old, the weak or the other working class residents will NO LONGER BE TOLERATED! The beating of burglars has already started, and some people have put up a £500 reward so that we can catch, and drive out these people. There is no place within Salford for them.

Now that the cops are no longer a force to be reckoned with, the time has come for the community to stand firm and together, regardless of age, sex, race or whatever else the fuck has been keeping us apart so long.

Watch this space for more news...

HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST? Salford's new top cop, Sup; PELHAM IS TRYING TO FOOL EVERYONE INTO THINKING THAT HE UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR "WAR MONGER "JIM TUNMER, IS THEIR FRIEND!"

But we know different, he's just the same sort of bastard. Why? Well in January this year a squad of riot police raided the house of Mr. T. Pounder. Not finding any off the "drugs" they were looking for, except a tiny piece of cannabis which was for his own use. They took an inventory of all his household goods. TV, videos etc. and passed it on to the D.S.S. who then stopped all his families benefits.

HOW DID JOLLY JIM KEEP SO CLEAN?

Class War have found out how it was possible for ex-supt "Jolly Jim" Tunmer, and all his family, to keep so nice and clean. You see, unlike us, big Jim was well looked after, he used to go down to the local Palmolive, soap factory, (mainly at night) and collect a "free" parcel of soap, washing powder, toothpaste etc.

"JOLLY JIM TUNNER"

All in all big Jim was a walking advert for Palmolive! We strongly recommend that the police go round to Mr. Cleans house and take an inventory of all the things he's hiding there, only take lots of paper with you! you'll need it.

THE NEW BROOM ISN'T SWEEPING CLEAN

From the moment "Super Brain" Pelham stepped into ex-Supt. Tunmer's shoes, things haven't been going well for him. The youths of Salford have had the so-called "elite" police running round in circles. Why? Can it be that the stupid, brainless police have had three of their radios stolen? What a shame!

We in the Class War Fed would like to thank the officers concerned, and if they

ITS WAR - CLASS WAR No 39. would like to write to us, we will be only too pleased to send them a free Class War T-Shirt, a free Class War newspaper, and 100 "All policemen are bastards" badges!

Its well known that Manchester top cop, Jim "hotline to God" Anderson, wants more of his men to be issued with guns. All we can say is that if the day comes, they better look after their guns better than they did their radios!

Salford police are a pretty thick lot, and any government who allows them to be armed will mean our next Class War calendar won't be full of "battered bobbies" but of dead ones!

The police have no-one but themselves to blame for all the trouble they get from the youths. They are our enemies, they keep us in our place, beat us when we get out of order, and make sure that those who are in power, stay in power.

For a force which has such close links with the R.U.C. It isn't that surprising, that they spend so much time spying on, harassing, and brutalising the people.

One classic example is that of local man, Mr. K. Keating.

Supt Pelham and Detective N. Levsey got a search warrant to search his house. Again on the catch-all "drugs" charge. Over 40 cops, including dog handlers, forced their way into his home, of course they found no drugs.

But if they were really looking for drugs why didn't they search him, or his wife, or the loft, the fridge, the outhouse or the 14 ft shed in the garden? We know why. The bastards knew there were no drugs. The whole thing was a put up job. Designed to scare Mr. Keating, a well known critic of the police in local papers.

"WHEN I SEE AN ACTUAL FLESH-AND-BLOOD WORKER IN CONFLICT WITH HIS NATURAL ENEMY, THE POLICEMAN, I DO NOT HAVE TO ASK MYSELF WHICH SIDE I AM ON!"

George Orwell.
LETTERS

ALL THE SAME

Dear Class War,

I bought a copy of Class War from a street seller in town the other Saturday. What a breath of fresh air!

I'd heard about Class War after the poll tax riot in London, but I was expecting it to be just like the rest of the Left. I used to be in the Labour Party when I was younger, but I got fucked off with constant back-stabbing of the leadership.

I joined Militant, they were supposed to be radical and dynamic. But all they were, was a constant piggish band that us, the members, were supposed to till with the top. Leaders, had hard jobs.

I think it's good that Class War has a go at the present ruling class, but what makes it better is that it also points out what those who want to be the next ruling class. I mean of course that alphabet soup of Lefty groups. (SWP, RCP, MILITANT, ETC) They're all the fucking same, they want to kick out one lot of bosses, and replace them with another set, themselves.

It's a crime that good working class people who get politically active, are sucked into these "Taspea" parties, who just bleed them for their time and money, for few years.

Anyway, thanks enough of my ranting. I'm glad to of found an organisation that thinks like I do!

Cheers,

Tony, Newport, S. Wales.

"ARROGANT BASTARD"

Dear Class War,

I thought that I'd drop you a line and let you know what's happening in our area with the Poll Tax.

North Kesteven District Council has just issued its first batch of Poll Tax summonses. I'm going to appear in court and mount a defence to it. I, at the very least, will take up more of their time, which will mean less people can be dealt with.

N.K.D.C. has been the subject of at least three different Police investigations in the last five years. The most recent one, this last year, lasted nine months. As usual, the DPP refused to proceed with them, saying all the crap excuses under the sun. The Director of Planning, Roy Day, is known as the "Silver Fox", on account of his corpulence.

The Director of Finance, A. Thomas, is just the same. Just recently he wrote to the Tory wag, The Times, talking about the 25% of people who hadn't paid a penny of Poll Tax "in my experience it was wonderful the effect a court summons has on these people!"

That's funny, this arrogant bastard didn't feel so "wonderful" about the possible summons that was going to land on his desk after the recent investigation into the council!

Anyway, keep up the good work!

Yours,

Mike, Leadenham, Lincs.

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THE HEAVY STUFF

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THIS IS CLASS WAR

THE CLASS WAR FEDERATION IS AN ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS YOU HAVE COME TOGETHER TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT CHANGING THE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

This society is divided into classes based on wealth and power. The ruling class who are supported by the middle class, and the working class. Such a society is the cause of all the problems experienced by working class people. The whole world over. This can only be sorted out by the destruction of the ruling class by the working class. This is Class War. The only change can only come about through working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems they experience. Using direct action against the individuals and institutions responsible for them. There is no alternative, violence is a necessary part of the class war, but only as mass class violence out in the open, not elitist terrorist actions. The law is merely a weapon of the ruling class and must be knocked and broken when the need arises. The ruling class divide us by getting us to fight each other on the basis of stupid things such as race, sex, sexual preference, age or football teams. You support. We will destroy these barriers. Above all class war believe politics is life and life is politics. We reject the boring character of the so-called "revolutionary" groups. Politics must be fun. It's all about fun anyway, can't take the piss out of itself.

WHAT WE DO

The Class War Federation produce and distribute propaganda, a paper, journal, local leaflets and newsletters. We are involved in working class struggles and we encourage involvement in the class war federation to do the above, for discussion, and for a laugh!
BACK ISSUES

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Places where we have groups and contacts include the following: BRIGHTON, BRISTOL, BIRMINGHAM, READING, LUTON, READING, NOTTINGHAM, PLYMOUTH, MEDWAY & MAIDSTONE, CARDIFF AREA, SWANSEA, DONCASTER, LIVERPOOL, SHELTAND AND IRELAND.

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CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NORWAY, SWEDEN, EIRE, POLAND, and THE PHILIPPINES.

OUR TIME HAS COME

THE 1990'S LOOK SET TO BE AN ERA OF MASSIVE CLASS STRUGGLE, IN BRITAIN, EUROPE AND THE WORLD AT LARGE.

The opening up of new markets in East Europe and South America, accompanied by a huge increase in the availability of cheap labour will start a massive change for world capitalism. This will be to the advantage of the bosses and to the loss of the international working class.

However, failed revolutions in East Europe, which have bought the workers nothing more than the right to speak about their exploitation, have shown that without the existence of an International anti-capitalist organisation rooted in the working class, NOT preaching from above, there is no guarantee that class struggle will develop into all-out class war.

In Britain there are new political opportunities for revolutionaries. The Labour party has moved so far to the right that there is fuck all difference between them and the Tories.

More and more people are becoming disillusioned both with Labour, and the whole system of parliamentary ‘democracy’. They are becoming more and more open to new ideas...and thats where we come in.

The publicity given to anarchists and Class War in particular after the Poll Tax riots means that working class people are curious about us; paper sales have increased massively up and down the country, and inquiries from people wanting to join are flooding in.

But this isn't enough. If we are to become a truly influential organisation within the working class then we need to be MUCH BIGGER. The time has come for revolutionaries to get off the fence and put their money where their mouth is. Its no good having revolutionary views if you do fuck all about the world you live in - and that means getting ACTIVE and getting ORGANISED!

USE THE MAP SHOWN ABOVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR REGIONAL SECRETARY. THEY WILL PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL GROUP.

• TAKE OUT A BULK ORDER. You can order bundles of papers from the Manchester address for only 15p per copy!!! (plus a bit for postage) Send us £1.50 and we'll send you 10 papers to floppy to your mates etc. They sell for 30p, so you'll be making a bit for yourself to.

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"It’s over for another four years" - During June and the first week in July, hundreds of millions of people all around the world, watched the World Cup on their television sets. While over a million others attended the 52 matches. Class War’s international globe-trotting reporter was sent to see what really went on in Italia ’90.

To the business man who built the stadiums, leaving 23 dead (see Class War 40), the multinationals such as Coca Cola, and others Italia ’90 had nothing to do with football, and everything to do with PROFIT!

The organisers spent more money on entertaining the so-called VIPs, the press and other such licksplitters and hangers on, than providing basic services for the fans. Transport and amenities in Sardinia were a joke! In a desperate attempt to screw as much money from fans as possible, foreign fans could only buy tickets in their own countries as part of a holiday package deal. For £700 upwards English fans could see only 2-3 matches, while Scottish fans had to pay £300 for the privilege of having to travel 250 miles to Genoa or Turin for their matches.

Naturally, most fans either unwilling, or unable, to pay these rip-off rates made their own way to Italy. As a result, travel agents worldwide were left with over £30 million worth of tickets unsold. In order to make back some of their lost profit, these tickets were sold back into Italy, at 2-5 times their face value. Fans took matters into their own hands, before the England/W-Germany match, fans were persuading people not to buy the tickets at inflated prices. As kick-off approached, prices were slashed in order to sell the remaining tickets.

Also in Turin, English fans in the Parco Ruffini campsite demanded that the English FA get more tickets. Finally they did, and they were forced to buy tickets at inflated prices, and then sell them at face value to the fans, incurring a huge loss for themselves (is that the only good thing the FA did all tournament?) If fans were willing to be a bit patient, they could also get tickets from the touts very cheap. Some prices were as little as a £1.50 before the England-Cameroon match.

The British, especially English, fans were subjected to hassle from the Italian police, media and public, from the moment they left, to the moment the came back. The sole blame for this lies with the government, especially "Mickey mouse" Moynihan, with his "Effluent tendency" comments, and encouraging the cops to go in "swift and hard".

The press have a lot to answer for to. Their speculating not whether there’d be trouble, but how much of Italy would be left to waste by the fans, did much to fuel Italian paranoia. It should therefore come as no surprise that ordinary Italians were scared shitless, or that the cops were ready to deport anyone who’s only crime was having a good time in a public place.

In the end though most locals warmed to the fans. But Moynihan and Co have a lot to answer for. Be it the beatings from the police in Sardinia, being deported and having your gear destroyed in Rimini, or teargassed "for fun" in Turin. One fan was even deported for "Eating in a restaurant(!)

With the next World Cup to take place in the USA, soccer is under threat. The search for profit, TV rights and sponsorship, puts the writing on the wall for that tournament. Havelange and Co at FIFA are already considering changing the rules of the game to make it appeal to American TV viewers.

The FSA and fanzines have done much to stop the Yupification of football in Britain, but more is needed if we are to prevent our game becoming a rich mans circus.

"The FA have done fuck all for us" - English fan in Sardinia.

"You from the Sun, If you are you’ll get bottled" - English fan in Sardinia realising who his true enemy is!

"Moynihan is a traitor" - English banner, after his effluent tendency comment.

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"The Brother of Isabella Caravela, a chamber maid accused of high links with the English team, failed to shoot, kill or maim any of the tabled press in his quest for family honour - Shame!

Over 2000 Rumanian fans asked for political asylum from the Italian authorities, and demonstrated in between matches!

English fans gave blood in Sardinia to help victims of Thalassaemia, a lethal blood disorder.

The jet which carried home 246 "innocent" fans from Rimini, after being deported, was booked 3 weeks in advance!

Anti-Poll tax banners and chants were heard and seen during every England match.