HA!  
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HA!
"ANNUS HORRIBILIS", which hit the royal family like a punch drunk, was almost as horrible a year as 1982. That's how the Queen described her last 12 months as "head of state" of England. Well, tough shit on her!

So, her lovely family have spent the last year and more tearing at each other's throats (we wish them every success), quarrelling and bickering like kids at school. While the Windsors press hell's-henches tried to dispel the rumours and hide the truth.

After all, how could the Royal family a shining example of honesty and British decency, be going to the dogs? Could they really just be ordinary and decadent people after all? And so, why the hell are we paying through the nose to keep them all in posh cars and Corfui food?

BURN, BABY BURN

But the Queen's headache worsened.

One of their thirty posh homes, Windsor Castle, has been raised to the ground by a fire. It is only unfortunate for the rest of us that the scrounging bastards weren't still inside.

Meanwhile having spent years hoarding their personal wealth, the royals and an assortment of unscrupulous M.P.s (on both sides of the house), expect us, the public, to pay for their carelessness.

While Her Royalness was to be seen scampering around the wreckage like some sickly社称 and making off with the valuables like a looter from the Los Angeles riots, that has been about their total involvement.

They left the House of Commons brown noses, asking for their place on the honours list, to do the dirty work, and sell the sympathy card to the rest of us.

WHAT A CON

But, while the Castle remained intact it was there. Now that it has been demolished, it has suddenly become too expensive to pay for the repairs. It may well be part of our heritage (more like theirs), but to pay the repair bill and then see it returned to those scrounging bastards is rubbing salt in the wounds.

Well, no way mate! $60 million may be a loss in the ocean to a woman with a personal fortune approaching $8 billion, but to the millions thrown back onto the dole queue, to the single mothers stuck in high rise council blocks, to the millions of homeless living between the poverty line, and to the thousands of school-leavers facing a bleak future... even 60 percent would be too much!

The key has been massive, leading to the Queen's 'offering to pay income tax on her personal estate. This comes as just "too little too late". We have just had enough of being shot on and all sundry from their ivory towers.

SNEAKY BASTARDS

The Tories have dumped us right in it, while they themselves have hypocritically sneaked about pulling off behind the scenes deals with the big business fraternity. The moral and social fabric of society, so rapidly hype during the Thatcher years is tatters, as the rich show their true colours, sharing everyone and each other along the way, and they scuttling about the rats feeling the sinking ship of Capitalism.

Meanwhile, we've had one of the hottest summers of recent history. Discontent with those who pull the strings is rife.

While they all line up for their places on the New Year Honours list, the streets of Britain will again be filled with revolting party goers, no longer willing to all back and accept "no" for an answer, and more than willing to stand up for what they think.

Next summer is only a few months away. If she thought this year was an "Annus Horribilus", she ain't seen nothing yet!

THE ABDULKADIR family fled to Britain from Somalia to escape from civil war and famine. They must of thought they were safe living in Manchester. However three months later twelve year old Maalim was murdered by the police when they ran him over on a pedestrian crossing.

The police immediately said that he was a running a ratting into their path, eyewit- nesses including his brother who was with him, say otherwise. And given the cops history, we have a good idea about who is lying.

Yet again the cops have killed an innocent person. Yet again fuck all will be done about it.

The police's function is to keep the rich in their place, the top, and us in ours, the bottom. If this involves murder, so be it. Now and then, either by running over, shooting us, or beating us to death in a cell then so be it. They couldn't give a shit.

It's a surprise that given the state of the Greater Manchester Police at the moment they didn't go back and run the brother over, and claim they were both crack dealers!

TIME FOR BATTLE

Anarchists in Germany have taken up the challenge to battle the fascists on the streets, and support the refugees struggle against the injustice and violence. But violence is only a part of the fightback needed to stem the rise of fascism.

The support that fascists receive from the mainly alienated working class youth must be undermined, without this support they are nothing. Malignant fascist action is no longer an option in Germany (or this country), as Hitler once said: "the only way that we could have been stopped was if we had been attacked and smashed at the beginning, by our enemies, with the utmost ferocity."

So there we have it, straight from the scum's mouth.

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"JUST CUT HERE...!"

RICH BASTARD, THE DUKE OF KENT, DRAWS THE LINE AND SHOWS US MORTALS HOW TO CARVE THE TURKEY AT CHRISTMAS!

THE PICKLE-O-METER AWARD

WANNERS BY FAME, PLAYING THE JUDGE PICKLES GAME.

This issue's Pickle-o-meter award for the most out of touch judge goes to Judge John Lee.

This despicable member of the establishment has received our dubious honour for being a right dickhead. During a recent Hereford case of an armed raider, Robert Ward, the diapln sign judge told the defendant that "a lot of the excuse for your behaviour is that you had problems with a woman. Who do you think he is?"

He went on to say that it was a woman's "function in life" to upset men.

To top it all he doesn't even understand why people are shocked and angry at his comments!

HANGINGS TOO GOOD

When a woman reporter questioned him about the "incident" he replied "Which lesbian group are you from?"

What a total waste of space this man is. Meanwhile his just as dotty wife, Beryl, defends him. Do us all a favour Beryl, and end his misery, preferably with a bullet to the balls!

CHITTY, CHITTY, BANGED UP

In Class War 56's Stokey Cokey and we put the finger on PCs Carroll and Lewandowski who were involved with "organised crime".

Those bastards were planting the coke, drug, crack, on people, selling the stuff, making loads of cash, and the results? Filthy rich, filthy, and more misery for the working class of London's Stoke Newington.

Luckily, Carroll tipped off the police, and the guilt for his sick crimes.

ROUND TWO

The second stage in the Stokey scandal has come to light with Judge Francis Aglionby, at the centre of drugs trials at Stratford crown court, dropping a £5,000 crack trial against Ray Simpson, due to totally misleading and falsified evidence from none other than Stoke Newington cops.

"Looks like the cops in question have been raiding people's houses, planting drugs, filling them up and totally cooking up their 'evidence'."

And who's the chief witness against Simpson? PC Terence Chitty. Now Terry just happens to be right up in his neck in finest police horse manure with the top brass at Scotland Yard. He's being investigated for "trying to organise a police drugs ring" planting drugs on a suspect, manufacturing evidence and lying on oath".

Terry's not alone; there's another 50 cops, past and present from the same Stoke Newington nick, under investigation for the same profiteering, nasty anti-social crimes.

COVER UP

At the time of writing, only a poxy 3 cops have been found guilty, with the police internal enquiry doing its best, as usual to protect its own, even when they bring shit and danger onto our streets; and making their filthy profit in the bargain.

The evidence speaks for itself, m'lud - string the bastards up.

SHINING EXAMPLE

Whatever anyone thinks about Xmas and all the big business hype that tries to get us to spend, spend, spend, there's a tale from Frome, Somerset, to bring a grin to even the most jaded old Scrooge.

Ronnie Gath, a local carpenter, was busy putting up the town's 200 yards of Xmas lights recently, when some git shot them up, crushing the bulbs.

DAFT

"Any fool could see them," said Ronnie, and while the lights were only on for a moment before being hoisted up, the daft driver just reversed back over them to do more damage.

It's not surprising though, to hear that the driver was the town's Mayor, Liberal Democrat and V-P rally, I'm pretty, who was due to be switching the lights on a week later.

GOBSMACKED

Ronnie predictably a little pissed off, warned Potter not to wind his window down or he'd get a cold in the shole for his daintiness. Being particularly dim, the Mayor old and got a soaking in the process.

The Best Obituary

IT GIVES us great pleasure to announce the death of one Bill Owen.

Owen was the Tyne-side organiser for the British National Party, or "Bullshitters, Nones and Ferrvets" as they're known.

Owen had been a racist, sexist, bigoted anti-working class nazi activist since the early 70s. At one time this raving looney campaigned to have lists of names of immigrants put in the South Shields library, and went on to push for legislation to make it illegal for more than three people to walk the streets together at night!

NAZI SCUM

One of his master strokes was to try to ban sex education and to have pubs and clubs shut at 10:30.

We can happily report that a few weeks before the South Shields by-election, where the hateful little man was going to stand as the BNP candidate, he died of a heart attack.

Somebody regret that this piece of naz scum didn't die sooner, like at birth?

AND AGAIN

Recently a motorist struck again, by filling the cop car with the wrong kind of fuel - it had taken off the engine would have exploded!

Unfortunately the cops spotted the "mistake" and got the fuel swapped for the right kind.

What a shame, but to any future saboteurs: BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!

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WALLOP! THE FROME PEOPLES CHAMP!

While the former road safety campaigning Mayor is not pressing charges, Ronnie's comment of the day:

"I don't care if he is the Mayor, he still deserved his lights punched out!"

Now there's a lesson in public relations with the politicians that we could all learn from.
CLASS WAR REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REACTIONARIES ...

EARLY THIS year, a nationalistic-British loyalist group, 'Youth Defence' emerged in Ireland. It was a reaction to the widespread public support for the right of a 17-year-old Irish woman who had been raped to travel to England to have an abortion.

A new legal clause would mean that abortion would only be allowed if there was an immediate risk to a woman's life. But with all abortion campaigners for her health, physical or mental, the legislature became opinion for Irish women that the bigots don't get their way.

THUGS

Youth Defence (YD) 10 action were in Dublin; they launched attacks on members of the Dublin Abortion Information Campaign (DAIC).

An info stand in the city centre was set upon by a gang of men, tearing out of the van. Ten thugs attacked speakers at a public meeting at Tallaght Community School, and waved anti-abortion posters about before threatening to be school liaison.

People leaving meetings in the city centre were attacked these attacks by the YD have continued.

NASTY

YD's leader is 21-year-old Nínísh Mac Mhathuna, with her family as henchmen. Her parents are known campaigners, opposed to abortion and divorce. No one suprised that they have links with right-wing nationalist groups.

The hardcore YD membership numbers about 30, aged between 15 and 25s, mostly based in Dublin. YD was supposed to be national but groups outside Dublin are now total non-runners.

IGNORANT

There is a quite a lot of support for the activities of YD. The one thing they have in common is an attitude to society and morality that should have been left behind in the 19th century. To call them 'ignorant' would be to overestimate their knowledge.

Their only real policy is anti-abortion, but they're also anti-contraception (it generates an 'anti-child mentality'), anti-gay ('all queers should be pushed off a cliff'), anti-feminists, anti-aids (except within marriage and by procreation, not pleasure). In short, they're dangerous, right-wing, reactionary nest of Bigots.

Apart from unofficial thugs they are based on equality mad. American groups: pickets of pro-choice supporters, picketing and distributing groupies. If they claim to be of abortion futes (many have been proven to be fakes), and terrorising pregnant women outside abortion clinics.

DEATH SQUADS

YD has an unhygienic relationship with other pro-life groups. They have Irish Society & Irish Society (Spuci) and the Nationalist Party (Spuci) (a sort of Catholic Fascism) and the Nationalists: a group linked to the right-wing World Anti-Communist League.

The WACL counts among members neo-nazis, extreme right-wing terrorists, and 5 American death squad leaders - the nutters and nazis are all in very good company it seems.

YD propaganda leaflets are a nasty habit of turning up in the skinny Tamil 'Irish Resistance' stickers. Why is a small, insane neo-nazi group that's just appeared in Dublin and claims the RUC is a 'white lot' and 'white abortion is murder'? Although they deny it, it is a well-known fact that they and YD operate together after all, shit sticks to facts.

ANTI SOCIALS

YD operate out of 'The Piper Bar' in Dublin's south inner city. The bar is a well-known haunt for the worst anti-socials in the area: prostitution racket and dealers are believed to use the pub as a base.

No one can say that it's owner, Willie Ryan, who gives YD an office rent, has a long dinky history, with strong links, like the McMathuna family, to right-wing nationalists.

Local republicans have disassociated themselves from him and have moved into a business to have his pub shut, recently, a picket of the YD men was met by a group of YD people from the pub, who attacked it with bars and snooker cues. This group of macho loonies was led by John Kenny, a known psychopath with a history of violent attacks going back 30 years. The good news is that he has a heart condition so don't say "booy" at him or it could prove fatal.

As weasel嘴s like Willie and John, YD has a lot of thugs, known for anti-social crimes, who police their events. One of 'em is Johnny Martin, looking like an uggly version of Billy Connolly, who was kicked out of a Tallaght housing estate for such niceties as dealing heroin - obviously helping to keep young people off the streets.

SCUM

YD must be a bit up for "muck" if it's 'helped' to a complete scum like him; and in early November, in the run-up to the last referendum, they were in North Dublin's Coolock estate, offering money to folk to bible them into "dealing with pro-choice activists".

From 'The Sun' to politicians, they've all got it wrong and called YD a fascist group. They're not, but they could become one if ever they let their politics slip out. The plan to hold a conference in early '87. They have a new paper, 'Virgin Mary' Scully said on a recent radio show that he despises Hitler and his rise to power.

SHIT

Another YD spokesman, Jim Reynolds, after a picket of a pro-choice house said: "She should consider herself lucky... in Spain before 1975, she would have been put against a wall and shot."

While fascist groups like Britain's SNP concentrate on crimes, it's safe to win support, given the small racial mix of Ireland. YD snare anti-abortion as a tool for their poisonous anti-working class, anti-women shit.

These scums must be attacked by all means necessary. They must be challenged ideologically and physically - working class people have far more in common with each other than with these, the ideas of Class War than these bigger class losses. They are an anti-class power - we need to make more, attempting to divide us.

US AND THEM

The working class people who do support idiots like YD or the SNP or whoever tries to divide us are socialists - working class racial grounds have to be challenged faster, we can't lose.

They must see that they're supporting their own people - everyone else - by working their dirty work for no benefit, just for the misery of millions of our class people - our real allies.

We must make them understand that we're digging it out with our people who live in the same shit as them, while their well-off leaders and politicians keep safely out of sight in their privileged homes and offices.

We as a class: White, Black, Asian, woman, man and child, have common enemies. Sadly, we have to get real and realise that we can't possibly be in this alone - our class. So we must always be working towards unity.

And so we have a right to stand our ground - there's no point in having all the right ideas and getting a fist in the mouth every time you promote them.

This isn't Class War being macho, we're not; this isn't being defend ing ourselves against attacks by whatever means we need.

Equally, we can't afford to forget that each issue or campaign is just one step in the ongoing class war and we need, not just to win, as many battles as we can.

EACH OTHER

Even if the middle or ruling classes have been thought to have frightening ideas (in particular, more by accident than design), we can always look back at the fact that we have loads more in common with each other with them, than we should be working towards class fighting them alongside each other.

The class struggle goes on, incessantly, whatever the middle class 'radicals' come along - we are always under attack and should fight back whenever we can - our enemies started it.

By the following October referendum, Irish women are now very well informed, well armed with advice and information on abortion, and travel abroad to get one performed.

They still, however, cannot have an abortion in Ireland, no matter how they feel or what they do. In the referendum, the vote showed that attitudes are changing, but not nearly enough. The struggle for equality will continue at an ever faster pace.

The West Country has recently seen an upsurge in joyriding... and we've also seen cops forcing bored kids in very fast motors down side streets and into walls resulting in death and injury as well as totally knackered expensive cars.

After the Hartcliffe rioting in Bristol this Summer, anyone who has been out of control and caused any trouble should be arrested, with the support of the Army. And Somerset cops will stop at nothing, even murder, to get the car thief.

Rain-ridding, an enterprising way of beating the recession and treating your mates, community and family to a few cheap lazy kicks, not only does the increase is and a less dangerous, far more light-hearted enterprise, or beating boredom and the winter blues.

BATH TIME

In late October, in the gosh city of Bath, a nicked car was found by three cops into Joys department store, in wealthy Midsom and actually trying to get the fun, the Vaccans rammed the cop car, and the cops, on the back, of the five raiders escaped on foot.

Refusing the cops pleas to help out, the crowd of about twenty that had gathered laughed and made off with expensive clothes that the raiders had left behind, having chased the ram raiders on.

The joyride escapade is best explained by scrutinising Supt. Paul Hart's report: "When the officers asked for assistance, it was refused by the raiders... the raiders were actually trying to get out of the thieves. We were billetly disappointed."

Our hearts bledd.
big brother BIG TROUBLE

Europe is about to open for business. The borders are coming down - unless you are black, from the former Yugoslavia, a Gypsy, a refugee fleeing torture or terror, a suspected subversive or a run of the mill small undesirables. The new Europe is a bossses Europe. Far from bringing ordinary people together, it will do even more to keep them apart.

The hype over 'drug dealers and terrorists outwitting Europe' is a convenient smoke screen for the new internal checks and restrictions on the free movement of people. The technology already exists to do much of the work that used to be done at border spot checks - automatically.

The EC Council of Ministers Summit in Edinburgh is a vision in miniature of the new Europe. More police powers, more restrictions on the movement of people, everything to bow down to the interest of the greater good (of the bosses and ruling classes) are the order of the day.

The summit gives Edinburgh and the rest of the world a glimpse of the all powerful new State: identity checks in the street, local residents with security passes to get to their cars on car parks, in the words of the Lothian and Borders Police, part of the city to be searched for a day to day and unspecified basis.

PAID-OFF
Labour, Tory, SNP, Libera and independent councillors all heartily agreed this is a great honour for the city. But with another £15 million cuts on the way it's amazing no one at all objects to the £6.4 million cost of the three day conference.

No doubt these same people will deny all responsibility when the bills are due for all the money wasted on junkets, fancy lights, hype, banquets, and meaningless conferences.

£6.4 million is a lot of dough for a couple of days, but this money excludes the cost of security. Nor presumably does it include the money stolen from other budgets and diverted to Summit activities.

Like Glasgow's 'City of culture', and Sheffield's World Student Games and countless other worthless junkets, the real cost in hard cash and public service cuts will be miles higher than originally forecast.

And as ever, Meanwhile the circus will roll on to some other hoodwinked city.

IDLE TALK
If talk of a Super State sounds a bit extreme, just who decided on that starry blue flag which now flies across the EC? And presumably the plans for a special European police force, and the EC military conference at Genoa in October to discuss 'common defence initiatives' were all just idle chit chat. And what of plans for a European police force. Two years ago cabinet ministers denied there was ever to be a single currency. All the EC governments now claim that the single market will happen, regardless of the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty. All governments agree that the single market will need immigration and refugee procedures need to be streamlined and tightened.

DIVIDING
This is nothing short of heavy duty institutionalised racism. The Nazis of France and Germany only dream of this kind of 'Fenced in Europe'. The respectable racists like Major, Kohl and Mitterrand actually create it.

Far from bringing people together, the United Europe is about dividing people. The bosses idea of a 1993 United Europe is not our kind of Unity. The bosses idea of a 1993 United Europe is not our kind of Unity. The basis of our unity is class. The bosses, no matter what their nationality, sex, race or sexuality, are still bosses. The ruling class is still the enemy. Whatever weapons the bosses use in the class war against us, the working class of Europe and the world will be there, ready to fight back as ever, by all means necessary.

Ding-dong
Staff at a well known family owned Edinburgh bookshop, famous for its stingy and Victorian attitudes, couldn't believe their ears at the bosses latest loony scheme.

Not content with crap wages, very long hours, and mucked about shifts, they now wanted the workers to make cash donations - to the owner's daughter's wedding.

Did she work there? Was she well known at the George Street shop? Was she hell in fact the staff had never set eyes on her in their life.

Being stupid as well as brainless old man Thìn said he would leave a collection box in the staff room. Nobody, but the boss was surprised when several days later, the box was still empty.

Majors Britain - sick society
A homeless man with a nervous disorder is being fined £17.80 a week by the Government - for being homeless.

The unnamed man from the Brighton area had received a £17.80 disability premium for five months because of his medical condition. The money was then withdrawn because he was without accommodation. This left him with only his £42.80 a week income Support.

Overcrowded temporary Bed and Breakfast was out of the question because of this condition, so sleeping rough was the only option left to create it.

The man appealed against the Social Security decision. Official indifference, callousness, and a deliberately long and drawn out appeals process meant it took a disgusting four years before a final decision was actually made.

A Social Security appeals commissioner, Michael Johnson, a name worth remembering, decided he was not entitled to the disability premium of £17.80 a week. He made this decision despite basically saying the law was wrong.

When questioned about the case, Aristotel Ett (another name worth remembering), the Tory Junior Social Security minister said 'people who sleep in the open generally incur lower living expenses'.

You emm, rich, arrogant bastard. This is part of the class war - the war waged by the rich and their lackeys against us, the working class, and especially those least able to defend themselves. And they call us violent and vindictive.

The ruling class and those who support them are real people, they have names, they have addresses, they can be held responsible for their actions.

Bullets for the rich guns for the poor
PLASTIC BULLETS are infamous weapons responsible for dozens of deaths and serious injuries of children in the North of Ireland. The army has now redesigned and replaced all their plastic bullets.

Do Her Majesty's Crown Forces now admit that plastic bullets are lethal? Are they tired of killing children as part of keeping law and order. Sadly not.

TWISTED
Unbelievable as it may seem to civilised people, the bullets are to be replaced because seven soldiers suffered minor injuries over the past two days. All the injured took place during training when the bullets jammed and exploded inside the gun.

With all their crocodile tears over the rights of housed and bather children, it is still painlessly clear where the priorities of the British government lie.

Just did it
PRINCESS DIANA visited the North of Ireland during her rev- elations about the state of her health, and her inability to even top herself properly.

Everything was going to plan. Waving the Union Flag, orchestrating happy school kids and generally pretending nothing is hunky dory in 'The Province'.

A band had even been laid on to cheer up their little gathering. There is some controversy over what happened next. Some suspect information by Class War Musicians, others suggest it was Beadle himself having a bit of a laugh, but whoever really were, we can all enjoy the bands running plan: the name from MASH - otherwise known as 'Suicide is painless'.

Aah, it really warms the cockles of your heart.

IT'S OFFICIAL

TWO RECENT Scottish surveys only confirmed what we in Class War have been saying for years.

These indicators of opinion recently proved without any possible doubt that workers are sick of the bosses and that 100% suspicious of their bosses.

This tasty titbit was revealed to one and all in a wide ranging questionnaire about working habits and practices was returned by thousands of traditionally low-paid workers in various industries.

This uncovered (if we needed to be told) massive discontent and anger directed towards the bosses powers such as Thatchers - 'Love, Ian', Vailance, chairman of British Telecom, who one worker, who on to be made redundant said 'the guy's not fit to run a piss-up, never mind a major industry'.

The Tories are cutting their own throat when they attack the bosses and it is the bosses and it is the bosses and it is the bosses and it is the bosses and it is the bosses.

IT'S UP TO YOU
When is the day going to come when surveys such as these are forgotten in the rush towards a society without bosses and every day harassment from your work? Think about it, it's up to you!

Palace of Holyrood, Edinburgh, EC Summit venue, Queens official Scottish residence. Nowhere near Windsor really.
"ONCE THE TRADE UNION
defended workers' rights. Now it needs to
defend itself from the
corporate laws.
In July this year, the
backhousing of Italian trade
unions, signed an agreement with the
banks, which is the send in the
Italian working class is
the tax paid as a scale linked to inflation.

TEAR APART
As a direct result of
pressure from the
Maastrict
bipartys and the boss
union members are
against their own
incompetent, making them
brought in a new financial law,
taxing a cut in public
spending of 83,000 MILLION
ill (that weighs in at 10,000 MILLION)
The government scound
want to cut pensions seri-
ously tear apart the Italian
trade union movement. They
set a plan that from
January 92, twenty MILION
unions will be without free
health care, in spite of the
average Italian household pays 2000 YOL a
year for health care and will be
expected to rise.

"It's not as thought Italy or any part of her
has anything but a feasible attempt at a
right state anyway.

ACTION
Old age pensions were
attacked making it harder for
women and casual workers,
and those workers without a
full twenty years national
insurance contributions, to get
their rightful pensions. After a
depression, inflation, they
begin on the basis of the
financial law, designed to
the workers to the class of capital
chairs, they have
been turned around.

PELTED
From September, there
has been unceasing, inde-
pendent and autonomous
working class action and
agitation against government,
trade union bosses and
boss trade union alliances.
grassroots spontaneous strikes broke out in many
factories, without support from
the unions' leadership (no
surprise there).
The unions hoped to
begin rallies before the
workers could enter the main
square - this fell flat on
its flabby face when those
people present launched more bols
and vegetables at them.
Union leaders have had to
see a repeat of a matter of
weeks.

Solidarity amongst youth,
militants students and workers
are up to say the least and
the struggle hasn't been
dotted by police attacks on
people from squatted social
centres and rap bands taking
over empty spaces, left by
union bosses bottling out.
By October, three MILION
people took part in the
national public sector strike,
with 200,000 people going to
Rome in the central Lazio
region to demonstrate, need-
less to say Gazzetta didn't make
an appearance.
The union stewards, a
decentralised group of activists
seem to be paid for their
services, fed information to
the 10,000 riot cops.

GRASSROOTS
The cops tried to isolate
and attack workers. Militants
and students relied behind
union and anti-government
barriers. To protect themselves,
union bosses had to speak 200 yards away
from workers, with cop
protection - no need to point
where the lines are drawn.
On the same day a very
successful rally of 40,000
people also took place in
Rome organised by
the COMAS - these began over
twenty years ago as self
organised, grassroots work
ers' committees, rejecting the
official version of workers
unions. They are run from below,
and are spreading from their
base in the public sector into
other sectors.

As things hot up even
further, it looks like the
tension is also being shared
to workers, their families,
students and anti-government
anti-union militants won't
slow down.
"Imagine if there wasn't
any trade union in Italy, who would
be able to channel and
mediate the workers' anger?"

Simple: only
the workers themselves.

achieved freedom but soon
realised it was a freedom to
be hungry, to be homeless
and to be thrown onto the
scrapheap of society.

The Stalinist
regime now
across eastern Europe. The
brutal power of the state has
been replaced by the
brutal power of the market
backed up by the state
whenever necessary.

But there are more ways
of living than just under the
state or under the market. Of
course the media and the
politicians never tell us about
that because then they'd
be out of a job. They try to pretend
that there are no other choices
but capitalism or so-called
communism.

If they are right, then we're
up shit creek without a paddle.
But they're not, they're just
scared of us realising that
there's more, that there's a
potential for a world based
on individual and collective
freedom in which both the
market and the state are abolished.
The reality of this world is
that we don't have to sit back
and take this crap. That
we can create something
better, that we can
organise out there and
organise to do it.

"Dollocks to the bosses
and the rich!"
The last few months have been marked by a series of strikes by council workers across the country. There have been strikes in Newham, Haringey, North Warwickshire, Strathclyde, Sheffield, Islington, Stockport, Cambridge, and elsewhere. These strikes have been caused by the government’s cuts to council services - which, for council workers, mean redundant libraries, poorer working conditions, and wage reductions, but fewer cuts. Council workers are poorer, compared to the 1970s, meaning a poorer standard of living for us all.

**CUTBACKS**

These cuts aren’t new either. For the past ten or so years, the quality of local services has declined as the money from central government has dried up. This has been a way of the government cutting back on the council services and it also means a way to undermine the council - which has been perceived as a threat to central authority. This is also an attack on the incompetence and corruption of local councils, who are being provided with jobs for their votes. Workers are demanding their money back - on haredi schemes, they’re waging holy war in the streets to get us to pay for their crisis. For a council worker, it’s always been about their own wages and privileges. It’s always been about us who they try and make pay for their problems.

However, the truth is that the recent strikes were that thousands of workers were simply being used as cannon fodder for the bosses’ crisis. Workers had been the victims for the last ten years (such as the miners’ strike), despite the deepening recession, workers took strike action and in several places (like Newham, Hackney and Liverpool) won at least minor concessions.

They got a lot more than if they had passively accepted the bosses’ cuts. And they also gained strength through struggling together, realising common interests and common enemies.

**NO SURPRISE**

The workers who got organised held back the unions (mainly NALGO in Newham) in front of the bosses (which was under attack) rather than fight for workers’ interests.

That’s no surprise to most people - the union’s role is to negotiate between us and the bosses, not get us exactly what we really want and need. But it can be very difficult going beyond the union, even when a lot of people know that the union bureaucrat is a complete waste of time. There’s nowhere for one purpose - to serve the interests of the ruling class. While the workers declared the strike in Newham illegal, the union ordered the workers back and back they went. A lot of people know that the law is only there for the bosses but it’s a question of having the strength and the power to stick two fingers up at authority.

**POWER**

This is the real problem. The problem is that all struggles need the support of the unions and the strength and power. How do we get what we want? And how do we go beyond getting crumbs off the table? One thing’s for sure. To get the bosses and the unions all do their utmost in preventing us solving these problems. What’s vital is participation - struggles aren’t won by people sitting at home. Everyone has got to be involved, doing whatever they can. It’s a disaster to leave things in the hands of professionals whenever there are. There must be open strike meetings.

Every attempt must be made to spread struggles that didn’t happen during the council workers’ strike. The strike was predomnately sectionalised and isolated. Spreading a strike is very difficult but if in the end it did spread, it would reveal, in our view, the power to stick two fingers up at them.

Visually, it’s easy to show from the sidelines. The reality is that it’s done from the simple slogans of the Left - fighting back is bloody hard work - but it’s the only way we can ever get anything that we want, whether it’s mere protection of the existing shit, a new wage or world revolution.

**DEPTHES**

The strikes showed the depth of dissatisfaction and discontent amongst council workers. All the barriers the bosses put up. When we overcame those barriers the bosses watch out because the shit’s well and truly going to hit the fan.

**CONFESSIONS OF A LEFTY!**

Working class in a Workers’ Revolutionary Party (WCP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) only go to events to put their own view of whatever campaign it is. They’re not interested in the campaign itself - only building their own Party.

VANGUARD

To me it’s not important, at the moment, if you’re against the British occupation of Ireland because you understand British capital forces if you believe it’s an issue of self-determination. Right now it’s more important that people have got a sense of stand up against the British state.

Like the way the street told the workers what they’re doing for the working class - a "vanguard" of the working class. The SWP does this with Living Marxism, a glossy magazine that costs £2 and is full of stuff about Yugoslavia, American budget deficits and the decay of the British economy. It’s not aimed at working class people, but at middle class intellectuals and the things they like to read about: history, theory, clever arguments.

The SWP think we should give critical support to the Labour Party and have revolution later. But that’s just about what it is.

**NO PROSPECTS**

The one thing they do have in common in their organisation - you have to agree with them totally before you can join. If you disagree you have to leave. Not much prospect for progressive internal debates there. Funnily enough, the same people run the RCP and SWP now as did ten years ago.

So what are they left with? A small group of intellectuals appealing to middle class liberals, and, of course students, with class ideas and no dissent allowed. Not surprising then that they’re obsessed with the daily running of the working class. On issues that concern the majority of the population and operating in a free and democratic way.

The Joint Sites Committee (JSC) is a rank and file organisation of building workers fighting to improve conditions in an industry notorious for its bad record on safety and trade union recognition.

Recently, on a West London building site a JSC member occupied a crane in protest at the sacking of shop stewards and the imposition of a single union deal by the main contractor on the site. Vassios reigned over a group of workmen who insisted instead they negotiate with the Amalgamated Electrical and Engineering Workers Union (AEEU).

Vassios then appointed an AEEU convenor and sacked the existing shop stewards. A UCATT official was present but also agrees to the deal.

Vassios was also involved in a strike against the company's £250,000 deal with UCATT. He was also involved in a strike against the company's £250,000 deal with UCATT.

The occupation of the crane helped to highlight conditions at the site and the JSC are planning further actions on sites across London in the near future. Picketing have been put up urging building workers to organise and do whatever is necessary to force employers to increase wages and improve safety, industrial action is the only way to make the bosses take notice.

Organising together as equals independent of the union is the only way forward. Hopefully the JSC will inspire similar movements by its example.

To contact the JSC, please ring 061 343 9712.

**REALITY**

The development of our politics is important and will become even more so as we get closer to a revolution. But until then, it’s more important to demonstrate to people the power of the working class - a new generation of people and build for the radical and for students for the radical.

It’s our class and its our war!
INTRODUCTION

AT THE BACK of most people's minds is the recession - the worst in years, as we're constantly reminded by the media and opposition politicians. The economy is definitely up shit creek.

But even further up the creek is the working class. Whilst businesses are collapsing all over the shop, with entrepreneurs in tears at their shattered dreams, it is us who are left the most desolate by the recession. No surprise there.

Repossessions, redundancies and the slow collapse of our communities, will leave our lives scarred for years. What is the government's response to the crisis? Wage cuts, benefit cuts (to come), cuts in public expenditure, as well as wage restraints.

Why should we accept these austerity measures? We didn't create the crisis but we sure will pay the maximum price.

Well, we should say bollocks to that. We owe them nothing, neither do the ones who owe us for shatting us for years, then thinking they can throw us on the scrap heap.

We've too much to lose. Basic survival is at stake. The roof over our heads; decent food, and the essentials are luxuries to some of us now. More and more people are being plunged into poverty. It's not a case of a under class now; but a class going under.

If the Tories ride out this recession, without a fightback from those most acutely affected, it will mean a more powerless and impoverished working class.

History has seen this acute crisis in capitalism before. The working class has suffered the brunt of capitalism to varying degrees. But how long can the system take it? How long can we take this plunge into destitution?

"WE'VE NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD." they told us in the Fifties. Considering the poverty, war and suffering of the previous thirty years they might just have been right. The post war dream of building a socialist Britain left us with a cut price health service, red brick homes instead of slums.

The Labour dream of spending to create prosperity had come unglue but the Tories knew they couldn't do without the welfare state.

THE 60'S

The "White hot heat of technology" would bring a new age said Prime Minister Harold Wilson. The state spending of the Forties and Fifties did seem to be working. Parts of the working class could now spend money for leisure and not for seeing themselves alive.

Creating a working class who could spend didn't seem to increase the economy and keep the capitalism ticking over. The working class took to television, new clothes and everything on offer. They also felt they had the right to keep it. They earned it!

With new technology creating more and more for us to buy, Capitalism seemed to have satisfied the answer. The working class began to think about their own prospects and increasing their living standards. It appeared that capitalism could partially fulfills our needs.

This is not to say that people fully identified with the capitalist system, but people did want to get what they could while the going was good.

THE 70'S

The dream of ever increasing wealth collapsed into a mess of rising prices. The bubble had finally burst. Mr. Keynes, the economist from the 1930's had got it wrong. Even if a government spent to get out of a world recession it didn't always succeed.

The working class, however, was not prepared to sit back and suffer for their masters' mistakes. While governments, both Tory and Labour, tried to pull the purse strings, we said NO.

We weren't prepared to suffer for their failure, and through strikes and other resistance we kept poverty and unemployment at bay.

Now looked on as the work decade in the last fifty years, because we near

enough brought the country to a halt. The working class opposed the party that was traditionally meant to represent their interests. Labour have never been back in power.

THE 80'S

Thatcher came to power with a poster of a coke queue and managed to triple its length in two years. The new breed had arrived. There was no left to spend, no public spending, no public spending on the working class. And the market would deliver.

The new word was "Monetarism". Keep the money supply in check and the working class on its toes and the market would deliver us to a new golden age of capitalism.

But things never went quite the way the government had planned. The government kept spending but we never felt the benefit and inflation went up again as the industrial infrastructure started to crumble.

We did, briefly, see a boom, but most of us binned and missed it. The boom was selective in who prospered from it. Those who believed they prospered bought their houses with a mortgage and bought everything else on credit.

The credit card became the currency of the late eighties. But it was all to soon to become a household nightmare.

The poverty that was everywhere was disguised as laziness or bad luck, and the attitude pushed by the media was that it is all for one and none for all.

But in the Tory scramble to ride back on any vestiges of Labourism, i.e. public services, the National Health Service, etc. They forgot the valuable lesson that the "One Nation" Tories had learned, that in return for a minimum amount of social peace you must satisfy (or at least appear to) some of the desires and needs of the working class.

Thatcherism was having none of it. In it's arrogance it thought it had divided the working class so much that it could get away with the "I'm alright, Jack" attitude, that they tried to impose upon the tax and demand public services. The working class's reflex opposition meant the golden age of Toryism was over. Thatcher got the boot.

But the working class were fighting back, and they were thought it to be a good thing.

We're not confused to the old industrial centres. The boom towns like Basildon and Slough, as well as the rest of the de-industrialised service economy has been severely hit.

The Monetarism solution to redundancies, repositionings and the recession did not work.

We should tighten our belts and hold fast. It is not an exaggeration to say that even the rich...
"Thatcher came to power with a picture of a dole queue and managed to triple its length in two years. The new breed had arrived."

When critics of the government argue that the Tories have done a ball up of the economy, they are only partially correct. What they say is that the problem is bad management, or that a crap financial strategy is being used to control the economy.

The argument reinforces the myth that the market economy (though not perfect) can be sustainable and beneficial in the long run. The difference between those who argue for a more free market and those who argue for more government intervention becomes insignificant during a recession.

**Failed**

Both approaches have failed historically. Basically, governments are unable to avoid the slumps, which crop up every now and then. It is part of the ingredients of the capitalist market. Intervention has only blunted the worst of recessions, but cannot avoid them. Basically, capitalism is based on the idea of selling goods and services for a profit, which is invested to make more goods and more profits, and then the capitalists have creamed off some of the profits into their pockets.

**Cut Back**

Without profits there is no production. Likewise, if there is not a market (i.e., someone willing and able to buy goods) there is no production, despite there being a need for those goods.

This is why people starve when there are food shortages, and why they have no ability to pay, no consumption.

For the capitalist this is not a problem, but this can backfire on them. If people cannot afford to buy the goods, production will be cut back, as goods stockpile.

This leads onto unemployment and less money available to spend. Industries which rely upon other industries are also hit hard. More unemployment and less consumption.

The additional problem of having less money for the government to taxes once paid by the redundant workforce and bankrupted business, means that the government tries to balance out cuts with increases in revenue.

And all this comes from the party which is the bosses' friend and knows how best to run the economy.

Labour lost power because of it's handling of the economy. It claimed it would do it better next time.

**Strict Control**

Capitalism has expanded over time, but in a chaotic manner which is socially unacceptable. Capitalism is in PERMANENT CRISIS.

The problem has further developed, over the years, to include a more expansionist and free market system.

The knock on effect of one country can effect a whole range of other national economies. Strict control of the money market may all be in vain given the international flow of investment.

**Damaged**

The basis of growth is hampered, also, by the chaotic organisation of investment. Economies can be at the mercy of para-detical investors, out to make a fast buck or two million.

The way the global economy has expanded at such a rate is there has been a seriously damaged the environment and is in danger of outrunning all the essential natural resources.

It's not a case of the market system having a few hiccups or flaws, the whole system is chronically ill.

It may linger on for years to come, like some zombie. But knowing it's dead, dragging us down with it, unless we take control of our society, it's about time we put two steps ahead the myth of friendly capitalism. It's either: REVOLUTION OR DESTINATION.
CLASSLESS SOCIETY

As the daily toll of unemployment and poverty continues to rise, the rich are living it up like never before and it's really hard to queue for the good things in life any more. Before the recession, the poor used to wait two years to place an order for a Rolls-Royce but nowadays, the price has dropped to $214,092 and the custom-built gas-guzzler will arrive at your drive before you know it.

Or maybe you fancy a break, to get away from all the hard times? A week's cruise off the Virgin Islands is a snip at $2,650 a head or how about a cheap-day return to New York on Concord at $14,954. Thanks to the recession there are also savings on the sex and poverty. Thomas Cook's $3,750-worth tour next year, a bargain at $83,400 per person but it's only half-board so you can have to resort to Space Invaders to make themselves sleep easy at night.

This is some classless society! Where are these rich bastards living a life of luxury? 82% of families on Benefits receive less than £100 a week, many working class families have to borrow or steal to keep their kids and meanwhile the shoddy rich Hennies and Henrienas are celebrating how easy it is to get a table at Le Gavroche these days at £85 a head.

ROBOCOP TO DODOCOP

In their urge to be a bigger, more efficient bunch of bastards the police and the University of Leeds have invented a new computer network that can imitate crowd behaviour. The theory is that they can train up their top cops to control demonstrations and riots without them always getting their heads deep in the fray, or lose control. The police are so scared of confronting real mob of angry working class people that they have resorted to Space Invaders to make themselves sleep easy at night.

The program is flexible enough to make plans for marches, riots and football fans - and the cops think that they are able to predict and control any trouble that might happen. Unfortunately, for them, the working class is much too resourceful to stick with the same tactics all the time. We are angry people and we think fast, maybe in the future, we'll just have to think that little bit faster to beat this cops, but beat them we surely will. Robocop or not.

MURDER

There is also a lot of anger in Detroit after two white plainclothes cops beat a black motorist to death with their police torches while five other cops watched. Malice Green's 'crime' was being black and parking his car near a crack-house.

RAGE

The simmering rage inside America's cities will not be calmed by Clinton or however many other politicians poke their arrogant noses in.

CITY VANDAL SCANDAL

In these times of increasing homelessness, overcrowding and housing shortage it should be no surprise to anyone that 20% of all children in the City of London are standing empty throughout the day and so are their comparatively lucky siblings. Owners wait for their profit margins to increase before they let them into the streets. Their latest scam really takes some beating in the scam grab stakes - they're ripping the interior out of perfectly good buildings, cutting off the water and then removing ceilings and stairs so that they're completely unusable - so that they don't have to pay the rates!

Because you don't have to pay rates on unhabitable offices and shops, companies like Wates are gutting buildings that could provide homes for thousands of people, in this fucked-up society they've got more to them as a roasting shed. So next time you feel in need of a move nip down to the City and grab a whole block before the developers trash it! Squatters...now that really would bring their profit margins down!
The Penan in Sarawak, Malaysia (featured in CW 83) are still fighting the logging companies that are carving up their forests and destroying their way of life.

The Malaysian Government failed to stop the story of the Penan struggle getting out, and are now trying to make out that foreign green campaigners have got it all wrong.

**POLITICAL PROFIT**

The officials are claiming the Penan need the "benefits" of development, and that foreign greens are selfish to stop them from getting it. Oh yeah? Is it just coincidence that the Malaysian politicians are gaining from this development?

Take Taib Mahmud, for instance. Chief Minister of the Sarawak Government. He and his relatives own one third of Sarawak's timber concessions and are responsible themselves for logging much of the forests, moving the Penan off their land and into Government-owned shanty towns. Taib travels round in a cream-coloured Rolls Royce bought with the dosh he's made on this "development".

Another politician, Tong Hiew king, owns logging concessions that bring him a tidy $100 million a year!

Loudest critic of foreign greens is the minister for Tourism, James Wong Kim. According to him, environmentalists are "inciting the Penan to rebellion", and they should "keep their hands off Sarawak". No wonder he's so vocal on the subject... he's got his hands on one of the biggest logging projects in the state!

**DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES**

So just how have the Penan benefited from all this Development?

Well, according to a report by the International Tropical Timber Organisation, they're still at the same standard of living as they were some twenty years ago. With "benefits" like these, they don't need any "incitement to rebellion" from anybody, they're doing it for themselves.

As for the attitude of the Malaysian politicians, it proves what we already know... politicians everywhere are liars and hypocrites and we can bloody well do without them!

**PASTE 'EM UP!**

As we've seen in Germany recently, idiots who'd like us to blame and attack other working class people who only have a different nationality, for the ruling class's enormous mistakes (as existing in the first place), are crawling out of the woodwork and must be dealt with. Such is the nature of their "divide and rule" tactics.

So Glasgow Class War have a few thousand of these hard-hitting, brilliantly-produced posters that say it like it should be said.

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SCOTLAND

The Fire of Windsor may have blackened the eye of the British aristocracy, but as the argument over who should pay for the damage smoulders on, another seat of the aristocracy bites the dust.

While the British public were being told to foot the bill for the Windsors' holiday home, the Hofburg, home of the Austrian bourgeoisie, was set on fire, only shortly after its use for a conference of the European Council for Security.

The similarities with the Windsor hot-spot are many: an antique building held by an outdated, aristocratic bunch of rich scrooges, who thought they'd never insured the place. The insult is that instead of the Windsors, the Austrian politicians expect the public to pay the €25 million repairs.

The Austrian working class won't be too pleased to bear the cost. A better investment might be a splash out on a box of matches.

"Y'know... these things happen in threes!"
Wrong end of the stick

Dear Class War,

I read in the local paper, a story that Class War were going to stir up riots in a 'long hot summer' in areas such as Tuxeth, Brixton, and Broadwater Farm to name a few.

If someone comes into the area I live in, and tries to get people to vent their anger by smashing and burning the place; and risk arrest, imprisonment and beatings from the police, if all this is intended to further a political organisation's stature and credibility then I have to seriously consider who my enemies are.

The last thing we need is another bunch of leaders who tell us how and when to fight back - whilst they sit back and watch their suffer the consequences.

Why not attack the ruling class direct? The police are here just to protect them: Smash up rich areas, not our own. Take the class war to their homes and big businesses. That's what was so good about the poll tax riot in Trafalger Square. The LA riots spread to the mainly rich, mainly white suburbs. That got the ruling class of America running scared - until they brought in the army.

What worries the ruling/middle class more: thousands rioting on the street with little support and no strategy, or hundreds of thousands of people striking, blocking roads, fighting off the police; with millions of people supporting them and involved in mass defiance and non-cooperation with the authorities. In solidarity, and don’t believe your own hype!

Gary, Haringey.

BIG BANG

Dear Class War,

Potato crisp makers have stopped putting crisps in see through bags. The reason is that you can’t see how much is in them.

You know what this is don’t you? I reckon I’ve stumbled over a secret government ploy to collaborate with the crisp makers to create a deliberate potato shortage so as to force prices up. The crisp makers, knowing about this, will stockpile to overcome this shortfall and in the meantime will sell empty sealed bags.

An editor note, The dolie is hard, but ET or EA are not compulsory. Take someone along to your next interview, don’t let then intimidate you into signing anything you don’t want to. It is a fact that slave labour schemes like ET and EA do undermine real jobs and wages. If you know your rights, scamming the dole is a lot easier, and a lot safer. A couple of hours reading, or a visit to a sympathetic advice shop can at least make life on the dole bearable. It certainly beats working full time for a tenner a week. Think about it.

If we sit still this bully and his Tory bastard pals will not leave us alone. They are after good boys and girls as well as the rebels.

The working class have been fed a lot of crap about patriotism, religion and free enterprise. Dump all this mental garbage. We have no country, the rich own them all, god is a bosses fable to terrify the proles. Free enterprise means unlimited profits for the super rich.

We are forced to fight back; well let it be on our terms and in our time.

Sincerely, Rob, Newcastle.

results time

Dear Class War,

I’ve been reading your paper for a while and am very interested in your articles promoting industrial violence against the rich, racists, neo-nazis, pigs, politicians and the general parasitical scum fucks that pervade our society. Where are the results? When was the last time a pig, screw or politician was wasted in the UK? Before every issue of Class War I hold my breath hoping and wishing that your front headlines will read ‘pigs executed’, ‘rich scum house burnt to the ground’ etc etc. Come on Class War, there’s no time like the present, lets see some results and less rhetoric.

Yours Sincerely,
FP, Darwin, Australia.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Dear Class War,

I’m presently doing a four and a half year sentence (for attempted robbery and reckless driving) at HMP Dartmoor. I’ve just arrived from a soft nick (The Verne) full of murderers and people who are generally less willing to fight back.

They sent me here for trying to ‘incite a riot’, official language ‘unsuitable for the prison regime’!

My main purpose for writing this letter is to expose the total bullshit that Dartmoor is changing. It might be changing structurally, but the basic idea is still the same (I was here in ’86) i.e. Dartmoor is the jackboot of capitalism, people are sent here to be broken.

In fact, it is correct to point out that the food is worse, there’s less association, and the punishment block is basically still the same i.e. exercise in the yard. By the way, they now call the block the ‘intensive therapy unit’!

Not all the blame can be attached to the screws (although it must be stated that they wouldn’t be out of place in Nazi Germany)

The first root of the problem lies in a government who’s only answer to what they term as ‘crime’ is to build more prisons, spend less on probation and alternatives to custody

Rioting has proved (look at Strangeways) that it is a fully correct method of achieving change, albeit small change.

Until we lock away the controllers of this society, and create our own society, we are merely ‘pissing in the wind’.

Fuck the system, Class war not Race War.

-Jim Robins, WD 2170, H.M.P.
Dartmoor, Princetown, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6RR

Scabs

Dear Class War,

In the last edition, Trev from Newcastle complains his bosses are using Employment Action 'scabs'. Scabs?, I’ve been an active Class War supporter for 3 years. I am on Employment training. Why? This summer the dole started cutting benefit for squatters, travellers, and the homeless. Being homeless, several of us were told - ‘sign up or starve’, some choice!

Anyone who gets ripped off like Trev has support from me, but if we want decent pay, we’ve got to fight for it together and not let them use us against each other or label EA’s as scabs or strike breakers.

Tom, Leeds.

P.S. - The paper’s looking fucking good these days.

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Now the miners face the biggest challenge of their existence, they could face total obliteration. This article is an edited version of one appearing in a special edition of Class War’s theoretical mag, “The Heavy Stuff”...

After the strike of 84-85, 120,000 jobs have gone; 122 pit communities turned into ghost towns. And a future in sight for the youngsters now looking for work. Despite these massive losses, to date the government still thinks we are too dangerous a force.

In Europe, the miners and their families have found a number of workers from other countries to support the struggle. And the other day, a black South African coal, British coal is the cheapest deep-mine coal in the world.

THE CON

Meanwhile, Polish coal is brought to British ports at under £100 per tonne, and it costs £76 per tonne to produce. It is being given away to earn a ‘hard currency’ to feed the debt to the West.

South African coal can never be called cheap coal it is the cheapest coal in the world with miners working for £25 per week and paying with their lives to the tune of 500 a year with many thousands injured a subsidy of homes, flesh and blood.

So with the prospect of the ultimate decimation, with no view of a future revival, how do we meet the current situation?

BACK TO THE FUTURE

In 1984-85 the miners and their wives and children threw everything away, their homes, their land, and all they had, to defend the pits. We must do the same.

To each of these, over the last seven years, we have responded with wildcat strikes, coalfield stoppages, unofficial pickets, overtime bans and all forms of guerrilla actions. The war has been continuous and exhausting.

ONWARDS

Against the same back-drop do we mobilise against privatisation? Our perspective is to enthusiastically support the unions efforts to obstruct the privatisation plan. That effort is woefully inadequate up to time of printing; we should have the dynamism of the French lorry drivers, we should be braying on the doors of Brussels. We should be calling on the International Miners Organisation to block every road through Europe.

We should be stopping the British businesses of the House of Commons and the European Parliament in protest of what is happening.

We demand they explain the logic, the justice, of their plans for the industry.

British taxes are the second-largest contributor to ECC funds. That fund goes to a joint energy source to businesses of the House, all of the countries of the ECC take the funds, with the exception of the British government.

The big picture is to defend and destroy British Coal and their pits and their jobs.

DESTROY

The long term plan finally emerges, British energy at present is 20-25% produced by coal will be replaced by nuclear energy. A nasty commie miners, no discontent spreading from their ranks, but big much more nuclear production line turning out atom bombs and playing in the big league of world atomic structures.

The call for industrial action cannot be made on an abstract basis, i.e. NO JOB LOSSES, NO PIT CLOSURES.

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The call has to be for NO COMPULSORY REDUCTIONS.

If it’s not compulsory they have to put more money on the table for them who want out with a golden handshake. Maybe the threat of action weighed against the added cost of redundancy terms will make the whole thing look even more unrealistic to the government, already up to its eyeballs in shark-infested waters.

A DETERMINED PUSH

The government isn’t that strong. A determined push, a strong industrial action, a set of massive labour movement demonstrations to London against unemployment and recession and we can walk the fight back.

No the government aren’t so strong, their shit scared of rave parties,ayer mind national strike action.

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