

ANGRY PEOPLE

What you don't get told



RICH SCUM

NOT WELCOME HERE

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

No. OF HOUSES LYING EMPTY IN EACH STATE

NSW.....174,467

VIC.....143,264

QLD.....94,714

WA.....53,851

SA.....48,546

TAS.....19,470

ACT.....5,588

NT.....3,639

SYDNEY SQUATTERS HANDBOOK 1992



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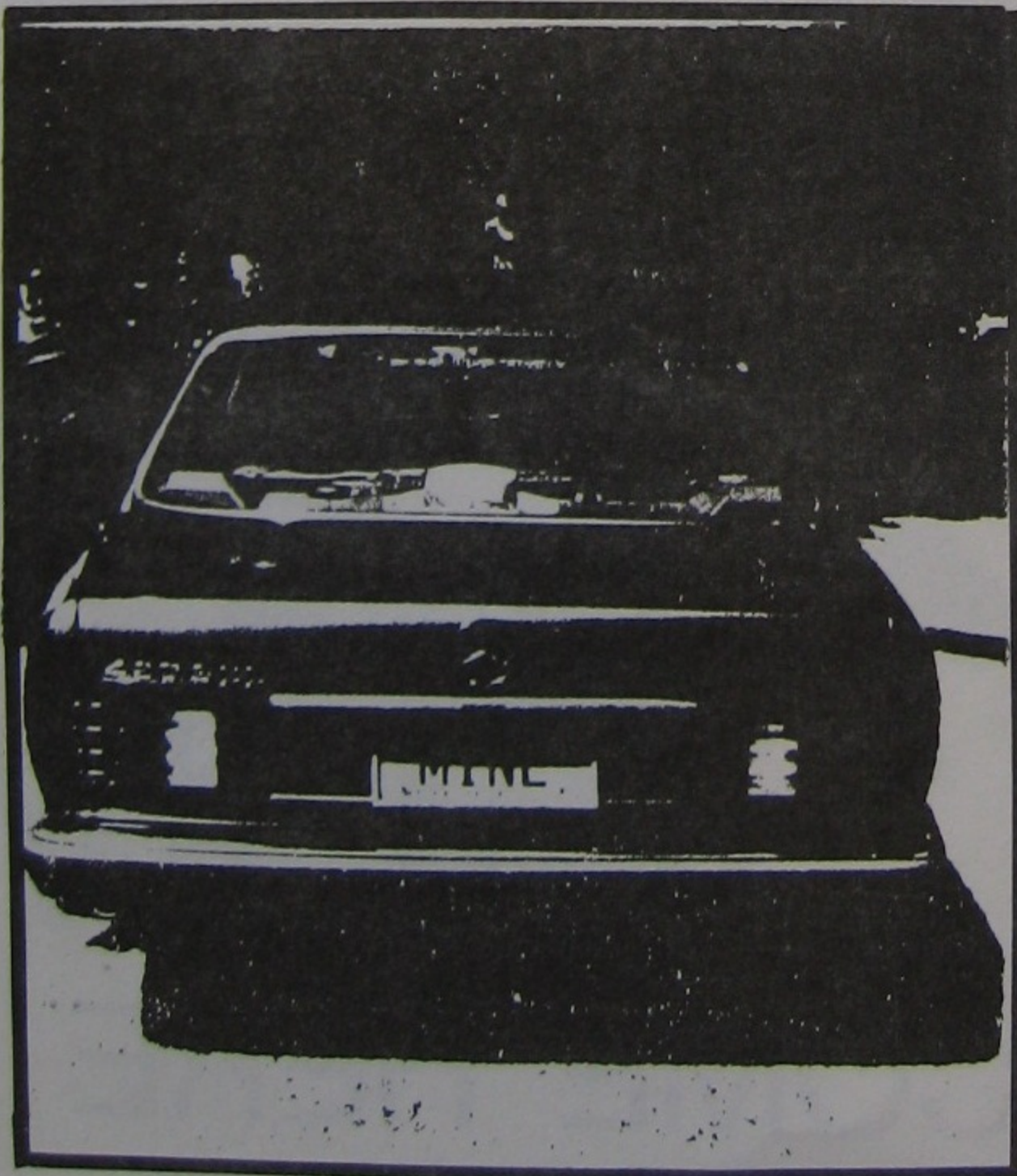
This book has been put together by a group of people concerned with the everyday survival and basic needs of people in our community. The group is called 'Self Help Housing'. Through this book we hope to provide much needed realistic information to people that need it.

- * We advocate occupant controlled housing
- * We believe that everyone has a right to a home
- * We see the present system of housing as creating homelessness and high rents because it is based on profit and property NOT people
- * All land in Australia is stolen land from the Aboriginal people
- * We believe that governments in all their forms hinder a real solution to the problems of housing the world's people



Unfortunately Self-Help Housing is not really happening as a formal group. There are, no doubt, squatters still all over Sydney. More unfortunately, thanks to arch bastard Max Raine (Real Estate agent), there are no longer any tenancy and housing advice services, apart from the tenants union, in Sydney.

This is a much needed service and if we (or you) get the time, energy and space to provide it on a permanent basis then great.



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HOMELESS PEOPLE V. GREEDY LANDLORDS

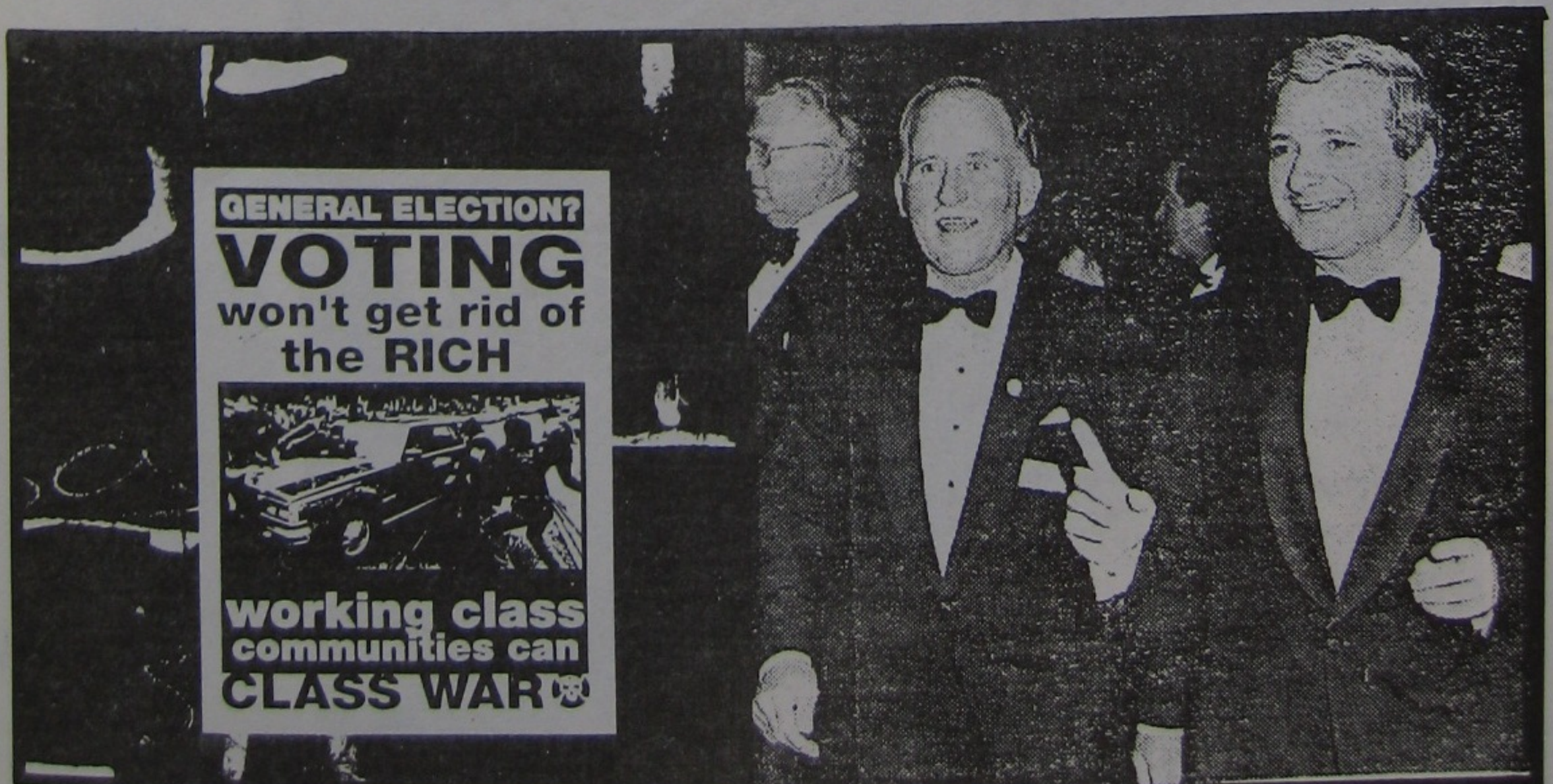
Walking around town you can't help but notice all the buildings left empty. In every street there's at least one. Some streets have whole rows of empty houses and buildings. You'd have to ask yourself whether this government or any government ever had any intention of housing the vast number of homeless people on this land.

It seems pretty obvious to me that for all the lip service that politicians pay to homelessness NOTHING EVER REALLY CHANGES!! No matter who's in power be it Keating or Hewson or even the Democrats the fundamental problems that effect working class people are still there. Voting a new leader into power won't give homeless people homes because solving the problem of homelessness is not that cut and dry.

The fact is that many houses, warehouses and shopfronts are lying empty because it is cheaper for landlords to keep them empty until after this recession. Landlords looking for an investment run down houses through neglect and irresponsibility and in some cases board them up or smash them up to stop people from living in them. They are hoping that this recession will soon end, that property values will rise and that they can cash in by selling them to trendy yuppies or property developers. Having a tenant in the house may affect how much a landlord can sell their property for - this is why landlords prefer that the homeless stay out on the streets. Whether people have decent housing with adequate facilities is of no concern to greedy landlords - their kind have always waged a housing war against working class people the world over.

Look at the figures at the end of this article and see for yourself. There are more than enough houses for everyone and yet people are forced to sleep in doorways, parks and bus shelters. Housing is being deliberately made inaccessible to growing sections of the working class.

But it's not all gloom and doom. We can put an end to the housing "shortage" but there's no use waiting for our "leaders" to initiate it because they won't. WE HAVE TO DO IT OURSELVES. We can start by moving into empty houses and occupying them. If there are no problems after a couple of days move your gear in and set up house. This sort of action is known as squatting. Squatting is about decent housing for everyone and a practical method for working class people to house themselves in the face of this shitty recession. If we organize amongst ourselves we could squat whole streets - there are certainly enough empty houses about.



Armed bandits force doctor to burn \$70,000 car

By GDLALIBON

A Bristol doctor abducted by two armed men and forced to incinerate his pride and joy, a \$70,000 luxury car bought just 10 days ago, said last night he was terrified during his ordeal.

"I'm still in deep shock. I can't stop shaking. I was so terrified, I thought they were going to kill me," Dr Peter Hales, 42, an anaesthetist, said.

Dr Hales's kidnappers forced him to set fire to his patrol-marked new Mazda 929SE after taking him upstairs: "This will teach you for being so rich."

The doctor told police he had parked in a car park in Pennant Street, Castle Hill, at 8 pm on Tuesday, intending to go to an adjacent shopping centre. While getting his wallet from a briefcase in the boot, he was approached by two men who pushed him roughly back into the car.

The men ordered him to drive along Windsor Road to the incomplete Northwest Industrial and Housing Estate. As he drove into the rear of the unit complex, off a dirt road, he noticed another car following.

When the doctor parked, one of the bandits demanded his wallet, containing \$200. The doctor was taunted for being rich and was reminded the kidnapers had guns.

One of the bandits walked off to the second car and returned a few minutes later with two cartons containing petrol.

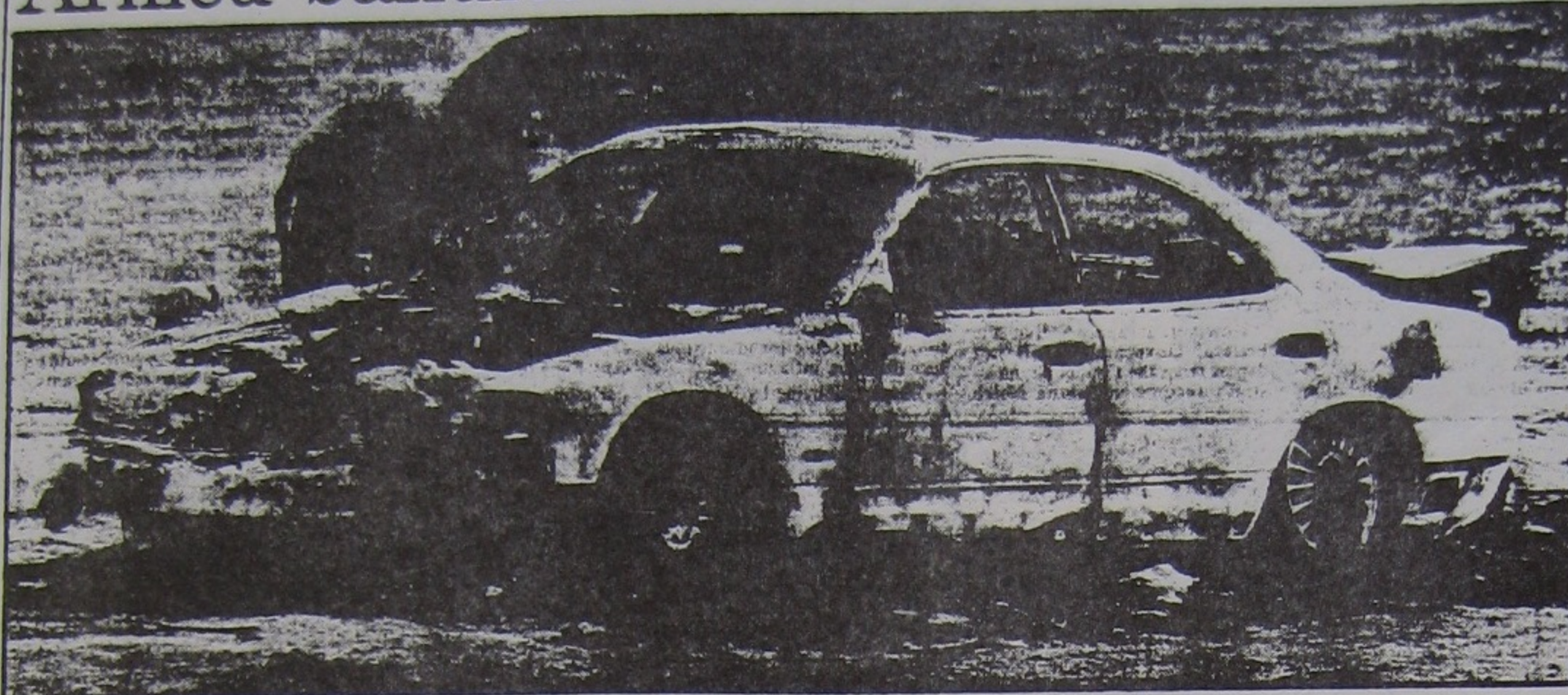
The car interior was doused with petrol by a man whom Dr Hales described as about 20 to 25, thin, fair complexion, about 170 centimetres tall, with a short moustache and collar-length brown hair.

He was handed a box of matches and told: "Light it. Let's see your new car burn."

A woman and her daughter who live in a nearby house saw the car burst into flames. They noted the headlights of a third vehicle, a motor bike, leaving the scene.

Dr Hales stumbled almost a kilometre to the Hills Lodge Motor Inn, where he phoned the police and his wife.

Detective-Constable Bryson Anderson, of Castle Hill police, appealed for anyone who saw men acting suspiciously outside the Castle Towers Shopping Centre on Tuesday night to phone police on 680 5399.



A worker at the Northwest Industrial and Housing Estate, Gerald Connolly, examines the remains of Dr Hales's car.

Picture by TROY HOWE

IT'S HAPPENNING EVERYWHERE AND IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME CLASS WAR - AUSSIE STYLE!



WE ALL

WANT A

CLASS WAR!

NEW SOUTH WALES

In Sydney the U.S. warships arrived in our harbour on May 1st. One by one they pulled in and were greeted by a few hundred protesters out on the water and also on land. About forty or fifty boats buzzed around the water harrassing the water and naval police and hanging onto the front of the first ship to arrive: a U.S. aircraft carrier. It was great to see many people out on the water reclaiming the harbour as OUR SPACE. However, if the point of our protest was to stop the warship from docking then we are going to have to develop some new tactics and elaborate on old ones because despite all the activity out on the water the warship was still able to dock and did so rather easily.

Back on the land our protest was to shout abuse at the warship and hold banners. Now those of us on land could have done a lot more to disrupt the war celebrations had we been more organized and a little daring. What we must ask ourselves is did we achieve anything? Was it worth it? We didn't stop the warship from docking and our efforts were largely ignored and marginalised by the media. In future perhaps those of us on dry ground could go into the city for a sister action, occupying the Forces' Recruitment Centre keeping in mind that if we stretch the police over two places instead of one we make it easier for ourselves to carry out any form of direct action as well as making it more possible to outnumber the police and minimalise their attempts at intimidating and arresting us.

On the other hand we could have marched back up that hill we stood at the bottom of and smashed up, overturned and burnt out all those unguarded cop cars! Remember L.A.?!?

Women in Sydney have taken their anger out onto the streets. Targeting sexist advertisements, women have put stickers up over them and graffittied walls in defiance of the law and this society which gives women shit deals. One particular advertisement which depicts a headless, armless and legless woman in fancy underwear put out by WARNER'S is more than just offensive - it's downright insulting! Realising that they aren't going to get anywhere by just talking, women are organizing and fighting back and what's more this is only the beginning!



NORTHERN TERRITORY

I heard on the media that kids, many of them aboriginal, have been the subject of police harrassment at Casuarina in Darwin's northern suburbs. Maybe the pigs haven't got anything better to do. They don't have much luck catching the real criminals because those are too clever for them. Either that or they're already in the government or the police. But if you go out to Casuarina you can see that the youth aren't taking this treatment lying down. Everywhere you look around the big Casuarina shopping centre you see graffiti saying: "Fuck Tha Police", "Pigs suck shit (on toast)" and "F.T.P." spraypainted in huge letters. I have heard that some enterprising young people have even been screenprinting their own F.T.P. T-shirts. I'm sure they're giving those pigs a run for their money.

Meanwhile not far away in Nightcliff the wall of a disused drive-in theatre was spraypainted by Darwin class warriors to show their solidarity with the sisters and brothers in the U.S.A. "U.S.A. 1.5.92 SAN FRANCISCO, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES...PEOPLE VS. THE STATE (PEOPLE TO WIN)". A while ago someone spraypainted "Kill the Pigs" on the Nightcliff pig shop. They obviously don't feel to safe in their since they've had bars put on all the windows! L.A. showed the way. *If we stand united the pigs will be defeated. Together we can win.*

VICTORIA

Undercover cops who were being paid to spy on demonstrators at a demo to coincide with Dick Cheney's visit outside the Hyatt Hotel in Melbourne went to great pains to disguise themselves. Using thier collective intelligence they managed to all dress in flannelette shirts and army trousers. Being one step ahead of the filth as always demonstrators played "spot the cop" and steered clear of the troublemakers in khaki pants.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Rich shits got a rude surprise when some class conscious youth noticed them pulling up in their rolls. Within seconds the door was kicked in and when one of the turds tried to grab one of youths he got a well deserved kicking too. Nice one!

Lesmurdie, a rich suburb in Perth has been getting what it deserves lately. Rich scumbags have been waking up in the morning to find their posh houses and expensive property spraypainted over with graffiti and their locks glued up!

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SUCK SHIT GRIENER!



This corrupt maggot got his just desserts when he was recently forced to stand down as premier by the independant vote against him. In order to stack the balance of power in his government's favour Griener offered Terry Metherell (a former liberal but now gone independant) a \$110,000 a year job. Griener forgot to mention that the job didn't exist and that he had only created it overnight. With Metherell no longer voting as an independant Griener would have effectively narrowed down the independants in the NSW parliament to just two!

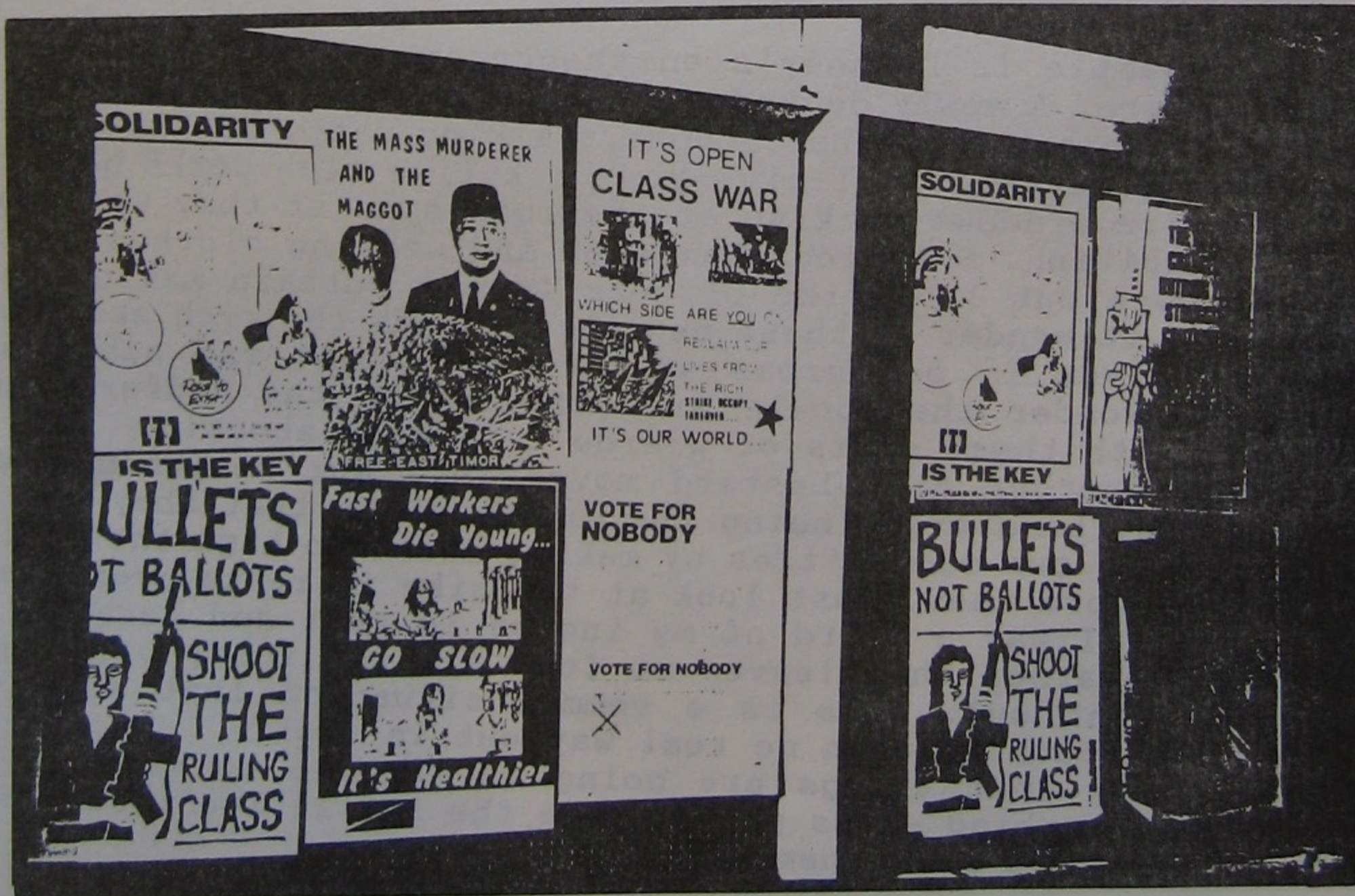
During the hearing at ICAC in Redfern Justice QC Ian Tenby said that Griener's actions were "technically corrupt" which apparently means that old Nicky baby thought he was doing the right thing. According to Tenby that also makes it OK.

So why don't we try spinning that one next time we get done for nicking a few things from work or a few bits and pieces at the supermarket ? Because we all know it wouldn't work. It's one law for the rich and one law for the poor and that's why things have got to change. THAT'S WHY WE NEED THE CLASS WAR!!

ORGANIZE IN NEWTOWN....

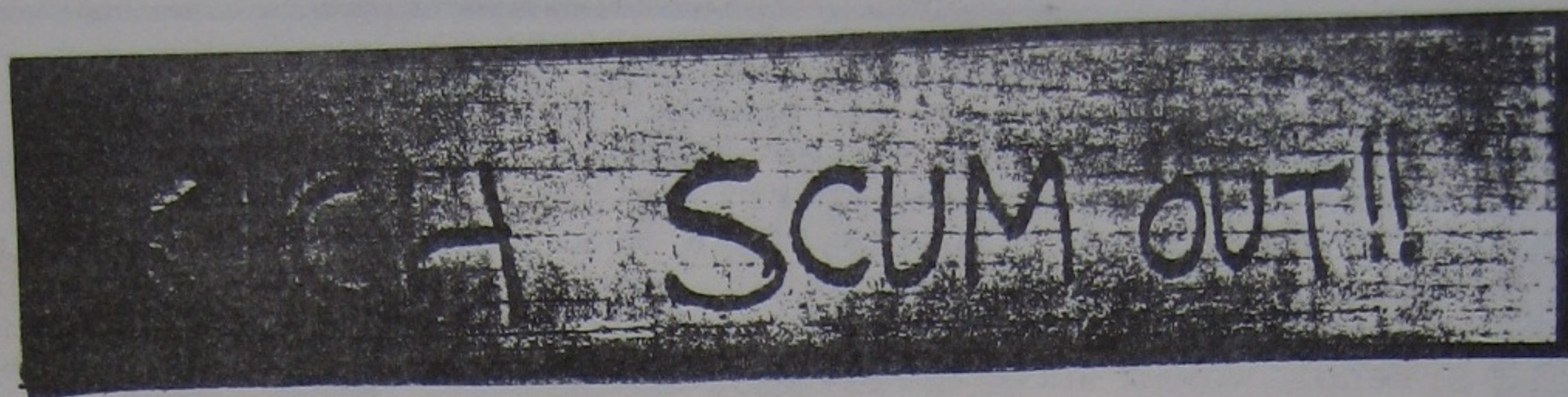
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steal back the life that's owed to you!



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WHY THE RICH AREN'T WELCOME



Ever noticed all the trendy shops popping up on King and Redfern St's? Well it ain't half obvious that these new businesses aren't here for us. With prices that most of us locals can't even afford - why are these shops popping up here?

The rich are turning our areas into their playgrounds. Rich bastards realising that their own suburbs are by and large boring and cultureless are buying up working class communities and forcing us out so they can indulge in their egotistical, self-centred lifestyles. Already they've bought up large plots of land and built ridiculous buildings that serve no purpose for our communities. The Metro Inn on King St, Newtown is one of them. This huge building was built with the idea of getting wealthy business executives with cash to burn out of the city centre and into Newtown as a way of extending the city and all the dirty deals that go along with it. Soon after construction in 1989 the developer went bankrupt and has lain empty ever since. Not only is this space going to no use at all but our communities are in great need of space that could provide cheap or free facilities for us all. We need a centre for people who are differently abled, for the youth to gather without the hassle of cops and drug dealers, a space for the ever growing gay and lesbian community or even just a decent, local STD/HIV clinic. These are just a few ideas. The range is enormous to choose from.

Another example is Delaney's on the corner of Redfern and George St's, Redfern. A newly decked out posh bar, it's prices are so high that you'd go sober at the thought. Walking past, the up themselves lend-us-a-tener-and-I'll-give-you-back-five rich dorks hang out of the upstairs windows gorking at the locals as if they were part of a zoo exhibition. Swilling champagne and wearing clothes that cost \$300 or more but look like offcuts from a curtain making factory you'd have to wonder if these new playgrounds the rich are building for themselves in our areas aren't the latest fad since sliced bread. No wonder the locals are sticking to the Redfern and the Somerset with these sorts of wierdo's hanging about!

Everytime another rich bastard moves into our neighbourhood our rents go up. Landlords, being the greedy shits that they are price us out of our own communities by making rents so high that only the rich can afford them. Just look at the hike in rents over the past few years - I pay a third of my income in rent and because I'm a low income earner that leaves me fuck all for food, clothing and the odd night out. This is a common situation that many of us locals are stuck in with no real way out in sight.

The only way that things are going to improve in working class areas is if working class people take the initiative themselves to change things to suit themselves.

LET'S START WITH DRIVING THE RICH FROM OUR STREETS AND DRIVING OVER THEM IN THEIRS!!