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

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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, 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 electronics on a VDU screen, can put people on the scrap heap.

SPIVS

It also shows that the whole ploy 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 they 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 stoiled 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 hard for the 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, self-serving, irresponsible, callous, overpaid, lying bunch of bastards who are only good for doing space suits with no 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 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 the important fact is that all out of the election were that the Tories came in fourth place with a toxic 11%, or that Labour took over 50% of the seats. The important figures about the election were that only 40% of the electorate bothered to vote.

What’s significant 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 vote for who rules us. As will the general election, 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 mobilising the 8 million rich voters. It needs each time. As far as the rest of us are concerned, we can all drown ourselves.

LIES

It’s the same voters who Tony Blair is desperately trying to get to get Labour next time. This is why he’s no better than the Tories, and why anybody who puts any faith in him will soon be kicking themselves for being conned one more time.

Politicians of all shades worry more about people not voting than they do about losing their seats. They cry 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 - it only encourages them.

SPECIAL - Why Labour are crap. Page 11.

Hai Hai! Hai! - Scots Tory git can’t believe his eyes as his party get’s the heave-ho.

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SPECIAL

The weekend at the end of March/ beginning of April kicked off in good style for residents on the Halton Moor Estate in Leeds.

Things began when some obviously well-organised joyriders used three cars to ram a cop car on the estate. The cunning drivers used the three robbed vehicles to box the panda car in while the joyriders escaped.

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

Two of Nottingham’s boys in blue have taken a beating recently in what the Police have called an out- break of “unprovoked” attacks, as if you needed a reason to attack a copper!

The first happened in the Sneinton 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 remember enough details about the attacker to make an ar-rest.

ESCAPE

The second incident hap- pened when PC James Taylor, a police constable was patrolling in Aspley during the early hours of the morn- ing.

His attacker approached him and swung a scaffold- ing pole into his face leaving him with a broken nose and con- cussion. Even though the fifth floor could not see the area, the wily wanker managed to ‘slip the net’ and escape.

Nottingham police have such a numerous reputation for fitting masks up and getting away with things that it’s not surprising that someone wanted some payback.

As we go to press Pc Taylor and his luckless mate are recovering at their homes until fit for duty.

Let’s hope that their compliance is both long and painful.

MATCH REPORT:

ONE COP CAR KNACKERED, TWO COPs HURT, TEN ARRESTS...

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

Hundreds of Turks and left wing groups demonstrated against the atrocity, expressing which side it’s bread is buttered, responded by shooting the demonstrators.

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.
**RHINOPOWING 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 Cherie Booth, grinning maniacally, like dumb actors in toothpaste adverts, at moneyless photo opportunities.

What we're sure all Class War readers would love to wipe the smile off Tony's sly grin, Class War can reveal that Ms Booth is just as nasty a piece of work.

**NASTY**

A barrister by profession, Booth is one of the leading authorities on the jailing of poll tax defaulters. In February 1994 she wrote a document for a poll tax enforcement conference advising local authorities on the quickest way to arrange prosecutions.

Booth doesn’t just talk nasty, she acts nasty, in November 1993 she persuaded the High Court to uphold the jailing of two poll tax defaulters from Blackburn.

During the coming general election campaign, Ms Booth will be accompanying her husband on many of his walkabouts.

Wouldn’t it be a shame if during their canvassing the grotesque twosome met someone who Ms Booth helped jail?

Tony Blair - an apology.

In Issue 66 of Class War we referred to the Leader of Her Majesty’s Opposition as “chimpanzee face”, and “chimpanzee chimp.”

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

Tony Blair - a whom for the law!

**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 coppers, solicitors and other such scum that in the south of England generally speaking, the game is run by upper class arseholes for middle class fools.

Well, our dancing of them increased massively when the team had a practice session which featured the stick-up royal brats Prince William and Harry, plus their idle rich parasite mother, Princess Di.

The Princes couldn’t go to the Grand Slam decide against Scotland because another royal would be there (how upsetting!) - so those aristocratic players of the England team put on a private show for them.

**PUNCHBA**

Unfortunately, none of them took the opportunity to dropkick one of the princes through the posts, though it must be said, we would be surprised if they did.

But if the royals have any spare time on their idle hands, we could suggest an outing with the Class War boxing team: we've got need for a new punchbag, or two.

**SELLING THEIR LABOUR**

The latest thing the Labour Party has got into a flap about 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 hyperthermia each winter because they can’t afford to eat and heat they homes?

Are they going to do something about the chronic lack of NHS beds and the millions waiting for treatment?

Are they bollocks, have they got 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 know that there was going to be a particular problem. They had caused energy share prices to fall, but they still went ahead and told the governments last re- electing shares in a privatization 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 slump and no quick profits were made.

Labour then spent three days harping on about this ‘scandal’ on every news programme that would have them. 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 potatoes for the scum who make millions by investing on inside information that they got 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?

The new look Labour party has completely abandoned working class people, and seeing them moaning about the rich not being able to make an ‘honest’ profit on the stock market shows what their new priorities really are.
The recent mobilization of men in parts of Balsall Heath/Birmingham to drive prostitutes (sex workers) off the streets has divided the local community: sympathy for the prostitutes and anger at the bigots of the 'pickets' is growing.

SCAPEGOATS

What seemed to begin as a genuine move by local people to deal with ketcrcrowers was turned into a move by some from the community to simply move them further away from the area. After attempts to get the police and council to take action against the ketcrcrowers, anger was vented at local police and women only.

The women have been scapegoated for the problems caused by male ketcrcrowers. Many other local women, who did not comply with dress codes, also suffered the same abuse from men on street corners. The 'pickets' claim success. Many women have moved in fear of their lives to their homes at a loss, and the problems caused by the ketcrcrowers have simply moved with them. But no account is being taken of the effect 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 Balsall Heath. The whole saga was a missed opportunity to build solidarity between us by addressing the real problem which was the behaviour and attitude of the male ketcrcrowers.

MISSING CHANCE

A missed chance to understand a bit more about the problems 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. If women got paid jobs they wouldn't need to seek men. But a lack of jobs available, scarce childcare and training can freeze women out of the jobs market completely. As many women have lost their entitlements to benefit over the past years - prostitution can seem the only alternative.

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

The recent focus on Balsall Heath's sex workers has given no long term solution to these women's needs. Instead they are made more vulnerable to attack. Right wing bigots and their friends in the media have conned some local people into going yet another group of workers a load of bother. The conservative morality that has been used to turn people against prostitutes has the same working class roots as the shit that causes racism, homophobia, sexism and all the other prejudices that divides working class society.

WHO'S IN BED?

Let's just look at the bed partners of the 'pickets': councillors, local church leaders and MPs, all middle class topos with power and control. As workers we have far more in common with prostitutes than we do with the likes of Madame Jill Knight, Birming ham MP. After all, it is the likes of her that create the poverty which 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, East London, after a CS gas attack on a driver, London Transport appealed to the public in this message on the Kingseat and Clapton Park estates.

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

The people responsible for these attacks are completely scum, those of us who live in Hackney cannot toler ate this disruption to a vital community service. This type of Hackney already has one of the worst public transport services in London. There is no place for the socially criminal here of anywhere else in Hackney.

If those responsible continue in their self-appointed role as a community service, the people of Homerton and Hackney Wick will sort them out.

These wankers are fucking the rest of us over.

Regular pickets on 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 that bloody helicopter of theirs that circles up and down. Capital City Buses are not more worthy target.

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

One person who was particularly taken with the leaflet was John McCafferty himself who told the local paper "The response of Class War has been amazing - usually Labour, yes; it does mean, and we're huge of it!"

TheHackney Gazette also said that our leaflet incited violence and threatened McCafferty. Considering he has presided over years for some of the worst public housing in the country (and has done alright out of it) Class War doesn't need to do the police's job of taking against this sinner wreath.

LIVE BY THE SWORD

The past weeks have seen an increase in demonstrations against cuts in services. At this time of the year councils are setting their budgets and council tax for the next year. It's at this time that many cuts are announced.

Up and down the country schools, under the guidance of their head and teachers, are lobbying council meetings and protest at cuts in their area. Firefighters, local government workers, teachers and health workers have marched to rallies and raised petitions. Even some Tory councillors are supporting the protests.

As ever the lefties are likely to organize a series of walkabouts with placards to see who can get the best head count. What difference will it make? None, it never has and never will.

PISSING IN THE WIND

Symbolic shows of public support, that have no connection 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). Councils when confronted with these mild mannered orderly protests claim to be innately trampled in the middle. "It's central government, blame the Tories" they whinge. Some have even come to rely on the government by setting budgets above that laid down by Westminster.

A CUT ABOVE

How they get their 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! Fuck me, roll on May, can't wait to go give them your vote.

Let's admit it, that's what this flurry of protest is about all. It's about winning the local election campaign. The "labour movement" (leftie trade unionists) can be seen to be fighting back when in effect all they are doing is defusing a bit of anger, deflecting blame away from local councils, waiting people's time and energy and the conclusion of all protests is that we should vote Labour.

Basically they achieve nothing beside leaving those people who use feeling disempowered and disillusioned. Yet another defeat.

Pissed off down a cul-de-sac, you've got a job, otherwise a well armed grip gets the message over, take wild cat strike action, use sabotage... let our minds and bodies do the talking.

We reckon it's just what the doctor ordered... and it's definitely well overdue!

GET AWARE

The last issue of Class War contained a report on the England v Nigeria match where Nigerian activists distributed leaflets denouncing that country's military dictatorship. For the past five years the Awareness League have been a revolutionary group of about 1000 members - have done their best to fight the Nigerian ruling class from within Nigeria. Despite the arrest and detention of many leading members the Awareness League, it is still politically active.

The downfall of apartheid in South Africa, Africa has been removed from the list of leading list of causes.

WHAT'S AHEAD?

What the Awareness League require, however, just as the Indian soldiers of the Tedesky left, but the decisive support of class struggle activities from around the world. In particular they require literature in particular class struggle books ; pamphlets w ; Money, Music, Tapes - particularly pop, reggae, soul or rap (anybody sending Morissey tapes will have them returned). First Aid kits and rehabilitation materials. Condoms and AIDS awareness literature.

Due to the current climate in Nigeria it is not possible to send donations direct to Africa. The Awareness League is currently forced to operate from safehouses which frequently change at short notice.

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in particular they require:
ROCKETS AWAY!

French workers have been putting us Brits to shame as usual. While British unions spout hot air and tug the forelocks to management, French seamen were setting alight Meridian scab ferries. The British media has portrayed the seamen as being up to their "typical disruptive tricks" and not "playing fair" with French workers. The opposite is the truth. The editorialists are saying that the French government should get its act together and that it has little to do with us - we say 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 to small copy company has been hiring cheap Polish labour, paying them a quarter of what the French seamen earn and a third of what British seamen do. With the capital's Trojan Horse and will be used to drive down the seamen's wages and conditions. The Eddie Shah did in the print industry. The answer to this was blacked ports and closed down docks - plus an attempt to burn out one ferry and skirmishing with the police. This collectively was backed up organising together.

The French seamen are helping to keep wages up for all European workers (and ultimately all workers). Their struggle is not against foreign workers, they have no objection 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 fighting cheap labour or breaking strikes, our enemies never stop at geographical boundaries.

SOLIDARITY

The English Channel constitutes 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 scrap 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 quarter more pay 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 demand 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 screwed, to be shat upon".

NECESSARY EVIL

Work is shit - but unfortunately it's also a necessary 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 do it because we are making money for our bosses, or because we like being given shit wages, or because we like risking our physical and mental health.

We do it because we have to - jobs offer money (although it's never enough), it never properly compensates us for destroying our lives. And jobs offer a chance to get out of the home and be in a different environment with different people.

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 resistance within the workplace, there can be a real feeling of collective power. But most of these things - 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 what that means.

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

NOTHING

But we are nothing to the bosses 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 poverty plus aggravation of the dope, work it is - and that certainly doesn't mean that everyone is happy working!

LOTTERY

The national obsession with the Lottery (the biggest capitalist con-trick 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's more chance of being runner by a bus! At least joining a works syndicate is some collective workplace action.

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

Come the revolution, waged work will be abolished and work itself will take on a different meaning. 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 it will be nothing like the drudgery and slavery that we currently have to suffer, the waking nightmare of waged work with some rich bastard 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 fewer restrictions (though it has to be said at the moment it seems more of a matter of defending what little we've got).

And we'll tip them off 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.
KIDNAP!
The hated Child Support Agency is under constant assault, but it hasn’t taken long for the bastards 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 breach of childcare.” To me it’s nothing more than a kidnap.

Professor Dickbrain Whitfield is the man behind this twisted idea, who wants social workers 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 could show her child.”

This is the same old Government bullshit about single mothers making bad parents... It’s the old lie about single parenthood not being capable of giving their kids the love, the security of a family.

Fear of working class people who don’t (or can’t) pay up to buy Habitat families.

Whitfield and scum like him are getting thicker as I thought, if they imagine we’re going to stand and watch while they cart off our kids to be adopted by rich Habitat families.

Putting this man’s head in a liquidiser may well be the greatest love we can show for our class...

BARCLAYS WANK
Get a spare brick? Do us all a favour and send it in the direction of whizkid Martin Taylor. He’s like a lesser 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 lazy bastards who sit around the table and show a cool £3.37 million in salaries..... and that’s not counting bonuses, backhanders and bungs. Taylor himself took home a massive £173,000 last year: that works out at over £4,000 a week.

It’s no secret that Barclays have made this money by screwing the working class: bank scabs, closing down branches and creaming off profits. Those workers who have managed to save any of the cuts have not got a lot to look forward to. On the day that the board crowed 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 it effectively isn’t a pay rise.

Not surprisingly Taylor is up for 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-pack; 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 ankles and write verse. Gosh, I think that would be nice!”

Somewhere watery? Somewhere remote? We look forward to the day when Taylor retires... Maxwell-style!

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GENETIC CRIME?

February 1995 saw the circus come to town. It was full of popcorn, nutmeg and daft 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 Gaza Foundation with 'scientists' flocking to Britain from all over the world, like crazed pigeons, to discuss "genetics and criminal and anti-social behaviour"—whatever 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 the purse.

The prize slide show attraction followed hot on the heels of Millionists of American research on the subject. Needless to say, the obscene waste of US dollars has proved little more than Coco and the clown is alive and well and living in the White House.

Even the scientists who attended the conference admit that it's a long shot to think that it could be discovered in the future that a certain combination of genes may influence a person's criminal dabbleings.

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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, aristocrats are all. (4)
10. Ost... a large bird that runs. (4)
11. They play polo. (3, 4)
12. Educate the kids at Eton, Oxford and Cambridge. (4)
14. They don't wear red coats that go hunting. (4)
16. The people that rob the banks. (4)
17. The police are there to protect the. (4)
18. A bunch of toffee nosed, inbred, hypocritical parasites. (3, 4)

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

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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 most of the problems experienced by working class people in 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 organising 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 acts.

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 FEDERATION believes that politics is life and life is politics. 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.

WHAT WE DO

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

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THE VEAL THING

The "animal" and "eco" movements have cropped up in the news increasingly over the last decade. There's been a rush of media coverage of anti veal export and anti roadbuilding protests.

Shops from the local veggie/health food store to Tesco's are all doing a roaring trade with vegetarian and non animal tested produce for us all to snap up. Your local bike shop probably flags trendy looking face masks to help you inhale a little less pollution as you pedal to work.

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 offing. With the power and money lust it has, capitalism pollutes our land and waterways; kills our kids off with leukemia 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 about 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 vented and, if we're lucky, we get a bit of public interest. The real movement is not what we've seen on the TV and in the papers recently. The single issues that are easily manipulated, then ignored; with the same self-apointed, middle class gurus of 'the movement', mouthing off their morality, and very little politics, like pious arrogant priests, as though it was OUR fault! Middle class leaders are created from these higmouths 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 dodger ventures.

...WE'LL DO THIS!

So where does that lead us? To inactivity and acceptance of capitalism, just because single issue politics and... What we're arguing is that most of the horors 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 it to squeeze one or two of its spots.

A MIDDLE CLASS MOVEMENT?

Are the protests against animal exports and roadbuilding purely middle class? Well, there are certainly a lot of middle class people involved. As ever this involvement translates as an attempt to maintain complete domination over the organisations that are struggling for the right to play a 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 the pickets. The men and women in the barricades jumping up and down on top of the lorry cabs and putting the windows in with pick axe 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 boss's attempt to make a profit, are always going to attract working class people sick of passively 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 that 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 "exploitation" 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 "wrong" within the production process, before tackling the issue of working class people taking over control of the production line, 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 Cops as They Protect the Profits of Live Veal Exporters in Brightlingsea

outpouring of public sympathy for the miners by the very same who’d attacked us in 84/85. Even the Daily Mirror, of “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 defy ing 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 raised their flags to the most 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 we 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 far point to make that the current system of production and distribution is, amongst others 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 we can take control of the global system of production and distribution. We agree with the slogan “Act now, act locally, but what we want is the revolutionary destruction of capitalism by the working class, not merely to reduce exhaust emissions.

All religions require priests, and the running of this Earth-Mother-worship and animal rights are no exception. At every level there exist people summing a higher moral law than the rest of us. It is the Tories’ Government force us to endure conditions under their warped mental framework (which are the last to follow), movements like animal rights do not escape the existence of “holier-than-thous”. Enter the morality 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 means, for example, that over 4000 people a week die before their time due to work-related illnesses or accidents, in this country alone.

Instead, they denounce only those who consume products which are produced by human suffering. We 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 everybody should abandon the cities, houses, night clubs and fashionable clothes and haircuts, and take up some semi-romantic existence roaming around the countryside, collecting wood and dancing around the bonfires. Well, it isn’t my idea of a good night 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 and work together in order to free ourselves—whether we share the same tastes or not.

**NEVER MIND THE GREEN BOLLOWS - WHAT ABOUT THE ACTION?**

What about working class people who don’t give a damn about the post-postanimal rights or Mother Earth? People who get involved because you can have a good time arguing around the cows and you can actually have the satisfaction of seeing some results for your actions? On Newnight on the eve of the funeral of Jill Phipps, the woman who was killed on one of the anti-export protests at Coventry airport, her brother urged people to join the protests claiming it was a “dead loss.” Right at this day we are not asking for too much**.

His second comment reveals many protesters for what they are — willing the government to pass new laws for reforms. If the government bans live animal exports the protest will be over. When the Ministry of Transport stops building new roads there will be no builders 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 never give us, even if they were all suddenly to decide to destroy themselves. That is why the liberation of the working class can only be self-liberation and that power over our own lives is given to us, we will have to work out how we are going to create the conditions of the post-capitalist society. We will have to win the 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. Struggles for animal liberation, if they are to have any value, must be part of a wider struggle — the class war. If not, they are reformist struggles, designed to adapt capitalism. We should only accept its destruction for the benefit of all people and therefore all animals. Of course all struggle against the capitalist system begins with partial struggles against particular aspects of the system. Some reformist campaigns involve virtually no working class people and are often taken over by the middle class — these campaigns are totally irrelevant and do not contribute to the destruction of those partial reformist struggles which do engage working class people, can not be tolerated and should be repudiated. If we allow capitalist system works and how better to fight it.

What must be fought against is the use of partial struggles by middle class reformists to try to confuse and fool people and to divert the working people off the track of struggle which is opposed to capitalism and revolution.
WIMPEY THUGS UNDER FIRE AS LOCAL PEOPLE FIGHT BACK

The residents of Corkhill near Pollok on the south side of Glasgow recently took to their streets as an occupa-
tion force of over a hundred cope, security guards, tree fellers 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 carrying the new M77 motorway, thumped and held on the ground by four brawny 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 squad of police were aproximating on him until he was ejected from the camp.

As hundreds of local women, men and children faced the streets, cops and security guards, brawny barricades, cops on the outside, hanged thugs on the inside.

THUMPED

Local people were heard to ask security guards how they felt about the lives oh these people of there own class for £3.50 an hour when the cops standing in front of them were about £25 an hour. A local main refused to move off due to public footage to allow a van to drive up and, in front of hun-
dreds of spectators was, punched in the face by one of the boys in blue.

Daily Mail and national press have given some cov-
erage to the incident in the main street across the road but to read what they are saying you wouldn’t think there was only about saving a 250

year old woodland and not about the people of some of the most lightly and stratified schemes in Glasgow fighting back against an at-
tack on their living conditions by the fat cats of Strathclyde regional council and Wimpey construction.

And that the protesters were all tree dwelling crusty types and not a local, working class, ground fought campaign, the people of the camp at Pollok. Free stats are also working class peo-
ple with respect for others of their class and have no illu-
sions about the dynamics behind this assault on the environment by the roadbuilders.

MAD AXE-MAN

This road is going through some of the most working class communities in Glas-
gow, a high proportion of the people of Anynns wife areas got to their nice jobs in the city centre.

It passes within fifty feet of peo-

ple’s homes but twists miles out of line to avoid pass-

ing across a pri-

egate golf course.

Previous incidents in the history of this road have in-

volved MP, Alan "Mad axem-

an of Pollok" Stewart throwing protesters with pike, apparently he just picked it up to stop some one else getting hit! While ac-

companied by his teenage son (carrying an air pistol) and hundeds of plocoz being taken off a murder hunt in

Ayrshire to look after the in-

terests of the people they are there to protect; big businessess, all at a time when the chief constable, Lesley Sharp, is pleading poverty.

Security personnel have been very abusive to local people calling women "cooks" with other sexist names, especially giving out abuse to locals.

Local school students have been one of the groups at the forefront of the cam-
paign with selective strikes and direct actions (after all they are the ones who will get asthma from the exhaust fumes) and over four thou-
sand people took part in a large illegal march from Glasgow city centre to Pollok Park ending up in a mass occupa-

tion of the Wimpey site comp-

ound.

WORKERS QUIT

Several security workers have already quit because of pressure and appeals from local people who were walking off the job and join-
ing the protests in solidarity with the local people.

Others have left because of poor pay and conditions on the site (no tea breaks etc.). Local feeling is running high and you know anyone who is involved in the con-

struction or security of the project, perhaps you could drop a line to Class War’s Glasgow PO Box as there are many people who could dro-

e a robust debate with them without the cops present.

As one local said to a security man "I would rather work in a gross than do your job". This noUSTOM can still be stopped and if you feel you want a more active, get in touch via the PO Box.

CARDINAL’S LABOUR PAIN

Cardinal Thomas Winning, Top Scots Roman Catholic, has been having a go at Tony for being a feasible titw who wouldn’t know a principle if it was shoved up his ass. While we wouldn’t argue with that, the cardi-

nal’s motives are the usual applied trash you would expect from a church leader. He’s passed off because the Labour party would not allow a "pro-life" stall at it’s Scottish conference.

ANTICHOICE

Pro-life, S.P.U.C. and their like are, of course, and choice: dedicated to preventing women having the freedom to choose abortion. They want us to come on us legislation that would re-criminalise abortion and perepiccate women who tried to evade the law, not to mention the 99 women who would die within a year of after legalisation. Then they have the cheek to call people who oppose them “totalitarians” for refusing to allow them to peddle their vile propaganda. It’s about time we told this lot to S.P.U.C. OFF to the duration of history. While we’re at it why not chuck the labour. Party too there.

RAVING HYPOCRISY

The anti-fun lobby have been having a field day at the inquiry into the tragic drug related deaths of three people at the Hunger Last rave club in Ayr, last year. There were calls for the club to close down, but it was usual hypocrisy rubbish about how the action was backed by alcohol. Alcohol related deaths seem to be exempt from this hysteria. Have you ever heard calls for a pub to be shut down when a customer wraps himself around a tree on their way home from a "drug", including ecstasy and alcohol, have certain dangers which would be carefully considered. A healthy lifestyle should educate people properly about how to use and cope with drugs safely without feeding them a diet of ignorance and lies.

VIGILANTE MEN

In February Southside Medway, a council scheme on the outskirts of Edinburgh, saw the vigilante killing of a child molester.

The man, Lawrence Leydon, had ignored repeated warn-

ings from local people to leave the area, and the council had ignored a residents’ petition.

The situation came to a head when some men burst into his flat late at night and stabbed him to death. Neigh-

bours, who had ignored them, some of them in the belief that he was just being beaten up.

Working class commu-

nities have a right to defend themselves against anti and so-

cial criminals, but vigilantes must be answerable to their neighbours and can’t be given a free hand to pass death sentences.

CONTEMPT

The latest round of tinker police en-
quiries and, in a revealing article in The Guardian, is a first sight to the joint police forces so keen to catch the vigilan-

tes, ignored local concern about the whereabouts of Leydon’s neighbours: a pre-

scription drug addicted couple who had been badly upset by the incident; 3 weeks later the 3 people who were arrested, probably from overdoses.

The cops’ only concern in the situation was, as always, one was stealing their thin-

der and their contempt for the community was obvious.

BOSSES CITY?

A new report from the Glasgow Development Agency, the body re-

sponsible for a lot of the "renova-
tion" of the city in recent years, shows that all the efforts and millions poured into making the city more presentable for tourists, culture vultures and big business have been a waste of time from the point of view of Glasgow workers. Now there’s a surprise.

"Not much more have they wasted preparing this report which aims to working class person in the city could have prepared for them long ago! The report tells us:

- Long-term unemployment is in Glasgow.
- Workers from outside have taken the best of what even the jobs have been cre-

ated.
- Most of the new jobs (in service industries) like ca-

tering etc. are badly paid.
- The city only have just noticed all this, what planet have they been on all these years?

The main purpose of the "regeneration" has been to attract business in other words to make the city a more profitable place for bosses to be. The principle is the same as the method used in the third world known as the "trickle down" effect. If you make the rich richer maybe some of the wealth will trickle down to the working class people below. But since the rich are selfish parasites who make their money by ripping off working class people in the first place the whole idea just doesn’t seem likely. That’s why the third world is a mess.

The city is also it’s Glasgow is still going down the drain. The whole thing has a bright future it is through the neglect of the working class’s pride of tradition of solidarity and struggle, not some sanctimonious effort to butter up the bosses. The whole thing has been a sham, designed not only to make Glasgow a bosses city, but to bury the real Glasgow and it’s history.

IT’S A BETTER WORLD WITHOUT SICK NICK

Nicholas Fairbairn, ex top judge, Tory MEP for Perth and Kinross and disgusting bigot, did us all a favour in February by finally kicking the bucket at the not-so-rude old age of 62, after years of knocking back expensive malt whisky by the crate.

The papers and telly used words like “Maverick” and “eccentric” to describe this wanker, who blamed the poor, the sick, women for rape and immigrants for racism. We prefer to go for words like “PERVERT” and “SCUM”.

His comments on various social issues were enough to make any reasonable person want to see his head on a pole.

- “What is a skirt but an open gate?”
- “I see no reason for anonymity of rape victims. Are women so weak that they have to be protected? Not at all they are the tauntresses.”

- "Pervert" is being swamped by immigrants of every colour and race.

SAD EXCUSE

The question is how can such a sad excuse for a human being with so much media attention and sympathy? The answer is that of the whole country is owned and operated by wealthy bastards not so different from old Nick. One fewer is all there is plenty more where they came from. Our main regret is that he died from natural causes.

SELFISH

Fairbairn’s family selfishly turned down requests from Class War to donate his body for research. Fairbairn is looking into ways of resurrecting rich-scum so that we can sell them again — PROPERLY.
DO US A FAVOUR... SCRAP LABOUR!

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

This is a dangerous, dead-end illusion. Labour is an open-ended capitalist and anti-working class party that has never been socialist. They are unable to judge the nature of our 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 not a debate about defending the 'democratic' lie that elections are worth taking part in and that our interests and voice lie in Parliament.

The Labour campaign is designed to draw down the working-class identity and revolutionary class consciousness in a sewer that they call the 'people working in partnership'. It's not as though there is a solid body of voters that will turn to revolution. So the ruling class is preparing the ground for 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 insult to those fighting the poll tax and the police: "police and revolutionaries". he called them.

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ANTI-WORKING CLASS

Labour has never had anything to do with working-class power or socialism, or even the defence of our interests. The party's history has shown the exact opposite to working-class power. It is time to turn off what spending was cut and wage increases were reduced. As a result, the 1962-7 record, in effect, has been converted into a tax on the working class, and this has been rigorously put into action by the Labour Party. When British capitalism's economic crisis peaked and the point of collapse and a military takeover and civil war were prepared for quite openly, Labour stepped in to save it with austerity and unresponsive conditions.

The British economy briefly recovered but by the end of the '70s these were over. The 'Winter of Discontent' was a workers' response to savage Labour spending cuts and pay freezes.

In the May 1979, the Tories took over as the economic crisis, caused by overproduction, still gripped the country and caused recession after recession. The Tories responded with unemployment even more spending cuts and a restructuring of the economy which favoured the capital and market forces, in the main - and more and more state control, but not for the working class.

LEFTIST CRAP

It would be stupid to fall into the trap of blaming the current state of society and the economy on the Tories, like Labour and the Socialist Workers Party. It's a lie that it's easy to say: "Let Labour have a go, they can't do much worse!" But things are not as bad as the huge, fundamental changes and capitalist and barbarity of capitalism, no matter who is currently the capitalist of the time. So, even if Blair is in charge of the Labour government, they will only be able to use the same few tools the Tories are using now - the most vicious attacks on the living and working conditions of the working class.

The promise of the "new politics" of "working together" is a lie. The old politics of "a new deal" is a lie. The new politics of "a new economy" is a lie. The new politics of "a new society" is a lie. The new politics of "a new world" is a lie.

SAME AS THE OLD BOSS

The fact that Rupert Murdoch is saying he would support a Labour government, is proof enough of this. During the '80s, his media empires gave enormous backing to the Thatcher regime. The ruling class backed her because of her policies, her interests, money and power. Especially with attacks on the working class to make more for less pay. This anti-working class message was recently pushed by Labour's media allies. Labour would make sweeping legal changes to create "a fairer, more equal society" that will reduce income taxes, impose minimum wages, give public sector workers more job security, and make cuts to income tax rates. Labour said these things in the Parlimentary election, and won.

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

It is true that Labour has many working-class members, but so does the ANC in South Africa. The people who belong to the Labour Party membership with middle-class, middle-class, educated, reactionary and reformist affiliations will not make Labour a better government.

It's history that shows Labour, whether in power or not, is so far as will be possible to turn to the right. If the ruling class want a Labour government, they have to do it now. They have to give it to them now.

The same looks set to happen here. The US Democrats had to introduce massive public spending cuts and had to lower the class of wages. They had to rip out the pay. No party anywhere in the world can escape the pressure of its people to maintain a competitive edge over its rivals and make the working class poorer.

The working class then has no need to be diverted into the dead end of parliamentary democracy. It has to fight for itself.

THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE

Our class can best serve its own interests in the class war, for the world we want, no matter who the boss is, no matter what class society we live in. The class war may mean pressing for more political power for our class, but it also affects our lives and working conditions, especially in the present global economic crisis. When we fight the class war we cannot be in contact with the barrier class philosophy out in our way.

In conclusion, the class war is massive and covers the whole world. It is not enough to fight against these barriers, because the capitalists and their methods, and build a world that is free of poverty, war and slavery. Our class must be the world to win. This is our alternative.
THE POLITICS OF CONVICTION

Dear Class War

Your article on drugs, how drug laws are used against police targets and your warnings of the dangers of the drug war was good and useful. I would like to add some things about police involvement in drug dealing. Our Manchester cops tell us the drug supply business in Manchester is riddled with thieves, including agents provocateurs and undercover agents. They say you can’t survive as a drug dealer and say out of police unless you’re supplying information (at least) to the police. These are indications this happens everywhere that drugs are openly available—Staines, Newton, Gloucester, Birmingham, etc.

Probably the worst 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 fitted 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 not just 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 relationship with the local CID. If he or she is aware that the police can easily destroy his or her career, how dedicated a fighter for truth and justice is a lawyer going to be? Checking out dealers and lawyers for something they want to hide isn't easy, and the only way is to ask other customers about them and find out what their records are. Even so, nothing is certain, dealers can do time and lawyers can win defence cases and still be subject to police control. What we need is more information about local situations to be made public.

Class War has a good record for doing this, and it would be good to see more coming in from readers about what is going on in their areas in solidarity.

Conviction

CW Reply: Conviction is a group which watches the police and blows the whistle on their scams and highlights injustices. They can be contacted at PO Box 1022, Sheffield, S1 3BF. Since writing to us, Conviction have been having their mail tampered with by the State, so they must be doing something right!

MORE ON ANIMALS

Dear Class War

In issue 66, Mick the Class War poacher slags of animal liberationists for being middle-class—this is bollocks.

It’s the animal welfare/rights people who run the national organisations like NAVS, BUAW etc who are predominately middle class (who I don’t believe want animal liberation ‘cos I think they love their cutesy jabs) and attract other middle-class people to join up. The majority of activists are working class.

I wouldn’t have any quibbles about strangling up the rich, fascists or the hunters.

Yours,
A. Bird

Dear Class War

Where do you get your info from Mr. Poacher? Searchlight? The people who keep saying that animal liberationists are infiltrated by fascists are the same people who keep saying it about Class War. The State are just playing divide and rule.

Sure there’s maybe a few people who used to be in the NF, and there are in Class War—it’s no big deal, we know people change.

Al Lonne and others said wasn’t go into a state because someone went on a march a year or so ago. CW have said the same.

Yours for total liberation

AA, Reading

CW Reply: This debate has been covered form all angles now, so please no more letters on this issue unless they are particularly original.

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 knocking off a bit of free grub for me and my missus. He took a shot or two at me and missed—nearly.

Four years on I’m writing to you lot as you send a strong message to which I can relate in every way. The land where this took place belongs to an ex-Tory MP who now is a cattle farmer who lives in Bucks.

Well back to your paper. I didn’t realise there were so many like-minded people about until Paddy lent me issue 49. It’s powerful stuff. Just what the Tory workers need their grubby snouts rubbed in. Not just them but everyone who plays the game their way. All the best

Ben North

S.P. How about a “Slap a Screw” campaign in the next issue?

CW Reply: If any other readers want us to publish any particular scumbags in their area, send the details in.

Letters may be edited for reasons of space and so on. Political and English won’t change their meaningful though if you want a reply, please remember to add your address.

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 Southend bought a pig brought into casualty on a Wednesday night after being killed out of a 12 year old! You are never too young to start. Love the paper.

Keep up the good work, see you on the beers.

K. Southport

LETTERS

WE PRINT ‘EM COS YOU WRITE ‘EM

GRAFFITI COMPETITION

Dear All

Revolutionary greetings, I thought your readers might be interested to hear about two class enemies opposing the proletariat of Salford.

They are City Treasurer Alan "Two Chairs, Westwood and Finance Committee Chair Bloke Bernard "saving" Pennington.

They both appeared in a free local rag commenting on the case of 64 year old Mrs Margaret Pardy who has heroically defied the Poll Tax by not paying a penny and who was up in front of the local in December. Amazingly she was given a 22 day suspended sentence and ordered to pay at 50p a week for it (if she was charged a tenant a fucking week).

Anyway, Herr Westwood and Von Pennington rearred their ugly little heads to say (blockquote)

"Vivienne" Westwood said "I'll do it all again... I was so incensed I have written to the magistrates, the DOE and the Lord Chancellor to protest...however, I am please to say two more defendants were sent down!"

Bemard "Right On" Westwood added (quoteless) "If I had my way she wouldn't go to prison—It would be more like 6 months". Yes and if I had my way she wouldn't go down 6 feet.

Any class warrior wishing to take up the matter with spunky-twit Westwood or fiendish-in-the-pants Pennington, write care of The City Treasurer, Salford City Cathedral, Salford Civic Centre, Cheetham Hill Road, Swinton, Manchester. No parcel bombs though you might bajaran a real worker.

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CW Reply: If any other readers want to us to publish any particular scumbags in their area, send the details in.
The economic crisis that brought down three world economies in the '70s, and the Eastern bloc on the border, is affecting the Western bloc. The latest victim is Mexico, on the border.

Since December 23rd 1994 the peso has been disastrously weakening. On January 1st the peso plunged 20% on news that Mexico was to devalue the peso by 40%. This was because the Mexican economy was too weak to finance the high levels of foreign debt. The stock market of the country's largest banks and the peso fell the bank the country was able to recover.

Meanwhile, the US Treasury illeagally 'exported' Ernesto Zedillo. It was for the purpose of freeing Mexico from its economic recession. The US has always been keen on this policy, but now it has found a new ally in Mexico. The US is putting pressure on Mexico to open its markets to US companies. This is a clear violation of international law and the WTO.

**SHATTERED**

The conflict in ex-Yugoslavia may have been the news recently but the warning signs haven't been ignored. Some analysts believe that a war in the Balkans is totally of their making, not some sort of 'ethnic' conflict.

The discords and ethnic cleansing that have taken place in Yugoslavia in the last few years are a warning of what is to come in the Western world. The conflict in ex-Yugoslavia is not a 'normal' conflict. It is a conflict that is being fueled by international forces. The Western powers, led by the US, are using this conflict to further their own interests. The US is using the conflict to further its own foreign policy goals. The US is using the conflict to further its own economic goals.

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The civil war, raging in Alge- ria, is portrayed in the Western media as one of democracy vs. Islamic funda- mentalism. This is a joke. Like Rwanda, it is an example of imperialist nations using local gangs to further their own interests. That another war can break out in the Middle East is a testament to the barbarism affecting the rest of the globe. The conflict in the Middle East is moving closer to the industrialised centres of capitalism.

**ELECTIONS**

The latest conflict begins when the French-backed secular government canceled elections in January '94 just as the Islamic parties looked like winning. Soon after the election, the new government cracked down on the Islamic opposition. The fundamentalists hijacked a French plane recently. As part of its offensive against the Islamic right, the French killed 500 people in two days in a retaliation.

**GANGSTERS**

There has been a wave of suicide bombings and assassinations. Journalists, politicians and the police are among the targets. The conflict split into French soil since then and the fundamentalists hijacked a French plane recently. As part of its offensive against the Islamic right, the French killed 500 people in two days in a retaliation.

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In fact, there are two - for the moment. One is the mighty stadium and home to a resurgent Newcastle United, triumphing last season. The other is a football club, while the home of the club has never been an also-ran - and its name will not be there for much longer.

At the opposite divisional and no-Newcastle end lurk the 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.

The Struggle

Exeter are just another victim of the increasing commercialisation of football. There are a whole host of clubs in the lower divisions who are struggling for survival. Lightfoot Green, the PFA (the footballers' union) are having to help players' wages, Gillett and Ham are on the verge of bankruptcy and there are others yet.

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 Unints, the Tottenshams, the Liverpools, etc.), life has never been so good. They have the league's license 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 big losses happened or their credibility undermined. They would be far from as clever as "first division" - 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 out of 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 spending of this money will not be any 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 same will happen with this new stand.

This is the last of vast sums of money not have 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 (or more like a trickle up!)

Better conditions is a lot better than just sitting there and giving up. One of the most positive developments in the last few years has been the growth of football fans' organisations and "independent supporter associations. After all, even in these days of mass TV coverage and payments, it is the fans who keep the clubs alive - without us the game would die.

Reefer Madness

The most stupid saga in the series of supposed scandals (anything to sell the newspapers and keep you in your job!) that have rocked the football season has been the suspension of the Crystal Palace striker Chris Armstrong for corrupting a fellow player.

Despite the fact that cannabis is legal in this country of injustice it has been stated that 9 footballers have tested positive for "social" drugs (ie cannabis, not alcohol) this season, although their names (apart from Armstrong) have been kept secret.

Sprint Up!

And in Rugby League the Bradford North Fullback David Watson is facing a life ban if he gets caught again. The tests positive for cannabis in 1992 and then recently refused to give a sample which resulted in a four month ban and a £2000 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 seems to characterise all trade 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 bureaucracy of the FA let them play.

No Place

For the moment the most racial game, both on pitch and terraces and there can be no place for SNP, who is in place to divide us up on grounds of colour - let them kick them into touch! But it should be said that there can be no place for the authorities either. The Belgium police's rampage against Chelsea fans during the first leg was completely out of order. The authorities' image has been tarnished and there is no way to keep control of this situation.

Out of Order

Class War was delighted for all decent working class Chelsea fans with the Man United victory in the last two matches. It was ironic, given the recent events at Lansdowne Road during the England/Ireland match (a match which saw some Chelsea fans and the far right), that their great performance was led by black players, who also scored both their goals.

Class War decided to show its support with a little political action. We decided to take the lead from the parents in the last match and made sure that nothing untoward happened. The police's tactics were not so successful and they were forced to seriously consider their tactics. The police were forced to be more subtle in their tactics, and to use more intelligence in their tactics.

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