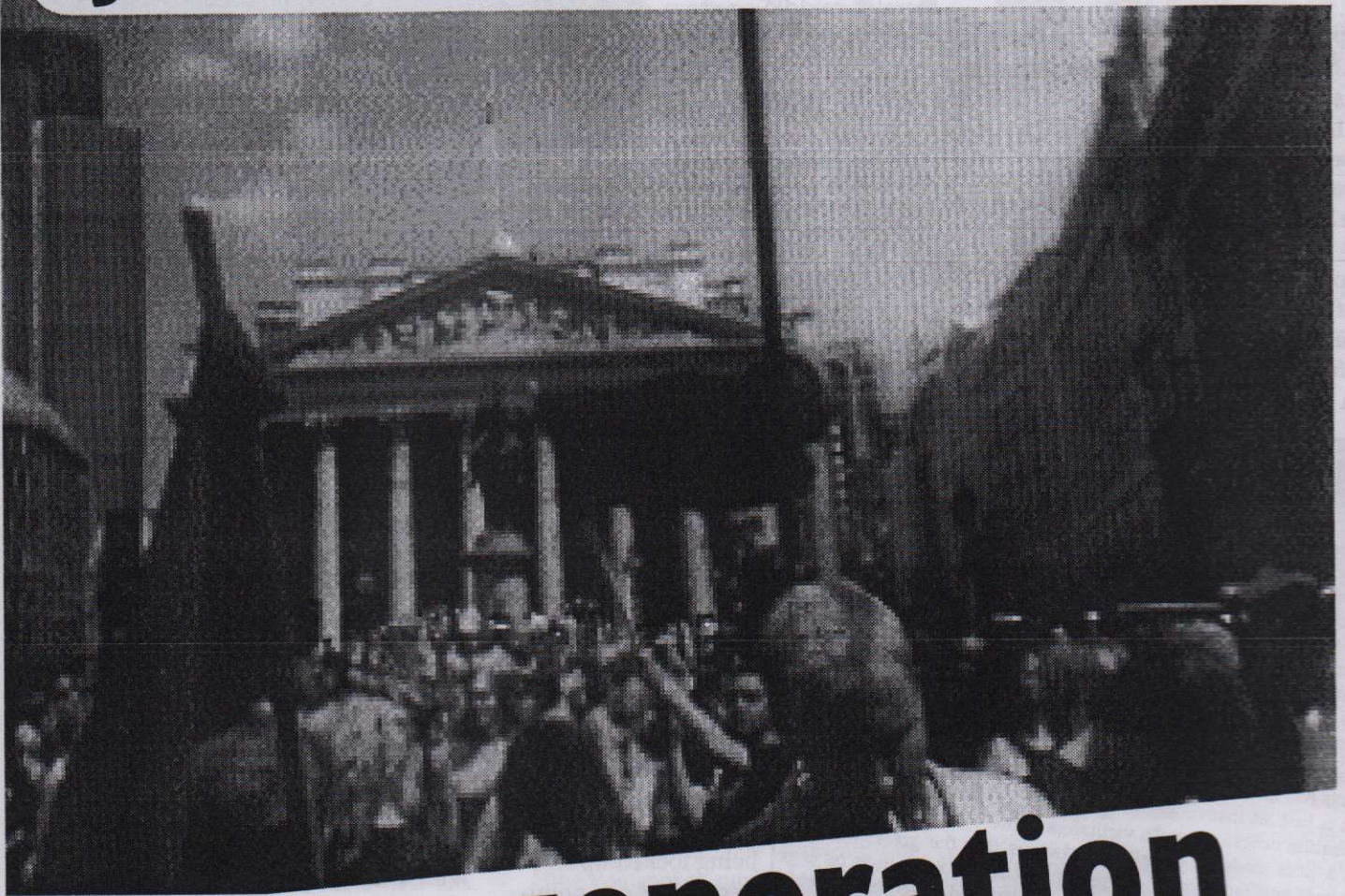


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**a new generation
hits the streets**

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CLASS WAR PRISONER

by Chantal in Stratford

Kuldip is 26 years old. Brought up in Smethwick, near Birmingham, in a working class family of Asian origin, Kuldip moved to London eight years ago. He has been a revolutionary socialist since he was 16 years, was a founder member of Revolution, the socialist youth group, and is a member of Workers Power, the British section of the League for a Revolutionary Communist International.

Kuldip was convicted for action on June 18th, Carnival Against Capitalism; he was arrested at a peaceful Labour Party lobby in Bournemouth on the 26th Sept., where he was snatched. He was then held for a further 2 days before being charged.

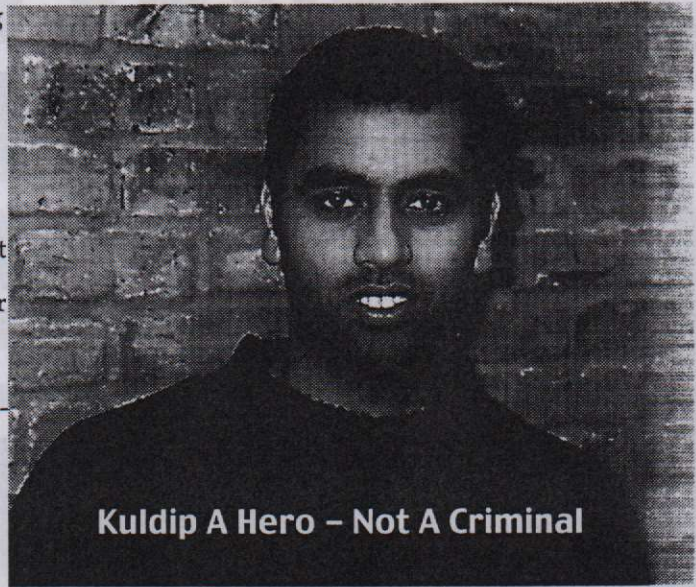
Kuldip Bajwa was charged with one case of violent disorder on Feb. 7, 2000. On the day that the police attacked the peaceful street party and actually ran over a woman, Kuldip's

only crime was defending the demo and protecting someone who fell as the police charged.

We arrived in the Southwark courts and awaited the judge, the prosecuting policeman sat smugly in his chair; beside him was the officer who investigated the CCTV footage. Kuldip was tried by George Buthurst Norman, an aristocratic, middle-aged white man. So looking at the background of the judge and the rest of the barristers, etc., this raises the question of who is judging us, the working class? The elite few who benefit from these capitalist companies that got hit on June 18th.

Kuldip, like many other J18 activists, have been victims of a large scale witchhunt, with their photos being kept in the City of London police's "rogues gallery" and thousands of hours spent matching photos at any cost.

Why? Because the state wants to protect the multinationals, such as BP, destroy social justice and stop young people from controlling their own lives. Kuldip and the rest are class war prisoners. As Kuldip said himself, "We are being locked up because of our political - not criminal - activities."



Kuldip A Hero - Not A Criminal

But, we will meet this repression with resistance. We won't be silent, we're going to raise Kuldip's case and the cases of the other J18 prisoners in the trade unions, in the student unions, in the schools and on the streets.

On the day of the court case, Kuldip's comrades were there to show their solidarity. Judge Norman said, "People who go to demonstrations and break out into this kind of violent behaviour must be punished." There was a qualitative difference between Kuldip's harsh sentence of 21 months and another demonstrator who got only 6 months although he had 9 counts of violent disorder. Why such a difference in sentencing? Because Kuldip is a political activist and the other demonstrator only acted "to get anger out."

Of all the righteous and biased comments the judge made, we'll leave you with one last quote, "With your behaviour, you encourage others" - and he was so right.

- Free all the J18 prisoners
- Build the international movement against global capitalism!

letter from prison

Hello Revol!

I hope this has reached you in time for the weekend and the dayskool. I wanted to write to you all to thank you for the support you have shown me since my arrest. It's great to know that I am part of something bigger and that there are loads of people out there who are on my side. I've not been downhearted at all by my sentencing. I think I'm still finding being in prison quite a novelty. I intend to put my time here to good use. In fact I've even used the gym today. I might not be able to drink for ten months, but I promise I'll be leaving here with a sixpack!

More seriously though, my experience with the police and the courts has served to reaffirm my belief that the whole judicial system is just an instrument of class rule. Despite mine being as my probation officer put it, "a victimless crime" - (nobody was hurt) I get a little under 2 years!!! It's obvious that the great (wankers) bankers and moneymen of the city of London want their revenge and they will use their chums in the police and the courts to get it. I think the state is worried. Seattle proved that J18 was part of something much bigger. A vibrant young and militant movement which is growing scares the pants off them. They will try to crush us while we are small. The fact they have arrested or are looking for 150 people from June shows that.

I hope we can learn some practical lessons from that day. Next time we should argue for proper stewarding and self defence squads. Spontaneity is fine but it has its limits. We should also try to get workers organisations involved, like they did in America. If we allow ourselves to become isolated it will make their job a lot easier.

Anyway I wish you all the best with your preparations for Mayday. I'm sure we will do great. It looks like it's going to be an interesting summer. I'm only sorry I'm going to miss it, especially Prague in September. Keep up the good work and let me know how I can help you guys.

Lots of love, Kuldip xxxx

Show your support and solidarity by writing:

Kuldip Bajwa
DN 7230
HM Prison
Highpoint
Stradishall
Newmarket
Suffolk
CB8 9YG

or send a donation to:
Kuldip's Welfare Fund
BCM 7750 London
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Checks made payable to
Workers Power Welfare Fund

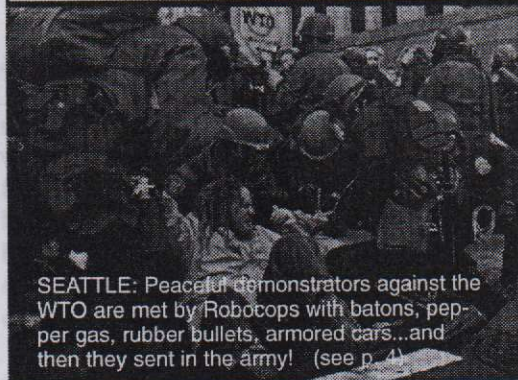
raise Kuldip's case in your student union or trade union branch. For more info and petitions: phone 0181 981 0600

AMERIKA LAND OF THE FREE?

The American Prison System recently extended its not-so welcoming embrace to its 2 millionth inmate, making the US responsible for 25% of the world's incarcerations. Locking up the socially oppressed is big business in the US, where over \$35bn is spent annually (the equivalent of Iraq's entire GDP) on the prison service, of which \$7bn goes on building MORE prisons, leaving a tidy sum for the capitalist vultures to squabble over. There are



RACIST JUSTICE: prisoner no. 2000000, come on down!

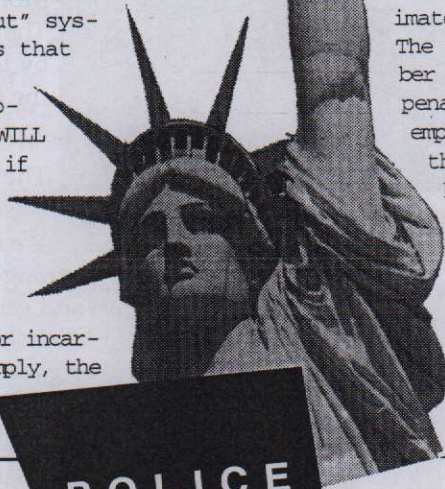


SEATTLE: Peaceful demonstrators against the WTO are met by Robocops with batons, pepper gas, rubber bullets, armored cars...and then they sent in the army! (see p. 4)

18 companies running the private jails in the US, earning Goldman Sachs and other financial institutions over \$2bn a year in construction bonds.

With the increased expansion of the private sector and such hefty financial "rewards" available, it is very profitable for the government to find more people to throw in jail and contrive more ways of putting them there. For example, there are now 52 Death Penalty laws, and the introduction of the "3 Strikes-You're Out" system means that following two custodial sentences you WILL be put away for life if you are caught shoplifting a toothbrush if it is your third offence! But who are these candidates for incarceration? Quite simply, the exploited classes, rendered

homeless and unemployed by sin or swim capitalism, a system that takes away the roof over your head and then makes it illegal for you to live on the streets. A system that can't create any decent jobs and then locks up people for petty "crimes" like trying to survive, or fighting back, like Mumia. The real criminals are those forming this ruling class, and their governments that ignore the social dynamics of poverty and in doing so force people to seek illegitimate means of survival. The revelation of the number of prisoners in the US penal system just further emphasises the fact that the prison system has become no more than a means by which capitalist scum can control the masses, and still make massive profit from it...all in the name of justice. Yeah, right. PAULO in Clapham



POLICE STATE

DEMONSTRATE TO SAVE MUMIA

For 17 years, Mumia Abu-Jamal has been on Death Row in the US for a crime he did not commit...his real crime in the eyes of the US government is that he stood up against racism and social injustice as a member of the Black Panthers and later as a journalist in Philadelphia. For that they want to murder him - the Philly police fitted him up for killing a police officer, intimidated witnesses and "lost" evidence that would clear him. They're so unbiased that the Fraternal Order of Police have taken out full-page adverts demanding he be executed! There have been on-going protests round the world, ranging from Rage Against The Machine concerts to strike action by dock workers. The authorities could sign a death warrant for Mumia any day now, setting a date for execution. We must take to the streets March 4th to defend this innocent man.

- FREE MUMIA
- ABOLISH THE RACIST DEATH PENALTY

March 4

LONDON 1 PM Embankment tube
BIRMINGHAM 12-2 Victoria Square
MANCHESTER 3 PM Peace Gardens

In the centre of the American controversy, involving the right-wing

organisations attempting to introduce artistic and musical censorship, are confrontational rap-metal fusion, Rage

Against The Machine. In the midst of their outspoken support of journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal, the Fraternal

Order of Police took to picketing two Rage concerts in weak retaliation. In addition, the band have even been put in completely baseless connection with the Columbine Highschool massacre of last year, being branded "pro-terrorist".

Nothing, in fact, could be further from the truth for a band promoting fair worker's wages, anti-racist ideals and social justice concerning human and civil rights. This has resulted in the band being labelled 'the

Hence, it seems that this sort of action, opposing the now, highly ironic "American dream", has caused rather ironic reactions amongst authoritarian fat cats. In spite of this however, Rage guitarist Tom

Morello enforces: "We are determined to be 100% pure and uncut, uncompromising politically and musically". Nothing could have conveyed this statement clearer than

Rage's concert at the end of January in London's Wembley Arena. Concert reviews, such as "blowing Wembley apart", are more than justified as they radically confront social, racial and cultural injustice with revolutionary anthems like 'Know your enemy', 'Bulls on parade' and 'Killing in the name'. Viciously anti-cop, radical non-conformists they may be. But within a society which induces such extreme action as the recent rioting in Seattle, this sort of political discontent is an undoubted necessity, if only to introduce some sort of outward mobilisation.



Seattle was just the beginning...



**Cops shoot on Seattle protesters –
But we just keep coming at 'em!**

The huge demo against the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Seattle on November 30 (N30) was the biggest protest against multinational capitalism so far. It showed that the international movement against globalisation is really growing.

First of all, it involved the working class, as trade unionists joined environmentalists, third world organisations, and lefties for the first time. Many workers, such as the dockers, went on strike. Secondly, it wasn't just massive; it was truly international as people came from all over North America, South America and beyond to shut down the conference. Third: they succeeded! The bankers went home empty handed and the protesters went home with a victory

under our belt!

The WTO is yet another organisation of global bankers and multinationals, like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). They are all controlled by the big powers – the US, Britain, Europe and Japan.

They use these agencies to dominate Third World countries and

strong-arm them into opening up and selling off their economies to Western big business and destroying jobs and services.

The WTO forces countries to change the few laws we've won to protect ourselves and the environment.

The IMF has been around for 50 years and is even more powerful. It polices Third World debt on behalf of the West's bankers and politicians. It uses debt as blackmail, forcing countries to pay off what they can by cutting healthcare and education to the bone. This doesn't hit the dictators and Third World capitalists: it squeezes the poor with wage cuts and job cuts, food price hikes, and slashing social spending. It's thanks to the IMF that

over a billion people live on less than \$1 a day. Its tentacles reach into every Third World country.

NOW IT'S OUR TURN:

Seattle was excellent: now we need to take the movement a step further and do the same thing in Europe. And we've got the perfect chance: the IMF is meeting in Prague in the Czech Republic this September to sort out how to screw the world for the next year. We can get youth and workers from all over Europe down to Prague and say "50 years is enough, destroy the IMF, destroy the debt!"

The IMF has bled the Czech Republic dry, and the anger on the streets there is real and intense: the bosses know it's going to be big and they're already shitting themselves, with the papers buzzing about the Seattle-style threat to Prague. Let's turn their hype into reality!

Revolution in the Czech Republic and all our sister Revo groups want to beat the multinationals at their own game and build for action internationally. So we've launched a campaign – "Turn Seattle into Prague". Join us and let's get to work making Prague "Seattle II" and kick some IMF ass in the process.

By Tom in Sheffield

next step: Prague!!!

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THE MEANING OF GLOBALISATION

More than three quarters of humanity consume less than one fifth of the world's wealth, whereas less than a quarter of the population live on 80% of it.

A child born in the US will consume 50 to 90 times as many goods in his or her lifetime as one born in the highlands of Bolivia.

Capitalists advocate that a freer trade will reverse this trend and benefit everybody. Globalisation will transform the world into a 'global village', where Coca Cola, McDonalds and video games can be enjoyed by all.

But what exactly do global village and globalisation mean?

For the bosses, globalisation means any entrepreneur can hire workers, make goods and sell them anywhere they want to. This is the 'global village'. Nicely put, but the 'benefits' can only be enjoyed if you live in the right part of this very unequal village.

For example, as a result of the technological revolution that goes hand in hand with global markets, out internet connection get faster and cheaper but two thirds of the world population still live more than two hours away from the nearest phone.

THE ROLE OF THE STATE

Does globalisation mean monopolies and multinationals are more powerful than nation states?

The answer depends on which nation you're talking about. Coca-cola is not more powerful than Britain, but it is more powerful than Guatemala.

Financial deregulation has greatly benefited large corporations, but was also in the interest of major imperialist governments.

The US and UK forced other countries round the world to open up their financial markets. As a result *their* multinationals became 'market leaders' which in turn means lots of money and power for the UK and US governments.

Or, take the case of farming: subsidised grain from the US (surprise, surprise subsidies seem to be legal for US and EU) is dumped (i.e. sold at very competitive prices) on Third World countries, destroying internal markets of local foodstuff.

As Marx puts it 'modern state power is merely the executive committee charged with managing the affairs of the bourgeoisie'.

THE WAY FORWARD

Change is in the air.

Seattle was the beginning of something that scares imperialist countries and their absurdly rich

multinationals.

In Seattle the role of the state within globalisation was made clear: smash anything and anybody that stands on the path of free trade and exploitation.

US Police was out in force in Seattle to protect the World Trade Organisation meeting, What they met with was resistance and international solidarity.

This is the way forward.

Let's beat the bosses at their own globalisation game.

Let's use the technological revolution to link up internationally with trade unions, students and protesters and become global from below.

If a scum corporation imprisons trade unionists in Indonesia for



demanding recognition, we will support them from the other side of the world and demand their release.

For revolutionaries, acting globally is not an option: the bosses have already done it. We have been 'inspired' by them to destroy them!

**By Fran
in
Peckham**

River of Death

an allegory by Augusto in Vauxhall

◀ The picture that precedes this tiny writing refers to an ecological disaster, which the river Danube is still paying the price for, following the leak of a poison, cyanide, used for extracting gold, which flowed down the river and swept out every form of life in it. This is the latest proof of what we should expect if we don't stop the gold-shipping capitalists from endangering the whole ecosystem.

These fish without life, gathered as in an

extermination camp, take my mind back to the atrocious inhuman nightmare which more than an half century ago took place in Europe. We still remember the extermination of the Jews, where women, children, everybody belonging to the same current, were first deprived of their own dignity and then slaughtered, gathering them just like these fish. At that time it was a madness polluting the course of history with its ideology of the master race.

And nowadays, at the dawn of the 21st century, nothing seems to have changed. We still find ourselves at the mercy of a great madness, pursuing its own interests, blinded by its greed, ready to stamp out our rights without worrying who is going to pay the price. Its tentacles are now

winding around the planet and, day after day, strangling it. It's our heart, it's our children's home and we must safeguard it. prevent the river being polluted in order to avoid the catastrophic consequences.

I strongly believe that we are the masters of our destiny, and nothing will change until we have taken the control of the means of production, in a society where to be rich would not mean exploiting the masses, but welfare for everybody in total respect of our home and its inhabitants. They will never accept our option, that is why we should raise our voice, shouting aloud, revolution against global capitalism.

MARXISM

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June 18th, Seattle, May Day 2000, Prague... the fight against globalisation and big business is growing and growing. Youth across the planet are taking the lead, not waiting for the trade unions and the old "socialist" parties before taking on the police and the multinationals they defend.

"Anarchist mobs" scream the headlines in the Sun and the Mirror and many youth think (quite rightly) "If that's anarchy, I'm having some!" After all, hasn't socialism and Marxism had its chance and blown it? At least anarchism never lead to the horrors of Stalinism, so shouldn't it be tried? But anarchism is not a new idea - and it has been tried before, in the Spanish Civil War. So what's its record, what's it all about?

Class or just individuals?

The starting point for anarchists is always the individual. All of us are unique individuals with our own thoughts, desires and needs. Capitalism, with its anonymous mass production lines, pushing its moral majority down our throats in schools and churches, with its police and prisons to punish anyone who steps out of line, is the enemy of the individual. If we could just get rid of "authority", say the anarchists, we could all live in peace and harmony with each other.

An extreme form of this individualism is the belief that revolutionaries should drop out of consumer society and not go to work. Live in a

squat, collect food from skips, sign on the dole and be yourself. If enough people did it, capitalism would collapse because no one would work for the bosses or buy their crappy products.

But this is just dreaming. The vast majority of the poor and the down-trodden just can't afford to drop out - especially in poor countries (where most people live and where the rich and powerful guard their property with soldiers and hired thugs). We are forced to work because we have no other means of living. We are forced to buy the capitalists' goods because they own them all. In other words, we are forced to live, not as fully rounded, liberated individuals, but as members of a class, the working class.

This is the starting point for Marxists. By acting as a class, workers can halt the flow of profits, overthrow capitalism and build a classless society, where human individuals can flourish. Consumerism, where a person's ultimate identity is nothing more than the brands they buy and the lifestyle that goes with it, is pushed in the media and schools in order to undermine this class consciousness and replace it with individualism. "Drop-out lifestyle" anarchism is just a mirror image of this.

Reform versus Revolution

Other anarchists do see the working class as a potential force for real change. They see railworkers, for

example as victims of privatisation and try and forge links with them. But they despair at workers' illusions in trade unions and elections.

There's not a political vacuum: most workers are reformist, and when they have a choice, like elections, they vote for Labour in their millions. And when they decide they want to fight their boss, the first step is to join a union.

Anarchists think that workers should abandon their reformist trade unions and stop voting for the Labour Party or people like Ken Livingstone. We too think that these leaders want to sell their members out and compromise with the bosses and capitalist society. But how we can put workers in the best position to shed their illusions that the system can be reformed? This is the most important question facing us as revolutionaries.

We should denounce people like Tom Blair and union leaders like Rodney Bickerstaffe (the Unison leader who has done nothing to stop privatisation in the NHS, but spent thousands of pounds expelling hospital strike leaders from the union!). But these people also make the occasional speech in favour of the workers and win the odd crumb from the bosses' table. That is, they do just enough to keep their position as workers' "leaders" (misleaders in fact). And when workers get pissed off with Blair, "left" reformist leaders will step in to take their place, as Ken Livingstone's popularity shows. Reformism isn't make sure they're the only ones there.

THAT'S REAL ANARCHISM, NOW READ ABOUT HYPOCRITICAL ANARCHISM

The anarchists always say they're against authority.

But at the planning meeting of the "anticapitalist conference" in London (April 29-30), anarchist organisations like the Anarchist Federation ("Organise!") and Solidarity ("Direct Action") voted to exclude Revolution from taking part in the conference, because we were socialist anti-capitalists! Yeah, real anti-authoritarians.

The truth is the AF and Solidarity want a captive audience without anyone to challenge their ideas there, so they can maximise their recruitment. Good for the membership lists of the AF and Solidarity, the hacks back in their offices will be well pleased. But not so good to the growing movement in Britain, which should have the maximum freedom to debate out its ideas on what the future holds for us, and how we're going to get rid of capitalism. The conference is billed as a way to continue and develop the J18 movement (which Revolution was, and is, part of from the beginning): it should do what they did in Seattle and have big open teach-ins where any group can participate, not a closed affair of hand-picked anarchist parties with a keep-out sign on the door for socialist organisations. They're not against parties, they just want to

These self-proclaimed anarchists have rightly accused the SWP of "piggy-backing" on the anti-capitalist movement. The SWP should be asked why their organisation took so long to join in. But REVO has been involved from the very beginning, so that one doesn't stick either.

But the AF and Solidarity Fed aren't just afraid of debating their ideas out with us and other socialists: in Prague, the Solidarity members actually assaulted our comrades on a street party and turned over our stall! "Anti-authoritarian" my ass, there's not an anti-authoritarian bone in their collective body!

They're no different from the old Stalinist Parties in that respect. Can't win a political argument because your ideas aren't up to scratch? Then just tell lies and spread smears, and when that doesn't work, beat 'em up. What a load of hypocrites.

We think they should debate us at the conference on how we can make a revolution and let the people there decide themselves which one, marxism or anarchism, presents the clearest vision of how a revolution can come on

ANARCHISM?

weak, it's strong and flexible, that's why we need realistic tactics to expose it and beat it.

That's why we need to develop tactics to expose these fake-left politicians. Marxists don't just denounce the sell outs, we organise workers to stop the sell outs. We demand they fight for real gains, not just crumbs. Only this way will we win millions of workers and youth to revolutionary politics.

So instead of saying, "don't vote, the elections are a fraud", we say, "OK, you think Ken Livingstone will keep the London Underground in public hands, reduce the fares and make it cleaner. We warn you that he will sell out, so we'll do a deal with you: we'll vote for him too, but we demand that he supports strike action and civil disobedience, mass demos, etc., if the judges and the Labour Government block his reforms."

In other words, we will put reformism in office and to the test so workers can see themselves that they are just politicians who talk left but in power break their promises. And we organise people to force them to keep their promises or chuck them out and elect new, more radical leaders if they fail the test. Surely this is a better way to win workers to from reformism, rather than demanding in a high and mighty fashion that workers abandon their organisations and their elected leaders simply because we tell them to.

The party and the state

So, what does anarchism offer in place of all this? Anarchists admire workers when they take spontaneous action against the employers and the police. Some even glorify violence and want every workers' demo or strike to turn into a riot or a pitched battle with the cops. Which is why some of the most irresponsible ones will try and provoke a police attack, whether the majority of workers want a violent confrontation or not.

One of the most influential anarchists in history, Michael Bakunin,

said that revolutionaries should act like "invisible pilots" guiding the spontaneous mass actions of the workers to bring down the state. One problem with this is that in the days and months after the big confrontation, workers and youth who were caught up in the events are left defenceless against the inevitable

Everyone, they say, must think, vote and act as ... individuals! But we are not just individuals. We are all members of a class. Revolutions always pose the question of which class (workers or bosses, for example) should rule. It's not simply a question of deciding what individuals would like to do, but of what we, as a class of workers, need to achieve.

Only then can individual desires be fulfilled. That's why the democracy of parties is more effective than the democracy of individuals. And after all, individuals can change their minds after they're elected - party members can be held to account by their public programme and their fellow party members.

In reality, however, anarchists are party members. What else would you call the Anarchist Federation (Organise!) the Solidarity Federation (Direct Action) and Class War? They just think that saying that they're not parties makes it so. It's playing with words.

Can we merge Marxism & Anarchism?

Many of the bravest, most dedicated class fighters in history of the working class movement have been Anarchists. And in the past left wing Anarchists and revolutionary Marxists have come very close and even merged. The Russian Revolution not only saw many Russian anarchists join the Bolshevik Party (the Marxist party) but also persuaded hundreds of thousands of anarchists across the world to join the Communist International. So too in the Spanish civil war, where the anarchist organisations were in the majority, the left wing anarchists (the Friends of Durutti) worked with Marxists and started to adopt Marxist policies. In other words, in the heat of life-and-death struggles the best anarchists and the best Marxists are often thrown together. But in the reality of revolutions (Russia, Spain) this only happens on the basis of the anarchists becoming Marxists, not the other way round. Which is why we should urge the anarchists to work with us against the common enemy while continuing to debate political differences.

MAYDAY!

The working class movement claimed Mayday as it's holiday in the 1890's. It wasn't to celebrate what good little workers we were but a show of force and solidarity, with the whole of the trade union movement, Labour parties and left out on the streets.

Now it's back. The movement that began around the June 18 action in London is planning a similar day of action to reclaim Mayday, this May 1st. Initiated by anarchists, the whole left has taken up the idea and committees have been set up around the country to plan the action. Revolution is involved in the planning in Sheffield, Manchester and London. We want to build it in the schools, universities and unions and make it as big as possible, so phone up and get involved!

repression that follows. Take June 18th for example. The demo was broken up and 150 activists have been imprisoned. Without *organised* defence and a political campaign to get *mass* support, even the most heroic actions of individuals will be wasted.

But what if the revolution is successful? The major problem of the "invisible pilots" is that they are an unaccountable, self-selected elite. Who is to say that these leaders will not seize power for themselves? How will they be held to account for their actions? For an answer many anarchists, like Marxists, look back to the Paris Commune of 1871 and the Russian Revolution of 1917, when workers organised extremely democratic governments (or states) through workers' councils. Workers' councils elected leaders to carry out the tasks of organising production, distribution and fighting against the bosses who wanted their property back. If these leaders betrayed, they were immediately recallable by the councils.

But anarchists are against parties organising in the workers' councils.

WE WANT A SEX

SHOCKING HIDDEN LEVEL OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE!

The Home Office research published in February reveals rape and sexual assault are far more prevalent than previously estimated with up to 295,000 women suffering from rape or sexual assault each year. Another survey also shows the hidden level of thuggery in the home, with there being 351,583 cases of domestic violence in Britain each year, and one in four women being attacked in the family home at some point in their lives.

88% of attacks are carried out by someone the victim knows, either a parent, ex-boyfriend or on date rapes. This exposes the media myth of the rapist being a man that jumps out of a dark alley at night.

Sexual assault, rape and domestic violence are hardly ever reported to the police. It is estimated that 35 incidences of domestic violence occurs for each one reported to the police, and that only 12% of rape and sexual assaults are reported.

Why is reporting so low? Part of the answer is due to the attitude of the police themselves. The sexist culture of the police is well known. There's even been sexual assaults by male officers against female officers! The

Some scientists, such as **Randy Thornhill**, say rape is natural and activated by sexual desire - and not a crime of violence and power. His claim that rape is an evolutionary strategy for passing on genes is based on studies of insects and high levels of fertilisation among women who were raped in the Bosnian war.

But a better explanation as to why men rape can be found by looking at society. The sexual division of labour, where men went out to work whilst women stayed at home and did domestic chores, was developed by capitalism. This situation left women dependent on men for their survival.

The exclusion of women from the workforce meant that men's power in the labour market also gave them power in the marriage market, which allowed them to write the rules of sexual conduct. Rape, sexual assault and domestic violence can be seen as ways men re-assert their power when it is challenged in the home or the workplace. Obviously all this has passed Randy Thornhill by, earning him the ... **SCUMBAG OF THE MONTH** award.



Women don't always run - but when they do fightback, they're often prosecuted.
SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE!

police often consider domestic violence a 'private affair' and are reluctant to get involved. The police only record two thirds of the cases reported to them. Even Home Office ministers say that far too many prosecutions are dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Some say that domestic violence can provide a "safety" valve to release stress and frustration built up by powerlessness in front of their boss. But this just makes them less of a threat to the capitalists - a really vicious circle!

Even when women do get enough money to live without a man, they are still made to feel they should need a man to survive - or be cast as a spinster.

Also the role of women in advertising, the media and pornography mean some men see women as an object not a person and this can also lead to abuse because they're seen as less than human

There are a number of things that can be done to prevent sexual violence:

- Set up women's meetings in schools and colleges to bring violence and sexism into the open
- Give women financial independence: equal pay at work
- Women's refuges run by women; more social housing and women-run help lines
- Free battered women who are imprisoned for killing their abusers, such as Zoorah Shah.

by Sandy in Manchester



SCUM of the MONTH

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Mummy, when I grow up, I want to prostitute myself in front of millions and become a sex slave to a millionaire who beat his ex-girlfriends! **Que sera sera!!!**

UAL REVOLUTION

BLAIR GIVES INTO THE BIGOTS

Section 28 is a law which forbids teachers from "promoting" homosexuality - as if gayness is a dangerous drug which can be pushed on gullible young people!

In reality Section 28 gives comfort to bigots and gay-bashers. It discourages teachers from confronting the bullying of gay pupils. It sends out a clear message that being gay is wrong.

Labour came to power promising to do away with Section 28. But as soon as the religious nutters starting spouting, Blair got nervous. Now he talks about compromise, while David Blunkett (a known gay-hater) ensures the bigots that "family values" will still be taught in schools.

The message is clear: We'll let

gays get on with their own lives, but their relationships count for nothing. Heterosexual marriage is the highest form of sexual relationship (what sex?!).

This is a real cop-out. It doesn't challenge the attitudes of playground bullies. Teachers and schoolstudents need to be able to say that all relationships count equally. That is what REVOLUTION fights for - full legal equality for gay couples, including an equal age of consent. Like the Bolsheviks in 1917 in Russia, we say that the state has no business making judgments on people's sexuality.

Even if Section 28 is repealed however, capitalism will still promote "family values". It can't survive without them. That is the

reason why all gays, lesbians and believers in equality should join Revo's fight to do away with capitalism altogether.

• The head of the church in Scotland actually compared gay people to fascists, although he was forced to retract the statement and apologise for making it. One of the richest men in the country, Brian Souter, the head of Stagecoach, has donated £1 million to the campaign to retain Section 28 in Scotland. Let's hope he falls under one of his own buses!

BY
NATALIE
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**MEDIA
PAEDOPHILE
PANIC**
BY MARCUS IN OXFORD

The newspapers have been full of scandals over sexual abuse against children in care. In North Wales, children had been abused for years and the man in charge of inspecting care homes had himself been involved in carrying out abuse.

Now a new Scotland Yard investigation into abuse carried out in Lambeth children's homes has police looking for a possible 100 suspects, with up to 11,000 victims over 20 years. In Merseyside, another large child abuse enquiry is also underway.

Is there a network of child sex offenders who infiltrate residential homes across Britain to find jobs with children? The tabloids have played this up for its worth. The Daily Mail, for example, published an article about government proposals which would make it easier for gay couples to adopt children alongside stories about a child sex abuse scandal!

Whether or not there was an organised ring of child abusers, we should make it clear that the problem lies in a society in which young people have no rights, and in a system that promotes "family values" in which adults have power over children with no outside intervention.

That people were able to get away with abuse for so long is a reflection of the regime in many care homes - closed, secretive, unaccountable - an environment in which children have no-one to tell about abuse, or feel too afraid to in case they are punished for speaking out or they will not be believed.

REVOLUTION fights for:

- monitoring of residential and foster homes
- care homes should be run by the children themselves, with appropriate adult supervision, so that they decide on the care regime and feel able to report abuse.
- Residential care should not be some sort of modern prison workhouse for the punishment of children of impoverished and broken families.

MEDIA HYPOCRISY



Anorexic Spice: Is this really the ideal British woman?

UNITED
ALIENS
AGAINST
HAIDER



INTERNATIONAL
MARCH

Streik
gegen die Sparmaßnahmen
jetzt!

ARBEITER
MARCH

Youth, students and workers have taken to the streets of Vienna in tens of thousands every day over the past few weeks to demonstrate against the coalition government that will include the far right Freedom Party (FPÖ) of Jörg Haider.

On Feb. 5th, four thousand people joined a marathon 9 hour demonstration throughout Vienna. The day before, people were baton-charged by the cops outside the imperial palace while the FPÖ ministers were being sworn into office; the masses responded by storming the social affairs ministry. The Austrian Revolution group has been at the forefront of these demonstrations calling for the downfall of the coalition government. 10,000 stu-

dents walked out of school in Vienna on 18th Friday chanting
"Strike in the schools! Strike at Work!

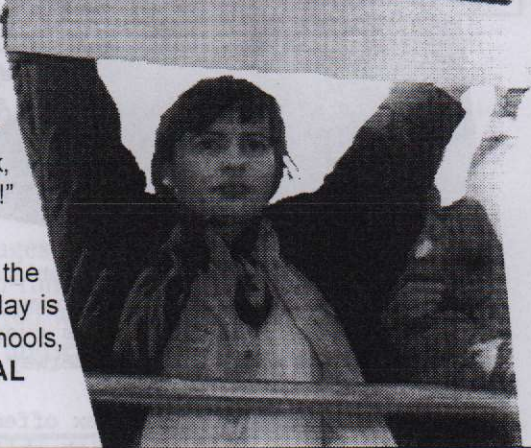
That's our answer to Haider's politics!" The Freedom Party's right wing policies will mean more attacks on immigrants, women being forced out of work and into the home, privatisation of the rail and industry and cuts in just about everything that's cuttable. Freedom for yodelling, leather shorts-wearing, millionaire "pure" Austrians like Haider perhaps, a prison-house for the rest. Austrian **Revo**, along with others in the School Students Action Platform, decided the best way to bring down this government was by going on strike. The week of the action, the Head of their school threatened all students with "severe punishment" if they missed Friday. **Revo** responded by leafletting the teachers, telling them their jobs and pensions would be cut by Haider and so they should support the strike. On the day the Head had a 15 minute stand-up row with Sebastian from **Revo**, by the end of which about 50 students could see we weren't scared – and so joined our strike! **Revo** now plan to campaign against the repression in the school.

The following day, **Revo** flags and banners came out for the monster (inter)national demo against the government – **300,000** hit the streets of "Red" Vienna (as it was called in the 1920s and '30s). The police attacked the left at the beginning of the demo for no other reason than to provoke a fight. But we had none of it and pushed our way back into the main body of the march. Later on, the police took out their anger on individuals leaving the demo, so better defence needs to be organised in the future. But the best bit came right at the end of the day. A couple of demonstrators stumbled across Haider and his wife in an Italian restaurant. Shame to have them eat alone, so a couple of phone calls later and a 75-strong serenade for the young lovers was organised. The cops tried to smuggle them out the back, but we were there too, and they had to brazen the choruses of "Scum! Scum!" as they disappeared into the night.

Now the task is to make them disappear into the political night, to bring down the government. Demos will not be enough, strikes will be needed. The next big day is International Women's Day, 8th March. **Revo** will be agitating for strikes in schools, at universities and on the railways, as the next step on the road to a **GENERAL STRIKE TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT!**

**Eyewitness
from Austrian
Revolution**
by Pablo, Vienna

HAIDER'S AUSTRIA
IS
NOT MY AUSTRIA



Is Haider Hitler?

By Joy in Nunhead

Jörg Haider is a nazi sympathiser. He has openly praised Adolf Hitler's "orderly employment policies," called the concentration camps "penal colonies" and lauded Waffen SS veterans for their efforts in "a struggle for freedom and democracy in Europe." He argues that immigration is to blame for unemployment and rising crime in Austria. He thinks women should be taken out of the workforce and chained to the kitchen sink. Haider favours welfare cuts and privatisation and supports the bosses eroding worker's rights.

The Freedom Party (FPÖ) had a giant leap in support largely due to the dissatisfaction of the Austrian people after 13 years of cronyism and corruption by the Socialists and the conservative People's Party. This

coalition had consistently gone against their platform promises and people have woken up to the fact that their living and working conditions were getting worse. The People's Party quickly jumped into bed with the FPÖ to form a new coalition.

Haider is not Hitler. The Freedom Party is not a fascist party, but a far right racist one. It may have known fascists and nazi sympathisers in it, but the mass base of the party does not share this ideology. They do not have armed street gangs that intimidate and terrorise people with violence, like the Brown shirts of the Nazi's. The danger is that a real Nazi Party may emerge out of this crisis over the next couple of years – then we will have to physically smash them up!

So, what does this mean for the Austrian people? This coalition will do a demolition job on the gains of workers. They will face job insecurity, pay-freezes,

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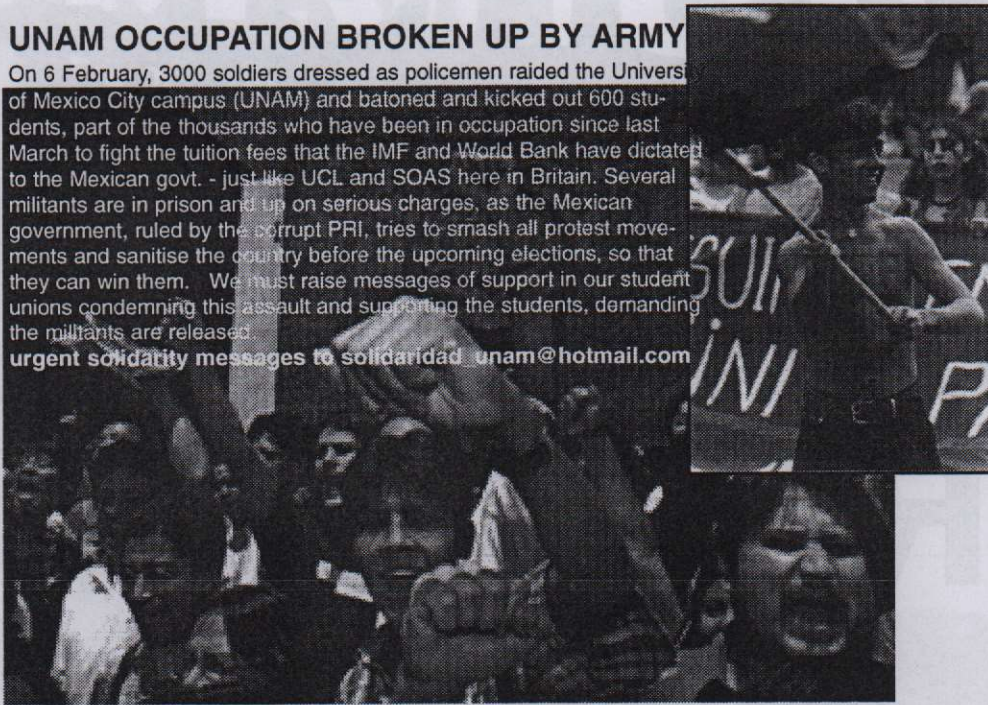
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In a world of lies and greed, when giant corporations roamed the earth and nothing, not even the truth, was safe from the jaws of profit, only one paper dared to stand up and say what's what ...

UNAM OCCUPATION BROKEN UP BY ARMY

On 6 February, 3000 soldiers dressed as policemen raided the University of Mexico City campus (UNAM) and batoned and kicked out 600 students, part of the thousands who have been in occupation since last March to fight the tuition fees that the IMF and World Bank have dictated to the Mexican govt. - just like UCL and SOAS here in Britain. Several militants are in prison and up on serious charges, as the Mexican government, ruled by the corrupt PRI, tries to smash all protest movements and sanitise the country before the upcoming elections, so that they can win them. We must raise messages of support in our student unions condemning this assault and supporting the students, demanding the militants are released.

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Big Brother Blair and Mistress Jackboot

invite you to sample some of their most seductive techniques for imposing their butch state authority upon your moist inviting person:

- **REFUGEES** we're going to treat refugees like criminals with a spanking new immigration bill that includes confining refugees having to live on coupons with no money benefit, and moving them involuntarily around the country in order to herd them into detention centres - mmmm Jack go easy with the cattleprod...
- **RIGHTS** removing the right to a jury trial from 1000's of people on criminal charges, leaving black suspects especially at the mercy of the unaccountable white, middle class judiciary. There's a new kind of watersport on offer: mandatory drug testing of anyone taken into police custody, so the police can harass anyone they want to. Look out fella urine will stain that nice blue uniform..oh- you mean in the jar, right, sorry...
- **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL** takes away all your freedom to information: it has a get-out clause that allows cabinet ministers, the london mayor, and the chairman of the Met Police Authority to prevent the release of any info from their departments that they see fit! The gag's on you, baby!
- **BUGS** now Labour wants to give the security services a free hand to bug phones and property at will as a tool to keep tables on our movement (If it gets any worse you'll find them camped out in your living room and asking to borrow your toothbrush!)
- **THE SUPPRESSION OF TERRORISM ACT** means that "A person shall be guilty of an offence of supporting terrorism if he belongs to or supports financially, in deed, in action, in writing or in thought the actions of terrorism in any country." This would mean Nelson Mandela would have been convicted back at the height of the anti-apartheid struggle. The only people who can legally incite violence abroad are MI6 and the armed forces, with their dodgy plots to assassinate people they don't like like Gaddafi etc. You know, legal terrorism, that sort of thing.

Man, this is one sick guy! The Labour government has said that law abiding citizens won't have anything to worry about from the raft of new laws..isn't that what they used to say in Stalin's USSR and Pinochet's Chile? Phone tonite for some good old fashioned discipline and punishment...oh jack you shouldn't have...

MISTRESS JACKBOOTS



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*disclaimer this in no way is meant to insult dominatrixes or associate S&M with as dodgy and nasty a character as Jack Straw but it is meant to get up his nose

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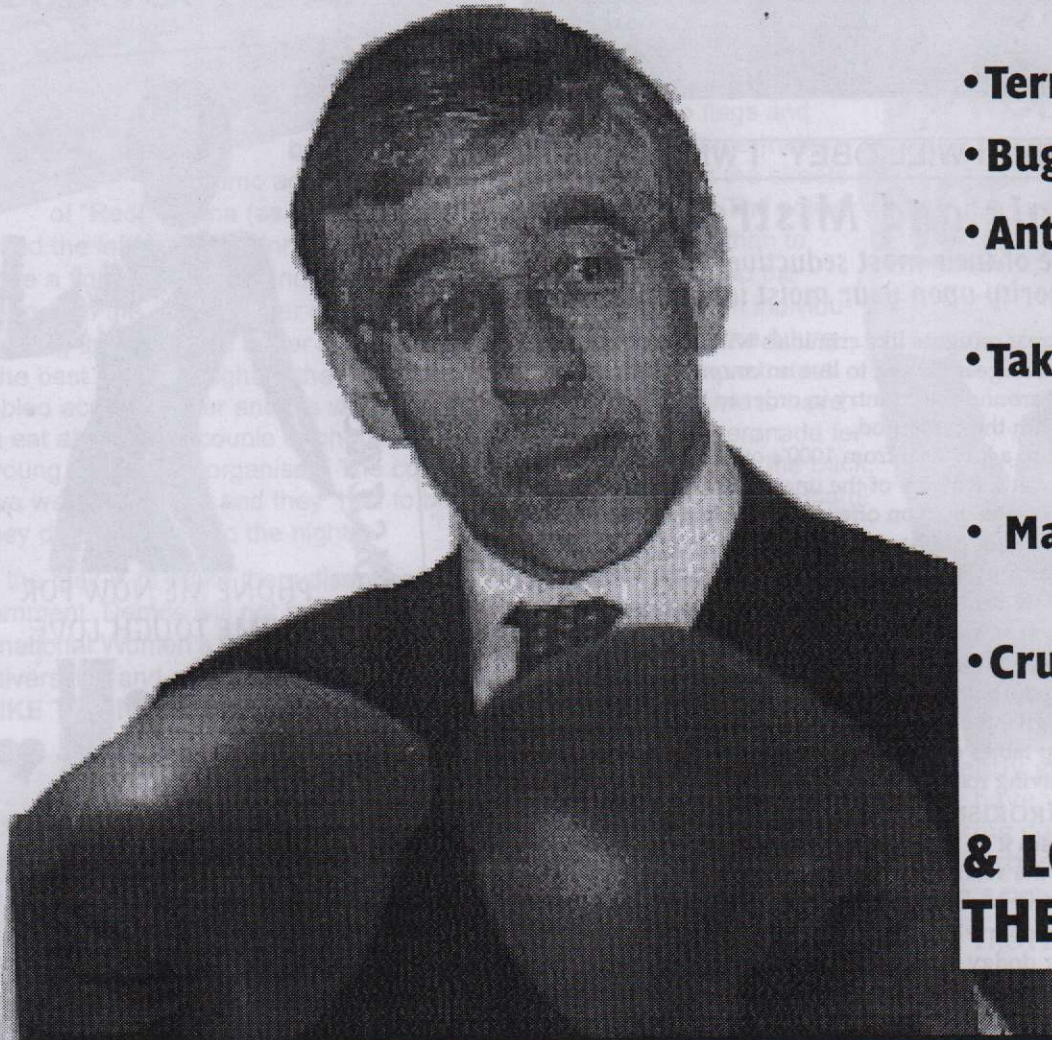
(Haider cont'd) worsening labour conditions and growing poverty. The immigrant population will face sustained discrimination and legitimised harassment. Haider is using racist rhetoric to try to divide the working class; he has scapegoated asylum seekers for

society's problems and plans to halt further immigration. We must not let this happen. We must do everything in our power to prevent this govt from consolidating power and make its lifetime as short as possible.

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- Terrorism bill
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- Mandatory drug testing
- Cruel and racist immigration and asylum bill

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