**Racism in football**

With English football teams now being accepted back into Europe and League football as popular as ever, the United European Football Association and the Football Association are supposedly trying to stamp out hooliganism. But one thing they conveniently ignore is racism. One popular myth about racism is that it is confined to the terraces - this is rubbish. Racism is everywhere. It runs through the changing rooms, boardrooms and the sports administrations at the highest levels.

One of the most distasteful aspects of professional football is the way that black players are dragged into flashpoints and hooliganism.

**Causes**

Even though racism affects the national and international games, not much thought has been given as to its causes. Racist gestures from England fans during the 1990 World Cup game in Sweden give a clue about what goes on. International games often promote and reinforce nationalism - always racist and putting the “Nation” above the classes. The State, politicians and the media, and racist-fascist groups promote this.

It is important to draw a distinction between hardcore racists and fascists and those who allow themselves to be drawn so easily into blind, ignorant prejudice by racist groups such as the British National Party, who are looking to spread their foul ideas and recruit new members.

It’s up to football fans to do something about racism - we are the ones who have to stand in an unpleasant, hostile environment. Racism divides and weakens us, the working class.

**Liberal**

It’s no use lobbying or pressurising directors, the League or the F.A. to start a preachy white liberal anti-racist campaign. It’s a waste of our energy because these people and bodies are racist themselves, and because racism in the working class can only be tackled by the working class itself.

The police, apart from being racist themselves, frequently help and defend fascist and racist activists, when they’re not thinking about their bonuses and overtime for Saturday work.

**Housing in the nineties**

AMIDST ALL THE bluster and rhetoric about a “just” war to defend democracy, freedom and human dignity, the Arctic snows of February managed to draw scant public attention to the plight of hundreds of people sleeping rough. Indeed, one MP was apparently shocked at the sight of homeless people “caked in snow”.

It has been estimated that there are about 3,000 people in London alone who sleep in the streets. Yet homelessness goes much further than the visible signs of people in shop doorways or “hard-beded city”. When you start to include those in beds and breakfasts, hostels, squats and other temporary accommodation, homeless figures in Britain reach about one million.

**Deliberate**

Homelessness in this country has been steadily worsening over the last two or three years. Admittedly, it is a permanent feature of capitalist society but the current state of housing has never or less been deliberately created by the Government. Since 1979, government spending on council homes has fallen by 75%. Coupled with this, over a million council homes have been sold since 1981. It’s safe to say that today, the building of council accommodation is at virtual standstill.

Having said this, plenty of housing is still being built. Yet the millions spent and invested has been on homes for the rich. Working class people don’t even get a look in.

**Interest**

With the complete lack of affordable and decent rented accommodation alongside constant plugging of “right to buy”, and everyone on council estates, many from the better off end of the working class, new home ownership is an option. Not with high interest rates. 1989 saw over 60,000 families lose their homes because they were unable to keep up with mortgage repayments. This has more than doubled over the last year.
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The following article describes the struggle against the poll tax at a local level, but the lessons to be learnt from it are applicable nationally.

The council figures for non-payment of the poll tax in Leeds at the end of 1990 show 10% of the adult population have paid nothing at all; and a further 10% to 15% or more are in arrears. Of course the real figure is higher because those who do not take an account into those people who are not registered at all. Clearly there's still more than 100,000 people not registered at all. Given that there were 18 court days of the last three months of 1990 and that there are about 25,000 poll tax cases, the council managed to steamroller the cases through the court.

FIGHTING THE COURT CASES

For the last three months of last year the major focus for the organised anti-poll tax movement was the Leeds Federal Court of the Leeds Federation of anti-poll tax groups. Also in it are about ten workers Info. Line groups. That's 780,000 pounds for 164 hours work. But is anyone going to pay it?

The court system looks set to continue in the same fashion throughout the next year. The council has already been set aside by the council. A house for them is that the numbers turning up is expected to reduce dramatically. On the first few days the turn out of those summoned was over 20%, this fell steadily. It was the council's ability to increase the numbers summoned from a few hundred to a few thousand at a time. By now most people probably know someone in the city who has been to court and have been told it's a waste of time turning up.

The council's next step was to send out a series of threatening letters saying "pay now or else". The threat of using bailiffs was Leeds Labour council's chosen method of enforcing the tax. Only a few were sent out. (see below). None of the bailiffs were allowed to break into houses on their first visit. (Or second visit if they didn't get in first time). This means that people were able to refuse bailiffs on the ground of defence to keep them out. Don't think that the next thing to do is either to call bailiffs, or keep going until people are forced to go in for reasons such as childcare.

Realism

A second political viewpoint was that of encouraging people to express their anger. This has led to more noisy and mass disruptions of the courts. This viewpoint was propounded by the Socialist Workers Parties. The argument here is that the courts do not "win" in court. At the moment they seem to be more active doing anti-Gulf war work. Thirdly there are independent local work. The biggest problem that LCC's are facing is the support of those arrested and imprisoned. The Fed. meets twice a month. The movement could "win" in court. If we don't "win" in court, we can be mixed.

Grassroots

The small class struggle anarchist scenes in Leeds has not really been involved in the bureaucratic wranglings at the council. Most of the council have not been involved in their own local area. The new council's job seems to be to counter the coming propaganda offensive by the council. In it is stressed that the council will have to set a new rate, Poll tax non-payers will be blamed for any rises. But more importantly the council will probably announce cuts in jobs and services, again blaming the non-payers. We need to win the argument in important places and lose the poll tax to blame for the cuts not the "them".

POLITICAL, BANKS AND ANARCHY REVELATIONARY!

While the workplace and local groups are important, it is important that these are fought collectively and with the full support of local areas. The second aim is to build a network of support. The second aim is to build a network of support. The success of this movement could "win" in court.

POLL TAX PRISONERS LIST

Show support for all those imprisoned as a result of an activity against the PollTax by sending letters to the following:

This March 23rd sees a demonstration to celebrate a year of non-payment and to show solidarity with all those who have been imprisoned for their activities. The demonstration will make its way from Old Market to the town centre, ending in the town square at 12.30pm. Make this demonstration even bigger than last year's by turning out on the day and bringing your friends and neighbours. See you in Leeds March's demo. Write to the council for a new law for him when he gets out. Cheques payable to D. Spencer, to Box S:34 Cowley Rd, Oxford.

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Bolsheviks and their methods. Only the overthrow of the Bolsheviks in Russia had marked the beginning of the end of the petty-bourgeois class. The assault by the Bolsheviks on the Tsarist regime, however, did not replace it with a new system of authority.

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The anti-war movement was divided into two tendencies. There were those who argued that the war was not bad for America because the US was not winning and it was important to keep America in the top tier of American nation-states. The second tendency, with wider variations within it, were aware of the true nature of US involvement in Vietnam and the roles of internationalism and self-interested aggression. For a whole generation of people, the anti-war movement was a major but little publicised factor in ending the war. In June 1971, the second tendency, was the one that organised the first major anti-war demonstration. It was organised by those who had come to see the war as the last straw of imperialism, self-interest and aggression. For many people, the anti-war movement was a moral question about America being the champion of the free world.

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Housing in the nineties

Japan is an example of a country that has a large number of homeless people. In Japan, the number of homeless people has increased rapidly over the last decade. In Tokyo, where the economic boom has been strongest, the number of homeless people has increased from 10,000 in 1990 to over 30,000 in 1998. The Japanese government has tried to address the problem of homelessness, but progress has been slow.

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The imperialist mentality

Imperialism thrives on fear. It is relatively easy to convince people that there is a threat from a different country, a different political group or different culture. Today as we see in the Gulf, this has rarely been applied on a mass scale and within the working class and rootless and alienated youth, for the simple reason that they have nothing to lose and must gain from collective labour distribution and production. The democratic decision making which comes even in the smallest community can theoretically be applied to a whole society by cultural and industrial experience on a mass scale. That is therefore to convince those who believe that the fruits of power, that those fruits are rotten to the core. Capitalism corrupts, colonies and underclasses cannot even distribute its surplus food at times, famine particularly created by its own imbalanced methods.

Amr Badr

War in the Gulf

RECENTLY I’ve been ploughing through the Independent in order to keep up with developments in the Gulf, as we come across a paragraph which caught my attention. It was printed on 15 Jan, the day after the United Nations instructed Iraq to evacuate Kuwait, or face war. The article objective was to construct the Gulf War as a war of liberation, but in fact was a war of imperialism.

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The Anarchist Communist Federation

Aims and Principles

1. The Anarchist Communist Federation is an organisation of revolutionary class struggle anarchists. We aim for the immediate abolition of the state and its hierarchy, and work for the creation of a world-wide classless society: anarchist communism.

2. Capitalism is based on the exploitation of the working class by the ruling class. But the workings of capitalism are also expressed in terms of race, gender, sexual orientation and age, and in these ways one section of the working class oppress another. This divides us, causing a lack of class unity in struggle that benefits the ruling class.

3. We believe that fighting racism is as important as fighting class struggle. We believe that the ruling class are strengthened by racism, which challenges social and economic power relations. To achieve our goal we must relinquish power over each other on a personal as well as a political level.

4. We welcome letters on all subjects covered by Organise. Please keep letters to around 200 words - otherwise we may need to edit them.

We are opposed to the formation of society. They are aimed at producing an anarchist superstate. To stop the destruction of the working class and at present capitalism must be opposed by direct action. It is a common point of danger, the crimes of capitalism, for anarchists to organise and work in all areas of life to try to link theoretical development with action. Anticapitalist action and struggle must be the complete abolition of capitalism.

5. We oppose the ideology of national liberation, which serves to redivide divisions in the international working class. We believe that there is no country and national boundaries must be eliminated. We seek a common European working class international to work towards a Europe that is cooperative and for the revolution. This is a common point of danger, the crimes of capitalism, for anarchists to organise and work to stop it. We believe that the interests of the working class will always be different to ours.

The boss class is our enemy, and while we must fight for better conditions from it, we have to realise that reforms we may achieve today may be taken away tomorrow. Our ultimate aim must be to create a world-wide classless society anarchists: anarchist communism.

6. Our reservations over any new ruling class. We expect all forms of national liberation. We believe that there is a clear divide between the working class and the ruling class. But for these reasons we have no argument for people to leave unions until they are made irrelevant by the revolutionary event. The union is the foremost area of fighting against racism, genocide, exploitation and political and economic imperialism.

7. The Anarchist Communist Federation is an organisation of revolutionary class struggle anarchists. We aim for the immediate abolition of the state and its hierarchy, and work for the creation of a world-wide classless society: anarchist communism. We resist all forms of national liberation. We believe that there is a clear divide between the working class and the ruling class. But for these reasons we have no argument for people to leave unions until they are made irrelevant by the revolutionary event. The union is the foremost area of fighting against racism, genocide, exploitation and political and economic imperialism.

8. As anarchists we organise in all areas of life to try to advance the revolutionary self activity of the working class. The Anarchist Communist organisation is necessary to help us to this end. We believe in direct action. Socialists or communists we do not want power or control for our organisation. We believe that the revolution can only be carried out directly by the class. However, the revolution must be preceded by an organisation able to convince the people of the anarchism of the Anarchist Communist movement.

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