

THE ANARCHIST CRITIC.



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We will try to produce this bulletin on a regular basis highlighting policies and events that influence our lives but are dictated by corporate institutions and governments beyond our control. If we, the ordinary people desire a world for all our children, we must resist, organise, and take control.

ANTI-PEOPLE LEGISLATION

The class war rages in this country and some ordinary people still don't accept that it is happening. We have the millionaire public school thugs decimating the standard of living of the ordinary people by slashing at all the social services in this country and using that as a method of handing all public assets to their millionaire friends in the corporate world. Just in case the workers of this country decide to fight back with some form of industrial action, our lord and master, millionaire Cameron has stated that he would not hesitate to introduce anti-strike legislation. With their millionaire friends in control of the Westminster House of Hypocrisy and Corruption the corporate bosses are



baying for blood. Not only do they want anti-strike legislation, the Institute of Directors has called for collective bargaining to be scrapped for all public service workers. They would love to return us to the 18th. century, when it was illegal for workers to come together to attempt to improve their pay and conditions. It was called forming combinations and you could be deported for such a vicious attack on their ill gotten gains.

They know it is a class war and they will fight it on all fronts, creating a pool of unemployment, demolishing all union rights, savage attacks on living standards and transferring all public assets to the corporate greed machine. When do we accept that it is a class war situation and start to fight back on all fronts. We must join all our campaigns into one battle and realise that it is the system that is at fault, it is the system that must go, and a change of smiling face at the helm will not benefit the ordinary people of this country. Asking for better social services, keep our libraries open, better pensions, is admitting that the millionaires club control the way our society is shaped and we have no real control over our lives. Ask yourself this question, if the government is for the people, why is it that it is attacking their living standards and protecting the corporate world of banking and big business, why are all their plans putting the burden on the ordinary people and all the benefits to the corporate world? I'm sure you could come up with a better way to make this country a better place for all those in society, without sending the next generation into a world of deprivation.

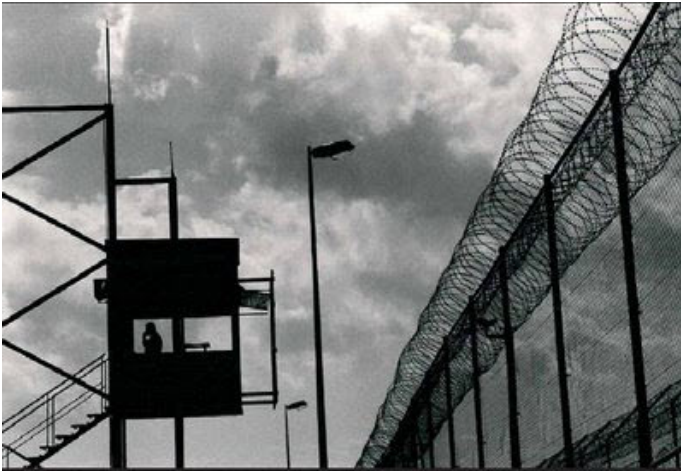
We can create a collective society based on mutual aid, a society that sees to the needs of all those in that society, a society that is freed from the greedy motive of profit for the few and exploitation for the many. We have the desire, resources, imagination and the power, all we are lacking is the will. Must we wait until the misery and deprivation become unbearable, at what point will we realise that poverty and injustice are not the prerequisites of society and that pampered millionaire parasites are not necessary.

MONEY CAN'T BUY ME LOVE!!!!

I'm not suggesting that handing bundles of money to political parties will buy you influence, but since millionaire spiv, Cameron, became leader of the Tory party, the city gents have handed the party a little slush pot of £11.4m a year. A mere 10 City gents have very kindly given the party £13.2m over the last five years. Also, David Rowland, ex party treasurer, 40 years a tax exile, gave the party £4m+ over the last 4 years, while Stanley Fink, hedge fund spiv, gave almost £2m. Fink, by the way, is now a peer. Mind you, I'm not saying ---



THE GREAT ILLUSION.



It is one of the state's biggest con-tricks, the statement that what they do for "national security" is the state's attempt to make your life safer. This massive lie gives licence to total surveillance, high security prisons, torture, rendition, held without trial, and a host of other moves to intimidate and suppress dissent.

However, making you safer is not what it is all about, it's more to do with large corporations making buckets full of profit from tax payers' money. It also keeps you in line, breeding fear and in so doing, stifling dissent. Those with the power of the state apparatus are the ones that need to be under surveillance.

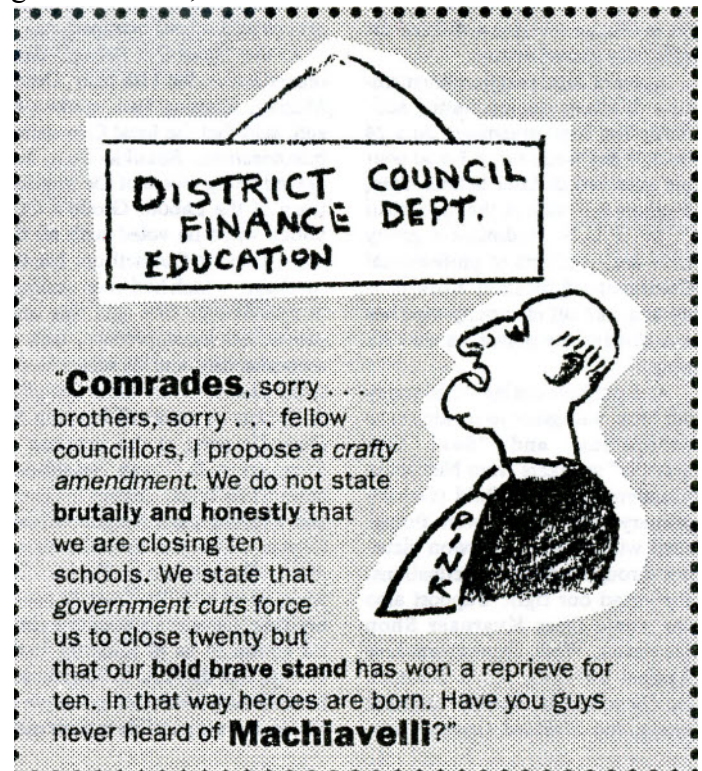
Collectively they are involved in more violence and terror through the means of war than any group of terrorist could ever dream of unleashing. Ask the ordinary Iraqis or the Afghans how our anti-terrorist activities have kept them safe.

LIVID BANKERS??

The government has put on a wee bit of a publicity stunt, it has increased the bank levy from £1.7bln. to £2.5bln. and guess what, the bank bosses are livid, really livid. Rightly so, doesn't this government realise that the deficit has nothing to do with the banks, that's the tax payers responsibility. As far as the financial world is concerned it is up to the ordinary people to pay for the deficit that the wanker bankers created, and let them get on with ripping-off everybody and anybody, while paying themselves massive bonuses. As far as the amount of the bank levy, it can be put in proportion when it is compared to what the bank bonuses are expected reach. It looks like the poor hard done by bankers will have to get by with a mere £6 billion bonus pot this year. Tax the bankers a fraction of what they should be paying and they squeal and jump up and down doing their livid thing. Slash the standard of living for the vast majority of the population and the financial parasites proclaim that the government is on the right track. Makes you think, doesn't it, well it should.

SCHOOL CLOSURES -- AGAIN!!!!

In this system some things never change, that's why I keep repeating, workers know your history. Today we are facing school closures, among other things, and we are having government blaming councils and councils blaming government. To those who know their history it is as if we had run the video back. It is a cycle that keeps coming round, sometimes it is little attacks on the working class and sometimes, like now, it is savage, vicious and brutal attacks that decimate our conditions. Conditions that we, as a class, have fought long and hard to wrestle from this corrupt and unjust system. It seems that we never win them, we get them and the system continually tries to take them back to enhance the wealth of the parasites that run this country, the millionaire's club. We should know by now that we can't modify or reform the system for very long, it soon reverts to its, "grab everything for the corporate world" strategy. We have to destroy the greed system of capitalism, sending it to the dustbin of history and create a society founded on mutual aid. We can create a needs based society based on co-operation and sustainability that will see to the needs of all our people, a system free from the profit motive and free from the grip of the pampered shareholding parasites that at this moment in time are setting about destroying the future of our children and grandchildren,



To make the point about these attacks being nothing new, the little cartoon is from a Glasgow free sheet dated May 1996, but it could just as well have been drawn this week about today's events. Workers, know your history. Otherwise we will be able to use this little cartoon in another 15 years time.

VICIOUS LIES, FROM GREEDY VICIOUS LIARS.

As the millionaire twins from the Westminster House of Hypocrisy & Corruption push on with the financial world's plans to decimate our living standards, they still mutter the blatant lie "*we are all in this together*" You and I are facing massive unemployment, savage cuts to social spending, a shattered education system, reduced pensions, working longer to get a lousy pension, if you still have a job, on top of that they are now ripping apart the health service, turning it into a market governed grouping of private enterprises, in other words, privatisation of our health service. They are about to create a society where if you need anything you buy it, at a profit to some corporate body. Of course if you can't afford it then do without, that will apply to health, education, special needs, plus a host of other things that a civilised society should provide. While we are supposed to take this, the friends of the millionaire cabinet are laughing all the way to the bank. For example, last year, Mr Justin King, chief executive of Sainsbury's, faced the burden of austerity with an £8 million pay package. Another of the millionaire cabinet's friends, in this with us, is Marc Bolland of Marks & Spencer's his contract could net him app. £15 million for the following year's pay check. As you see, we're all in this together.

The most blatant lie in this affair is the fact that they keep repeating, "*there is no alternative*" what shit, and it is ideological shit at that. This is the biggest theft of public assets by the private sector that we have ever seen. You and I know that we could create a society that would see to the needs of all our people, we know we have the ability, imagination and resources to create a society free from the profit motive, based on mutual aid and sustainability. We know we do not need the army of pampered parasites that rip us off day and daily. We, the working class, are facing what is probably the biggest assault ever launched against our class, but we have the ability to organise across the whole of the European continent on an almost instantaneous basis. What is happening in this country is happening across Europe, it is a united attack by the financial institutions of corporate capitalism. It makes sense that we should respond with a united attack on those institutions that aim to destroy our already meagre standard of living. Local strikes, marches and demonstrations can be ignored and dealt with without too much trouble to the system. However a national general strike would be a different matter and much more difficult for the system to handle, an indefinite pan-European general strike would be impossible for the system to cope with, and would be our opportunity to restructure society to our aims based on that fair and universal desire, a society free from the fear of deprivation and exploitation.

THE BIG SOCIETY!!!



Before millionaire spiv Cameron's mystic vision of the "Big Society" (Oh Lord, not another Blair visionary), we had libraries, we had swimming pools, we had nurseries, we had support groups for the vulnerable, we had the National Health Service and much more. It wasn't perfect by a long chalk but we had them and there was the possibility of improving matters, not any more. Now we have a "Big Society" bank, with assets of £200m to replace cuts of £5 billion and the "Big Society" bank will be lending out money at commercial rates. Wow, just think of the wonderful "Big Society" all that will produce. What the "Big Society" really means is a society based on everything being owned by big business and for those who can't afford the necessities of life there will be charities. These charities will be dependent on the good nature of our corporate capitalists "philanthropists", who no doubt from time to time, to look good or to get a tax break or a contract, will donate some of their ill gotten, unearned wealth to those, so deserving poor. Is this the "Big Society" that you voted for? Is this how you see yourself, depending on some pompous parasite to drop you a few crumbs to see you through your hard times, which no doubt they will proclaim is really your own fault? Run to the ballot box and this is what you get, messianic Blair hell bent on a crusade of the brutal extermination of a people, or a mystic visionary millionaire Cameron, fawning to his millionaire friends.

Where is our imagination, surely we can come up with a better plan than this devious smoke and mirrors of the "Big Society". Do we need a bunch of millionaire parasites bleeding us dry as they suck up most of the wealth that we produce? Is deprivation and exploitation the only way we can think? We can create a society based on the needs of all those in that society, but we have to get rid of this gang of blood sucking parasites that sit with their grubby hands on the power levers manipulating everything to their personal benefit and to hell with the rest of you.

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE CUTS.



The following article was lifted from the website of the recently occupied Free Hetherington. The building has been transformed from an empty to be sold building to a vibrant social and free learning centre for a very wide spectrum of views and opinions. To survive it needs you support, you can visit them in the virtual world at <http://freehetherington.wordpress.com/> or in the real world at 13 University Gardens, off University Avenue, near the Queen Margaret Union.

“ Mass demonstrations hit Glasgow Uni today, as staff and students took to the streets to show their opposition to the cuts made public last week. With proposals at stake to axe nursing, social work, several modern languages, anthropology and the adult education department from the university entirely, the level of anger on campus has become palpable over the past few days. Few could have predicted quite the scale the demonstration would take today, how ever. All in all around 2000 students, staff and supporters joined the march on campus, gathering outside the Free Hetherington at 12 noon. Many were on their first protest. Hundreds of languages students joined en bloc, witty-slogan placards in hand. Nursing students too proved to be one of the most vocal sections of the demo, even with many of them were unable to attend due to being on placement.

The march circled around the uni campus before descending on the main building, where the court meeting was taking place. Predictably, the goings-on inside saw the court agree to enter a ‘consultation’ period on the proposed cuts, which will take place over the next couple of months.

Outside, 2000 students rallied, hearing speakers from the affected faculties, local MSPs and staff members. A mass movement against the cuts is beginning to emerge at Glasgow University, and we want the Free Hetherington to be at its heart. With UCU members currently balloting for strike action, the coming months will be decisive in altering the course university management are intent on taking us down: their market-driven commercialised vision of education.

The fight is on.”



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