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## ONE BIG UNION.

As the "credit crunch" starts to bite ever deeper into the core of this corrupt system of greed called capitalism, the owners of this country, the corporate mafia, will be scurrying around looking for money to bail themselves out. Make no mistake about it, they own this country, they own all the best land, they own all the means of production and distribution and they own the media, they have you by the balls.

At the moment we are hearing about lay-offs in the city, estate agents, lawyers etc. Most people don't think that affects them too much. However, the grab for money will filter down to building workers and ancillary trades, distribution, retail and so on, white collar, blue collar, it won't make much difference as you are disposed of, as the corporate mafia try to get money from any source to stay in control. You can expect a brutal assault on the social services, they have already grabbed most of your occupational pensions, they'll be back for the rest and they will be making a grab for all that social security money.

This is a crisis for the system and it will attack and impoverish everybody in its bid for survival. It is also an opportunity for the people to organise and change forever the social structure of our society. Forget trade unions, fighting each little groups corner, they will pick them off one at a time. Now more than ever is the time to form that one big union across all trades and groups. Not this union and that union defending the conditions of one little group. The IWW is the strongest route to go. One big union the will draw all the people together to fight in support of each other and for the total abolition of the wage slave system. The corporate world is organised and will fight a united fight as it savagely attacks the conditions of the people in its need for money, the only sensible answer would seem to be that we the people should defend ourselves as one united body.

One united brutal attack surely merits one united strong counter attack.



### ANN ARKY'S THOUGHTS ON RELIGION.

Most religious leaders will have you believe that you are not smart enough or good enough to discover God for yourself. Who says?

How can you rely on the bible for answers if it is just a loose translation of ancient myths? If it is the literal word of God, then it is both barbaric and absurd.

Why should we trust religion when it has advocated slavery and the subjugation of women throughout history?

If God is so good, perfect and all loving, why is there some much death, natural disasters, suffering and disease in the world?

Tell ann arky your thoughts on religion;  
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### 42 DAYS DETENTION??

This Bill is wrong in so many ways, it promotes new forms of punishment without trial and retains the excessively broad definition of terrorism from the 2000 Terrorism Act, which includes not only violent acts but also the mere threat of serious damage to property anywhere in the world in an attempt to influence any government. 'Anti-terror' powers have been used to convict for membership of organisations, and to harass protestors for peaceful activities.

The Bill's new offence of "seeking or communicating information about the armed forces which could be useful to terrorism" could be used against the peace movement. The Bill proposes further forms of punishment without (or after) trial – e.g., confiscation of property such as bank accounts or vehicles, and bans on foreign travel, which could be imposed on the basis of secret evidence withheld from defendants. It allows post-charge questioning of suspects, through which persons in custody could be intimidated into making confessions or into incriminating others.

This bill also allows no-jury inquests which would seriously undermine police accountability in cases such as the police killing of Jean Charles de Menezes.

Another buckle of the fascist straight jacket for which we are being fitted out.

## THE SIEGE MENTALITY!!

Huge housing developments and cities that are mostly privately run are appearing now in India for the wealthy. They have their own police, electricity, and water. The residents say the government is no longer providing those services adequately, or even barely, so corporations are doing it for them instead.

Women and children are encouraged to stay inside the enclaves while shantytowns of workers for the wealthy live in abject poverty outside the walled and well guarded cities.

What we are seeing is the state becoming hollowed out and the corporate world taking control of all your needs, assuming of course, you have the wealth to pay for them. This will not be confined to India, the corporate world does not recognise borders. What works for them in one place will be used in all others, borders are for workers, not for capital.

The state's last remaining purpose is nothing more than controlling the civil unrest that will surely follow this further development of corporate capitalism and to supply the military back up for the corporate imperialism. Though even this is more and more coming under the umbrella of the corporate world with the growth of the private security industry such as US company Blackwater, now a necessary part of the military operation in Iraq.

As Mussolini said, *"It shouldn't be called fascism but corporatism, as it is the coming together of the state and the corporate world."*

Of course the power lies with the corporate part of the arrangement.



George Bernard Shaw:

*"I don't know if there are men on the moon, but if there are, they must using the earth as their lunatic asylum."*

## "LEGACY" KILLING!!

Hearing of the recent tragic death of another British soldier, (13 this month alone) in Afghanistan by what is euphemistically termed a "legacy" landmine, I thought that perhaps we should accuse the American government with his murder. This mine was most certainly made in America and sold by the American government in the 1980s to all and sundry of Afghanistan.

The US paranoia at the thought of communism set them on a course of financing and arming Afghanistan's warlords and tribesmen, the forerunners of the Taliban, seen as the good guys in those days, in the hope that they would bring down the Soviet occupation of that land.

So today UK troops as well as Afghan civilians are being killed by that same US weaponry, a legacy of the crooked and imperialist foreign policy of the US.

Britain remains the only European power that has responded enthusiastically to the drive to escalate the bloodshed in Afghanistan. The Brown government is doing everything it can to promote the idea that Afghanistan is a good war, a winnable war. Military parades are used to generate patriotic support for "our boys." Government ministers are wheeled out to claim that despite the evidence we are "turning the corner" and "making headway against the Taliban". The little news that is allowed out from Afghanistan suggests the opposite. Daring Taliban raids into NATO held Kandahar, increased fighting round Peshwar and above all a steeply rising casualty rate tell a very different story.

Can anybody tell us why we are in that country, and why we should continue to shed the blood of our young people?

### A QUOTE;

*"Let me say this as clearly as I can: No matter how sharp a grievance or how deep a hurt, there is no justification for killing innocents."* George W. Bush.

Somehow Afghanistan and Iraq spring to mind.

### BUSINESS ETHICS!!

It would seem that in times of pressure our "respectable" business class start to show their true character. As the credit crunch makes things a little bit harder for them to do the business they turn to what business is always good at, fraud.

Figures just released show that business fraud has leapt an amazing 74% since 2007, the reason given was increased dept.

Of course we know that the business class is just as crooked as there partners in crime, the politicians. It would be safe to say that there are more fiddlers in that bunch than in a national orchestra.

## MORE OF BIG BROTHER.

According to a secret document recently leaked to the New York Times, American intelligence agencies will soon be able to access private and personal details of British citizens.

Under the agreement which the EU and the US have been secretly negotiating for about 18 months, US agencies including the CIA will be able to view your travel plans, bank accounts and sites visited on the internet. They will also be able to demand your personal information from government offices.

The US Department of Homeland Security expect the agreement to be implemented before George W. Bush leaves office in January. A source at the department said that as a result of the agreement the US would ask for full details of anyone visiting from Europe. The details requested would be, full financial details, bank statements, salaries, who they write cheques to and who they receive money from, what they buy with credit cards and what sites they visit on their home computers.

All this information is already available on computerised databases held by private companies that monitor each individual's credit rating for the financial industry and on internet search engines. Up until now there have been data protection and privacy laws to prevent unauthorised access but this new secretive arrangement would oblige companies to hold and hand over all this information to Washington.

Soon there will be a flood of all our personal details flashing across the Atlantic via private companies and government agencies. At present we can't even keep our details safe when transferring them from one government department to another, they seem to end up on a passenger train seat.

## HOMELAND SECURITY



## Fighting Terrorism Since 1492

### SECRET FUND??

The New York Magazine recently stated that the US had spent \$200 million on a "secret" war in Iran. How many other "secret" wars are they fighting?

## THE BIG OIL GRAB.

Major oil companies are trying to get long term contracts, for a share of Iraq oil fields that were developed years ago. Therefore, there is very little risk involved for them. The Iraqi government apparently says such contracts are illegal. But if that's true, then who are the oil companies signing with?

It's an attempted oil grab to be sure, after all that is why we went to war in Iraq in the first place. It is also aided and abetted by corruption within the country.

The Kurds apparently have signed multiple contracts with multiple countries. They don't recognise the Iraqi government and do their own thing. Do they overlap the other contracts signed elsewhere? Which ones are valid, if any? Most important perhaps is who gets to determine which contracts are valid. No doubt it will be the victors, the US and not that rat bag called government of Iraq. Which ever way it goes we can be sure the Iraqi people will get very little from, and have little or no say, in what happens to their oil.

### JUST ANOTHER RIP-OFF.

As capitalism always attempts to rip-off the consumers it comes as no surprise that it will really go to town when it has a "captive" clientele. We all know that telephone calls can be expensive but what if the telephone was your only means of contact with your family and friends and you had virtually no income?

What prisoners pay for their phone calls is not just simple a massive rip-off, it is a cruel and callous way of extracting profit from people whose only contact with their family is the telephone.

Compare for yourself.

Call time.	Cost to prisoner	Cost outside.
5 min.	£0.55	£0.40
10 min.	£1.09	£0.40
15 min.	£1.64	£0.40
20 min.	£2.18	£0.40
30 min.	£3.62	£0.50
45 min.	£4.90	£0.70
60 min.	£6.55	£0.80

Bearing in mind that the average weekly earnings in prison are around £8.

BT has the contract in 15 Scottish prisons and the prison service get a slice of the killings. This is an unacceptable situation and can only cause considerable hardship to the families on the outside

### QUOTE;

*"It is the lash of hunger which compels the poor man to submit. In order to live he must sell - 'voluntarily' sell - himself every day and hour to the 'beast of property'."*

Johann Most

# M A L I C I O U S M I S C H I E F

## Big Brother Is Listening To You

Ach it could happen to the best of us. You're late for a train, so you run into the station. As you enter, you check your telephone, and it's too late already. Impulsively, you utter an Anglo-Saxon expletive loudly enough to turn heads; then you spin on your heel and skulk out against the inflow of commuters for whom train-times are part of an internal clockwork.

You've done three things which have alerted the police to your presence. Welcome to UK 2011.

New research at the University of Portsmouth, funded by the UK government, is learning how you walk and talk on the streets. Within three years, they intend to have developed artificial intelligence (AI) software for CCTV systems which will not only watch you, but assess your actions and compare them to some imagined 'typical' behaviour, matching it roughly to patterns of acceptable and unacceptable deportment. If the money doesn't run out, and results are positive, they also hope to move from AI which can identify 'crowd noise' to that which can pick up on individual words and focus on the relevant conversation.

One of the stated objectives is that 'police officers [would] no longer have to sit through hours of recordings to identify a specific object, action or noise after a crime is known to have taken place because the software could be used to identify specific objects.' How nice for them that they be spared the work of establishing exactly what has happened in deference to some cleverer software which will highlight all relevancies for them. Clearly police-issue VCRs don't have a fast-forward function.

Meanwhile other technologies such as facial-recognition are quietly developed, and introduced in at least one London burgh – on a trial basis of course – for which read 'field testing and refinement'. Eventually these potentialities will become actualities, as in the progression of the weighty two-part hallway

telephone to the current wireless number which weighs less than a cigarette packet and has limitless access to annoying ringtones.

Within a few years it will be possible to track any individual's movements, actions, and conversations with such technology. In fact, it's possible to foresee a time when any apparent attempts to circumvent it – for example, wearing a hat, or carrying an umbrella when it's raining – could be perceived as suspect activities.

Of course all of this is rightfully considered on balance by the public as part of the War on Crime – except it isn't. A number of studies have shown that CCTV *does not* reduce crime, and merely helps in the post-nastiness clean up, in terms of

identifying those involved (unless it's police officers who are accused, for example of recklessly shooting a migrant worker dead in the London subway – in which case the cameras mysteriously aren't working). If cats are up for chibbing and robbing, they care not for the regard of the cameras. The question is, why is the government then so ferociously favourable to technology which does little more than accumulate supposedly redundant information as to our movements and associations?

More frighteningly, it appears that it's going to be down to the inclination of new-wrought AI numbers as to whether we're on the level or beg police attention. Is your conversation civil enough? Does your gait mark you as a pillar of, or a danger to, society?

At least you won't have to worry about the voyeuristic tendencies of those supervising the cameras any longer but, eh? As long as HAL is happy.

## First they came for the Goths...

An unnamed Australian teenager is just after getting charges brought for the apparently unpardonable sin of sporting one of those 'Jesus is a Cunt' T-shirts as so well-marketed by the popular British band, Cradle of Filth.

Not wishing to be drawn into the debate as to whether Mr Christ represents a prophet, a historical figure, or a well-distributed myth, arresting officer Arron [sic] Otway claimed: 'I'm not religious, but that's just offensive'.

Unfortunately for the 16-year-old fashion victim, the near-universal declamation of the word 'cunt' as an offensive rather than colloquial one is sufficient for the wearing of such a T-shirt to contravene the Australian 'Summary Offences Act 2005'.

Although it's most unlikely for our hero, the charge carries a maximum of six months' imprisonment. Looking at the terms of the Act, one would consider that it's going to be down to the discretion of the judge. But what's this? A UK precedent?

Naw, a few of them.

In 2001, local fave but moribund Tower Records was raided not once, but twice, by police officers. Entirely coincidentally, the then-current Glasgow #1, Alex Mosson, had a wee personal thing going against the shirt. "It is almost unbelievable that a supposedly reputable company should behave like this and I'll be doing whatever I can to make sure this disgusting material is taken off Glasgow's shelves," he was quoted as fuming.

Apparently, what he could do included police intimidation to the point where the store 'voluntarily' took the item off sale.

Perhaps this worked-out all-wrong and encouraged some rebels to sport the shirt in defiance of such strictures: in 2004 Dale Wilson was lifted in Norwich on charges of having the shirt on.

The charge at this point

was 'religiously aggravated offensive conduct'. Eventually he was discharged by the court, having pleaded guilty, and bound not only to pay £150 costs, but to destroy the shirt.

The Cradle of Filth drummer was arrested months later, in Dover, 2005, for 'creating a public disorder' by wearing, yes, the same T-shirt. Interestingly, no further proceedings were made against him.

Contrarily, later the same year, a UK youngster, the

ironically-named Adam Shepherd, was fined £40 and sentenced to 80 hours of community service for doing the same thing. That's a lot of



reparation for insulting someone who might just be a fictitious character.

In 2007, an Edinburgh shopkeeper, Daniel Moore, sold the shirt to an undercover officer. Within minutes, ten uniformed ones were in amongst his stock, and he was charged under what is equivalent of the English law – 'selling obscene material, aggravated by religious prejudice'. Despite this large-scale police operation, the case was dropped, and Moore, known for sporting pirate garb, sailed off to Portugal. Fair play to him.

Luckily for our anonymous Australian friend, a series of developments have led to UK law no longer being the precedent it once was in Oz.

One can't help but fear for the 'sub-cultural' teens here but, particularly given the apparent ease with which they were slung from their harmless haunting of Royal Exchange Square, and with little protest. We thought the kids were alright; but accordingly, the Law knows better.

## We're #1 in Recorded History! For debt.

The proud ship Great Britain, having sailed along on a sea of consumer credit for some years now, has entered uncharted waters, as new figures show that average household debt is greater than that of any G7 country in recorded history.

Not content with taking us for all that we have, the captains of finance and industry have graciously permitted us to be taken for what we don't (plus interest of course) – resulting in a five-year jump in household debt from 129% of income to the current, record, level of 173%, according to the Office of National Statistics.

Over fifty years since the marketing revolution ended the threat of high-quality, mass-produced goods becoming universally available, we're seemingly so browbeaten by the assaults of advertising that we're willing to sign almost anything to stay on the consumer treadmill. Perhaps the most worrying aspect is that even the capitalists are concerned.

Quoted in national newspapers, an analyst from Capital Economics described the 'very real possibility of a technical recession' beginning next year. A 'technical recession', of course, is much the same as any other kind, but is phrased in such a way as not to frighten the horses. Unfortunately, despite our profligacy apparently being to blame for all this, they need us to keep them afloat with further spending, rather than getting startled and investing our funds in mattresses and biscuit tins.

We're already shaken enough to have failed in our obligation to sustain the preposterous price of housing in the UK. This is a source of anxiety for the banks, which rely on housing market growth as insurance for when you can't keep up your mortgage payments, allowing them to sell the property at a profit. After

years of the kind of lending practices which allowed the taxpayer to acquire Northern Crock (and its debts – but not its offshore assets) at such a 'knockdown' price, they're right to be rattled.

Unfortunately it's assured that every effort will be made to ensure that business and its investors are protected, at the expense of us commoners. Anticipate increased investment in essential commodities, driving up prices yet further, whilst increased pay demands are dismissed, as per the old 'wage increases cause inflation' myth. Meanwhile, credit will be restricted or withdrawn altogether, particularly for those on low incomes.

All aboard for the No-Fun Future!

## Bin your CV... We know all about you already.

When you walked out on the slave-driving bastards, you did so in the certainty that no-one can give you a bad reference.

Technically it's a dismissal, but you were right and they wrong, and even if it comes up potential employers will only hear your side of the story. Those vindictive creeps can stall you no longer.

Aye right. They're getting that sorted, right now.

Many people will already be familiar with the Disclosure police-check system, whereby applicants for jobs working with children or vulnerable adults are screened for previous convictions – and non-conviction information supplied to the police – which would make them unsuitable for the job. Fair enough; there's been enough scandals for everyone to appreciate that it's a good idea to keep sex offenders out of such lines of work.

Notably, Disclosure is operated by a private concern – British Telecom – and currently allows all and sundry to screen potential employees with a 'Basic' Disclosure, which is only asked for if it *isn't* a legal requirement.. It does make money for BT, though. Many employers routinely insist on having applicants undergo a 'Basic' criminal record check – often at the applicant's expense. Perhaps this is what has inspired the inevitable further iteration – the completely commercial National Staff Dismissal Register (NSDR).

Weird offspring of a former Home Office and British Retail Consortium partnership called Action Against Business Crime (AABC), the NSDR will retain all information submitted by any employers who have *accused* you of anything untoward – regardless of any subsequent arrest, court hearings, convictions or acquittals, effectively subverting any due legal processes which are designed to prevent such witch-hunts from happening. Subscribers will then be able to use this in vetting you for

potential employment – or, presumably, review it ahead of your bi-annual appraisal, or on hearing of your efforts to unionise the workplace.

Essentially, allegations of fraud, theft, forgery, dishonesty or property damage will persist regardless of whether they are substantiated, again subverting any due legal processes – and anyone who leaves a job whilst under suspicion is liable to be recorded as untouchable as well.

According to the CEO of AABC, former police officer Michael Schuck, it's a shortcut to the tiresomely slow criminal justice system, and after all, sometimes 'a prosecution [is] not always appropriate, and [they] do not want to give someone a criminal record.'

Yes, and such a prosecution would necessarily require evidence to be submitted and weighed by a jury of one's peers. Far easier to slice away that meddling middleman and just move straight to blacklisting the bugger.

Potentially most troublesome is in that the NSDR will be available for the laziest managers to type in a name and date of birth and go with what they get. By contrast, a substantial part of the work done by organisations such as Disclosure is the



# EXPLANATION

I demand one

verification of the information – great pains are taken to ensure that convictions aren't mismatched, for example to individuals sharing a similar name. This isn't a required aspect of the employers' system.

Of course, as per the Data Protection Act, individuals will be able to gain access to their own data, and amend it where it's incorrect – but the same Act allows such access to be chargeable, and it will be down to the subject to prove that the information held on them is not accurate.

Interestingly, the companies which are so keen to share sensitive information about us are not so keen to divulge even the most basic details regarding themselves. Despite some suppositions in the press, the AABC is not prepared to disclose the names of any of the subscribers to the new NSDR – though they are substantial enough to sponsor the project themselves, with even the Home Office balking slightly and withdrawing its funding last year. Two companies rumoured to be associated (Mothercare and HMV) have also since distanced themselves; Mr Schuck was able to confirm reports naming Reed Managed Services, Harrods, and Selfridges as current subscribers but wouldn't out any others.

Watch how you handle that broomstick.

## Government Terrorist Shock

The Scottish Government is to spend £3.8 million on creating 50 counter terrorism jobs over the next two years.

£3.8 million doesn't sound like a lot of money, considering the obscene sums that get spent on warfare and lining the pockets of the already wealthy but is this amount a proportional amount in relation to the terrorist threat to Scotland?

Scotland itself has only ever been the target of one pathetic attempt at a terrorist 'attack' so why the need for all this money that could be better spent elsewhere?

Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill said

***"The Scottish Government is fully committed to the fight against terrorism and that is why we are equipping our police forces to tackle this menace"***

What menace? A bunch of numpties attempted to drive a non-explosive explosive in Glasgow airport, failed dismally and only succeeded in hurting themselves and launching Smeato(tm) into stardom. Shaking in my boots so I am.

It was a non-explosive explosive as, despite what was inferred by all the scumbag papers at the time gas bottles do not explode. They are under high pressure with a brass valve on the top that breaks as the gas heats up and the bottle shoots off like a rocket. Frightening to witness yes and more than likely deadly to anyone it happens to hit but hardly the apocalyptic levels of carnage the



sun et. al. claimed. "We all need to work together to reduce the threat of another terrorist attack." said MacAskill.

Well yes we do need to work together but not to defeat the sort of terrorist attack that you mean boyo. This announcement in itself constitutes a terrorist attack upon the people of Scotland. By spending all this money and warning of dire things to come if we do not 'protect ourselves' you foster a climate of fear.

You Kenny MacAskill stand accused of terrorism in the highest order. You and your cronies in Edinburgh are guilty of spreading terror, fear and paranoia throughout the Scottish populace with the intent of achieving political ends.

Throwing more and more money at the terrorist 'threat' is absolutely ridiculous. There have been less terrorist attacks in the UK over the last five years than in any five year period over the last twenty. The threat from terrorist attacks is significantly less since the good Friday agreement and the cessations of hostilities from the IRA (whichever flavour)

Since 2000 there have been 11 terrorist attacks. The 1990's saw 24. The amount of terrorist attacks has not increased, it has dropped. What has increased however is the level of terror that is being inflicted upon us by the government and the media. Not since the cold war have we seen such a frenzy of fear-mongering from the powers that be and the press. Like pigs in shit they are revelling in their new found excuse to do away with what few civil liberties we have and the fear that they spread causes us to cheer them on as they tighten the chains around our ankles.

We already have more CCTV cameras in this country than anywhere else in the world, ID cards in the pipeline, government plans to intercept every e-mail and mobile phone calls. Our health service is being destroyed, our school system is being privatised, our friends and family members are being sent to their deaths for a profit margin in Iraq and Afghanistan, our communities are being run into the ground, racism and intolerance are being fostered and encouraged by the media and scum like the BNP. We are to put it bluntly on our way to hell in a handcart.

So we really do have something to be afraid of but it sure as hell isn't terrorism as the media portrays it.

## Sheffield Anarchists Target Manpower

Manpower, a company which exploits migrant labour, had their offices in Sheffield targeted by activists last month. Arriving to work on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>, staff found the doors to the offices locked closed with a bicycle d-lock and the door locks bunged up with super glue. Activists had also pasted notices over the doors explaining manpower's exploitation of migrant workers and their anti-union policies, with the text below in English and Polish.

**"Manpower Inc. the international temping agency has over 50 years experience in the field of job temping 50 years to hone their skills of exploiting poor people, paying low wages and providing little or no job security. They're known for systematically refusing to increase wages for their workers – sometimes for 4 years at a time. They provide poor sickness, maternity and pension provision, too, and allow their staff fewer holidays than full time worker shave.**

In Sheffield, Manpower hire casual workers to work in BT call centres. They pay the staff that they hire 10% less than the time and systematically fire people with little or no recourse for industrial action because of the poor contracts.

And is if that wasn't enough, they not only exploit their own casual workers, they also hire temp workers to scab on other people's jobs, too, pitting working-class people against each other.

Last year, when Post Office workers went on strike against longer hours for less pay, it was Manpower who stepped in. They paid temporary workers to scab on other workers across the country, but many temp workers resisted, refusing to cross picket lines.

“**IF WE WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN END THE EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS THAT MANPOWER AND OTHER TEMPING AGENCIES PARTICIPATE IN.**”



## Peruvian Coppers Given A Taste Of Their Own Medicine

Protesters in Peru last month took over 60 coppers hostage during a demonstration in Moquegua that was attacked with tear gas by the same coppers. The demonstration was to demand that a greater share of the taxes paid by a local copper smelting factory be allocated locally. The demonstration coincided with a walk out from the plant which swelled numbers on the demonstration to 20,000.

Demonstrators blockaded a bridge leading towards the plant and had held it for over a week barricading it with boulders and tree

trunks. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June a battalion of police attacked the demonstrators with tear gas which wasn't a good move on their part. They were swiftly overwhelmed by the crowd that was some 20,000 strong. Whoever gave that order really does need to work on his maths, attacking 20,000 people with less than 100?

Maybe he had just watched the film 300 too many times?

The poverty rate in Peru is atrocious with over 40% of the population living in poverty. The protesters and strikers simply want some of the massive wealth that is generated by the plant, owned by multinational corporation Freeport-McMoRan, to be allocated to relieving the living conditions of the people that did the work to create that wealth. Not all that much to ask for is it? After all it was their sweat and toil that made the company as rich as it is.

The government has declared the walk out illegal which give

walked out in demand of better pay and conditions.

What does make a change is that reports of injuries from the demonstration say that of the 80 people that were injured the majority of them were coppers rather than the folk on our side.

We hope that the people and workers of Moquegua succeed in their struggle and express our solidarity with them and workers all over the world who struggle to improve our lot.

## Strike While The Iron Is Hot

On 16-17 of July over 800,000 local government workers will walk out on strike after rejecting a paltry 2.45% pay offer. Workers voted 55% in favour of strike action in a Unison ballot. With inflation creeping ever up and the cost of living on the increase we obviously support this decision 100% though would add that with all the wealth that is created by the working class it is disgusting that those of us who do all the work should have to

struggle to get by.

The CWU has also threatened to push for industrial action if the Royal Mail does not do a u-turn on its destruction of workers

pension schemes. Last year there were a number of strikes over this issue with posties walking out on wildcat strikes all over the country including Glasgow. Let's hope that this time round they push harder and don't let their union back down again.

We can expect to see more actions such as strikes as the reality of rocketing inflation and the much talked about 'credit crunch'

start to take its toll. Figures reported by the Telegraph last month indicate that where the government says that inflation is between 3-4.5% the actual figure is closer to 9% so any pay increase less than 10% is in effect a wage cut.

We can also expect to see the press telling us over the coming years that everyone, even the rich, is feeling the pinch. Well we've got one thing to say to that, b\*\*\*\*\*s! The rich will carry on getting richer no matter what happens, true the speed with which they accrue their ill gotten wealth may decrease but they will still get richer whilst we tighten our belts and go without. There is one rather elegant and fairly straight forward solution to all this though. We must, as a class, organise ourselves and take back our towns and cities, our countries and our world from the greedy parasites who wallow in luxury that we have produced, wealth and luxury that rightfully belong to us all not the lazy indolent rich.

## In A World Without Borders, Who Needs Gates And Windows?

The GNU/Linux operating system is an up and coming competitor to the omni-present influence of the Microsoft Windows operating system. GNU/Linux is more stable and secure than MS Windows and does not suffer from viruses and adware/spyware at all unlike windows.

GNU/Linux offers all the functionality of MS Windows but without any of the risks inherent in MS products.

From office software to web browsers to professional quality photo manipulation software Linux offers it all and more.

No more viruses or constant security problems, there has never been a better time to wipe your windows.

Best of all it is completely free. Free as in speech and free as in beer as the geeks say. If you are interested in making your computer more secure you can pick up free software from the Glasgow Anarchist stall every Saturday on Buchanan Street