THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
TODAY'S POLITICIANS = TOMORROW'S DOG FOOD

THE MEDIA MADE THEM SUPERSTARS.
WE'LL MAKE THEM WISH THEY'D NEVER BEEN BORN!

NATURAL BORN PILLOCKS!

INSIDE: SCANDAL, NEWS, VIEWS & REVIEWS PLUS THE LOWDOWN ON GREEN POLITICS - ALL IN YOUR EARTH-SHATTERING CLASS WAR
WHAT WE SAY

The Barings Bank crash shows once again how fundamentally fragile capitalism is. How a few mistakes on a computer, or in an office, or at sea, can throw an economy into turmoil.

How the movement of massive amounts of money, that is represented by nothing more than a slip of paper, or just electronic on a VDU screen, can put thousands of people on the scrap heap.

SPIVS
It also shows that the whole proxy system is run by, and for, a mixture of the Old Boys network and spivs out for a quick buck, and that’s even before the cult who run the state get involved.

Unfortunately so far only one of these spivs has taken a big fall, and we are truly sad to see that the Queen’s stolen wealth was specially protected.

Don’t you just hate it when that happens?
Still, don’t worry, there’ll always be a next time.

MP’s have, for once, been setting a good example for the rest of us.
They’ve only been turning up for work three days a week and have voted themselves a pay rise way above inflation.

BASTARDS
But since MP’s of all parties love to lecture us about working harder for money, (you’re pricing yourself out of a job they tell us), we can’t really call it “setting a good example”.

It should be called: those dirty, sleazy, hypocritical, organised, lying bunch of bastards who are only good for doing space in.UK, without a safety rope are at it again.

DON’T ENCOURAGE THEM

The Tories got a right good hammering in the Scottish local elections, a fact that will cheer up many working class people pleased off with living for so long under their rule.

The stage looks set for this humiliation to be repeated in the May local elections in England and Wales.

But it’s important to remember that one of the important factors that came out of the election wasn’t that the Tories came in fourth place with a paltry 11.5%, or that Labour look over 50% of the vote. The important feature of this election was that only 40% of the electorate bothered to vote.

What’s important about this is that it’s not even 40% of the people who voted, it’s only 40% of those who are eligible, and registered who bothered.

The fact is that most ordinary people have no faith in politicians, no matter what party they represent, The May elections will see a similar minority of people voting for who rules us. As will the general elections, which by the look of things won’t be too long coming.

The electoral system is a con. The Tories have only been able to remain in power, at a national level, by mobbing the 6 million rich voters. It needs each time. As far as the rest of us are concerned, we can do without.

LIES
It’s these same voters who Tony Blair is desperately trying to get to vote Labour the next time. This is why he’s “so much better than the Tories, and why anybody who puts any faith in him will soon be kicking themselves for being coned one more time.

Politicians of all shades worry more about people not voting than they do about losing their seats. They crap themselves that we’re not through their lies and distortions and realise that we are perfectly capable of organising our own lives. Who needs corrupt, power hungry leaders and bosses?

So whether it’s local or national elections, don’t vote if it only encourages them.

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TURKISH DELIGHT?

Islamic bigotry in Turkey bit off more than they could chew when they machine-gunned a cafe frequented by Alivitis (a non-conformist Muslim order).

Arms and left wing groups demonstrated against the reopening of the Turkish cafe.

This in turn led to a week of heavy duty rioting in Ankara and Istanbul. (The most significant since the 1980 military coup) and left 30 dead and at least 100 seriously injured.

By 7.30pm on Friday night, the plot had been instructed to go and make some arrests, but the organisation skills of the estate’s youths came into play - within seconds of the police’s appearance, between thirty and forty youths, armed up with sticks, flooded to the Coronation Parade and Neville Road areas.

The cops needed to call 500 of their colleagues to help them out with the battering they were taking, as the running battle continued. Unfortunately, things were “calm” in about an hour.

Interestingly enough, a Class War UFO reporter collared a taxi driver for a chat. The man was adamant that the “Laws and losses up there are as good as gold” and only cause bother for the law.

Seems as though the people of Hatten Moor know who to target, and when.

MATCH REPORT:
ONE COP CAR
KNACKERED, TWO COPS
HURT, TEN ARRESTS...

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We only hope the motors were robbed from the wealthy and not their own.

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Two of Nottinghams boys in blue have taken a beating recently in what the Police have called an outburst of "unprovoked" attacks, as if you needed a reason to attack a cop!

The first happened in the Sinnott Markets area when the cop concerned was on night time patrol. His attacker apparently ran up and punched him repeatedly in the face until he lost consciousness and fell to the floor.

A couple walking home were the first to find the battered bastard, who, when he came round could not remember enough details about the attacker to make an arrest.

ESCAPE

The second incident happened to a police constable in early February, when another birdbrain bobby, a PC James Taylor, was doing night-time patrol in Aspley during the early hours of the morning.

His attacker approached him and swung a scissoring pole into his face leaving him with a broken nose and concussion. Even though the Fifth did not quite understand the area, the wily warrior managed to "slip the net" and escape.

Nottingham police have such a notorious reputation, the public is informed, that anyone who is messing about in the area is not surprising that someone wanted some payback.

As we go to press Taylor and his luckless mate are narrowing all their homes until fit for duty.

Let’s hope that their coincidence is both long and painful.
LIVING OFF IMMORAL EARNINGS

In the run-up to the next general election we will have to get used to the sickening sight of Tony Blair and his wife Charlie Booth, grinning maniacally, like dumb actors in toothpaste adverts, at countless photo opportunities. We’re sure all Class War readers would love to wipe the smile off Tony’s emaciated face. Class War can reveal that Ms Booth is just as nasty a piece of work.

Tony Blair - an apology.

In issue 66 of Class War we referred to the Leader of her Majesty’s Opposition as “shipmunk face” and “chipmunk shape”.

We now accept that this was a gross libel against all decent chipmunks, and we hereby apologise for any offence we may have caused.

RUGGER BUGGERS

Regular readers of Class War will know that we have little time for the England Rugby Union team.

That’s because it’s packed with copper-bottomed sycophants and other such scum, and we are generally speaking, the game is run by upper class arseholes for middle class fools.

Well, our disliking of them increased massively when the team had a practice session which featured the stick-up royal brats, Princess William and Harry, plus their idle rich parasite mother, Princess Di. The Princess couldn’t go to the Grand Slam decider against Scotland because another royal would be there (how upsetting!) - so those ameliorating players of the England team put on a private show for them.

The latest thing the Labour Party has got into is people being ripped off by the government.

At last, are they going to do something about people trying to exist on the piddling amount of benefit we get? Are they going to do something about the 2,000 old people who die of hypothermia each winter because they can’t afford to eat and heat their homes? Are they going to do something about the chronic lack of NHS beds and the millions waiting for treatment? Are they bilocular? They have got all stirred up about those people who had enough spare cash to invest in energy shares, and who weren’t able to make a quick profit?

BIG BUCKS

The Tories knew that there was going to be a particular problem that would cause energy share prices to fall, but they still went ahead and sold off the government’s last remaining shares in a privatisation scheme that was supposed to make big bucks for their friends in the City, and quick bucks for those with enough cash to invest.

Only news of the report caused energy share prices to plummet and no quick profits were made.

Labour spent three days napping on about this ‘scandal’ on any news programmes that would have mentioned it. They accused the Tories of insider dealing, which breaks down as not playing fair on the stock market. But since when has the stock market been fair? Insider dealing is the meal and drink of the rich. We make millions by investigating inside information that we get from one of their posh friends in the know. Remember the scandal when Jeffrey Archer made £80,000 out of the inside knowledge his wife had told him?

IT’S GOOD TO TALK - PART 2

After we printed an article about the phone system in CWU’s Class War received the following information. Anonymous of course, with a request that we publish it to see if any of our readers might have any use for it. Being the kind, caring paper that we are, here it goes.

David Irving: Home phone: 071 4999409
Judge Pickles: Home phone: 0422 352215
David Miller: Mobile phone: 0831 851349
Michael Howard: London home phone: 071 7302706
Constituency home phone: 0303 8113164
Michael Heseltine: Home phone: 071 2567877
Country home phone: 0295 711765 mobile phone: 0936 224644
Jeffrey Archer: Albert Embankment London SE1 phone: 071 7350577
William Waldegrave: 66 Palace Gardens Terrace Kensington London W8 phone: 071 2298499 Constituency home phone: 0701 241487
Nigel Lawson: 2 Stafford Mansion Albert Bridge Rd London SW11 phone: 071 2283192
Cecil Parkinson: 77 Brook Street London W1 Jonathan Aitken & Lord North Street Westminster London SW1
We should point out that by dialling 141 before the phone number disguises the number you’re ringing from. But calls of a certain nature should only be done from a phone box anyway!

SELLING THEIR LABOUR

FOR A WORTHWHILE EDUCATION LEARN THE RESIST, REBEL, REVOLUTION!
The recent mobilisation of men in parts of B Shape-Heath, Birmingham to drive prostitutes (sex workers) off the streets has divided the local community - sympathy for the prostitutes and anger at the bigotry of the ‘picketers’ is growing.

SCAPEGOATS
A genuine move by local peo-ple to deal with kerb-crawlers was turned into a moral backlash. After attempts to get the police and council to take action against the kerb-crawlers, anger was worse turned on the women. The women have been scapegoated for the problems caused by male kerb-crawlers. Many other local women, who did not comply to ‘dress dress codes’ also suffered the same abuse from men on street corners.

The ‘picketers’ claim suc-cess. Many women have moved around the city, and their houses at a loss, and the problems caused by the kerb-crawlers have simply moved with them. But no ac-count is being taken of the effects on the prostitutes. The loss in wages, the added danger of working in an area they are unfamiliar with and the loss of support that they did get from some sections of the community in B Shape-Heath.

The whole saga was a missed opportunity to build sol-darity between us by ad-dressing the real problem which was the behaviour and attitudes of the male kerb-crawlers.

MISSING CHANCE
A missed chance to un-derstand a bit more about the experiences of this group of low paid women workers.

Being a sex worker is hard enough. All over the world, women (and men) are driven into prostitution by financial needs. Women get a job they greatly fear losing. But a lack of jobs available, scarce childcare and training can freeze women out of the market completely. As many women have lost their entitlement to benefit over the past years - prostitution can seem the only alterna-tive.

And that is how we should see prostitution. It is another dirty job. The pay is better than a lot of jobs but the terms and conditions are not up to much.

The recent focus on B Shape-Heath’s sex workers has given no long term solu-tion to these women’s needs instead they are made more vulnerable to attack.

Right wing bigots and other friends in the media have conned some local people into going yet another group of workers a load of better.

The conservative moral that has been used to turn people against prostitutes has the same aim and working class roots as the shit that causes racism, homophobia, sexism and all the other prejudices that divide working class people.

WHO’S IN BED?
Let’s take a look at the bed partners of the ‘picketers’; councillors, local church leaders and an MP, all middle class lossoes after power and control.

As workers we have far more in common with prostitutes than we do to Madame Jill Knight, Birmingham MP. After all, it is the likes of her that create the poverty that drives all of us into selling our minds and bodies for a wage.

ON THE BUSES
Following disruption to the bus services in Homerton and Hackney Wick (Two authors), a CS gas attack on a driver, London Classic Car Association have issued this message to the Kingsmead and Clapton Park estates.

PUBLIC WARNING: Most residents of Homerton and Hackney Wick will be aware of the recent disruption to evening services in the area, caused by unprovoked assaults on buses.

The police responsible for these attacks are com-pletely useless. Those of us who live in Hackney cannot toler-ate this disruption to a vital community service. This end of Hackney already has one of the worst public transport services in London. There is no place for anti-social crime here at anywhere else in Hackney.

If those responsible con-tinue to prey on the community service, the peo-ple of Homerton and Hackney Wick must sort that out. These fuckers are fucking the rest of us over.

Frustration at the Metropolitan Police to solve the problem. The racist thugs of Hackney police are more interested in keeping us in our place than serving the community. They want to disrupt our sleep in this bloody helicopter of a city than help any of us.

City Capital Buses are not more worthy target.

John McCafferty (Leader of Hackney Council) 17 Bayston Road, Stoke Newington, N16.

One person who was par-ticularly taken with the letter was John McCafferty himself who told the local paper: "The response of Class War, shows how people are turning off for any action, you don’t even have to try very hard to get people to adopt the idea of attack against this slimy watchtowers without fault in this affair however they could put con-ductors on the evening buses or make the drivers security guards safer. They choose not to, it would be any-thing to do with the cost involved would it?"

Hackney is the poorest borough in the country, and until poverty is relieved, peo-ple will seek alternative means to improve their living standards in the social sector (attacking other working class people) is no solution. Class War, is that those responsible for the attacks are in need of something to dish them up the support the following much more appropriate public.

PISSING IN THE WIND
Symbolic shows of public support, that have no con-nection with any meaningful ongoing resistance have no effect on the government at all. However they do provide the opportunity for a bit of electioneering for the opposition (usually Labour). Coun- cilors when confronted with these mild mannered orderly protests claim to be inno-cently traped in the middle. “It’s a national government... blame the Tories” they whinge. Some have even come to tell 02 delay the govern-ment by setting budgets above that laid down by West-minster.

A CUT ABOVE
How they get their extra spending money is by raising the council tax. So, let’s get this straight: their show of defiance is to make us pay more for less! Fcck me, roll on May, can’t wait to go and give them you vote.

Let’s admit it, that’s what this flushy of protest is prob-ably all about, it’s the start of the local election campaign. The ‘labour movement’ (left) (like trade unionists) can be seen to be ‘faking’ back when in effect all they are doing is defusing a bit of an-ger, deflecting blame away from local councils, wasting people’s time and energy and the conclusion of all protests is that we should vote Lab-

Basically they achieve nothing beside leaving these people who take feeling disempowered and disillusioned. Yet another defeat, a bit of an-other council tax which can be seen to be quite good.

GET AWARE
The last issue of Class War con-tained a report on the England v Nigeria match where his team activated distributed leaflets de-nouncing that country’s military dictatorship.

For the past five years the Awareness League - a revolution group of about 1000 members - have done their best to fight the Nigerian ru-ling class from within Nigeria.

Despite the arrest and detentions of many leading members the Awareness League, it is still politically active. In particular, they require a similar struggle abroad. Their recent actions have led to the downfall of apartheid in South Africa, Af-rica has been removed from the map of the ‘third world’ and is finally on the world stage in the fight for 498 capital.

In particular they require literature in particular class struggle books & pamphlets, Money, Music Tapes - espe-cially pop, reggae, soul or rap. (Anybody sending Money Tapes will have them returned). First Aid kits and health books. Condoms and AIDS awareness litera-ture.

Due to the current climate in Nigeria is it not possible to send donations direct to Af-rica. The Awareness League is currently forced to operate from safehouses which fre-quently change at short notice. All donations should therefore be sent initially to The RED & BLACK CLUB UNIT 7 THEATRE PLACE 498 NEW CROSS ROAD LONDON SE14
ROCKETS AWAY!

French workers have been putting up a British to shame us usual. While British unions shunt hot air and tug the flylocks to management, French seamen were setting aight Meridian scab ferries. The British media has portrayed the seamen as being up their "typical chauvinist ticks" and not "playing fair" with the passengers. The seamen say this is the truth. The editorial staff are saying that the French government should get its act together and that it has little to do with us. We see that it's the British working class that needs to get its act together and that the dispute has everything to do with us.

CHEAP LABOUR

Meridian's small shipyard company has been hiring cheap Polish labour (paying them a quarter of what the French seamen earn and a third of what British seamen get. It is no surprise that Meridian are the 'capitalists' Trojan Horse and will be used to drive down the seamen's wages and conditions - just like Eddie Shah did in the print industry. The answer to this was blackclad ports and closed down docks - plus an attempt to burn out one ferry and warlike things with the police. The company was backed up on a day-long occupation. The French seamen are helping to keep wages up for an European workers (and ultimately all workers) - their struggle is not against foreign workers, they have no excuse to Polish workers being employed but they must be employed under the same conditions.

Governments and capitalists try to divide the working class through national boundaries because they know our true interests are international. They want to keep us separated and don't want us picking up any good habits from the French workers for a start! But when it comes to finding cheap labour or breaking strikes, our enemies never stop at geographical boundaries.

SOLIDARITY

The English Channel is one workplace - so why should there be separate workers' organisations on either side of it? Our strength lies in our solidarity and our unity and this shouldn't be prevented by arbitrary lines drawn on paper. British unions and workers should be ashamed of themselves: we get paid less because we put up less of a fight than the French workers. And in the long run, this will drive down their wages as this country increasingly becomes the scab of Europe with its cheaper labour!

It's no good whining about anti-union legislation. We have to recognise that their tactics get results, like a quarterly pay rise plus more time off and better working conditions.

WORK IS SHIT

If you've ever been near a demonstration, you've probably heard people chanting about "the right to work". People deman- ding jobs - and jobs now. From the way it is talked about it, you would think that they were demanding something beautiful, something exciting, even a bit passionate.

But no, they're not; they're talking about waged work, the work that we do which creates wealth for other people. When "right to work" is chanted what is actually meant is "right to be exploited, to be screw- ed, to be shit upon".

NECESSARY EVIL

Work is shit but unfortunately it's also a necces- sary evil. Most of us have to do it - getting up in the morning and forcing ourselves onto the treadmill of drudgery and despair. We don't make money for our bosses, or because we like being given shit wages, or because we like working on our physical and mental health.

We do it because we have to - jobs offer money (although it's never enough, if at all, and often it's not enough to even support a family). So we have to do it, even if we don't like it. But as long as we're not exploited, we can be better off than those who are.

Are you having fun? On the way to work...

Every morning in some cases (if we're really lucky) our job might give us the chance to feel that we are doing something productive or creative.

But we still have to get up every morning for it. And at times of struggle, and in the workplace, there can be a real feeling of collective power. But most of the time - the money, our

workmates - can be had outside waged work. We don't need bosses to give us money, especially when they steal twice as much from us with their left hand as they give with their right. Bosses can't give us friendship or support or help us feel creative.

Yet whenever the right to work is mentioned, no one ever talks about the right to loads of money or the right to free beer or the right to enjoy ourselves. It's just simply the right to work and the right to have a boss. And we all know that's not that exciting.

The working week is a never-ending series of acts of submission to the fore- man and the manager. We are expected to be grateful to them for the "privilege" of being slaves in their factories and their offices.

Don't give in to the boss's except economic units. They will only want us as long as we're making a profit for them. Work like that is just imprisonment in an invisible cage of boredom, frustration and alienation.

Most people realise this, to a greater or lesser extent. Most people would rather not have to do waged work - but then if the alternative is the poverty and hunger of the desperate, work is and that certainly doesn't mean that everyone is happy working!

LOTTERY

The national obsession with the Lottery (the biggest capitalist contrick for a long time where we pay more taxes for a dream that will never happen) shows how much people love work. Everyone is hoping that they will win.......when there is no chance of being runner by a bus! At least joining a works syndicate can be a collective workplace action.

There might be the odd idiot who will babbble on about "the dignity of toil" or "the dignity of total submission" as long as waged work exists. There has always been resistance and rebellion against it: from striking to skiving off sick via fiddling the timesheets or burning down the factory, the message comes over very loud and clear: work is shit and there's a damn sight more to life than having to work away our lives for some boss.

The revolution, waged work will be abo- lished and work itself will take on a different mean- ing. It will still (at times) be hard and certainly will be necessary, but when we are freely doing it for ourselves and for our class then it will be nothing like the drudgery and slavery that we are currently have to suffer, the taking nightmare of waged work with some rich bastards looking over our shoulder and making sure that we're making enough money for him.

FIGHT

In the meantime, we'll fight tooth and claw for what we can get. We'll fight for more money and better conditions and lower restrictions (though it has to be said at the moment it seems more a matter of defending what little we've got).

And we'll retain them all at every opportunity (a noble working class tradition). They might think that they have got away with it, that we're docile and happy in the working world - but the truth of the matter is that we aren't and we know that our time will come.
GETTING SHACKED

This month's big buzz word in management circles is 'flexibility.' Read the lines and we will all know what this means: more and more of us are part-time, doing shifts, having to accept temporary contracts, or school jobs. Job Centres are advertise jobs for £1.40 an hour. Slavery is back in fashion.

A 'flexible' workforce is one that's more easily shifted by the bosses: we're 'flexible' because we're expected to bend over and take it up the arse they like.

But if you're a chirpy wonder with a name like Pansy-Smurfette, 'flexibility' means a different thing altogether. Slinging MPs think nothing of pulling in half a dozen extra salaried men on top of the £33,000 a year they get for turning up for the House of Commons a few days a month. Superstud David Mellor is a director on eleven separate companies, taking his annual packet to a whopping £50,000. Who's got time for their kids, or ever think of the greatest love a mother can show her child?

This is the same old Government bullshit about single mothers making bad parents... It's the old lie about single parents not being capable of giving their children the care and love, the same old fear of working class people who don't (or can't) live in the Habitat families.

Shithead and scum like him make it thicker than I thought if they imagine we're going to stand and watch while they cart off our kids to make some half-made families for the rich.

Putting this man's head in a liquidiser would be the greatest service we can show for our class.

Once again, the Young Worker of the Month award is winging its way to a gang of anonymous bobby-soxers. This time it goes to those battling boys and girls who surrendered to Little James Major (John Major's brat of a son) at a works do for Marks & Spencer in Cambridge.

The trouble started when the M&S crew jumped into another bunch of workers on the shop floor and was backed into a corner by party-goers who showed him and his mum a bad time being the Prime Minister's son. A witness said: "They were ranting and raving, pushing and shoving and James looked worried." Things were starting to get seriously out of hand... but unfortunately James' boss managed to stop it and rescue him (but not before he'd allegedly peed his pants).

The anonymous witness added: "Poor James always seems to be in trouble at parties."

Better luck next time...

KIDNAP!

The latest Child Support Agency is under severe attack, but it hasn't taken long for the bastard in power to come up with a new way of hammering single parents.

The latest sick brainwave is about snatching kids away from parents on a massive scale and call it "a major method of childcare." To me it's nothing less than a kidnap.

Professor Alan Winstanley is the man behind this twisted idea, a wanton social worker and soft cops to put non-stop pressure on single parents to make them 'give up' their kids for adoption.

"Love is often about sacrifice," says this scumbag, "Giving a child up for adoption may well be the greatest love a mother can show her child." But if you're one of the only one: a record numbers of MPs of all parties have been forced to declare second, third, fourth and fifth jobs— and at the times they've admitted to the public.

Even when things get tough, these bloated lardasses manage to give the word 'redundancy' a whole new twist. When he was caught with his pants down, Mellor got £8,000—just for resigning! That's peanuts compared to the treatment doled out to four directors of the Kingsling group. After the group (which owns Woolworths and B&Q) raked in less money than usual, four of the fat cats at the top got "kicked"—and shared a £3 million in the group.

Well, two can play at the flexibility game. Here at Class War we're prepared to offer these free-loading bastards another couple of jobs to add to their portfolios. They can choose from a temporary contract as sitting targets for our anger, or a more permanent position as dog food.

OLD BOYS JOB CLUB

No 7 in a series of jobs you're unlikely to be offered

RADIO DJ & MEDIA PERSONALITY

QUALIFICATIONS: You should possess at least one old school tie, and you should have spent a minimum of three years at the Jeremy Beadle Charm School. An ability to patronise ordinary folk and treat us like idolls will be much appreciated. Ideally your name will include the words "Chris" 'Tarrant' (or possibly 'Evans').

EXPERIENCE: Public school in Birmingham, then years spent courting contacts in local radio, national radio and TV.

SALARY: For churning out inane crap on radio, you will be paid the pathetically small amount of £1.3 million. But in your spare time you will be able to top this up by churning out inane crap on various TV appearances. If you're still finding it a struggle, there's a whole bunch of inane crap which needs advertising on radio & TV. These voice-overs should net you another £1 million a year.

Post presently filled by Chris Tarrant, soon to be replaced by Chris Evans

BARCLAYS WANK

Get a spare brick? Do us all a favour and send it in the direction of whizkid Martin Taylor. He's the brass at the head of Barclays Bank, who've just announced record profits of £1.86 billion. That's good news for the board of directors: the 16 hearty bastards who sit around the table share a cool £3.37 million in salaries... and that's not counting bonuses, backhanders and bungs. Taylor himself took home a massive £737,000 last year: that works out at over £14,000 a week.

It's no secret that Barclays have made this money by screwing the working class blind: sacking workers, closing down branches and creaming off profits. Those workers who have managed to save the cats have not got a lot to look forward to. On the day that the board crowded about their record profits, they offered employees a pathetic 2.75% pay rise. That's below inflation, so for those of us who live in the real world effectivelly it's a pay cut.

Not surprisingly Taylor is top of the shit-list for Barclays workers. But the good news is that he's on the verge of a nervous breakdown. It's well-known that he's always been a few cans short of a six-packet; but there are now definite signs that he's flipping out big-time. This is Taylor planning his retirement (at the age of 42?): "One of the things which always struck me in the Chinese tradition was the two-way pull between the Confucian and Taoist traditions which enabled somebody who had been holding a lot of power at court, when they were disgraced, to go away to a remote part of the country and have water lilies and wite verse. God, I think that would be nice!

Somewhere wetly? Somewhere remote? We look forward to the day when Taylor retires.

MAXWELL-STYLE

AN EXEMPLARY COPPER: CHILD ABUSER DON MACINTOSH

PIG SICK

The latest rumour doing the rounds is that the police are considering applying the 'police' and taking legal action to prevent private security workers from adopting their image.

Keith 'Porker' Pooley, Chief Constable of Lancashire says, "We feel we should be more robust in defending our image and trade marks of this company."

Exactly what image is Pooley talking about? Does he mean the likes of PC John Corr from Cambridge-shire who married a help line for people in distress? Corr spent years in the force sexually harassing women who rang the helpline.

Or maybe Pooley is thinking about Sgt Don Macintosh from Stockport. Macintosh was a Manchester copper for 33 years and retired last year with a medal and a £52,000 handshake. On the day of his retirement, this scumbag was accused of tricking, charged and found guilty of using his position to sexually abuse young boys over a period of ten years.

The honest truth is that I don't know what Pooley and other top copper bosses are so worried about. Sure, the private security industry is booming, but at this rate it'll be years before they manage to sink to the pigs' level.

LUCKY NUMBERS

Today's lucky number is: 73,000

"If we are serious about winning power, we dare not be afraid of changing our party"

Labour leader Tony Blair -Biug-A Bigg as the party changes its name to the Sos-Respard Bastard -Ho -Be -Les -Tories Party

"In a democracy there has to be a critical mass of confidence in the criminal justice system and I think we're perilously close to dangerous levels of lack of confidence in the system."

Sir Paul Gendler, Metropolitan Police chief, explains why theMet uniform is being updated next year to allow all officers three pairs of browns trousers

"I was brought up not to talk about money..."

Rich-bitch Elizabeth Hurley who's just landed a £1 million deal with L'eggs Lingerie. Of course the real reason Hurley finds it hard to keep her clothes on is because of the silver spoon that's been stuck in her mouth since birth.

"The outcome I have always sought is a modern cost-effective rail system..."

John 'no thanks, I'll go by lime' Leppin, the new chairman of British Rail, takes a massive cost-effective subsidy of £180,000.

"I don't know how I cope some days. I hear of colleagues cracking up in the house and don't happen to me. You just despair and wonder who will ever manage to do all this...

Bob Duncan is having a facelift which will transform him into a top-ranking Blairite with African nose. His blades and barbatures are in the post to you, Bob.

"It's the boys and girls from the schemes that can't even afford the ones with the shell suits and Reeboks."

An anonymous security guard at the gate of the Little Theatre, Glasgow. And we all thought that the real problem was that bad lads and lassies came from magic-tapes and dogs on bits of string.

"What the point? I've voted for years and look what it gets me...

Homeless Big Issue seller in Manchester nearly swaps up the Class War election dilemma: votes for poor fags or a brown bottle.
GENETIC CRIME?

February 1995 saw the circus come to town. It was full of spectacle, nonsense, and dart antics, but none of it was very funny, and no one fell off the trapeze, more's the pity.

The big top event was a conference put on by the Genetic Foundation with scientists flocking to Britain from all over the world, like crazed penguins, asking about "genetics and criminal and anti-social behaviour" whether we have a "crime gene" and if it be determined from our genetic makeup that individuals are more or less likely to break the law, particularly in terms of violence.

The prize side show attraction followed hot on the heels of billions of American research on the subject.

Necessarily so, the criminal waste of US dollars has proved little more than Occo the Clown is alive and well and living in the White House.

Even the public notables who attended the conference admit that it's a long shot that it could be discovered in the future that a certain combination of genes may influence a person's criminal dabblings.

unfinished business...

THE POLITICS OF CLASS WAR

A statement of intent from Britain's only credible trade unions, workers, consumers, women, students, voting, often...

The politics of Class War

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1. Who's to blame for most of the problems? (3,4)
2. Finish off this well known chant: "The rich, the rich, we've gotta get rid of..." (3,4)
3. We'll all be better off without the... (4,4)
4. They have plenty of valuable... worth removing from them (3,4)
5. The middle class do their... for them (3,4)
6. The people with ultimate control over... (3,4)
7. The lead cosy lives at our expense (3,4)
8. They may work all our... but we'll never be... (4,4)
9. Tea biscuits (4,4)

THE CLASS WAR FOUNDATION is an organisation of groups and individuals who have come together to do something about the society we live in.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

This society is divided into classes based on power and wealth. The ruling class, who are supported by the middle class; and the working class. Such a society is the cause of the majority of the problems experienced by working class people the world over.

This can only be sorted out by the destruction of the ruling class: this is class war.

Real change can only come about by working class people organizing themselves to deal with the problems that they experience; using direct action against the institutions and individuals that cause them. There is no alternative. Violence is a necessary part of the class war but as mass class violence, out in the open, not elitist terrorist actions.

Class society creates other oppressions based on sex, ethnic origin, disability, sexuality etc. To the ruling class this 'justifies' extreme exploitation of people placed in such groups, and divides our class.

The class war must fight all these divisive oppressions, on all fronts.

Above all the CLASS WAR FOUNDATION believes that politics is life and life is politics. If we reject the so-called 'revolutionary left' politics must be fun; it's a part of everyday life and must be able to take the piss out of itself.

OUR AIM

The aim of the CLASS WAR FOUNDATION is to not lead, but to increase the militancy of working class people's attempts to solve their problems - through propaganda, active participation and debate as equals.

WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FOUNDATION produces and distributes propaganda; a paper, discussion and debating magazine, other books and pamphlets, as well as local and national leaflets, posters and newsletters.

We're involved in working class struggles and we encourage involvement in the Federation, to do the above, for discussion and for a laugh!

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ACROSS
2. Who are the real spongers? (3,4)
3. Rob 'em instead of the poor. (3,4)
6. None of us will ever be this. (4)
7. Military leaders, big landowners, top judges, heads of industry, top cops, bishops, newspaper barons... aristocracy are all all..... (4)
10. Ort..... A large bird that runs. (4)
11. They play polo. (3,4)
12. Educate the kids at Elton, Oxford and Cambridge. (3,4)
14. They walk in red coats that go hunting (4)
16. The people that rob the poor from the poor... (4)
17. The police are there for... violent crime. (4)
18. A bunch of toffies served, indeed, hypocritical parasites. (3,4)

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THE VEAL THING

The "animal" and "ecological" movements have cropped up in the news increasingly over the last decade. There has been a rash of media coverage of anti-veal and anti-anti-protests and road-building protests.

Shops from the local veggie/health food store to Tesco's are all doing a roaring trade with vegetarian and non-vegans alike. The result has been a widespread public confusion over what constitutes a healthy diet and what does not.

WITH THIS GOING ON...

A lot of people buy these products, believing that they're doing the right thing... so what's it all about?

The point is that the world is pretty fucked up; not because we are idiots who don't know how to look after our planet. In fact, quite the reverse: what we face is a by-product of the barbarism of capitalism, an economic system that dominates the world and chews up and spits out anything it can. If a profit is in the offering, with the power and money lust it has, capitalism pollutes our land and streams, and the environment. It kills us off with leukaemia from nuclear reactors; keeps animals in horrific conditions before they're butchered; it leaves millions starving, attempting to force feed the rest of us with junk food. It's no wonder that many people adopt vegetarianism, tie themselves to bulldozers to lay waste to our forests, or try to smash the shit out of lorries carrying veal calves. But this changes nothing significant in itself.

...AND IF THIS IS SHIT...

Anger may be ventsed and, if we're lucky, we get a bit of public interest. The demand for more media controlled interest has been made on the TV and in the papers recently. The single issues that are easily manipulated, then ignored: with the same self-satisfied, middle class gurus of the 'movement', mooting their morality, and very little politics, like pious arrogant priests, as though it was OUR fault! Middle class leaders are created from this miasma and, eventually, the bosses negotiate with them and may see fit to create an overpriced, 'green', 'animal friendly' product to mug us with, using the profit to finance their dodgy ventures.

...WE'LL DO THIS!

So where does that lead us? To inactivity and acceptance of capitalism, just because single issue politics and localism have failed us. What we're arguing is that most of the horrors of the world, and most of the problems that face us, are created by, and certainly used by, capitalism and its ruling classes.

For a healthy world, the working class needs to liberate itself and then get on with the business of cutting out the cancer of capitalism, not just helping to squeeze one or two of its spots.

THE PAST SIX MONTHS HAVE SEEN A LOT ON TV ABOUT THE WAVE OF PROTESTS AGAINST LIVE ANIMAL EXPORTS. BUT HOW FAR ARE THE DEMONSTRATIONS GETTING AND HOW FAR WILL THE DEMONSTRATORS GO?

There is a growing awareness amongst most Tory newspapers and TV media that these protests are in some way linked to the earlier and still ongoing anti-road-safety and anti-Criminal Justice Bill (CJB) resistance. The question they ask themselves is: how are these protests linked and how should the government and cops respond to "manage" the situation?

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER...

In their search for "talking heads" the TV news give a platform to organisations like Compassion in World Farming and others, to claim "leadership" of the anti-export protests and to slag off "peaceful protesters" as "criminals". As usual there is the same old bullshit about the "tiny violent minority" and that old chestnut: "outside agitators".

On the other side, groups like Earth First claim to represent the more "militant" side of the protests and compete with Compassion in World Farming for the right to speak on Newsnight "on behalf of the movement".

Meanwhile the likes of the Guardian, interviewed the White, Home Counties, middle class protesters they can relate to, about how "disgraceful" the police have been. On the other hand the Tory middle class papers raked up the usual conspiracy theories about a small group of "agit-prop" professionals travelling around the country stirring it all up. As ever, with these conspiracy theories, behind the sinister and shadowy "outside agitators" they see the hand of Class War.

WHAT LEADERS?

Of course this is laughable. The people protesting against animal exports, road-building and the CJB are not under the control or leadership of any organisations, particularly not the Class War Federation. While Compassion in World Farming and Earth First battle it out for the prize of "representing the movement" to the media, Class War's aims remain "...not to lead, but to increase the militancy of working class people's attempts to solve their problems". The question is: what have these protests got to do with working class people's struggles?

A MIDDLE CLASS MOVEMENT?

Are the protests against animal exports, road-building and purely middle class? Well, there are certainly a lot of middle class people involved. As ever this involvement transcends any complete domination over the organisations that are struggling for the right to play middleman between the movement" and the media. After all mediating is what the middle class are for in a capitalist society.

However there are plenty working class people who take part in the protests and drive the pickets. The men and women in the barricades juggling and dancing. The trolley in the background with the words "cops" in the background. The lorry cabs and the windows in with pickaxe handles, as well as taking part in the push and shove with the cops, are in direct conflict with part of the profit-making business and, perhaps more importantly, are having fun doing it. It is a matter of fact that many of these people are not middle class martyrs.

It's important to remember that any movement offering clear targets, simple tactics involving direct action that ordinary people can get involved in, and a chance to fight and outmanoeuvre the cops while frustrating some shithead cop boss's attempt to make a profit, are always going to attract working class people. All forms of passive watching TV or reading papers or books.

The question is, in a capitalist society, why pick on one aspect of capitalism and not another?

Although we have already said most of the people taking an active part in these protests are not being led or controlled by anyone, it would be stupid to ignore the fact that at least some of the protesters are motivated by a set of values which see the "expropriation" of animals and the "destruction" of the environment as important things to fight against.

ANIMAL RIGHTS - LIBERATING THE INNOCENT

There are people who argue that modern industry causes cruelty to animals which are seen as "innocent victims" and that all people, regardless of class, have a moral duty to "help the helpless", and "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves". We say bollocks to that.

To question what is "immaterial" within the production process, before tackling the issue of working class people taking control of the media, and the police, is to put the cart of ethics before the horse of power.

To prioritise the suffering of "helpless victims" over the suffering of working class people who have the power to
THE PLANETS

The Cops as They Protect the Profits of Live Veal Exporters in Brightlingsea

destroy the capitalist system that continuously denies us control over our own lives is a mistake.

Worse, it shows that some people have bought into the capitalist promotion of pity and self-sacrifice politics, with all its comic relief style reforms. By saying that helpless victims are innocent, the media implies that those who are not helpless are somehow guilty. This power of the media to decide who is innocent and who is guilty is always hidden behind the phrase 'public opinion', while the solutions go no further than offering charity.

Anybody with half a brain knows that this "public opinion" is really the opinion of Rupert Murdoch, the government-appointed BBC directors, and the rest of the ruling class and their middle class media puppets. In 1984 the miners were not helpless victims, so the media teamed up with the cops to sell the lie.

in the name of "public opinion".

Class War said then, as now, "Fuck "public opinion, fuck the helpless victim shit". We support all working class people fighting the cops, bosses and the ruling class state.

When, nearly ten years later, Michael Heseltine announced more pit closures, the media, as before, gave them the power of the word "public opinion" and, surprise surprise, there was an outpouring of public sympathy for the miners by the very same who'd attacked us in 84/85. Even the Daily Mirror, "Scargill takes Libyan cash" fame, came out on the side of the useless demonstrations.

Capitalist society tries to get us to accept that only money has value and that we, as individuals, are worthless unless we have money, property, skills, good looks, etc. Of course as working class people we reject that in our everyday lives through solidarity, having a laugh, and the self-confidence of defying the bosses and the cops.

However, some middle class people seem a little more fucked up than this and try to find meaning in their lives by fighting for rights for others rather than aiming for working class self-liberation which they obviously can't identify with. From their point of view, the less capable the oppressed are of speaking for themselves, the better. Animals are the perfect victims because they are incapable of acting or speaking on their own behalf. Working class people can always tell you to fuck off, animals can't.

MOTHER EARTH - THE ULTIMATE PASSIVE VICTIM.

There's more to the current wave of protests than animal rights, however. The anti-roads protests again attract a lot of different people willing to confront the Ministry of Transport's minions and the cops for a variety of reasons.

Some, however, have definitely nailed their flags to the mast of green politics and the liberation of "Mother Earth". We are faced with groups with ridiculous names like "Earth First!" and "Earth Liberation Front". Here we are definitely leaving the realm of strategies and tactics for working class self-liberation and moving into the realm of religion. We have to remember that human beings alone have the power, and thus the responsibility, to determine how we produce and distribute the things we want in our lives on this planet.

It is a fair point to make that the current system of production and distribution is, amongst other things, endangering the complex balances and cycles of the environment that we need to live in. But the question facing the working class people of the world is how can we take control of the global system of production and distribution. We agree with the slogan "global solidarity, act locally" but what we want is the revolutionary destruction of capitalism by the working class, not merely an increase in environmental awareness.

All religions require priests, and the mores of Earth-Mother worship and animal rights are no exception. At every level there exist people assuming a higher moral ground than the rest of us. While the Tories in Government force us to endure conditions under their warped power system that they themselves are the last to follow, movements like animal rights do not escape the existence of "holier-than-thou's". Enter the moral police.

These moral cops are so fucked up they get pleasure out of going around slagging off working class people for consuming the products of our capitalist society. They do not however attack the consumption of all capitalist products on the grounds that they are part of the world-wide profit system which exploits the working class. A system which, for example, that over 4000 people died a good week die before their time due to work-related accidents or accidents, in this country alone.

Instead, they denounce only those who consume products which are made from animals or whose production involves animal suffering. They already have far too many police in this repressive society, the last thing we need is another set of self-righteous arseholes declaring themselves our enemy and attacking us or, more likely, slagging us off from within the safety of their own little ghettos.

A LIFESTYLE IS NOT A RELIGION.

Even more irrelevant are the "back to the land" types who seem to have forgotten that a large proportion of the world's working class have never left it. These people, most of whom are from urban backgrounds and have never worked on the land, think that everybody shovels about on the streets, factories, night clubs and fashionable clothes and hairstyles, and that only "shoeshine"s roaming around the countryside, collecting anything from money to food on the go.

Well, it ain't my idea of a good day out, but if it rings your bell, go for it. But we must remember that as the working class, we are individuals who share a common position in the capitalist system, not a community based on shared tastes. As individuals we are all different and have differing tastes but recognise each other as members of the working class in opposition to the capitalist class who own the means of production and the money whose need for growth through profit, currently overruns our needs. What is most common are the conditions of enslavement by the capitalist class and the middle class servants, and the need to work together in order to free ourselves - whether we share the same tastes or not.

NEVER MIND THE GREEN BOLLOCKS - WHAT ABOUT THE ACTION?

What about working class people who don't give a damn about protest or animal rights or Mother Earth? People who get involved because they have a specific goal in mind, if it is possible, that you can actually have the satisfaction of seeing some results for your actions?

On Newsnight on the eve of the funeral of Jill Phipps, the woman who was killed on one of the anti-apartheid protests at Government House, some people to join the protests claiming it was a "futile gesture but at least today we are not asking for too much".

This second comment reveals many protestors for what they actually are - those demanding the government to pass new laws for reforms. If the government bans live animals, for example, the Ministry of Transport stops building new roads there will be no bulldozers to lie in front of.

REFORM OR REVOLUTION?

"Victory" for these struggles will not destroy capitalism or, to say the same thing another way, bring about the liberation of animals or the self-liberation of the working class. The point is that when we talk about the revolutionary destruction of capitalism we are asking for "too much". We are asking for something the government can't possibly give us, even if they were all suddenly shot down and set free to destroy themselves. That is why the liberation of the working class can only be a self-liberation of an entire working class who demand that power over our own lives be given to us. We will have to work out how we are going to create ourselves, use our hands, without the help of the capitalist state. We will have to work this out in the practice of fighting the enemy.

We should not allow the argument over productive tactics, or means, in reformist struggles to blind us to the difference between the aims of reformist struggles and the aim of revolution. Slogies for animal liberation, if they are to be held, MUST be part of a wider struggle - the struggle against reformist struggles, designed to adapt the capitalist system, to keep the working class in its place. We should see the destruction for the benefit of all people and therefore all animals.

Of course all struggle against the capitalist system begins with partial struggles in particular aspects of the system. Some reformist campaigns involve virtually no working class people or are only taken over by middle class - these campaigns are totally irrelevant and can only create new forms of struggle, other partial reformist struggles which do engage working class people, can be useful in that they are useful in the struggle of the capitalist system works and how better to fight it.

What must be fought against is the use of partial struggles by middle class ideologists and activists to create a false morality and confused anti-revolutionary consciousness among the people they try to attract to the chance of "a go", and learn how best they will fight capitalism.
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WIMPEY THUGS UNDER FIRE AS LOCAL PEOPLE FIGHT BACK

The residents of Corkerhill near Pollok on the south side of Glasgow recently took to their streets as an occupation force of over a hundred cops, security guards, tree guards, and construction workers invaded them early one morning.

The first local people knew about it was when a local youth was dragged from a car and occupied the new M77 motorway, thumped and held on the ground by four badly security guards and held on the ground. A well liked local community worker was also woken up by his tent being ripped away and a local youth was dragged onto him until he was ejected from the site.

As hundreds of local women, men and children flooded onto the streets, cops and security guards can be seen barricading, cops on the outside, throwing bricks on the inside.

THUMPED

Local people were heard to ask security guards how they felt about attacking the people of their own class for £3 an hour when the cops standing in front of their tents were paid about £25 an hour. A local man refused to move off of the public footpath to allow a van to pass ailing it and, in front of hundreds of local people, was punched in the face by one of the boys in blue.

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DO US A FAVOUR... SCRAP LABOUR!

The coming May elections will be the first test for Tony Blair's 'New Labour'. The Tories look as though they'll get a good thrashing; and after 16 years of their rule, many are looking to Labour for a better society.

This is a dangerous, dead-end illusion. Labour are an openly capitalist and anti-social party. Their history and actions have never been socialist. They are united in the defence of their inner contradictions and its current crisis, which will only get worse, no matter which party is in power.

CLAUSE BORES

The recent debate over Clause 4 of the Labour Party is part of a wider process to defend the 'democratic' lie that elections are worth taking part in and that our party exists and voice lie in Parliament.

The Labour Party is designed to push down working class identity and revolutionary class consciousness in a sector that they call 'the people working in partnership'; if it doesn't look as though there is a solid '2 party' system, then they know that we will turn to revolution. So the ruling class has been busy in its efforts to forestall a possible future government.

MEET THE NEW BOSS...

The working class is told to believe that there is no alternative to capitalism and the parliamentary system, and that the class struggle is a waste of time. Remember Neil Kinnock's line to those fighting the poll tax and the police: "Fighting revolutionaries", he called us.

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ANTI-WORKING CLASS

Labour has never had anything to do with working class power or socialism, or ever will; that's their party's history. The party's history has shown; the worst opposite to warfare. Any concern for social justice was just gift wrapping on the whole deal.

What about nationalism? Ask workers exploited, then worked for state-owned industries if they felt any better about it than only yesterday's ruling tide of revolution and class anger, and was used to churn out a product for an educated working class, ready for more exploitation and possible opposition to the American Democrats, an openly capitalist party with no organic links to the working class.

This is true and we shouldn't go a false cry! Only defending a party that has never defended us, and has always been jittery about the 'bosses' strings anyway. And why the fuck should a so-called bunch of "revolutionaries" like the SWP want to put any effort into saving Labour from itself anyway?

It is true that Labour has many working class members, but so does the AA and the PAC. These people share Labour membership with middle-class, privately educated, reactionaries and rentiers. We'd recommend the PAC as it provides a better service.

"It's history shows that Labour, whether in power or more revolutionary, so are they helping to renew Labour as an alternative to the Conservatives? The Tories are also designed to ensure the future stability of the country. They can only come of the Eastern Bloc and the current disorganisation of the class struggle to allow the breath of time to strengthen Labour and poor people's idea that it should be their priority next, letting the Tories sit in opposition for a while.

When it comes down to it, the Labour Party supports capitalism. When it comes down to it they have and will go to any lengths to keep capitalism intact - especially from the threat posed by us, the working class.

The fact that Rupert Murdoch is saying he would support a Labour government is proof enough of this. During the '80s, his media empire gave enormous backing to the Thatcher regime. The ruling class backed her because she protected their interests, money and power, especially with attack on the working class to make more for less pay. This anti-working class message was recently pushed by Labour's 'new' strategy that Labour would make sweeping legal changes to create 'A safer Britain'. They'll make it harder for workers to claim for wages, lower taxes for investors, ease the laws on insider shareholders and then introduce an openly capitalist party. The Clause 4 debate is aimed at forcing us to decide if there is change within Labour, while it's the same old capitalist class.

Coupled with these polemics, politics, there is an massive effort going in to the myth of democratic choice. People are asked to choose who chooses their government have got it wrong, and have been wrong. In this myth the ruling class took away local and financial support for a party, where the media tells voters who to elect, when a fresh 'alternative' party has been organized. We are in a new situation in advance, the decision has already been made by that ruling class.

If the ruling class want a Labour government as the case now, then they make it happen. Just as Thatcher was able to convince people to support her, the Tony party will be pumped up if the ruling class has organized to have them to have Labour as their puppets.

In North America, the Republicans were put into opposition in the '90s, the Reagan years. Clinton's Democrats may well fail us in the same way. As the Republicans are being prepared to take over the political system and fix up capitalism works.

The ruling class then has no need to be diverted into the dead end of parliamentary (e.g. Democracy. It has to fight for itself.

...SAME AS THE OLD BOSS

Labour has always been a royal defender of capitalism against the working class. If the risks of the SWP and the IPFI had an issue of revolu- tion in them, they'd join together in destroying it. Instead, they do the opposite and keep playing the role of victim of them by the ruling class-to-keep-wringing about Labour's 'move to the right' and its state capitalism. Ahead of losing the little they're reviving capitalism, like the Tories, they're just as much of a hindrance, full of lies and as deranging as Labour itself.

After 16 years, the ruling class are worried that the working class will see through the lies of 'parliamen- tary democracy' and become more competitive.

There's our answer. This is not a question of supporting a Labour government. It's a question of unifying all of us who are against the capitalist way.
NEVER TOO YOUNG

Dear Class War
I just had to drop you a line with this info.
A friend of mine associated with the local general hospital in Stockport tells me that a pig brought into casualty on a Wednesday night after being out by a 12 year old. You are never too young to start. Love the paper.
Keep up the good work, see you on the battlefront,
K. Southampton

THE POLITICS OF CONVICTION

Dear Class War
Your article on drugs, how drug laws are used against political targets and your warnings of the dangers was good and useful. I would like to bring things to the attention of police involvement in drug dealing. Our Management tells us that the drug supply business in Manchester is ridden with informers, including agents provocateurs and undercover agents. They say you can't survive as a drug dealer and stay out of prison unless you're supplying information (at least) to the police. These indications happen everywhere that drugs are openly sold - Swansea, Newton, Glasgow, Nthampton.
The most wanted danger of becoming a drug user is that of being grassed up to the police - becoming a name on their records, subject to surveillance - suitable for being lugged up or pressured into becoming a grass. There are always means of coming off drugs, but no way of coming off police records.
We're just not talking about working class users here. Lawyers are notorious for being coke users - and if we know that, so do the police. Next time you're in trouble with the law, check out your brief for any drug habit and relation to the local CID. If he or she is aware that they can easily destroy his or her career, how dedicated a fighter for truth and justice is a lawyer going to be?

GOT THE NEEDLE

Dear Class War
As a person who has been addicted to something all my adult life (30 years) I believe I know more about drugs than yourselves (I doubt that - CW) or any of the so called experts.
Your article makes the typicly bourgeois mistake of understating the effects of alcohol and overstating the dangers of all other drugs. I have been an alcoholic for the last 10 years and alcohol is the only drug that cannot seem to exercise any control over (neither has any other drug made me feel so fit).
Further, your article states that heroin has an aging and damaging effect on vital organs, the brain in particular. There is no evidence to support the contention that pure heroin can damage any organ. What makes heroin dangerous is its illegality. It is liable to be cut with dangerous substances. Also the strength of individual "doses" can never be known so there is the danger of overdose. There is also the danger of infection through shared needles (many junkies do not trust needle exchange programmes for fear they might be watched by the filth.
The message is clear - don't use drugs. But if you must use drugs (and what right thinking person doesn't need the occasional illusion of escape from this society), then steer clear of alcohol and tobacco.

PROLETARIAN SHOPPING

Dear Class War
I write to you on the recommendation of a fellow called Paddy who is already an avid reader of your paper.
I'm doing a seven stretch for the attempted murder of a gamekeeper who caught me Squadroning a bit of free grub for me and my law. He took a shot at me too and without a second thought, I went after him. He has been sentenced to two years.

Well back to your paper. I didn't realise there were so many like-minded people about until Paddy sent me this issue. It's powerful stuff, just what the Tory workers need their greedy snouts rubbed in. Not just them but everyone who plays the game their way. The ABC News, Northern Fiction. P.S. How about a "Slap a Screw" campaign is the next issue?

CW Reply: A real readers want to us to publish any particular snatchings in their area, send the details in.

Letters may be edited for reasons of space and to save printing and English won't change their meaningful though if you a reply, please remember to add your address.
The economic crisis that brought down the world economies in the '70s, and the Eastern bloc at the end of the '80s, is affecting the Western bloc. The latest victim is Mexico, on the border with the United States.

Mexico was central to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the economic bloc set up to rival Europe and Japan. It was supposed to provide cheap labour for American companies, and the "tickle-down" theory was to create new markets for America: Mexican workers buying US products would bring in a new wave of US exports.

SHIFTED

When the trade barriers did come down, the Mexican economy wasn't strong enough to fill the gap. Since December 23, 1994 the peso has been drastically devalued, dropping 80% against the dollar. The stock markets of Mexico fell by 40%, and capital fled the country back to safety in America.

Zapista candidates for sale: what the hell are they up to?

Zedillo, is begging for international financial support to rescue the economy. He has promised a new approach, and the IMF is finding it out. The strings attached to the loans are squeezing the Mexican working class. The first 2 billion dollars out of the IMF's 250,000 workers unemployed, with another 500,000 planned soon. Wage rises have been frozen at 7%, interest rates have rocketed 50%, public spending is being slashed, petrol went up 30% overnight, electricity went up 20% and inflation is allowed to soar. All this on top of a 50% export shortfall, and all this since 1980. These measures are bound to lead to a rise in anger. The Mexican ruling class is aware of this danger and is acting, osten
ding a crisis and making the IMF look more sympathetic. The IMF, on the other hand, is putting all its eggs in the basket of new IMF-supported programs.

The Zapata revolutionaries have responded in an unconventional way, by calling a carass to ensure the government time to contain the situation. We'll have to see how the Mexican working class responds to this.

BANKRUPT

The collapse of the Mexican economy seems to signal the end of the economic recovery. Capitalism is bankrupt, floundering on a sea of credit. The Mexican crisis can only make the world economy come to a halt. The US withdraws from the world economy to show up its own failure. The world bosses hesitated over whether to give aid to Russia and Eastern Europe. They made a decision: let them go, no aid.

The collapse of the current global economy is possible. It will come very soon, and it may not happen. The world economy is in a "new world order" where the idea of "each state for itself" is dead. It is a battleground between the French and American empires, who seek control of the Middle East. The conflict in Rwanda shows this situation clearly, when the French occupied Rwanda to defend the interests of the French and American empires in the region.

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PULLING STRINGS

This conflict was made worse by the effects of the Western bloc. The industrial capitalism had been declining in the West and the local regimes against the "threat" from Russia. But the whole conflict between the West and the East has come in a "new world order" where the idea of "each state for itself" is dead. It is a battleground between the French and American empires, who seek control of the Middle East. The conflict in Rwanda shows this situation clearly, when the French occupied Rwanda to defend the interests of the French and American empires in the region.

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UNITED COLORS OF CAPITALISM?

The civil war, raging in Algeria, is portrayed in the Western media as one of democracy vs. Islamic fundamentalism. This is a joke. Like Rwanda, it is an appeal of imperialist nations to go on a "peace" mission to stop the fighting and the suffering of the people. Our observers have been reporting on the ground that the French army is involved in the war.

The French government has been bombing the Muslim rebels, while the Algerian army has been bombing the French army. The French are being resold to the US, which is now in control of the world economy. The French are being resold to the US, which is now in control of the world economy. The French are being resold to the US, which is now in control of the world economy.

ELECTIONS

The latest conflict began when the French-backed secular government cancelled elections in January '92 just as the Islamic parties looked likely to win. The fighting continued, and all of the Christian parties were unable to form a government. The Islamic Salvation Front (IFS) has controlled the state. The Islamic Salvation Front's (IFS) military wing, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), declared war on anyone with French ties. Since then, 30,000 people have been killed in the sate of Allah. Most victims are civilians and the resulting wave of refugees from the conflict is beyond description. It is a disaster for the French government, which had planned to use the conflict to propaganda advantages.

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Welcome to TV Hell, the land where talk-show hosts outnumber real people three to one and where reactionary boilocks are dressed up as daytime entertainment. Oprah is the self-confessed queen of this type of show—lately she's been challenged by young upstart Ricki Lake and the British Vanessa. But any differences are purely cosmetic; essentially they all follow the same format.

First there's the controversial subject—Ricki's Indian families separated at birth; Oprah's 'what men think about their bodies', 'Men eating mothers-in-law', 'My husband stole my child'. Women whose grandmothers were abducted by aliens, you get the picture.

Then there's the hostess full of probing, incisive questions: "Wow!" "Really?" "When he put the gun to your head, weren't you scared?" Finally add a touch of personal therapy and pop psychology: "I want you to tell me about the pain that's inside you..."

"How does that make you feel as a person?" are the equivalent of modern day freak-shows, where working class people appear on parts as 'tragic victims' and Oprah gets us to 'feel' for them. It's only when reality gets in the way that the whole thing falls 10 pieces. When Oprah did a special after the LA riots, she hurt a good trying to be 'down with the sisters'—but it was so insane it made you sick.

The worst thing of all is that these programs are making people pretend to care. Like soap operas, everything is geared to making us feel that we are on top, even if we're watching a bunch of people in a studio four thousand miles away, who believe their class communities have been destroyed, can resurrect that good feeling with the flick of a switch. But I have to dispense with my endless dreams of the moment when we programs with titles like 'I chopped a copper's head off' are available for distribution.

The desperately un-outrageous Vanessa: "Next week we meet people who've given their local MP a good bashing..."

TELEVISION

FIGHTING TO WIN
Boris Dumont
PISSELLING IN THE SAME POT
Robert 'Chick' Taylor
(Black Economy Books £1.50)

Robert Taylor and Boris Dumont are serving long prison terms and Black Economy Books have produced two short booklets covering their respective cases. History and Taylor and Dumont have arrived at prison via different backgrounds, where Robert is a self-confessed villain and Boris is a full-time revolutionary. Their commitments, however, to their freedom is unquestionable.

Fighting to Win and Pissing in the Same Pot are the first offerings from Black Economy and are intended to provide a brief insight into the lives of these two prisoners. While tales of guns, armed scouts, media overkill and escapes are compelling reading, the men also have much to say about their own characters and determination not to disappear into the prison system.

In 1989 Robert Taylor was convicted of armed robbery on the strength of a rigged identity parade. Taylor eventually pleaded guilty and on trial for deciding to do a runner. The trial's a joke—the police2 contradict themselves and the judge reaches a compromise to save face. As Rob Taylor says: "18 months for having a swing-off savings with one up the spout and safety off? That tells you what the judge thought?"

THE POLITICALLY CORRECT GUIDE TO GETTING LAID
Tupp Yowens
(Plan/Sci. £3.99)

The introduction to this book reads; 'Politically correct persons live their lives by their right-on, inarticulate, neo-racist, non-ableist, non-agent, eco-friendly ideals, it's utterly uncool to chat anyone up, approach people you feel attracted to or ask for anyone except your mates, admit to sexual frustration or the desire to flirt. Thus single PCs have no obvious means of initiating their monogamous ideal with a significant other. Sadly the PC becomes SIC—sexually incorrect.'

This book should be required reading for all the sad politics in the world. It's sexy, it's fun, it's inspired and it's out of both the robotic society we live in and the alienated ideologies that claim to represent a genuine alternative view.

The fact that political activists of all descriptions ignore sexology says a lot about their own started-up and repressive nature of their parties—actually just a form of uncontrolled pornography. This is one of the most important areas of human life and has the potential for liberating us from our isolation and alienation.

It's no surprise that those in power spend vast amounts of resources on censoring, banning or preventing sexuality to prevent it becoming a threat. Ignore at your peril.
In fact, there are two - for the moment. One is the mighty stadium of St James' Park, home to a resurgent Newcastle United, triumphed at the top after years of also-rans or worse. The other is an owner of football club, but this time the club has never even been an also-ran - and its home will not be there for much longer.

At the opposite division end, Newcastle United sunk the not very well-known Exeter City. Taken over by administrators earlier in the season because of serious financial difficulties, their ground St. James' Park is having to be sold to pay off the creditors.

**TARGETS!**

Amazing isn't it the way the media think they can control the way people think. After the fact by Eng- land fans in the friendly game against Ireland the media announced (and it was official) that football was now the preserve of the YOD.

Funny enough, but before the match-fixing allega- tions, the Cantons affair and the Dublin riot I was part of an elite group of supporters like Martin Amis, Nick Hornby and Salman Rushdie who were changing the face of football for the better. My team shirt had become a fashion statement - it was no longer a club badge but a 'chic' emblem.

Nothing has changed in fact... I still go to the same old shabby pub in Leyton before (and after) the game and sing the same songs with the same crowd. For people who supposedly spend a lot of their time at football matches, writing in the papers and shouting on TV, the game is still a secret. They're too busy in the executive boxes for their own good. Mind you, I hope they're all still there when the buckers are burnt down. The truth is that football fans have style, wit and intelligence but we just can't stand Amis, Hornby and Rushdie!

**STUGGLE**

Exeter are just another victim of the increasing commercialisation of football. There are a whole horde of clubs in the lower divisions who are struggling to survive. For Exeter City, which is the PFA (the footballers' union) are having to help pay player's wages. Others are on the verge of bankruptcy and there are others in the same boat.

There's nothing new in this for as long as football has been played, clubs have come and gone due to financial problems. But what is new is the pace is increasing - and the gap between the top and the bottom has widened significantly.

**AT THE TOP**

For those at the top (the Man Uniteds, the Totten- hams, the Liverpools, etc.) life has never been so good. They have literally a licence to print money and this means that the people who are actually running these clubs view football as an opportunity to make large profits. Although these people might talk of their love for the club and the game, their words would be empty if losses happened or their credibility undermined.

They would be off sooner than you could say "first division" and the rest of us poor mugs whose commitment to a club goes a lot deeper than a mere financial balance sheet. In fact, this is one of the attractions of football: it is where we can get away from talk of money and worry over cash flows, where we can bury our selves in something that takes us beyond our all restricted reality.

At Man United, it is planned to spend £28 million on rebuilding the North Stand. Sums like these would save many a lower division club from financial hardship and bankruptcy - but the spend- ing of this money will not even benefit United fans.

**WHO PAYS?**

When the Stafford End was redeveloped three years ago it was the fans who had to pay for it with increased prices of up to 60%. As night becomes day, the fans will have to pay for this new stand.

It is the only way to stop these vast sums of money have not even really benefited the fans of the top clubs. And as far as the smaller clubs are concerned, it is business as usual. Like in the world outside football, there is most definitely no "trickle down" of wealth (more like a trickle up)!

But for those at the top, the results are the same. There is nothing looking good - so good, in fact, that ex-Arsenal manager George Graham could call £425,000 an "unpolished gem". To virtually TV. £425,000 would mean an end to a life of work and drudgery. As far as George was concerned, it is only a gift.

**REEFER MADNESS**

The most stupid saga in the series of supposed scandals (anything to sell the newspapers and keep the peanuts busy) that have rocked the football season has been the sus- pension of the Crystal Palace striker Chris Armstrong for, horror of horrors, smoking marijuana.

Despite the fact that cannabis is illegal to dam- age one's performance rather than enhance it - this probably doesn't matter much Armstrong has been so pathetic in front of goal this season - he's been in the FA and missed crucial League and Cup games including the League Cup semi-final against Liverpool (which Palace lost).

No-one would oppose sportspersons being banned from taking performance enh- ancing drugs such as steroids or amphetamines. But the Football Association has no right to pry into footballers' social habits.

Drugs testing is now becoming as common in sport in this country as it is in America - it has been stated that 9 footballers have tested positive for "social" drugs (ie cannabis, not amphetamines) this season, although their names (apart from Armstrong) have been kept secret.

**SPILLF UP!**

And in Rugby League the Bradford North Huddersfield are facing a life ban if he gets caught again. This is testing positive for cannabis in 1992 and then recently refused to give a sample which resulted in a four month ban and a £2,000 fine.

But Armstrong never received any formal hearing, he was simply banned by the FA from playing "until further notice". This notice was served when Armstrong had completed a round of rehabilitation courses (no doubt having to promise never to do it again) and passed a further eight drug tests.

Showing the same weakness that sees fans characterise all trades unions, the PFA have failed to oppose these bans, meaning that in years to come most clubs will have players "unavailable for selection" until the bureaucrats of the FA let them play.

**OUT OF ORDER**

Class War was delighted for all decent working class Chelsea fans with the budget vote in Lin- colnshire. It was Irene, born in the recent events at Lan- downe Road during the England/Ireland match - there was nothing but good luck to some Chelsea fans and the far right), that their great tradition was saved by black players, who also scored both their goals.

**NO PLACE**

For the second year running, social game, both on pitch and terraces and there can be no place for sport which to divide us up on grounds of colour - let's kick it into touch. But it should also be said that there can be no place for the authori- ties either. The Belgium police's rampage against Chelsea fans during the first leg was completely out of order and showed the authorities' attitude clearly: keep them controlled and treat them like kids.

Upwards of 1000 fans were held back just outside the vehicle depot and then deported, virtually all for the major crime of being a football fan. It might be more subtle in this country, but with the surveillance and other forms of control the police now have a need to be so obviously brutal.

And just because they are seemingly softer (i.e. don't bronchize you for just looking at them) doesn't mean their attitude is any different. As far as they are concerned, we're all still the scum of the earth.

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