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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.

OUR SECOND CHANCE!!!

George Square, Glasgow 1919.

Since the failure of the 1936 Spanish Revolution the working class movements have battled on a more or less reformist agenda and it is fair to say that they have won major reforms to their advantage. However at the same time they have become integrated into the modern capitalist system of production. From the late 19th century through to the middle of the 20th century pre the Spanish Revolution there were mass movements with a more revolutionary agenda. In Europe this continued up until the start of the second world war and it was probably this war that saved the European capitalist class. Since then there has been no real revolutionary mass movement in Europe. However with the corporate class making a massive push to devour all the public assets

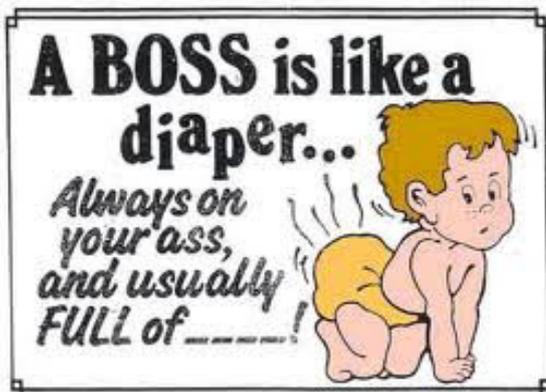


in Europe there has been considerable anger among the working class as the pain to be inflicted on the ordinary people begins to become apparent. The corporate world are probably looking at this as their final victory to take control of anything and everything that can turn a profit, from health to prisons, from social welfare to education and more. This anger can and should be the start of what can only be called the second chance of the working class revolutionary movements. The ordinary people are beginning to see that no matter the government they vote in, nothing changes and that what is happening in this country under a Con/Dem coalition government is happening all over Europe with a 57 varieties of governments from Social-this to Christian Democrats that, from left of centre to right of centre. They all preach a different agenda but follow the same grand plan, the corporate plan.

There is more pain to come from the corporate plan, and before it decimates the working class population, we have to organise a Pan-European mass resistance to this attempt to plunder all public assets. We mine, make and distribute everything in this world, it is our world paid for by the toil, sweat and blood of our forefathers, we are idiots if we let it fall from our grasp in to the hands of a bunch of pampered parasites. We have this second chance we can't lose it without the mother of all fights. They will do what ever they think is necessary for them to attain victory, our defeat. We likewise, must do everything in our power to achieve that final victory. We owe it to our children and our grandchildren.

QUOTE:

"Most men, even in this comparatively free country, through mere ignorance and mistake, are so occupied with the factitious cares and superfluously coarse labors of life that its finer fruits cannot be plucked by them. Their fingers, from excessive toil, are too clumsy and tremble too much for that. Actually, the laboring man has not leisure for a true integrity day by day; he cannot afford to sustain the manliest relations to men; his labor would be depreciated in the market. He has no time to be anything but a machine. How can he remember well his ignorance--which his growth requires--who has so often to use his knowledge? We should feed and clothe him gratuitously sometimes, and recruit him with our cordials, before we judge of him. The finest qualities of our nature, like the bloom on fruits, can be preserved only by the most delicate handling. Yet we do not treat ourselves nor one another thus tenderly." **Walden-H.D.Thoreau 1859**



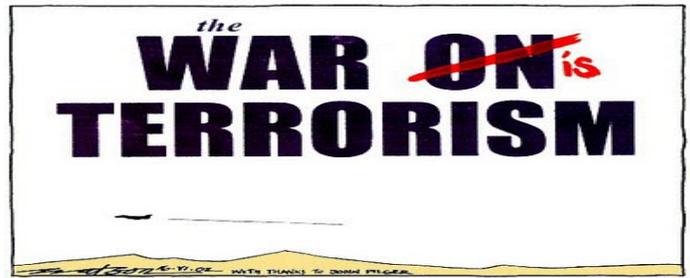
A FAIR SOCIETY!!!

According to The Telegraph the “average” UK household spends £24,100 annually on utility bills, rent/mortgage, shopping etc, but the “average” annual income is £23,244. The same survey shows that household bills have risen by approximately £650 in the past year. So it would appear that the “average” UK household is sinking fast into a swamp of debt. This year we are facing increase fuel bills and increase VAT, will the average income be increased to cope with these events? After all, our Millionaire public school thugs keep telling us that they are being fair.

Of course this being capitalism, it therefore follows that not all are suffering from this millionaire ConDem's fair society. For example in the Alternative Investment Market, (AIM) listed companies the CEOs have managed to push their “average” salary through the £200,000 barrier up from £168,860 last year. That is an increase of slightly over 6%. Where else would you get a 6% salary increase in this country? So though we have been told of tough economic conditions, lower profits and low wage inflation for you and I, the CEO of AIM companies think that is a good reason to increase their salaries by over 6%, now that's fair!!

Perhaps we should say something about “average” salaries, it is not all quite like it seems. Take gender, the average salary for male is £30,000+ but if you are female then your average drops to £23,000+. Then again how you work, permanent worker average is £23,000+, temporary worker £19,000+ and part time £13,000+, and there are lots of those who drop below the average. So our fair society puts prices up for everybody but your income can be static and below £13,000 or can see massive increases and be above £200,000, now that's fair!!

The inequalities within this society can never be resolved, the system is built on the exploitation of the many by the few and the state structure is designed to make sure that nothing changes that pattern. Poverty will be the lot of the many, unearned affluence for the few pampered parasites feeding off our labour, unless we destroy the capitalist system of greed for profit. There are alternatives, after all capitalism is a relatively new system and it is man made, not written in tablets of stone. We have the imagination, the resources and the ability to take control of this society and shape it to serve the needs of all those involved in society. We can create a needs founded society based on mutual aid, free association and voluntary co-operation with sustainability at its foundation. We can of course continue to face deprivation while we beg and struggle, and fight over the crumbs the parasites throw our way. It seems an easy choice!!!



AFGHANISTAN-- A PRICE WORTH PAYING???

Afghanistan, the war that no two state officials can come up with the same reason for us being there. Afghanistan, a strip of land that has been steeped in blood for generations as two empires at different times have tried to make it their own and failed. Afghanistan, a pointless slaughter of innocent people that appears to be endless. The cost in human suffering when we take in to account the dead on both sides, and the countless physically and mentally damaged is beyond measure.

Official figures are always conservative as the war mongers try to down play the real extent of this avoidable tragedy, even these conservative figures stand as an indictment against the state system and its endless wars to bolster the power of its corporate bed fellows.

UK deaths have risen to 350, 350 young lives lost, 350 families and countless friends lashed by anguish and torment. Plus those who come home, injured physically and mentally. The UK injuries in Afghanistan from 2006 to the end of 2010 is approximately 11,000, plus those suffering mental trauma, that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. What doesn't get much coverage in the media is the deaths and injuries of Afghans, it is not just those Afghans involved in the fighting, we are talking about innocent women, aged and children. They have suffered this sort of bloodshed since the Soviet occupation through to the present Western Empire occupation, or attempted occupation. The West invaded Afghanistan in 2001, a conservative figure of Afghan deaths since 2006 is put at 7,000. That means, for the second half of the bloody campaign the Afghans have lost 20 times the total number British deaths for the entire ten years. Who, with any human compassion can say, this is a price worth paying?

Then there is the finance, recent figures put the UK's Afghan episode at £190 for every man, woman and child in the country, a massive £12 billion. At a time when the millionaire cabal are decimating our welfare system. This total could provide 23 new hospitals, fund an extra 77,000 new nurses or 60,000 new teachers and who knows what difference it would make to any other part of our social services. £12 billion for destruction, slaughter and misery, or £12 billion to improve the the fabric of our society. In this so called democracy, if you had a say, and you don't, yet, which would you choose??



NO HINT OF IRONY!!

This year the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, making his annual clichéd platitudes spoke of the importance of mutual dependence, fellowship and loyalty during the current economic downturn.

He also focused on the need to share the burdens of adversity as some people face testing times amid the downturn. As he spoke the words; *“Faced with the hardship that quite clearly lies ahead for so many in the wake of financial crisis and public spending cuts, how far are we able to sustain a living sense of loyalty to each other, a real willingness to bear the load together? How eager are we to find some spot where we feel safe from the pressures that are crippling and terrifying others?--”* there was no hint of irony, standing there as the head of an institution that could be named as, The Christian Investment Corporation, and is among the wealthiest in the land, and has millions invested in the corporate system that is responsible for the “adversity” that thousands in this country are facing. What he was pouring out was some basic principles of socialism, but he certainly didn't want you and I to go out and organise our society under those very principles. Nor was he asking those millionaire thugs responsible for the “adversity” to share their wealth equally with the ordinary people.

No, he was simple trying to sound good and wanting you and I to share among ourselves what little we have, but in no way to try to dismantle the system that causes the “adversity” and construct a system of social justice and mutual aid. No matter what these cloistered preachers spout, they are firmly on the side of the establishment and are ignorant or ignore the fact that, the millionaire bedfellows that they lie down with are the reason we have that “adversity”.

To solve the problems within our society we need neither God nor master, leader nor Monarch. We need people to take control of their own lives and to organise at community level, creating a society built on mutual aid, free association and voluntary co-operation, based on sustainability. We need to rid ourselves of the burden of leaders, preachers, pampered parasites and the profit motive. Only then can we hope to see a society that will see to the needs of all those involved in that society, and the monkeys off our backs.

LIVE ON £10 A WEEK-COULD YOU?

How would you live on a £10 food voucher a week and no cash? Add to that the fact that you don't have a place to stay, and you are not allowed to work, then think, how do you survive. Of course you would say that it doesn't happen in this civilised country, it must be some other poorer country in the third world. Of course you are wrong, it is here, and it is now, in one of the richest countries in the world, the UK, and don't let the crap they pump out about the need for “austerity cuts” fool you into thinking that we are not a rich, very rich country.

This is the situation of asylum seekers who are going through the appeals process. The process can take months or even years. They receive no state benefits of any kind and are not allowed to work to support themselves. So they sleep rough, here, there and anywhere they can find, the lucky ones get bedding down on a friend's couch or floor for a night or two.

Mr Joseph Nibizi, Manager of the Red Cross destitution clinic where the weekly food vouchers are given out, said that he has seen the number of destitute asylum seekers queueing up for emergency help grow from 860 in January to 1,400 in July. This type of treatment of a human being is a slow form of state execution, no body can survive such conditions, especially in the recent winters we have had. Mr Nibizi, stated that, *“These are human beings. They should be given their basic needs.”*

Of course we all know that in a civilised society they would be allowed to work and contribute and their needs would be seen to, that's what you call being civilised. Any society that treats a human being in such a fashion is away off the civilisation radar, and if we stand by and allow this without a protest and a demand for justice and humanity for all, then we also are away off the civilisation radar.



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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.

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PAN-EUROPEAN GENERAL STRIKE.

I have already stated that nothing less than an indefinite Pan-European general strike would be needed to change the shape of society for ever. To free ourselves from the grip of corporate greed and build a society based on mutual aid in a sustainable fashion we have to take control of all those corporate institutions. In a word, occupy, transforming them into institutions that are truly democratic, sustainable and run for the benefit of all in our communities, working in federation with each other.

There is no point to forming a mass organisation to ask our "Lords and Masters" (the parasites) to please give us back some of our pensions and please don't decimate our health service and could we please have a half decent education system, but leave the greed mongers and millionaire parasites in charge. We created all the wealth on the planet, we own it by our forefathers sweat and blood and by our own efforts. They on the other hand have contributed nothing but control it all. The present economic climate may be our last chance to grasp control and change society for ever. Every ordinary person will feel the effects of the millionaires "austerity cuts", ever ordinary person has to realise that there is a better way to organise our society without feeding the plundering parasites of the corporate world. We have nothing to lose, they are attempting to take every public asset into private hands and completely out of your control. Social services will be private business, you pay or you do without or rely on charities. This system of leaders, presidents and corporate greed has given us nothing but wars, poverty and deprivation, we can surely manage our lives much better than that.

Organising to take control of our communities and our workplaces is the only hope left for the ordinary people to create a decent life for themselves and their children. As long as we accept the present system of plundering and exploitation of the many by the few, then we are on an ever accelerating downward spiral to ever greater deprivation.

We should be organising not just for a UK coordinated action but for that Pan-European general strike, not to protect our conditions but to create that better society which is run for the benefit of all. A truly free and democratic society based on mutual aid and sustainability. To hell with the misery of being exploited to hand greedy shareholders a life of unearned luxury, to hell with Chief Executives firing thousands of workers and walking away with millions of pounds for their efforts. The need for that pan-European struggle is now greater than ever, it is the last line of defence before the millionaire's corporate world, grasp every public asset into their greedy profit seeking clutches.