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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.

PRISON LABOUR INCREASES UNEMPLOYMENT.

This cry for austerity as a deficit reduction plan is a wonderful excuse for employers to squeeze wages. Unemployment rising and wage freezes/cuts, it's bonanza time for the corporate world as they tell the workers to like it or lump it. While they are forcing down wages and ripping up contracts on conditions, the Justice Secretary Kenneth Clarke is opening up new avenues of exploitation to help their profit margins. He has plans to increase to 20,000 the number of prisoners doing cheap labour in prisons. He wants to turn the prisons into profit making machines before handing them over to the private sector to be milked.



Under this scheme prisoners wages are approximately £2 per hour, of course the prisoners don't get the full £2, as the prisons take variable amounts from that. It is obvious that companies will increasingly out-source their work to the prison service via a new company, One3One. One of the companies taking advantage of the captive slave labour facilities offered by One3One, is Speedy Hire a tool hiring company which in 2010 closed 75 of its repair depots, paying off 800 staff. The company increased its prison contract by approximately 10%, using almost 100 prisoners and handing, during the financial year 2010-2011, £114,012 to Pentoville, Garth and Erlestoke prisons. Approximately 800 more people looking for work in that area while the company rips-off approximately 100 prisoner who have little or no say in the matter. Another company that has grabbed at the cheap labour in prisons is Calpac, a food packaging firm. Its contract with Kirkham prison has increased from £34,321 in 2010 to £154,267. according to the company pay roll the highest paid job was office manager on £40 for a 40 hour week, while a manual packing operative would be paid 55p an hour. Many of the workers work overtime taking their working week to 60 hours. With pay and conditions like this we can expect to see many more firms pay-off hard working people on the outside to employ more cheap trapped labour on the inside. All with the governments blessing, this is how a capitalist government helps the economy.

NO EXPENSE SPARED, --- WE'RE RICH.

Well you have to admit, when it comes to spending money in a big way the Jubilee takes the biscuit. What a lavish pouring out of public money to titillate the egos of our lords and masters. No expense spared, heads of state from across the world, banquets, and luncheons fit for a queen, probably as many troops playing at pomp and circumstance, parading up and down central London as we have in Afghanistan. However at the other end, there's money to be made. It seems that a stewarding company called Close Protection UK had a contract to help steward this lavish event, but when it comes to the wages of the stewards, well it wasn't quite no expense spared. For the event this company took on 80 unemployed, under the governments apprentice scheme, 50 were under 25 and paid £2:60 an hour, the other 30 either accepted the same rate or refused payment as it would adversely affect their benefit money. Now that's a good deal if your a business. It was a 14 hour shift with no access to toilets during their shift, they were brought in by bus from Plymouth, Bath and Bristol, dumped in the middle of the night in London with no shelter. Compare this



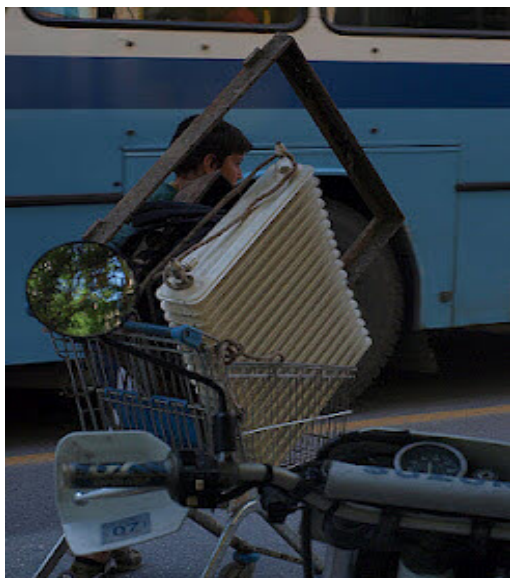
*I'm not over dressed
For this little do, am I?*

treatment of "Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects" with the treatment of all those millionaire/billionaire parasites being pampered at our expense. It was a glorious display of what this society is all about, wealth and power separated from the adoring poverty stricken hordes. It was displayed for all the world to see, Britain is still a wonderfully class divided society, a great place if your a millionaire, a place in the adoring crowd if your not.

YOUR KIDS WILL BE NEXT.

What does austerity lead to, apart from enhancing the bank balances of the financial Mafia. A look at Greece today could be a vision of what is in store for hundreds of millions of ordinary people across Europe. The situation in Greece deteriorates on a daily bases and with no end in sight, and will continue to deteriorate as long as we continue with this corporate fascist money orientated system.

What awaits us as the Eurozone circles the drain, what has happened to the Greek people in just a couple of years is a preview of what lies ahead. From a relatively comfortable lifestyle for most, to deprivation, from a comparatively low crime rate, to a rocketing crime rate, from mostly stable communities to massive increases in suicides, alcoholism and mental health problems, all the direct result of **AUSTERITY**, which is just a polite word for plundering the people and pushing them into deprivation. I should add that all these problems are for the ordinary people, our political masters and the financial Mafia are exempt from that deprivation they inflict on the rest of us. This from **Teacher Dude's Grill and BBQ**.



This picture was taken in the centre of Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. The young teen, no older than 13 or 14 was wheeling a shopping trolley full of scrap metal just metres away from the high end hotels and shopping malls that call this part of the town home.

He, along with many even younger can be seen in the city rooting through the recycling bins for cans, scrap metal and paper. For those who scavenge, beg, sell trinkets and wander the streets of this European city there is no school or perhaps even a future, except for more of the same.

QUOTE; "Anarchism does not mean bloodshed; it does not mean robbery, arson, etc. These monstrosities are, on the contrary, the characteristic features of capitalism. Anarchism means peace and tranquility to all."
August Spies, Haymarket anarchist

LIVING IN A PONZI SCHEME.

We have a system where the poor are pushed deeper and deeper into poverty, and by legislation ruthlessly trapped there. It is a system that will use the language of irrationality to prove its groundless claims. There is the cry from our privileged overlords for a return to family values while at the same time branding a mother who stays at home to look after her children, a scrounger, and if she goes out (forced out)



We have to crack Down on those Benefit cheats!!!

to work, with no time off to care for the kids during the summer holidays, she will be accused of being a bad mother allowing her kids to roam the streets. On occasions when some individual "cheats" the benefit system, all hell breaks loose and our lords and masters scream about all the "lower class" being feckless, lazy parasites. Though they never mention the fact that the system itself is one big ponzi scheme, riddled with fraud and corruption, where that fraud and corruption increases in size as you go up their vitiated ladder.

It is also a system dominated by super-rich, over privileged, privately educated middle aged men, who have no perception of what it is to live at the "ordinary" level of life, to struggle with bills and worry about keeping a roof over your head, or whether your job will be there next month. All that daily struggle is an alien world to the real super-rich parasites who control the system and our daily lives. Like I have said before, they need us, we don't need them.

THE PRICE MUST BE PAID.

QUOTE: "If this is the price to be paid for an idea, then let us pay. There is no need of being troubled about it, afraid, or ashamed. This is the time to boldly say, "Yes, I believe in the displacement of this system of injustice by a just one; I believe in the end of starvation, exposure, and the crimes caused by them; I believe in the human soul regnant over all laws which man has made or will make; I believe there is no peace now, and there will never be peace, so long as one rules over another; I believe in the total disintegration and dissolution of the principle and practice of authority; I am an Anarchist, and if for this you condemn me, I stand ready to receive your condemnation." **Voltairine de Cleyre,**

Exquisite Rebel: The Essays of Voltairine de Cleyre-Anarchist, Feminist, Genius

OUR SECOND CHANCE.

**George Square
Glasgow,
1919**



Printed from a previous A. Critic, but I believe it is worth a second read.

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.

THE CRIME OF CHILD POVERTY.

Scotland is a relatively rich country yet one in four of Scotland's children are officially recognised as living in poverty. In some areas over one in three children grow up in poverty, in Springburn Glasgow it is over 50%. With Scotland's undoubted wealth this is an unacceptable crime against future generations. Our child poverty rate are considerably higher than other European countries. In Denmark and Norway approximately 10% of children live in poverty, whilst Germany the rate is 15%, even these rates are unacceptable in any modern, supposedly civilised, country. All of these countries are wealthy yet they have children living in poverty, so it isn't the lack of resources, it is the system we live under, that breeds poverty and then traps people in that poverty. It is an indictment of that system that poverty remains one of the most serious problems facing children today. Its' effects last a lifetime, negatively impacting on health, education, social and physical development and seriously harming future life chances and opportunities.

There is a need, we have the resources, but money dictates that children live in poverty, that is not an economic system, that is a crime.



THE MULTI-BILLION POUND RIPE-OFF.

Our millionaire lords and masters spouted about the Olympics being a mere £2.4 billions which would be mainly private capital, however the price tag rocket and private capital evaporate, leaving the tax payer to pick up the tab. By 2007 the cost was revised up to £9.3 billion, the public funding had tripled and private capital had dwindled to less than 2%. It doesn't stop there, the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee now put the cost at £11 billion with the tax payer taking the hit. While a SKY Sports investigation, including the transport upgrade put the cost at £24 billion.

The other more sinister side of this multi-billion pound fun display will be the militarisation of London. The city will have surface-to-air missiles, a naval battleship moored offshore, 13,500 military personnel roaming around, which is about 4,000 more than we have based in Afghanistan. Hovering overhead will be lightweight aerial drones with elite firearms response units and snipers lurking below. This security comes at a price, £1 billion and counting. All of this is not enough for the US, who will be sending their own security team which will include 500 FBI agents.

GET IN TOUCH. GROW OLD, --SUFFER POVERTY!!



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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
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www.freedompress.org.uk
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www.anarchistfaq.org
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is and why you should help it come about.

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

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Library of Anarchist history.

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Think of your City and make it happen.

www.redpepper.org.uk
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One way to measure a civilised country is to look at how it cares for its most vulnerable citizens. First we should remember that in spite of all the crap poured out by our millionaire lords and masters, this country is a very rich country. As we get older we take our place among the vulnerable, so how does Britain, a modern rich country, care for its elderly? Well British pensioners are among the poorest in Europe, in this country more than two million older people are at risk of poverty. In 2010 21.4% of elderly British were classed as being at risk of poverty, dwarfing the European average of 15.9%. The only nations in Europe who treated their elderly worse were Cyprus with 45.2%, followed by Bulgaria at 32.3%, then Spain at 21.7%. We are shamed by such figures as Hungary 4.1%, the Netherlands, 5.9% and Luxembourg, 5.9%. Of course it is not just the elderly that are at risk of poverty in this country. In 2010, 10.7 million people, 17.1% of the population, were at the risk of poverty, where as the European average is 16.4%. So all the nonsense pumped out by the media and the establishment, that we in this country are better off than everybody else is bullshit. What these figures show is that almost a sixth of the entire population of Europe is living with the risk of poverty and that risk rises as we get older. This is the best that capitalism can do, from this dismal position, thanks to the "austerity", "deficit reduction" plans, we are heading in a downward direction. The system can only deliver poverty for millions while the financial Mafia grow fatter on salaries that have shown a 51% increase in the last couple of years. I find it strange that we tolerate a system that hands astronomical bonuses to parasitical fat-cats and sinks the rest of the population into Victorian deprivation. It doesn't take much imagination to come up with a system that would see to the needs of all our people, but first we have to get the fat-cats and the parasitical financial Mafia off our backs. Shed that burden and we are almost there.

