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FREE ALL PRISONERS

While the media machine glorifies the release of the Twal(T) hostages, speculates on the condition of Reagan's shit tubes and regularly covers pages with such drivel that I can't even bother trying to be funny about.

The media ignores, distorts, covers up, and generally apologizes for the fuck ups of this society.

The only new buildings that I see have been built nowadays are the monstrous mirror reflecting square boxes destined for 'office space', the trendy comfy homes in the docklands development zone (each flying a Barratts' flag) and the monstrous extensions on police stations and on existing prison buildings.

Several statistics recently released by the government do not seem to have appeared in, or concerned the media. In 1985 the prison population reached two new levels. The total population is now at 46,131, the highest it has ever been. Even more disturbing are the figures for remand prisoners awaiting trial, again the highest ever at 8,687.

The number of prisoners has more than doubled over the last eight years.

An amnesty or change in the 'lock them all up policy of the Tories does not seem very foreseeable in the future. Apart from a few support and pressure groups there is little interest in the rising number of people kidnapped by the state and shoved into prisons.

Another monstrous collection of statistics are those relating to deaths in prison. In 1984 there were sixty-four deaths, nine of these one in seven.

were inmates on our own doorstep at Brixton. Five of these hanged themselves in the prison and the rest died from various causes in hospital.

The causes of death recorded on the prisoners were as follows:

Natural causes .......... 30
Suicide(all by hanging) .... 23
Misadventure .......... 2
Accident .......... 3
Open Verdict .......... 3
Awaiting inquest .......... 64

The only reason we have these statistics is because some MP had to 'beg' the government in the House (the one with the nice clock).

However very little is made public about the circumstances of the deaths, and even the obvious alarming rate of suicides in remand centres is just ignored.

We are forgetting prisoners, put off and distracted by the sensationalist stories about Myra Hindley, orgies in women's prisons...there are over 46,000 people locked up like animals in cages.

If they die, then its no problem for the authorities, because there are few people who bother to support prisoners.

LATE NEWS BRIXTON PRISONER DIES - AM HER DEBENTARY EXECUTED!

Radical Alternatives to Prisons.
BCC Box 4842, London WC1N 3XX
Women in Prison,
Unit 3,
Cockpit Yard,
Northington Street,
London WC1 2NP
Tel: 01-430-0767/8

CHELSTEROL THREATENS KESTREL

SCARDATE JULY '85 BRIXTON....
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Judges decided, it was a great boost, Tesco's are wrong, and there you can roost!
For with 'Barristers Unknown' filed for a name, Barristers couldn't precede with their game!

At Tesco's Headquarters the Bosses had heard, That their Lordships would not destroy this Bird!
So they phoned up their old friend TED KNIGHT, To ask him to help them to RAZE the Site.

'Squawt'

'No Problem! Said TED 'I've some friends in the 'TRADE',
ARIMORE CONSTRUCTION will shortly Invade,
'They'll dynamite the nest and the squatters as well,
'Just cut them in on your next swank Hotel!'
NO NEGOTIATIONS- Despite pickets, letters, phonecalls, Co-op help, petitions, posters... NO MEETING, NO COMMENT......GET OUT NOW!
OR We'll smash your child care centre with sledgehammers'!!!

That was the reaction of wonderful TED KNIGHT to demands that our childrens creche be licensed or given another space.

vindictive persecution by Ted Knight against local squatters (most of the women and kids using the creche are not squatters at all!).

TED HATES US- He thinks the creche is all the idea of ex-squatters from Effra Parade, whose cottages were subjected to a violent eviction by 200 riot police (all to achieve planning consent on the vacant site for an Ardmore Construction cement mix plant. 

Now they are continuing the persecution, 3 months ago, Ted personally ordered the creche to be transferred from Housing to the Borough Valuers Dept. The latter being under the firm political control of Ted since the expulsion of Nigel Baker. But Ted is attacking the wrong people The building at 24, Brailsford Rd (5 years empty!) was used by the squatters as a cafe last year but this failed and they offered it to a local mothers group who were desperate for a child care centre.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

PHYSICAL RESISTANCE.

We hope our 'Moles in the council will warn us of the eviction in advance. If so, everybody will be told, The riot police will come at around 4 or 5 A.M. and we hope that everyone will be out on the streets. More volunteers are needed to stay in the place itself. There are plans for a network of safe houses where you can run during the baton charges as well as escape and attack routes through gardens and over roofs. If we have warning all access roads and the park entrances will be blocked off with vehicles and barricaded before the riot police arrive.

The press, radio and T.V. have said they will be in attendance and local doctors and hospitals will be warned.

THE ALARM

If we don't get warning the first we may know is that look outs have spotted police convoys approaching the sleeping community and our horns will go off and door to door warnings will be given to our supporters. The telephone alarms will operate to inform all other London squatters, as well as the media. We need more volunteers now! TO PERFECT THE ALARM... and to work on detailed resistance and retaliation plans.  

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SAVE OUR CRECHE

So now bailiffs and riot police are being used to storm a CRECHE!
(FACT: 95% of local residents have signed a petition demanding that the creche be spared the Effra Treatment').

FEELINGS are running VERY HIGH, and for the first time, the entire community are united, old and young, black and white against the Jackboot tactics of the council. THE SAME COUNCIL who plaster the area with propaganda that THEY CARE about LOCAL opinion. The council will not back down. All avenues for lobbying and campaigning have now been exhausted.

IT REMAINS FOR US TO PHYSICALLY RESIST! Extensive preparation have begun and local youth are ready to go for a full and extensive riot!

WE'RE READY FOR YOU THIS TIME, TED! If that's what you want - send in the riot police, dogs, tear gas, rubber bullets.... Whatever you like!

Ted Knight is already a considerable local 'fixer' for those in the construction business.... Will he now end his 'Official' career by starting the 1985 Brixton Riots from a toddlers creche???

LILFORD BLUES

Lambeth Council's 'socialist' principles are now being stretched to include making people homeless in order to allow private development. In Lilford Rd., a stones throw from one of the brand new pre-fab high-security housing offices a terrace of attractive houses, squatted for six years, are under threat of eviction.

And, what are the council going to do with the houses? They haven't got the money to do them up, so they can't even pull their usual trick of throwing single homeless out and putting in new single homeless from the bottom of the waiting list. So, they're going to sell the houses to property speculators, no doubt so they can be modernised, and sold at a profit to some upwardly mobile trash.

At the moment, the squatters are trying to negotiate an alternative with a housing co-op, but if this is not successful, they are determined to resist this backdoor Toryism.

Fine selection of Houses and Flats free.
Sundays, 3-5pm (or advice any afternoon)

Brixton Squatterz Aid, 121 Railton Rd, SE24.
Tel: 2746655.

TED KNIGHT - THE MOBSTER

So, that bastard Ted Knight is now the darling of the left, having fought the good fight against ratecapping, and taking longer than anyone else to sell out. Well, big fucking deal!

As well as being up to his eyes in corruption, lining his pockets with backhanders from construction firms (see more being one), this hard line lefty shithed also has the responsibility of investing Lambeth councils Pension Funds!!!

(A bit like asking the Kray twins to baby-sit!) So how does he invest this money, we ask ourselves?

Well, this champion of equal opportunities puts £25:3 million into companies with South African holdings, about 60% of Lambeth's assets in dirty companies. The rest of the money goes into military engineering companies, and nuclear power. Lambeth is a 'nuclear free zone' ha ha.

Also, what sort of support is that for the miners cause, by undermining their livelihoods, not to mention the ecology? There's not really a lot else you can say about it, 'cept that it's no big surprise... Ted, you fuckwit, why don't you just crawl off somewhere and die???

CAROLS CAFE

Camden council want to evict Carol's to give a lease as a commercial premises to a 'worthy group'. The labour group met and decided to lease the place to the 'Womens Health Group' who incidentally reckon they are going to come round to get the keys!!! Is this not a full crucial decision and there is still loads of fighting between above group and others, like the Lesbian project, who want to buy the place (..) with a G.L.C. grant

We are fighting back and are not going! (note: it is not uncommon to play out one community group against another, fight all the scabs and sell outs who are into playing these power games. typisl)
THE WAR IS HERE AND NOW

SOUTH AFRICA

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Yesterday they killed 3 kids, the day before 8 got blown to bits...Tomorrow there will be funerals and more will die...These are the heroes who are taking on the South African war machine on the streets of the dusty ghettos.

BUT THE WAR IS HERE AS WELL! Last week the Anti Apartheid offices were firebombed in London, obviously by BOSS agents. In fact Britain is just an extension of the South African economy - Britain is the main customer and investor...the main profit maker from racist rule, slave labour and cheap resources ripped out of the earth. Britain is buying and selling race war and mass murder, laughing all the way to the banks of our rich masters...IT'S ALL TRUE AND HARDLY EVEN COVERED UP!! What we raised at the one-off Live Aid concert they take back out of Africa, and more, EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. Money off your taxes, money going into your Doyle!

The war is here and now...Which side are you on? A kid in 5th Africa can lose his/her life for chucking a stone...but YOU have 1000 targets, State Property and 5th African connected businesses, right on your doorstep. NOW is the most vital time to hit back, even if it's only graffiti it costs them to clean it off.

Your British bastards! You fucking smug racist imperialist BASTARDS. War is declared on the whole 5th African black population, and in Britain?? An "upsurge in racial incidents" is reported!!

Show your solidarity, show your fucking humanity! Let's all JOIN IN THE WAR TONITE!

SOUTH AFRICA

The Anti-Apartheid headquarters in Camden Town was damaged by a mailbox firebomb on the 16th of July. Someone had been seen putting a tube in the mailbox at about 11pm. The papers reported it as someone pouring petrol into the mailbox. A reliable source said "Agents of South Africa acted because the Anti Apartheid campaigns were too successful recently". National news coverage of this act was late and minimal, even though local police finally admitted that the South African Gov't could have done it.

THE ROCKALL RANT

Rockall and The Falklands are Saved, Ireland is Mastered. The Queen is on her Throne and God is on Our Side. The GREAT MYTH of the True Blue Brit is Brown. YES FOLKS if the True Brit can get excited about anything it's the GREAT MYTH that He is the Master Race and all others (White Women included) are set there by GOD to be Robbed, Raped and Exploited at Will...

To HELL with Great Britain, folks...ALL HATE TO THE STATE!!

SICK SICKO SICKO

The British Tourist Authority is celebrating English Heritage this year by holding a "Sell your Wife" weekend in Birmingham, at the Imperial Hotel. Husbands will be given a "farewell drink" before being photographed with a chain and horse collar around her neck! Sounds like a fair target to me!!

Write and tell us how it goes... Source BF.
"A rat in a cage will rattle at the gate
This mad rat would destroy the City State."


THERE ARE 50,000 PRISONERS ON THAT PUNISHMENT BLOCK... BUT THERE ARE 50 MILLION PRISONERS.

"Smash it up, Mash it up,
TEAR THAT CELLBLOCK DOWN!"

POETRY WINNER

This month's winner we print below. Your free Crowbar is in the post. Congratulations on a fine example of the mid 20th Century Sonnet. Send in your entries NOW.

"Ships they are for lifting,
Trains and queues for jumping,
Mansions are for squatting
And cops are for Garrotting!"

Anon.

DIARY FILTHY SQUATTERS

Maybe you think that all Crowbar readers are dole scroungers, deviant subversives, social waste products living in the rubbish dump of bourgeois society. Not a pretty bed of roses... we are under constant attack, lots of us get dragged off to prison, suffer mental crackups, turn into junkies or, even worse, trendy! Most of us are forced to do shit-work on the side, to add to the miserable pannies of the dole...

They're cutting the dole again, of course, they've been cutting off and deporting 'foreigners' and closing the marriage loophole for women as well. They're trying to cut off squatters electric, they're trying always to evict, they've cut out rent fiddles, now they want to take 'bills' money straight from our dole (we could end up owing them money every week!) They're cracking down on double doles, handing out prison for shoplifting stepping up cop surveillance and phonetapping, (lucky we've no phones!), instituting Community Grass schemes. They're encouraging racism, sexism and drug addiction, and cutting back health care...

And in reply...WHAT? Of course we do fight back, we know of a 1000 dodgers, and a 100 little revengers. But to really fight back we need to combine, and for that we need our own identity... Maybe we should be proud to be squatters, unemployed, social 'failures'. Maybe we should have our own movement, not just for 'Politics' but for practical mutual aid. For instance, if you organise with 5 people you can trust, to sit down and exploit the $5 and every loophole in the system, you can quite safely get back twice the cash and make monies of the Social Wankers!

But maybe we shouldn't be thinking in terms of 'Work' at all... All people really want is enough cash to live on, and then to go about doing what they really enjoy! (If we can decide what that is)... For instance in our area we've had (at various times) a squatters bar, a food co-op, a squat cafe, 2 libraries, lots of papers and mags, a bookshop, studios and dark rooms, collective tools (didn't work!), an 80 person group who help with electrics, plumbing, roofing etc for cheap or free, a squat advice centre, an alarm network, a squatters creche, local games, an 8 syndicalist group, a miners support group, public meetings, a layout centre, a bicycle workshop, a squatters night club etc etc... And we're just a few people in a small area.

The point is this... If we can combine together to resist all the attacks and the Daily Bullshit, there's still lots of possibilities here to do things which we actually enjoy and which benefit each other... no profit involved... instead of boosting some Party seeking power or some Pie in the Sky. Of course the more we organise ourselves, the more possibilities we have. That to me, here, is what a is all about.

Thats it! If the Council wont help me - I'll help myself!
Sorry, not many recipes in this issue, I've run out of inspiration this time. If you've got any going spare, please send them to me and I'll stick them in. 

What I'll do in the next couple of issues is run a serialisation on lock-picking. I've already touched upon the subject, but this will be pretty comprehensive stuff, and well worth learning, until then, keep out of mischief, (ha ha),

Happy Hunting,
Moriarty....

A plastic or thin metal strip (even a credit card in some cases) can be used to force a spring loaded bolt back in most cheap door locks.

The rubber band-thumb tack method for defeating chain locks. The door is opened as far as possible and the tack stuck in the door as far as you can reach.

When the door is suddenly shut, the chain will pop out.

1. Wet a sponge
2. Wrap the sponge tightly with a string and let it dry
3. Remove the string
4. Introduce the sponge into toilets or water drains to stop them up as the sponge swells

CRACKER TIPS

CRISS CROSS QUIZ

0.K you lazy bastards, here's a bit of fun for you to enjoy..... In the above collection of letters we have hidden the names of fourteen Anarchist papers for you to find. They are written up, down, backwards, sideways and diagonally. Answers are on the inside back page, with reviews. Now don't cheat.................
LEKKY fiddling!!
CROWBAR EXCLUSIVE WITH JESUS CHRIST TALKS!

A.T.: So when did you get back to Earth, Mr. Christ?
J.C.: With the CONWAY at Shrewsbury Forest!!!

A.T.: Why was there a delay? Your pirate ship was fine when you got away.
J.C.: Well, I had to make sure we had a good supply of electricity... and it took a bit longer than expected.

A.T.: Can you explain how you got the electricity? It seemed like you were able to tap into some kind of network.
J.C.: Indeed, I did... but I'm afraid I can't go into the details. It's a bit too complicated. But it was a real puzzle, as it means that no one else can move this sort of thing to happen. This is why the price of electricity is so high, with all the problems that come with it.

A.T.: What about the Amageron thing? How did you get big girls to keep quiet about the convoy?
J.C.: It was a bit tricky, but I had to do it. I had to be sure that no one found out about my secret project.

A.T.: Did you ever see any UFOs or anything like that?
J.C.: Yes, I did once... but I'm afraid I can't tell you too much about that. It was quite a strange experience. But I'm sure you can imagine what it was like.

A.T.: Mr. Christ, you know, I have to ask... what about your real identity? Who are you really? Is there anything else you would like to share with the world?
J.C.: I am, as you know, the Son of God... and I am here to teach the world about love and forgiveness. That is my mission, and I will continue to do so, no matter what. I know it's not always easy, but I am here to help you all make the right choices in life.

A.T.: Well, thank you for your message. I mean, I know you had to do it the hard way, but I'm glad you're back. It's been quite a journey for us all.

J.C.: Thank you, my friend. And don't forget: always keep your courage and faith. No matter what happens, we will always find a way to overcome the challenges of life. Amen!
MET POLICE BUNKERS
WHERE THEY ARE
HOW TO SABOTAGE

The Metropolitan Police's War Command is based at two bunkers, one at Lippets Hill, Essex and the other at Mersham, Surrey. Lippets Hill is the main 'Live' bunker as well as the main Met Police Helicopter Base. It's from here that the Nuclear Police will coordinate control and the wiping out of resistance during a war or serious uprising. It's based on an old AAOR bunker, built just after the last war, and includes an arms dump, supplies, low frequency microwaves linking to the police, army and NATO systems, and firing ranges where the police are trained to use automatic and machine guns, etc. (You can hear them blasting away any day). Lippets Hill is Scotland Yard North, a futuristic police HQ designed to withstand even a Nuclear Blast.

CHOP THE CHOPPERS

To get there you'll need a map (Landranger No.167) and you'll need to get to know the thick woods surrounding the base and have good escape routes worked out. Dogs are usually loose inside the perimeter fence, and these would have to be dealt with. The easiest project would be to sabotage the 3 helicopters, but you will need an experienced team working at night, and there is a chance of getting shot! The bunker itself is guarded and in constant use. Perhaps the best possibility for attack would be the air vents, if you can get at them behind the massive blast shields, (see photo). Dropping in open gas bottles or paving in inflammables could clean out the nest. The firing ranges are not used at night, but presumably the armoury is well guarded.

NEWHAM SEVEN

Congratulations to the freed members of the Newham 7. We hope that their comrades who were found guilty of defending their community against nazi lowlife and scum will get unbelievably light sentences.

It's no surprise that the filth are even now trying to pretend that the Asians burnt to death in Ilford were not the victims of a racist attack. The Yard's 'new approach' to racial attacks in London is to deny they occur.

Can you imagine the response if whites were living under seige by blacks? Shoot to kill, probably. Yet when it's the other way round, cops and councils alike just ignore the problem while the media maintain their bigoted silence.
Reports are still trickling in of the World wide Stop Business as Usual demo on 30th April. Crowbar seems to be the only paper trying to cover all the actions...which we think is shit. SBU is a brilliant idea, and an essential way forward for an Internationalist movement. The idea is for everyone to do something in their own area...however small.

We would like to take up the suggestion from Dublin that the next SBU should be on Nov 5th 85. So can everyone start publicising that date now?

In the last issue we printed reports from London, Nottingham, Luton, Newcastle, Bristol, Ashford, Norwich, Bedford and Hastings in the UK, as well as hundreds of actions in the USA. Here's some more...

STOP THE WORLD

TORONTO...
Small group actions reported on April 30th. But no details.

MADRID.
Two groups of 10 toured the centre, graffiti-ing and glueing up locks on banks, about 50 or 60 of them.

BARCELONA.
About 30 people, mainly from the squatters collective (now dissolved) disrupted McDonalds and other burger restaurants, letting mice loose.

PAMPLONA and PALMA DE MALLORCA.
Actions planned but no reports.

BERLIN.
The SBU group were followed by police, and nine people were arrested before anything happened at all. Further Ekomedia report lost.

STOP THE WORLD DEMO

AMSTERDAM.
4 main attacks. An office of Honeywell Bull got broken windows and graffiti. People climbed on the roof of the Sperry building (arms dealer) and poured ammonia etc. in the air conditioning and made a leaflet about it. Compriso (a nuclear company involved with 5th Africa) got smashed windows and paint bombed.

EDO. (Netherlands) 30th April.
Upjohn, a company which 'dumps' useless medicines in the 3rd world was raided.

DELT (Netherlands) 30th April.
A luxurious supermarket, the CT00, was paintbombed and graffitied.

Back in Amsterdam, there was extensive city centre graffiti (2 arrests), for example, 'Shell Oil from Hell' on the Bank of America. 'Multinationals don't burn down by themselves...Help Them!'.

STOP THE WORLD DEMO

Aarhus (Denmark).
Actions planned and happened, but no details.

GENEVA.
An excellent action took place. Activists disguised themselves as employees of the big Swiss banks and explained at street stalls what happens to money in your bank account, with excellent leaflets, generating a lot of publicity and interest. - GREAT POSTER - THANX!

ITALY.
Actions planned but no reports.

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN OUT OF THE MANY EMBLISHMENTS IN THE UNHEALTHY ATTENTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT OF PEOPLE ANIMALS & THE EARTHS RESOURCES, THIS ACTION IS A SHOW OF DEEP DISGUST & REJUVENATION AT YOUR BEACON SCENE ACTIVITIES. WE Sincerely HOPE THAT THIS ACTION BRINGS TO EVERYONE ATTENATION TO THE INJUSTICES PERPETRATED BY YOUR SUPERIORS IN THE NAME OF FREE ENTERPRISE... 

DUBLIN
'the Dog' reports that a grand total of 29 rich cars were damaged in the area around the Shelbourne Hotel and associated posh clubs. Jags, Limos, a roller and a Porche made up the drying tally! Other sufferers included many shops, especially butchers.

The Dubliners are keen for another SBU, and would like to suggest Nov 5th for our collective consideration...This does make things a little tight for Crowbar groups as our autumn firearms training camp finishes only the day before in Malta...but well DO OUR BEST!

NOVEMBER THE 5TH??

We think Stop Business as Usual is a brilliant idea, very few arrests, lots of action and people taking part. The idea is to attack or expose the arms race, big business, oppression, animal suffering, sexism, racism etc. in YOUR OWN AREA, to get people aware and acting against it on their own terms.

So lets do it again...NOVEMBER 5th 85?? How about it?
If everyone who took part last time does a few hundred leaflets and distributes them, it could be twice as big as April 30th.Especially if other papers will support the idea.

STOP THE WORLD

Dear CROWBAR,
The overall response to S.B.U. seems to have been pretty good. Included is a letter from Aberdeen saying what went on there. Next time with better organisation and publicity a lot more could be done.
I must admit I was a bit peeved that only yourselves and Black Flag actually publicised it—there ought to be a lot more 'coming together' with the @ papers with regards to events. Class War flogged 5000 copies last issue so why the fuck was there no mention of S.B.U. in it? The same goes for Freedom, although people have more sense these days than to waste their time reading that pile of shit!

We are presently working on the new Timpey Village Anarchist and it's miles better than the 1st Issue—and we've decided to write it in a manner which non-anarchists can relate to. (Oh, have we now? Typerste.)

Incidentally, I know that Copernicus was supposed to send us a car soon—and she ain't sent it yet so if you see it can you tell him that our ELITE DEATH SQUADS will be dispatched unless something is sent within the next week.

Incidentally, the ALF recently did a brilliant 'trashing' on 'RACKHAM!' in Altrington—they smashed 5 fucking huge windows, must have cost a bomb and it really upset the local petty bourgeoisie scumbag who have a tendency to infest the shit hole in question. Looking forward to reading the next Crowbar. love @dan.

And up and over in Aberdeen, we understand that the local Job Centre had it's window bricked along with a long trail of glue-up looks and a picket of a fur shop—on 30 April.
Dear CROWBAR,

Your incitement to decimate the memorial to Yvonne Fletcher is too much. Dare I recall that she was gunned down by one of Gaddafi's thugs while protecting a student demo against that masturbatory pseudo-revolutionary dictator? Or that the Police are also proles? Specifically that part of the proletariat who are employed to keep the state in line - yet none the less open to a class analysis of their situation and to being not treated as enemies. Politics is not football, simply the matter of right symbol - and the colour of your shirt! What matters is the form, but the content. And while we are about it - what was that fascistic nonsense about vigilante groups and castrating rapists?

CROWBAR says: What a load of bollocks... a cop is fair target, no matter what. They are our natural enemies and I won't be happy until every last one of them is dead. Fuck the class analysis, once a cop is a cop, then that is it, they have chosen to stand in the line between us and the rich bastards, and deserve what they get. Same goes for rapists, judges, politicians, screw-ups and fascists. Right, got that off my chest.

CROWBAR

Dear Crowbar,

I am enraged to see the magazine getting so tame and complacent. Wake up for fucks sake and just say what you think!

Where, for instance does Crowbar stand on the question of the Royal Family? Do you agree that they must be slowly tortured to death in public, or have you gone over to the Reformist 'hang them in a back yard' brigade. And what is all this about 'surplus private property'? It's not just a matter of the guy who owns 20 houses and lives off the rent, what about my squatter mate who keeps his fucking stereo locked up in his own room!

Let's get down to the nitty gritty. Let's make a start by murdering all the rich parasites who live in luxury off our backs! Print this, bastards, or go on my personal death list!

(Name & address on our list for)

His Master's Voice

Dear CROWBAR,

JESUS! Did you SEE that fucking Labour Party? Political - 22. The one with fucking Billy Bragg? THE BASTARD! I used to like his stuff - but now he can go strum a dead cat. HOW THE FUCK can someone who did all those miners benefits put any faith in shitface scab Kinnoch? And what about Jimmy (Mr Potatohead) Somerville? THAT BASTARD KINNOCK HATES GAYS! The only reason he doesn't call them fairies anymore is cos he's realised he can't catch it from ballot papers. WHAT A BUNCH OF COLLABORATORS!!

And as for Aswad, words fail me. I know its tough in the reggae world right now, but did they have to stoop so low for airplay? DID THEY ASK KINNOCK ABOUT BLACK SECTIONS? Well, if rocknroll is about getting a place on a fucking stupid electronics course and voting Labour out of dog-like gratitude, if rocknroll is about Kinnoch instead of Thatcher, FORGET IT! Let's all just give up and buy Bruce Springsteen

The Yvonne Fletcher Fan Club

Dear Customer,

This voucher entitles you to £5 off your next court fine, or one day off your next custodial sentence, or one less broken rib than usual.

This offer only applies to one person per household, and can only be used once. This voucher should be handed to your arresting officer, along with your kidney donor card. Offer expires should you either die or become a freemason.

Det. Supts. Marnoch and Speed,
Chief pigs, Brixton Nick

Metropolitan Police
Beacrome
Neighbourhood Watch
11.00 o clock on a Saturday morning and I am driving a full vanload of anarcho punks to Henley, oooh what a hell of a hangover! We arrive at the turnoff...the smallest back route we can find, 7 miles from Henley, and there's a cop car parked by the entrance. A quick detour round the lanes and we're past them without being clocked...we assume the main roadblocks are further down...fuck this! They're bound to nick us and the van, as at Stonehenge...and the rumours, 2000 pigs waiting for us, searchlights, dogs, marksmen, army alert, dragging the river for 6 weeks before...

This, I was thinking, must be the most suicidal Stop The City yet, courtesy of Class War. In fact this was worse than the 1st 2nd and 4th STC's, I had seen no organisation meetings, no patient build up of networks and trust, no meetings locally, no benefits, no meet up points, no legal briefing, no creche. All they seemed to have done was print 1000's of leaflets and to brilliantly and successfully court the National media.

I had a hangover, as I say, driving into Henley with everyone flat on the floor...Then we were right in Henley, no blocks, and parked and unloaded with no problem at all! Meet at 6.00 we said, and split up.

I walked around Henley with a pretty smartly dressed friend...and I was sickened, shocked and intimidated by what I saw. The police we had expected, wall to wall pigs of every possible stripe, perhaps 1000 in all. But they weren't nicking everyone. Obviously they decided to play it cool, maybe they'd noted from Bash The Rich that our bark is much worse than our bite. No, what shocked me was the sheer wealth displayed with such arrogance, living in the ghetto you forget it a bit...I had never seen anything like it! They had these special Enclosures, swanky Clubs, bars restaurants and reserved car parks for each fucking layer of the Upper Class, the object being to flaunt your wealth and status in the face of your lesser! The cheapest area was the Stewards Enclosure, only £50 for a ticket! (The Henley Gazzette said this ed right over and a Rolls badly smashed up. Then there was the bridge...All the super rich just had to take our Cruise and had their champagne party while driving up and down before the envious mobs. The bridge had police lines hemming the pavement on both sides, to stop us blocking it and keep us moving. But lots of people still jeered, spat and threw things at the Rich passing below (Quite a few got nicked this way). One friend of mine claims that he lobbed a bottle of wine over the bridge...himself.

At about 3pm a few hundred tried to block the bridge, shouting, jeering and singing before being dispersed. This was the only gathering, and its impossible to say how many we were. I think about 400, half dressed as punks or bikers and half trying to look cool. Around this time came the successful attack on the Town Club (was missed) with lots of damage. I spoke to a woman who set papers on fire before fleeing. Back in the town centre arguments and scuffles were breaking out between rich people and the anarchists (we had found the officiame) saw people being physically attacked for asking rich people for 10p. There was at least one well-dressed gang going round attacking rich people at random and blinding them into the car parks. They had lookout posts, lines of vans, hails full of reserves and plenty of plain clothes, but they were fairly restrained, and only 53 people were nicked altogether. Half of these had their charges dropped. Of the rest, I know of one £100 fine for damage to a car. Another on bail for ABH to a cop (biting him during an arrest). Another who had missed the piggy (hurt himself) until her trial. Another for obstruction. Nothing very major. (Why don't CW have a decent Bust fund?)

Not all those nicked were anarchists, two spent the time inside slagging and wanking off in front of women prisoners!

By 8.30pm when we left, 4 from our van had been nicked and taken to Reading. One person nicked was allowed to see leaflets with names and photos of 5 of the CW "leaders" which were circulated amongst the cops. Must be a wind-up, don't they know we don't have leaders? The huge Reading nick we were told all were being held overnight for a special court, but they started letting people out just after we left.

So what of Henley? A big success I reckon, I didn't do much but I wish I had (got drunk & fell asleep in the sun). Many people were in shock at the sheer arrogant wealth, we weren't tooled up and had to improvise. For example some women pissed in their beer cans (there were no place to piss for oroles)...

Then they threw it over rich shits...

"Jolly bad show...Throwing beer on us now is it?" said one beautifully dressed couple.

"No, Ha Ha Its PISS," our friends replied.
STOP HENLEY!

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Typical stuff: then there were all the stories of anarchists in too good disguise getting attacked by other ones, and Rich Wakeman getting beaten unconscious. So Henley was a good laugh (only good I must say cos they chose not to nick us all) and an eye opener into the power and prestige of our RULERS above all a brilliant idea.

As we left our comrades bang up in Reading nick for the night and headed back for London, a great fireworks display could be seen in the North sky over Henley. The ruling class were celebrating the survival of their wealth and power.

BED & BREAKFAST BAD AND BREAK UP FAST BAD AND BRICK FAST

Already evicted B & B's are moving around the country or into London in search of a roof over their head/next B & B. In London the first wave of B & B evictions is expected in August, and it seems that most of those affected by the new laws are unaware of what is going to happen. Many squat and housing activists got involved with HASSL (Homeless Against Social Security Laws) but it proved to be a frustrating and time consuming experience. Apart from Camden HASSL the groups are dominated by well-paid and housed social workers producing stacks of minutes, drawing up complicated constitutions, but have been unable to reach any of the B & B-ers e.g. Lambeth HASSL have so far not produced one decent leaflet. They are extremely keen on helping people with their individual cases, get exemptions etc., in stead of facing it as a collective problem, that must be dealt with by collective action. They get so carried away with it they forget that no one wants to live in a B & B anyway. Some of us suspect that HASSL is discouraging/preventing people to organise. HASSL can only be effective if organised by the B & B-ers themselves and it's not going to happen this way. Squatters are now trying to reach B & B-ers through leafleting and flyposting DHSS and housing offices and hopefully continue the fight against homelessness in a more direct way: lots of empties, available! HELP YOURSELVES.

Homeless people are being referred to squatters organisations by the local council housing offices all the time...

SHITE HASSLED IN HARINGEY BRILLIANT

People in Harlingey found out that Ted Knight was coming to speak to Harlingey council. We were going to go to the council meeting anyway as they were talking about homelessness and the new B & B laws. About 8 of us went along with banners, leaflets and posters. Ted the Shite was sitting really close to us and when he got up to speak we shouted that we hadn't forgotten Effra Parade, and "who evicts creches". We put up our posters saying that he was a paid thug and involved in corruption. We shouted through most of his speech (which was a scrouge for Lambeth council heroically not setting a rate). On his way out he was bombarded with paper balls. Two of us rushed forward and him waiting for a car outside the Civic centre. We told him that we wanted to talk to him and he said that he was waiting for a car and was busy. We then told him that we knew about his fraud and corruption. He then threatened to sue us for libel, but we pointed out there was nobody to hear us. He also said that if our filthy paper Crowbar was worth a penny he would sue for everything that it's got. We then told him that if he'd touch 121 we'd fucking touch him. He asked if that was a threat and we said 'No, just telling what would happen'. He then hurried back to the Civic centre to wait for his car. I think we've shit him up quite well cos now he must think that he can't go out of Lambeth and be free of trouble. If people do this every time he speaks anywhere I'm sure he'll think twice about evicting 121!

Yours in solidarity, Harlingey comrades

CHELSEA SQUATTERS

Now running for almost a year on Ebury Bridge Rd. Chelsea: a semi-organised squat in ageing council block. The block has been emptied of council tenants and is being occupied by about 40-50 squatters in about 30 flats, plus 10 or so families that are short term housing ass. tenants. They are awaiting the sale of the block a late '86-'87 to Barratts to have it converted to private luxury flats. There is a very close community spirit and if mass-eviction does occur (which has been threatened) there is hope that a similar set up can be established elsewhere with a large exodus of squatters if necessary.
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CROWBAR SUBS

Crowbar is now taking subscriptions, so how can you afford to not getting yours regularly? Write to us at BM Box Hurricane, London WC1 £2.50!!!

Please send us any news from your part of the world, along with any graphics, ideas, mean, we can’t just sit here all the bleeding time, doing all the work, we need a bit of help.

Crowbar will be, from now on, free to prisoners. Just write to us and give us an address and we’ll send them on.

MAGAZINE REVIEWS

CROWBAR........Simply the best anarchist/squatting paper in the world, defies description, words fail me. Keep a low profile, very modest.

Poison Pen........Local Hastings Paper, now in its 500th issue, or close to it. Comes out every week, and is free! There should be a Poison Pen in every village/town/city in the Land. An inspiration! C/O Hastings Free Press, 32 London Rd, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex.

Black Flag........Very regular, (forthrightly) with great international and industrial news. Good too for lists of prisoners and addresses, carries Black Cross news. 50p. BM Hurricane, London WC1N 3xx.

Class War........Britain’s second best anarchist paper, sells like crazy, very good, very, very good, 20p, Box CW, 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1.

Stuff it........The ‘theoretical’ Journal of the Bristol @’s always good for a laugh, colourful....30p, Box 010, Full Marks, 110 Chelsea Rd, Bristol E6.

Wire.............Local squatters paper from Southwark, comes out fortnightly, bit hippy, good local news coverage, yes! 10 (or 10p). 362 Old Kent Rd, Elephant and Castle, London.

Antirr Alternative..new anarchist news sheet, in its second issue and only 5p! All good stuff, covering a wide variety of issues. Available from Just Books, 7 Winstawnt st, Belfast.

Wolverine........very irregular gay anarchist paper, but very good when it does come out....look forward to seeing another one soon. C/O 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1.

Direct Action.....Used to be pretty boring, but its improved a lot recently. The national paper of the DAM-MA. Anarchism from a syndicalist viewpoint. 20p from Dept. D.A. F.O. Box 102, Hull, Nth, Humberside.

Kick it Over.....Quarterly magazine from Canada, a bit up and down, but well worth reading. Discusses things other @ mags leave out. Always interesting. 1.50p from P.O. box 5611, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5W 1P2.

Socialist Opportunist - Review goodbye next issue.

Volga...........News from the ‘communist’ world. Tales of resistance and oppression. A vital source of news. 10p from 65 Gregory Cres, Eltham, London, SE9 5HZ.

Green Anarchists........ecologically sound @ mag, tends to be a bit wishy washy pacifist, but that doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t be concerned about our environment. Has o.k. articles now and then. Lost the adress, but its available from Freedom Bookshop, 84b Whitechapel Ht Highstreet, London E1.

Black Chip........new magazine for anarchists with computers. Must be the most important development recently, how to get back at corporations and the state, using their own weapons, I reckon everyone should start taking top classes in computers, rather than ignoring them! 40p from 55 Dupont St, London SW20 9HE.

Solidarity........pretty boring too my anarchist stuff, new out now and then...an attempt to bridge the gap between socialist thinking and last week’s breakfast. 60p (what!). C/O 134 Latham Rd London E6.

And now the ones we left out of the puzzle...........

Knee Deep in Shit........slightly smelly, good hard hitting stuff, personally I think that they’re all freemasons........31 Manor Rd Bradford W. Yorks (40p).

Anarchist Feminist mag........75p the authentic voice of anarcho feminism, buy now while stocks last, (approx. 5000 left)........121 Halton rd, Brixton.
SQUAT ADVICE ADDRESSES

Brixton Brixton Squatters Aid, Sunday 3 - 5 pm 121 Railton Road 274 6655
Southwark Squatters Network Of Walworth 362 Old Kent Road 701 5804 Mon-Fri 4-7
Camden Camden Squatters Aid 4 Carol St. Tues. 8 pm

Islington Islington Housing Action 287 Upper St. especially Sun. 2 pm
Haringey 'Homes for All' Meeting room, 32 Alexandra Rd. Fri. 7.30

Dalston c/o A.S.S.
General Advisory Service for Squatters 2 St. Pauls Rd., 359 8814. Mon-Fri 2-6pm
Hackle my c/o ASS, see article in this issue

TRENDSIFICATION

Now the dust has settled in the great Rates Rebellion saga, its time to take stock. Many people are confused as to why Crowbar has not supported the Council in its gallant stand against the Tories. Surely, cry the readership, you don't support ratecapping?

No, we don't. But that doesn't mean we're fools. The baying of middleclass Labour hacks about 'jobs and services'. We know what they're on about. Loads of the councils money goes on paying out £10,000 a year to a swarm of 'Community Workers', who, armed with a sociology degree and a labour party card, go around telling us how oppressed we are before slopping off to some trendy wine-bar they saw listed in City Limits.

Loads more goes on stupid tarting up of Brixton, to make an environment these parasites can feel comfortable in. (Its just like Isling -ton my dears, but so much more ethnic!)

Painted railway bridges, ridiculous red paving stones, and in a project reminiscent of the Tsars of Russia, facelifting Electric Avenue without touching the squalid interiors of the flats inside. These are services we can do without.

Yes, the inner city need facilities, but they should be run by the working class, not by a bunch of alternative commissars. Whose response to initiatives taken by the community is to destroy whatever they cannot gain control over. If the money paid out on the salaries of these 'upwardly mobiles' (so called because scam always rises to the top) was given to the plain people of Lambeth, to do up their estates, set up nurseries, social centres workshops etc, we'd be getting somewhere!

In the last analysis, rates, like taxes, are just legalised extortion. We have no control over how they're spent, just as we have no real control over our lives and our area. Struggles between different factions of the owners are a diversion from the struggle to gain that control.

A squatters association has been born on the Nightingale Estate to support squatters facing eviction and force the council to get their head out of the fucking sand and put their thousands of homeless into their thousands of empty homes. Initial response from the Council: 'We don't condone squatting' so there you are: no care from'trad, socialist' Hackney that people have to live on the streets.

We would like to meet other squatters/squatting groups and fight the council together. Contact us through ASS or 5 Olympus Sq. on the estate (day) or 84 Farnell Point ditto.

YO HO PICNICS

The YO MEN present...4 picnics at...
Clissold Pk,Stoke Newington (near the ponds) 8th Aug.
Hampstead Heath (Ken wood) 15th August
Finsbury Pk.(North Side) 22nd August
Abney Park Cemetery,Stoke Newington...29th August.
ALL START THURS AT 2PM -BRING OWN FOOD DRINK MUSIC

MINERS IN PRISON...JUMBLE SALE.
SAT 17th AUG. 2pm. 121 RAILTON RD. SE24.
LEST WE FORGET...done by Anarchist Black Cross

ANTI RATE CAPping MARCH THROUGH LAMBETH
WED 14th AUG.Your chance to lobby Ted.

ASHFORD REMAND CENTRE.
Greetings to all friends still in this ho-rible nick. We have got a report that CROWBAR has been smuggled into the prison,inside a copy of the BEANO.Hope you're still having High Times!

LAMBETH LABOUR PARTY RALLY...JULY 29. 8pm
Assembly Rooms.Lambeth Town Hall.50p.With Ted Knight,Arthur Scargill etc.maybe Tony Benn & Dennis Skinner...ANOTHER CHANCE TO LOBBY TED!!

DISTRIBUTION NEWS
We will shortly be bringing CROWBAR to the newstands in the Midlands Area.
Could anyone help in this worthy project??
Please write in and tell us..........

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TED'S ACCENT-The South African Connection

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YOUR MIND ISN’T THE ONLY THING GOVERNMENTS DAMAGE.

NUCLEAR FALLOUT

MENTAL PROBLEMS

UNEMPLOYMENT

THATCHER’S HAIRCUT

PARTY POLITICAL BROADCASTS

DRUG DEPENDANCY

POVERTY

HOMELESSNESS

It can also have some pretty nasty effects on your life. All of which you can start suffering long before you become addicted.

You’ll probably start looking ill, losing weight and feeling like death. You’ll begin to vote not to get high any more, but just to feel normal.

And, as you lose control of your future, you could lose control of your mind too.

Until one day you’ll wake up knowing that, instead of you controlling the government, it now controls you.

So, if a politician asks you to vote for him, use your brain while you still can. And say no.

GOVERNMENTS REALLY SCREW YOU UP.
AS WE GO TO PRESS, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK THIS MORNING THE CRECHE WAS EVICTED

KIDS EVICTED...PIGS CARRY OUT TED KNIGHTS DIRTY WORK.

Today, 24th July, 85, the Creche at 24 Brailsford Road was evicted, by order of Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth Council. They came without warning, vanloads of police, housing staff and hired thugs. The 'moles' failed, the alarm failed. By the time we arrived the police had sealed off the area and the bailiffs and workers were throwing kids' toys, creche equipment and personal belongings into the street.

A brutal and senseless eviction of a successful self-help scheme by desperate young and single mothers. We stood around stunned as the bailiffs and cops laughed in our faces!

We never quite believed they would do it again, after all the publicity, petitioning, and demonstrations. They had evicted the place on 19th April illegally but it had been re-squatted. But this time there will be no resquats, the council has given it to a religious group (Moslems) who immediately had their women moving in stuff and scrubbing the place. What a brilliant piece of Divide and Rule!

We didn't believe they would do it, barricading ad been held off as it would ruin the Creche, but was due, ironically to begin today. There were no negotiations, no chance of rehousing... the Creche is homeless and the kids have nowhere to play. So this is the true face of the 'socialist' Lambeth Council, the Labour Party that CARES to send in their riot police and bully boys against our kids!... So much for promises! So much for lobbying and the 'right channels'. The time has come for us all to unite and fight back. We will squat another place for the Creche... and we will never let Ted Knight forget this day!...