

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.

LEST WE FORGET.

As November 11th., Remembrance Day approaches the heads of state with bowed heads and solemn faces will make their usual vacuous platitudes in honour of all those who have been killed in the catalogue of state sponsored wars. Lest we forget, wars are the states' method of survival and enlargement, it is not workers wishing to kill workers, they are the tools used by the state on its war pilgrimage.

The solemnity displayed by statesmen/women at these occasions is meant to convey the impression that it is all different now and lessons have been learnt. However nothing has changed, the brutal saga rumbles on and on. After two world wars we moved to a variety of more local wars, remember Suez, then

Korea, let's not forget Vietnam, then fast forward to Afghanistan and Iraq with our states eyes on Iran. In between times our state and some of our "allies" after condemning the nazis, went on to build their own concentration camps in places like Kenya, Malaya and Algeria, to mention just a few. Then of course the states colluded with each other as millions were shipped from German concentration camps to Soviet camps. During the war, even although the Jews were a target of the Nazi German state, our own state locked up hundreds of German Jews. We should also remember that during the second world war strikers in the north of Italy were bombed be both sides. Remembrance Day should stamp upon our minds that the power mongers of one state have more in common with the power mongers of another state than they have with the ordinary people of any country.

As the heads of state and their generals appear for their photo opportunities on Remembrance Day and speak those words "Lest we forget", who will raise a voice for those 1 million+ Iraqis killed in the imperialist blood bath for oil, or the thousands of Afghan civilians slaughtered for who knows what. Who will raise their voice as the slaughter goes on week in week out, to call enough is enough, the state must go so the wars can end.



Lest we forget, all wars are products of the state and until we get rid of this insane state system we will continue to see our young men and women being sacrificed at the alter of state power with our "allies" becoming our new "enemies" and our old "enemies" becoming our new "allies." In the State/capitalist world, war is always good for business.

Quotes:

"If you want to know about governments, all you have to know is two words: governments lie." I.F. Stone

"The State is an abstraction devouring the life of the people."

Michael Bakunin

"...ironically, perhaps, the best organised dissenters in the world today are anarchists, who are busily undermining capitalism while the rest of the left is still trying to form committees."

Jeremy Hardy



Cartoon by Peter Brookes of The Times.

ANN ARKY TO WILLIE BAIN.

The following is a short e-mail from ann arky to Willie Bain the Labour candidate for the coming Glasgow North East by-election.

Hi,

received your propaganda through my letterbox and feel that you are somehow assuming that the people of the area are rather simple and have short memories. You continually go on about the SNP ripping off Glasgow, and in doing so place the blame for the state of the area on the SNP, but seem to overlook the fact that this area has had a Labour MP for 74 years and for the last 12 years, a Labour government at Westminster. Are we to take it that the previous labour MPs were worthless, plain stupid or worse and somehow you are going to ride in on your white charger and save the area? Tell us how, if you are elected and end up down in the Westminster House of Corruption among the 600 odd other political careerists, you will make an impact that will benefit the people of Springburn.

You state that you will clean up the shopping malls and streets by clearing them of drunks and drug addicts, where will you put them, somewhere that will cost no money and need no infrastructure? Can you tell us why we have so many drunks and drug addicts in the area and what you will do to stem the flow of young lives being destroyed in this manner? Of course bearing in mind that the previous 74 years of Labour MPs and 12 years of Labour government have seen the area continue to tailspin down the tubes of poverty and deprivation.

You ignore the history of your own Party and the way it has treated the people of this area and to believe that you will move the Party machinery to act differently from its long past is somewhat naive and little arrogant to say the least.

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CAPITALISM, PARTY POLITICS, CUTS, UNEMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY.

The Tory cronies plans for you and I have been spouted at the recent Tory conference. One Tory millionaire, man of the people, actually stated that cutting your benefit will improve your quality of life. Another stated that we are too generous because some families receive benefit that is more than the minimum wage. If benefit is the minimum that the government thinks you can live on, where does that leave the minimum wage? Shouldn't they be talking about raising the minimum wage? Other ideas they have to help us all, is to make you work longer before you get your miserly pension and when you do get it, it will be less. Then of course there is the plan for the sick on incapacity benefit, they will all be tested to see if some bureaucrat thinks you sick enough to resist their coercion to get you into some crap job with even more crappy wages.

Of course Labour are no different, they just plan different cuts, and while the Tories catch phrase is "We are all in this together" Labour keep saying "To encourage growth". The reason for all these "necessary" cuts is the massive debt "we" have. What debt you might ask, why the billions we gave to the banks and other large businesses. Having saved "them" and their greed driven shareholders, we now have to pay the price with wage cuts, wage freezes, massive unemployment, and cuts in social services. Why wait until the pain really hurts before asking, "Was it worth it?". We all know it was not worth it to us the ordinary people, all we have done is save a lot of very wealthy parasites from going down the tubes. We have hawked ourselves up to our necks, so the really wealthy can continue to milk us.

In any sane society based on social justice this would never arise. Production would be based on the needs of those in that society, not on the greed of sweaty handed shareholders, there would be no profit driven large corporations riding roughshod over the planet and its people. Capitalism is not an inevitable natural structure, it is a greed driven man made system that benefits the very few at the expense of the many. It is no more than a social system that can be destroyed and sent to the dustbin of history. We have the ability and the resources to create a new system, one based on the needs of the people and sustainability. The longer the delay in the change from the destructive capitalist system to a sustainable social system the

QUOTE:

I would remind you, that extremism in the defence of liberty is no vice. And... moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue. - Barry Goldwater

YOU SAVE THE WORLD--- FOR WHO!!

When the powers that be start telling us to save the planet, they are talking to you and me, the guys at the bottom of the ladder. We have to turn the heating down 1 or 2 degrees, just boil enough water for one cup of tea, have a quick shower rather than a nice deep bath. You should walk or get on your bike rather than the car, take the bus not the car. All very well, but while you're sitting in front of the tele with the lights out and a tea-cosy on your head to keep you warm, just think on these few things.

At the beginning of next year Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich will take delivery of his new yacht, it will be the biggest private owned yacht in the world. The 557 footer Eclipse is estimated to have cost £300 million. It comes equipped with its own private submarine that doubles as an escape vehicle. Among its other little extras are a military grade missile detection system, armour plating around his own master suite, bullet proof windows, two helipads, swimming pool, luxury spa and an anti digital camera device to stop people photographing his frolicking.

You see he needs this one as his other three have specific uses. His Pelorus, (377ft.) room for 22 guests and 40 staff, that's a nice ratio, is for entertaining and has two heli-pads. His Ecstasea, (282ft.) Chinese themed interior, is for cruising. While is dinky little Sussorro a mere 161ft, is for short journeys and loaning out to friends. You could ask??

The annual overhead cost for his little fleet is more than £15 million and the cost of filling the fuel tanks on his Pelorus is a fiddling loose change of £73,000.

You see, less energy for you, more energy for them. We could of course get rid of his type and that would mean we could boil a wee bit more in the kettle, keep the heating comfortable and have a nice long relaxing shower, now that's not too much to ask, is it?

WHY THE IRAQI BLOODSHED??

Now that the blood and the dust is beginning to settle in Iraq, the real reason for the illegal invasion of that country is now becoming clear. We were told all sorts of fairy tales to justify the slaughter, to get rid of non-existent weapons of mass destruction. Then it was to get rid of that wicked, nasty, nasty Saddam. Now that the contracts are being signed, as Iraq's oil fields are privatised against the wishes of the Iraqi people and against the wishes of the Iraqi oil industry unions, it is difficult to conceal the truth.

BP has just agreed the details of its contract to develop a vast oil field in the Basra area and other companies are lining up to gobble up the rest of Iraqi oil. A blood curling slaughter of innocents to open up the Iraqi oil fields to the big corporate world, as they make sideway glances in the direction of Iran.



Drawing by Peter Brookes of The Times.

A WOMAN AMONG THE WARLORDS.

Malalai Joya: A woman's voice from Afghanistan.

'Now, my people are squashed between two powerful enemies. From the sky, the occupation forces are dropping bombs, even using cluster bombs and white phosphorus and killing innocent civilians in the name of combating the Taliban. On the ground, the Taliban and also the Northern Alliance fundamentalists continue their fascism against men and women of my country. So we are fighting right now against two powerful enemies: external enemy and internal enemy. With the withdrawal of the external enemy, the occupation forces, it would be much easier to fight against one enemy instead of two. But there's no question that, for this difficult and prolonged struggle, we need the helping hands of democratic-minded people of Italy, democratic-minded and peace-loving people of the US, justice-loving anti-war movements around the world. They must not leave us alone. Support the democratic-minded men and women of my country. Malalai Joya is a former MP from Afghanistan. Her autobiography, *A Woman among Warlords: The Extraordinary Story of an Afghan Who Dared to Raise Her Voice* (co-written with Derrick O'Keefe), has just been released. A transcript of a documentary about Joya, *A Woman among Warlords*, can be downloaded at www.afghanwomensmission.org/cgi

SOME WEE TRICKS!!

When it comes to tricks, our Mps can always show as a few. Here are some ways of increasing your income, that is if you're an MP. Former Labour minister Elliot Morley claimed (£16,000) around £800 a month mortgage interest on his Scunthorpe home for about 18 months after the loan was repaid. Labour MP David Chaytor claimed £13,000 for a mortgage he had paid off. It appears Baroness Uddin said an empty flat in Maidstone, Kent, was her main home so she could receive expenses for peers based outside the capital. Greed and gravy train?

ANARCHISM ONLINE.

www.glasgowanarchists.org.uk
Glasgow anarchist's website.

www.radicalglasgow.me.uk
Local resource home of the Anarchist Critic

www.iwwscotland.org
Revolutionary trade union run by its membership.

www.praxisglasgow.wordpress.com
Libertarian socialist organisation building strength in communities and workplaces.

www.libcom.org
Anarchist/libertarian/communist news and resource site.

www.classwar.uk.org
Militant anarchist group, publishers of the newspaper of the same name.

www.freedompress.org.uk
The oldest British anarchist newspaper, going strong since 1886.

www.anarchistfaq.org
Infoshop.org's Anarchist FAQ, details what anarchism is and why you should help it come about.

www.solfed.org.uk
The Solidarity Federation, British section of the International Workers' Association.

www.katesharpleylibrary.net
Library of Anarchist history.

www.citystrolls
Think of your City and make it happen.

www.redpepper.org.uk
A radical independent magazine.

www.akuk.com
Anarchist publications.

www.schnews.org.uk
Free alternative news site

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Where do you want to go today?

WHAT WILL WE DO?

Weekend Sat 10 October, 200,000 people marched in San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico, against budget cuts and attacks on working people and their unions. Solidarity actions were held across the USA. After the next election we will see vicious cuts in our social services on top of high unemployment, what will we do?

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TAX YOU TO HELP BIG BUSINESS.

The British state is worried that without subsidies, big business will not invest in nuclear energy in the UK. So they are planning a wee tax of around £45 a year on your fuel bills to subsidise the profit guzzling rip-off energy companies. The fact that the energy companies are already making extortionate profits from the struggling public and the vast majority of the UK population don't want nuclear energy, doesn't enter into the equation Big business want the money making nuclear gravy train and a fistful of tax payers money, so our obliging state will come up with the goods. After all they are both in the same big club and you and I can't get membership.

if
a family makes
a few quid on
the side, it
doesn't make
it sleaze

IFS AND BUTS
Benefit fraud is a crime, but if you're an MP, break the law and you face... ummm... a good ticking off!!

TARGETING NOBODY IMPORTANT

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Quote:

"Those who profess to favour freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are people who want crops without ploughing the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the roar of its many waters. The struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both. But it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never has and it never will."

Frederick Douglass: