BARNEY IN BARTON HILL

Class War spoke to youths on the Barton Hill estate in Bristol, They're angry about the Development Corporations plans to destroy their area and turn it into a yuppie paradise along the lines of the London Docklands. This article was written by one of them and is reprinted below.

UDC

Just as Barton Hill youth has got used to playing football on the chemical waste dump, grasped over in the 60's, what happens? it get turned over to property developers whose aim is to make a quick buck by throwing up new flats and all the necessary amenities that go with YUPPEDIOM. The UD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION is now being set up to develop the area. Based on the London Docklands Development, the government has highballed professional fiddlers to run the UD. Most of these have a personal interest in property development.

The UDC will be made up of people who:

1. Are not picked by local government.
2. Have no interest in the local communities.
3. Are not amenable to the local planning authority.

This has two effects:

1. They can demolish anything within the UDC boundaries - including houses, schools, and hospitals - without having to rebuke people.

2. The developments are designed to attract the newly wealthy group of people avoiding high London prices and moving to Bristol. However, people in the local community have heard about this before - they have learned from experience.

PALS

As usual, those who don't control land will be kept in their place.

Up go your yuppie flats, in comes your own occupiers and out go local people, who can no longer afford to live in the new tatty suburb of Barton Hill. But there's always the flats you might be thinking - Oh no! By the end of the year the Bristol-City Council flats in Barton Hill will be offered for sale to PALS (not as nice as they sound). PALS are Public appointed landlords.

The story before has gone like this: The tenants are offered a choice. Either you can have the local council as your landlord with the usual story of no repairs, jammed lifts and filthy stairwells. Or you can have me, your PALT. Vote for me and I'll let you off your first 6 weeks rent or I'll treat you to a holiday in Spain. The majority vote wins and before you can say anything your average Joe and Mary have a new landlord, who can sell the rent at just the level he likes it, sell your flat to someone else, or demolish it to build more Yuppie homes.

So it seems Barton Hill is in for more major changes. You heard about this before? - I doubt it! Because the council, developers and all our disabled representatives are all in it together. In this barrel all the apples are rotten, so we better throw them all out.

TORY ATTACKED

Council tenants in Briggwold in Bristol gave a warm welcome to the Tories' local council candidate in the May election. They drove to the polling station in a horse and carriage only to be fired upon by sling-shots by the local youths.

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD LAUNCH!

SUIT STRIKE

TV presenter Jonathan Ross has finally done something about his suits, which have been getting out of hand, but his suits. For the trendy fad for wearing fifties style suits has put many of the men in the textile strike for decades. Tens of thousands of jobs will be lost in June as they force their employers to give them a decent cut out of the affair when the textile union boom the suit fashion has started. For years the workers, many of whom felt there was little they could do to better their conditions against a background of closures redundancies and wage freezes. Now when all its too obvious that there's money pouring into the boss's pockets, workers have seized the opportunity and begun to squeak with rage.

Bosse Blasted

Meanwhile other strikes are breaking out at a rate not seen for years. Some are in response to Thatcher's attempts to try and out public spending, others are people trying to get their right share of scarce profits. These profits are being created by the boom in the service industry helped on by unemployment and low wages create certain amounts of those who can spend, spend more, while those who are producing or slaving in the service industries get paid less and less.

ON THE PHONE

Thanks to all those generous souls who have donated to the Class War Phone Fund since the appeal in the last paper. We are still drastically short of cash to keep it coming in. Also please remember to ring us if you have any news or information. If you don't get a reply straight away, try again.

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FERRY FIGHT

The disgusting betrayal of the 2000 P&O strikers at Dover by 'their' union shows yet again where our future lies... (old cliché)...with rank and file power and organisation. The power strike showed that huge numbers of seafarers were willing to strike in solidarity with the P&O workers. Many dockers wanted to walk out, but the leadership never called them and so it never happened. Clearly, our class can't afford to wait around for the claret swilling bureaucrats and social climbers, who are the official leaders of the labour movement to get off up their areas and do anything. We have to fight now for what we NEED, not what we think we can get. Let's hit fast and hit hard.

MOBS MASH MOTORS

A few weeks ago the SUN plastered "MOB VS YUPPIE CARS" across its front page. Apart from being the best front page that scruffy pile of Tory shite has managed in a long time it also made great reading!

MOBS MASH MOTORS

T-SHIRTS

T-SHIRTS will soon be available. They are: "CLASS WAR" (new logo), "I HATE YUPPIES" and the official "Rock Against the Rich" Tour T-Shirt. All shirts cost £4.50 each, including postage and packaging - so send your money now to: C W T-SHIRTS P O BOX 467, LONDON E2 9QX Cheques etc payable to "Class War" please.

MEMBERSHIP

THIS WEEK:

CLASS WAR FARMWORKER, HARRY, DECIDES TO ANNOY SOME OF THE YUPPIE INVADERS!
COMMUNITY POLICING

Lately, we've had regular announcements from the Old Bill on 'better policing with the black community', or on tackling race attacks, or on recruiting more 'black cops' to improve the force's image.

But behind these words, there seems to be another, more sinister new policy - stepping up attacks on Black communities across the country. These are just a few of the things we've heard about:

HACKNEY

HACKNEY, London- raids on black nightclubs (Pops, Accents) using the highly trained thugs of the Territorial Support Group. Also there was a raid on a 'illegal' club/party, using riot gear and trainers for the public order training centre in Hounslow, after at these raids has mostly been expressed in allusions to the film, despite the TSG railing the streets throughout May.

NOTTING HILL

NOTTING HILL GATE, London- In March the local top cop said that "Operation Trouper" was "one of the safest roads in the Notting Hill area", 2 months later they raided three of these Cops, just over the front line. Early reports said 68 had been nicked, but by the time we went round, only 18 were eventually charged. Seems like just another of the cops attempts to stop the carnival.

BRIXTON

BRITON, London- On April 30th, cops beat up and arrested 4 people from the area. A few cops just lay around in front of the pub, Shangri La, which was packed. When the police attacked, a number of people were arrested and 18 people were eventually charged. Seems like just another of the cops attempts to stop the carnival.

MOSS SIDE

MOSS SIDE, Manchester- A 21st birthday party found itself raided by dozens of the local God Squad in full riot gear. The road was closed and people were rounded up. The cops later admitted it was an error. It seems that the Moss Side Community Centre was attacked by hundreds of cops looking for "drugs" and "offensive weapons", using any excuse.

HANDSWORTH

HANDSWORTH, Birmingham- The Handsworth Action Centre on Larches Road has been under attack from both the boys in blue and the local Labour council. Despite its popularity in the community, the centre has been the victim of two major arson attacks recently. The police say they don't know where they've been when they've been, because nobody is in on the ground. They don't seem to be coming across the road to find the arsonists out of trouble. Police attacks have also been stepped up in Chapeltown, Leeds, and in Nottingham, where police have broken into Houses and Stonelode Park, Brent. At these and probably many other places we haven't heard of are part of the daily attacks the cops make on Black communities everywhere. Sometimes they use an excuse like "drugs" or "yardies", usually they don't bother, just beating people in a dark street.

Many white people suffer from police harassment, but (the miners excepted) haven't yet seen the whole scale that the cops can brutalise communities, they will in the future. In the meantime it is Black communities that are in the forefront of police attacks. How many times have we seen the cops pull off a flash car and - surprise, surprise - the driver just happens to be black (and if the car was driven by a white yuppie would they get pulled?). How many times have we ever found the attackers in cases of racial attacks? You could count them on the fingers of one hand. Because Black communities are on the receiving end of this institutionalised racism, they quite rightly get angry, and the film are there to keep them quiet.

However as communities unite, regardless of colour, to attack the cops and to show our anger, the cops have to get heavier to try and keep us down. Many whites are now suffering what working class black people have suffered for years: police beatings, psychotic riot cops and police murders. It's time to take back our streets from the film, we can crack anti social crime on our own.

- TOP TEN -

"Instead of guns just fighting each other they now fight the common enemy, the thin blue line of law and order", NORTH 7, June 88

CLASS WAR brings you an exciting new feature, compiled with the help of the Association of Chief Police Constables. Some have met the new statistics on unrest in the countryside with dismay, but all our regular readers will know we've been reporting the "Rural Riots" for a long time now. Having finally admitted the problems the police are facing in rural areas as resentment to their presence grows, the Old Bill have taken the forward thinking step of issuing a "leaguer table" for the areas where police have come up against the fiercest resistance. Maybe you think the figures are unfair to your area, in your county the class struggle is advancing on every front and no-one knows about it. Don't despair, contact your local Class War group or phone the CLASS WAR hotline and we'll make sure it's well publicised.

Going to lobby the cop shop!
ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?

At a time when rock music and its surrounding cults and causes are about as threatening as a bowl of marshmallows, Class War has initiated ROCK AGAINST THE RICH in a concerted attempt to put class politics back onto the political agenda, using music as a weapon.

Of course, the idea of using music to bring people together under one roof and pass on ideas is extremely encouraging. However, protest in musical terms now means little more than a tally-ho collection of former tax-exiles regurgitating a load of “isn’t it awful” rhetoric about injustices in some far off land. And, with the exception perhaps of “Live Aid”, the majority of working class people have shown little interest.

Unfortunately the overall political situation is ever less inspiring. While the Tory government is calling all the shots, the opposition is showing itself to be permanently on the defensive.

With a Labour Party that put the “dead” into deadwood containing mere puppies than a sloane square knees-up, and the rest of ‘the left’ revelling themselves to be as relevant as a jar of caviar at a miners’ gala, the prospects of a credible opposition to Thatcherism seem paper thin.

However, something utterly ruthless has arisen from this despair. Something that goes far beyond the realms of parliamentary politics...yes! it’s ROCK AGAINST THE RICH!

We want to take politics back to the grass roots, the nitty-gritty. To make people who are really ‘facing the music’ in terms of their daily struggles.

We are organising benefits for communities and people involved in the real fightback not some poky little excuse for one. Whether it be for the people robbing coal trains in South Wales or communities resisting the destruction of their territory by urban development Corporations, developers and plagues of “ok yah” puppies, R.A.R. will raise money and provide a platform for the people involved; from publicising their cause to planning offensives.

The ultimate effect of ROCK AGAINST THE RICH will be seen on NATIONAL ANTI-VIP-FEE DAY planned for Saturday 10th September.

The time to seize back control of our lives, communities and workplaces, and then ruthlessly hunt down our class enemies is now.

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?

The Message Spreads...

CLASS WAR would like to thank all the bands who have offered their services to ROCK AGAINST THE RICH.

We do not have space to list them all, but the response has been extremely encouraging. As well as the National Tour gigs have already been held in many parts of the country.

RAR

The first ever ROCK AGAINST THE RICH gig was in Ayre in Scotland. It was organised by a band called Blam Blam YC who are the support band in Glasgow. The gig featured The Cataram, Blam Blam YC, the Wilderness Children (support at Aberdeen) Bee Maverick, The Flat Stanley, The Salt Gallery, Southern Approach and Memphis Highshak.

The Welsh band, Anhrefn, as well as being support at Derby, have also organised a RAR benefit in Cafenevyd (Newport) on 4th August, featuring themselves, Cowboy Killers, Heb Garied and Paa Coffi Bwn. The venue is T J’s Disco.

Anhrefn are also headlining at a London Class War organised gig at the Tunnel Club on Friday 27th July, supported by Meg City 4 and the Slogan Valley.

The week before, on 22nd July, the same venue also hosts a RAR benefit with Culture Shock and Bobo Flaco.

A South London band called The Dispossessed have organised a concert on 2nd July in Lewisham featuring themselves and Beethoven.

There have also been gigs in Dover (the Cropdusters, the Four Guns and the Birdhouse) plus, of course, the two Joe Strummer gigs in London; the first in Brixton where the support was provided by One Style and Spartacus B, and the second in Camden with World Domination Enterprises and Chelsea.

Canceled

On the negative side, we have also suffered a number of cancellations. The most major one is the 12th August date in Dundee Caird Hall. Unfortunately the venue is run by the local council, who are obviously worried about what impact RAR will have in their city, and have banned the Rock Against the Rich concert. However, we have managed to book an alternative concert in Aberdeen on the same night. See elsewhere for details.

Hackney

This cancellation is not too dissimilar from the trouble we had trying to put Joe Strummer on at the Hackney Empire in East London in May. We were told that the venue was ‘not suitable’ for the likes of Strummer because of the expected noise levels. However, to our surprise, the Green Wedge organisation managed to put on a benefit there on 3rd July featuring...Joe Strummer. Odd that, isn’t it? We wonder whether this is due to Class War promising some of the multi-millionaire squatters who had only recently been evicted by Hackney Council...who also funded the Hackney Empire...

Isle of Dogs

And last of all, a minor set back in the Isle of Dogs, East London, where a free all-day Rock Against the London Docklands Development Corporation gig had been organised for the 9th July at a community city farm. Unfortunately the management committee who run the farm decided to pull out at the last moment following - we think - pressure from the LDCC who threatened their grant.

Still, after all this, ROCK AGAINST THE RICH is still spreading.

We still have a lot of bands who’ve offered to play RAR gigs who have yet to be given a chance to play. If you want to organise a gig in your town then drop us a line as soon as possible and we’ll put you in touch with local bands.

IT’S COMPETE

As most regular “Class War” readers will know, Saturday 10th September has been declared National Anti-Vip-Fee Day.

We expect a massive response across the country. However, it is likely that most of what occurs will be conveniently “overlooked” by the press so that people think it’s a flop. Therefore we are asking you, our readers to tell us what is going on in your area.

JOE STRUMMER
ONE STYLE

JULY
13th LEECE IRISH CENTRE with Tapestry Sky
14th DERRY COFFETTIS with Anrefhn
15th LIVERPOOL ROYAL COURT with The La’s
16th DONCASTER BROADWORTH MINERS WELFARE with The Way
17th SHEFFIELD LEADWICH with Western Promise
18th BRISTOL BIERKELLER with The Family
19th MERTHYR TYDFIL DOLLARS NIGHT CLUB with Foreign Legion
21st EXETER ST. GEORGES HALL with Vibe Tribe
23rd POOL ART CENTRE with The Cropdusters
24th SOUTHAMPTON MAYFAIR with Plik Spatula
25th BRIGHTON CONCORD with The Four Guns
26th BRIGHTON CONCORD with 5 Star Rock’n’Roll Petrol
STRUMMER SPEAKS

SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY THAT IT WOULD BE PRETTY HARD TO FIND SOMEBODY MORE SUITABLE TO HEADING A ROCK AGAINST THE RICH TOUR THAN JOE STRUMMER. As frontman for The Clash, the songs he wrote and sang back in 1977 are probably more relevant now than ever before. "White Riot" could easily have been written about the 'real riots' that have been erupting around the country over the past year or so.

"Career Opportunities" just about sums up the plight of the youth of the eighties - forced into crappy, low paid jobs and training schemes by Social Security cuts.

Rich

Some people have pointed out that Strummer is hardly a pauper, so what's he doing Rocking Against the Rich? Perhaps, in this middle capitalist society of ours it's near impossible to become a well known musician without making some money! It's the rich record company bosses who make a fortune doing bigger all who are the real parasites.

There have also been a number of complaints about how Joe has "sold out" since '77.

"Yeah, I probably have." He told a Class War reporter.

"But then I think people expect too much from me. There is a lot of pressure to live up to other peoples' expectations, to be their 'leader' or something. It just can't be done. You always end up letting someone down and then you get slagged off.

"After all, who am I? I'm just a bloke who plays the guitar - badly. Why do they expect me to know everything, to be their 'leader'? Nobody asks tennis players what they think about this and that, so why expect me to know all the answers?"

Leaders

This is true. Class War have always despised anyone who puts their faith in 'leaders', whether they be self-appointed spokespersons for the working class, or traditional rock musicians. They will always pull out in the end, however good their intentions may be, because 'the System' always manages to either suck them back in, or make them totally ineffective. Capitalism is stronger than any individual leader, and the only way we can ever hope to change anything is by acting collectively, without relying upon any figureheads.

Punk

The trouble with the punk movement from which The Clash emerged, was that it was mainly about clothes and music and the politics was all a load of rhetoric", says Joe. "There was nothing concrete behind it, no action or anything. Everybody thought that wearing certain clothes and playing punk music would change the world, but it didn't.

And it never can. The system will always try and cash in on any movement that is based on 'cultural' things like music.

"In '77, all the record companies were fighting each other to sign up any punk band going. In the end, most people ended up being more interested in being rich and famous than changing anything." Joe hasn't exactly received brilliant coverage from the press for his involvement with Class War and Rock Against the Rich.

"They're scared that their cushy, middle-class jobs might be at risk. They can handle stuff like Mandela or Amnesty, because it's about things going on in faraway places. None of these things are about people trying to change things here."

CLASS WAR

Most of the journalists who have interviewed him - including those in the music press - have tried to imply that Joe is naive or ignorant about Class War's politics. However, he's no fool. He told us "These people (Class War supporters) have been coming to my gigs for years, I know what they're into. I just wanna do something for them now."

He says the tour should provide a platform for people who are trying to do something positive, "fighting back standing up for themselves and that. I hope it'll encourage more people to do likewise."

On the music front he thinks it'll give a chance to some of the many good bands around the country to get heard who don't usually get a chance "because they don't make songs like George Michael."

"The record bosses control virtually everything that gets played. I want people to see Rock Against the Rich and realise that they can play what they want and not what they're told to."
Piss on the Poll Tax

Poll tax, Poll tax, Poll tax. Boring, boring, boring. I bet you've heard enough about the poll tax to do you a lifetime, over the last 12 months. Well, costs are pretty boring subject isn't it? So let's make rich world think. The reality is that working class families are going to be faced with a financial burden on top of all the cuts that have already been made in benefits and real wages. Poll tax will split up families, increase poverty and mean massive cuts in services, services that class people rely on. The government and the media have been going overkill on publicity about the tax, because they know people will soon get sick of hearing about it, and so will want to vote and get rid of it, until the "Community Charge" for £40 pops through their door, when its too late.

The government were so worried that they might not be able to pass this, that they ran an attack on the working class that they had so far tried, that they had to bring a bunch of "backroom bastards" to help them get the bill through.

WHY RICH SCUM SUPPORT THE POLL TAX

TIME WE VOTED THEM AN EARLY GRAVE!

These scum are the hereditary peers who never ever normally make any appearance in the House of Lords, but who realise that it's true purpose is only to back up their privileges and power when they need them. The rich have already had enough of hundreds of thousands of pounds, but to increase ours, all around, in the form of the poll tax too.

Fighting Back

What say did we have in all this rich all it buff, maybe we can have the last laugh. In Scotland where the poll tax is already being run, resistance is well underway. Whole estates are organizing to keep out the agents who are supposed to compile the register of those eligible to pay the tax. Several of these agents who have already resigned from their jobs, complaining of intimidation and threats of violence. The Scottish Labour Party response to the tax in Scotland has gone a long way to showing support for forms of action that are directly effective, rather than waiting around for the politicians to get arses and do something. After all it is a fact that every NP will benefit from the new poll tax charges.

INSIDE PRIVATE HEALTH

Defiance in Glasgow

Scottland

In England and Wales we've got a lot to learn from the Scots and we've got a year's headstart to start organizing resistance. There must be no snooper's on our estates, everyone should be "out" when the poll tax men come around, and everyone should help resist the bailiffs sent around to deal with anyone for non-payment. The scum who thought up this idea and got it passed can only be dealt with once we've organized our own areas, made them safe from those who would keep us in poverty, and we are ready to move out and take back everything that we created and built, and they have stolen off us.

INSIDE PRIVATE HEALTH

Many nurses, who were involved in the two-rate facilities of the NHS are still deciding what to work in private hospitals, attracted by the myth of the higher quality of care. When they get there they find (surprise, suprise) that being shot on by the privateers is no better than being shot on by the government run NHS. "NHS Healthworkers" have been given the following information by a nurse working in a big private hospital in the west country.

Gods

First and foremost the private hospital is run as a business and that means profit comes first. The nurses are treated as expendable pieces of equipment without the professional respect even the NHS gives us. Doctors are done to God, and nurses have to drop whatever they are doing when one of these pompous upper class pain-in-the-asses comes around. When the nurses get fed up with this, they either have to put up and shut up or look for another job. As you would realize there is a high turnover of staff as people realize that when they're let themselves in for.

The hospital doesn't mind because it means they don't have to waste their profits on paying regular staff. They cover the staffing gaps with nurses who are working only occasional shifts, usually on their days off from full-time NHS jobs. What quality of care can a patient expect when they're looked after by a different nurse every day.

The biggest myth is that private hospitals pay better wages than the NHS. When in reality nurses get the same wherever they work, i.e. bugger all! In fact in the private sector the wages are staggered so some nurses get paid less than in the NHS. All this and you're supposed to be grateful for the "privilege" of working in this lovely private hospital.

Parasites

This also shows how parasitic the private hospitals are. All the doctors are moonlighting from their NHS jobs to make money from their private patients at the expense of the NHS patients who they should be treating. Poor old Fred Blokes has to wait a year for his operation on the NHS while his doctor is busy in the private hospital. Unless of course Mr Blokes wants to pay that doctor several thousands of pounds to do that operation next week at his private hospital...

CLASS WAR HEALTHWORKERS feel sure all of this will ring a bell with hospital staff wherever they work. We know private health nurses and we can all see how clapped out the NHS is. The only way to get a decent public health service is for the working class to take over and start running it properly ourselves.

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Keep the Home Fires Burning

There has been a massive onslaught of housing and tourist developments in North Wales. There's hardly enough coastline to take all the marinas planned for the rich and their yachts. Meanwhile several hundred houses are being planned, unfortunately they're not for the homeless and badly housed people in the area who already need them, but rich yuppies outsiders with more money than brains.

The developers are not going up uncovered though, due to massive local discontent a plan to turn disused RAF buildings into holiday chalets on Ynys Wern (Anglesey) was dropped. Firebomb attacks on holiday homes owned by the RAF have continued and are desperately needed by locals who cannot afford the high prices being paid by outsiders. There have also been arson attacks on developers offices, and on estate agents in Liverpool and Shrewsbury that sell holiday homes for the rich in Wales.

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CLAS.S WAR SAYS...
WHY WE HATE YUPPIES!

"90's, Mercedes, Porsche - flash cars of every description have started to appear in the streets around us, parked in between the knocked down old cortes and mercedes. .has everyone won the lottery? no, its the parasitic GIMMIE moving in, trying to assume the working class, pushing us out of the area - and they use their cars and their stupid status symbols to rub our noses in it."

JEALOUS
And when we smash up their cars they give us a bit of a kicking - they always call us "jealousy". Jealous? We're just ANGRY, its pure class HATRED - because we know how they manage to live like they do in the midst of our hard times - and smashing their cars really hurts them. "Jealousy" they whine when their petty little lives get shattered by a bit of FIGHTBACK. Every time I see one of their fucking posh cars it makes me realise that people like me will never get to live in a decent house, even though I work my arse off every day, because of greedy scum like them. There's enough money in the world, enough resources, enough houses for everyone to have what they need. But because the yuppies and the rest of the rich take a thousand times their share for doing sod all, except spending all day chatting away on their car phones about share prices to some prat in New York, it keeps us from getting the HEALTH WE CREATE and THEY SPEND.

It's a question of control, the rich control every part of our lives at the moment. Where we're at work or on the dole, even where we live, everywhere. They affect us in different ways in different places though. In a lot of cities like London, Liverpool, Cardiff etc. its the yuppies and the urban Development Corporations who are coming to the area and buying up working class communities, putting house prices up so that locals are driven out. They use their deady wise bars and posh housing developments, to make us feel unwelcome in our own areas, and they even build four council estates to make the view better. In other places its a more familiar kind of greed, rich bosses and investors playing around with our lives, opening and closing factories, sucking out of jobs and whole communities at the wave of a cheque book. Or else they're destroying small towns and villages by buying up locals to use as holiday cottages or weekend houses to impress their friends. These developments are supported by the friends of the rich on our local councils as well, whether they be fat car tories or trendy lefty middle class scum, who think they've got the right to tell us how to live and what to think.

SOLUTION
But its no use just kicking them out, we have to build a strong working class movement so that by working together can KEEP THEM OUT! We must also be able to organise in a positive way, to make sure that everyone gets decent housing, workplaces are safe and run for our benefit and not some bosses profit. We must be able to deal with anti-social crime ourselves, so we can keep the cops out as well.

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YUPPIE-FREE ZONE

BACKGROUND: "... Even though you... and all your friends and... who have, your life being pushed out... bloody Yuppies."

YUPPIE-FREE ZONE

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2. We believe that the most important division in society is between the working class and its agents. We accept that it is sometimes difficult to see which side of this division people are and, to complicate things further, people may move from one side to the other, depending on changes in their personal situation or in society at large.
3. We are opposed to all forms of the state including so-called 'bourgeois' states.
4. The struggle of the working class to seize control of the world from the ruling class and its agents will involve the use of violence. We support working class violence against the ruling class and its agents. We are opposed to the use of violence by anyone other than the working class.
5. We do not believe the working class needs leadership. We are totally hostile to the politicos, union bosses and 'Revoluiotnary Parties' who attempt to be working class leaders. We are not trying to lead anyone anywhere. The purpose of CLASS WAR is to increase the revolutionary aspects of working class resistance by participation and communication as equals.
6. Dividing the working class by skin colour and or sex is wrong. There are one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must fight and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.
7. The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is open to all groups and individuals who agree with these aims and principles. We accept that these groups and individuals may have disagreements on other things.

The CLASS WAR CONFERENCE, which meets twice a year, will decide the policy of the Federation. It will exclude groups or individuals found to be acting against the Aims and Principles.

We accept that the CLASS WAR FEDERATION is not the only viable way of opposing the system. Other ways of organizing will be more appropriate to other people. We will work with other working class groups when our struggle coincides.
FOOTBALL
WHOSE GAME IS IT ANYWAY?

The recent football hooligan trials of the west Ham, Chelsea and Liverpool fans were a stage set to show that the police and the football authorities were capable of dealing with hooliganism and to prove that the powers that be in Europe that everything is alright now. But it has all backfired because the stupid cops coached it up so what would have happened if the trials were successful and these lads were now behind bars would football hooliganism be stopped and the game of football saved in any way?

Football is under a much more sinister threat than that of violence on the terraces - the Boards of Directors, the money men. Although we'll be the first to say that hooliganism is a problem that must be dealt with, but not by increased repression and more police powers. The worse type of hooliganism are the men in suits, who have terrible plans for the game of football which do not consider the fans interests at all. They use hooliganism as a means of controlling fans, increasing the masters of the money who are forever using tactics that prove even the most law-abiding fans to fight back. Many of the richer clubs are rearranging their grounds to increase the number of executive boxes where shady deals are done by businessmen who care more about the gate money than the game being played. By reducing the space available to fans it is a sure way of increasing the ill feeling already felt and will inevitably lead to more violence.

BULLSHIT

Who will be blamed? Not the paternalistic Board of Directors who will twist and turn their way out of explaining that they have spent loads of money improving the ground and all they want is for football to be a family game.

All lies! If they really wanted to make provision for people with kids they would build family areas for people with adequate facilities. Unless they expect the families to hire Executive boxes. No, these bastards only want money, and fans comfort comes last on their list of priorities.

STOP THEM

It is so important to put everything into perspective, the game of football will not be ruined by the football crowd antics, most of which takes place away from the grounds, but by the boards of directors who are set to totally change the face of football and take it away from the working class, unless we stop them.

OIKS

1988 is Olympic year. This year the Olympics are in Seoul in South Korea, a country ruled by a right-wing military dictatorship. These games have been labelled the first non-political games of the 1980's, with no significant countries boycotting them, as at the last two - Moscow and Los Angeles.

However, the people of Korea might disagree with this tag. For the last two years the country has seen massive riots and strikes against the government and the army. A year ago we saw them riot and burn the Olympic Torch in Seoul. Around the planned Olympic Park whole working class areas are being wiped out and knocked down. In their place the rich are building luxury flats to double as an Olympic Village for the athletes and to be sold off after the games at the sort of bubblegum prices that are fetched in London.

The Olympic Games have always reflected the politics of the ruling class, even the idea of amateurism was invented by the British aristocracy so that they did not have to face the embarrassment of beating by us oiks, who could never afford to train full time as we had to earn a proper living. The people who control the games have always supported the ruling class, that is why they let (even encouraged) medal winners to make "Heil Hitler" salutes at the Berlin Games in 1936, but expelled the American sprinters at the Mexico Games in 1968 for making "Black Power" salutes, in solidarity with the militant civil rights movement in the USA.

Lighting the Olympic Flame

Up until Los Angeles the game were just an ego-booster for the rich, a chance to show off their power and wealth. However sport has become hugely profitable, and although the working class sportswomen and women who are lucky enough to take part are still not directly allowed to make any money out of their skills, the organisations are making massive profits. The games are still going to be good recreation, a way of giving them, in any one tribe to tell them they're non-political, you can't tell them where to get off.

PROFIT

NICE TRY ARSEHOLES!

An attempt by Staffordshire Police to pull off the "community involvement exercise" run by the cops and several community workers on teenager Glastonbury Heath Estate ended with players and spectators attacking the police after a "friendly" football match.

SELL CLASS WAR

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