CHAPTER ONE

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!
TINTIN, ME OLD MATE!
HOW'S IT GOING?

MARY, LOOK WHO'S HERE...
IT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NEPHEW!

NOT SO BAD, UNCLE, NOT SO BAD...

HIYA TINTIN! YOU OK?
WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR AGES...

WELL THINGS AIN'T THAT HOT
TO TELL THE TRUTH ... YOU SEE,
THEY CUT ME DOLE LAST WEEK!

...THEY SAY IT'S MY
FAULT I GOT KICKED
OFF THAT J.T.S. SCHEME
THING...

YOUR FAULT!?

FROM WHAT I HEARD, I
RECKON YOUR BOSS GOT OFF
LIGHTLY WITH JUST A FEW
CHIPPED TEETH!

I WENT BERSERK
DOWN AT SOCIAL
WHEN THEY TOLD
ME ....
And so, next Tuesday...

You mean the union SACKED you for calling a strike?!

Well, not exactly sacked...

They shunted me off to a college for training union officials - it was useless! Full of fat, bellied bureaucrats!

So I left... but meanwhile the union had made damn sure I'd never work in the trade again!

Stitched up in the name of 'good industrial relations'!

Yeah, most of these union blokes are just cops in funny caps!

They don't know their arse from their elbow when it comes down to actually working...

Hark when talking you dieburger...

I mean when was the last time you did a day's work, eh?

I tell you, you're gonna get a bloody shock on Monday morning!

What am I building anyway?

It's luxury flats - that's what they're building sod-all lad...

I TELLYOU, YOU'RE GONNA GET A BLOODY SHOCK ON MONDAY MORNING!

IT'S LUXURY FLATS - THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE BUILDING... IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY WORK ABOUT THESE DAYS...

Aye, that and building prisons and cop-shops!

Next Monday...

Building flats which I know I'll never get to live in...

Unless there's a revolution...

A revolution? Some hope Jim!

Well, I'm off to the bar - do you want another pint?
...GOD, I'M WELL STONED!

...AYE AND YOU'LL BE MORE THAN JUST KACKEELED IF THEY CATCH YOU SLEPPING!

SHIFT OVER, MATE - NO-ONE'S LOOKING... BUT WHAT AM I SLOGGING MY OUT FIT OUT FOR, CAPTAIN? A RIGHT BLOODY PITFACE!

LOOK SHARP! THE BOSS IS ABOUT!

IS IT STILL OK TO EAT AT YOURS TONIGHT?

YEH MARY SAID TO COME ROUND AT SIX OK?

AKA SO...

CHEERS, MARY! THAT WAS DEAD NICE...

YEH, IT'S NOT MUCH, SIT... BUT IT JUST MEANS WE HAVE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE PERKS!

LOOK AT ME - I AIN'T RICH, BUT I'M NEVER SHORT OF TOOLS... IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

AND IF YOU GET REALLY BORED, YOU CAN ALWAYS "MODIFY" THE PLANS...

BANG! BANG!

WHAT THE HELL'S GONG ON? IT'S COMING FROM OUTSIDE!

THERE'S SOMEONE BREAKING IN NEXT DOOR... OI! WHAT'S YOUR GAME?

WE AND A FEW OF THE OTHER LADS WERE SUB-CONTRACTED TO HELP PUT UP A NEW PIG STATION A FEW YEARS BACK...

WE MUST HAVE BEEN VERY ABSTRACTED...

...IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS LATER... THE WHOLE FRIGGING ROOF CAVED IN!

SHAME!

LOOK, IT'S ALLRIGHT... WE'RE NOT OUT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE...

...IT'S JUST THAT I'M HOMELESS AND SO I...

SO YOU'RE GONNA BE A SQUATTER NEXT DOOR...

IS THAT IT? LOVE...

...ER... YEAH...

SQUATTHERS EHH...
Well that's fine by us.

That bloody flat's been empty since old Mrs Richards moved out!

I think it's criminal.
The council is leaving properties empty, left right and centre.

Yeah I will, but right now I'd better get back next door...

OK Nicky, see you soon...

Looks like you've got some good neighbours here...

Yeah, it's great — a new home, a new city...

I'm so excited!

...when people are crying out for somewhere to live...

I couldn't agree with you more!

Oh, I'm sorry — I'm Nicky and this is Des — he's just helping me to move in...

Well, I'm Mary Love, and this is my husband, Sharon — that's my daughter, is upstairs in bed... Oh, and Tintin

...is there is my nephew...

So who told you how to get hold of the local squatters group?

I rang the advisory service for squatters the minute I got off the bus...

Gosh, I can't tell you how happy I am to get away...

And we're really sorry for disturbing you like that...

That's OK, don't apologise. I know there's some folk on the estate who don't like squatters.

...but me — I'd rather have next door lived in, than have it standing empty...

...so why not pop round sometime for coffee when you're settled in properly?

Were you having a hard time at home then?

...er... yeah, but it's a long story...

That's OK — keep it to yourself if you like... shall I put the kettle on?

You see, it all exploded last week...
WHAT? THE KETTLE EXPLODED?

NO - DON'T BE DAFT!
I'M TALKING ABOUT
WHY I HAD TO LEAVE
HOME...

YOU SEE, MY
PARENTS REFUSE
TO ACCEPT THAT
I'M... THAT I'M
A LesBIan...

GOD, IT WAS AwFUL!
I WAS LIVING A
DOUBLE LIFE IN THAT
TOWN...

HASSLed AT WORK
BY ALL THOSE
OFFICE CREEPS...

AND THEN I'D
GET HOME AND
GET HASSLed BY
MY PARENTS TO
FIND A NICE
BOYFRIEND!

IT WAS A REAL
RELIEF TO
RING gay SWITCHBOARD
AND HEAR SOMEONE SAY
I WASN'T MAD OR
"UNNATURAL"!

AND SO IT ALL CAME OUT LAST WEEK
CAN'T YOU SEE? I DON'T LIKE MEN...
I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH MEU...
NICOLA! WHAT... WHAT ABOUT AIDS?
WHERE DID WE GO
WRONG ?

MY MUM JUST COULDN'T
SEE IT... I MEAN, AS A
LesBIan, I'VE GOT ABOUT
AS MUCH CHANCE OF
CATCHING AIDS AS THE
POPE!

YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT - IT'S
PROBABLY THE SAFEST
SORT OF SEX...
AND DEFINITELY
THE NICEST!

A FEW WEEKS LATER...
THIS PLACE IS A BLOODY
TIP... LOOK AT IT!

THE COUNCIL HAVEN'T
CLEANED UP ROUND
HERE FOR AGES

WHAT THE HELL
DO WE PAY
OUR RATES FOR?

WHAT WAS IT LAST YEAR
$600? FOR SWEET FANKY
ADAMS!

AND ALL THE
BACKHANDERS!

NO, I'LL TELL YOU
WHAT IT'S FOR... FOR
THEIR LUNCHES...

AND THAT COUNCILLOR
RYAN GOT OFF
SCOTT FREE.

DIDN'T HE?
IT MAKES ME BLOODY SICK!

I WROTE TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT THOSE WINDOWS...
YEH, I SAW THE LETTER THEY SENT BACK...
"Blah, blah, thank you for your letter, but blah, blah, basically sod off!"

I WANT SOMEWHERE STABLE... A REAL HOME...
WHAT?? LIKE THAT DAMN FLAT OF OURS??

IT'S STUPID - WHAT DO WE PAY OUR RENT FOR?!
OH NO, I COULDN'Tcope WITH ALL THAT INSECURITY...

MAYBE NICKY HAS GOT THE RIGHT IDEA THEN, EH LOVE... HA HA HA...

OH, DON'T ACT STUPID, CAPTAIN... YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN AND THAT FLAT COULD BE NICE...

YEH, YOU'RE RIGHT MAYBE... IT WAS MUCH BETTER WHEN WE FIRST MOVED THERE...

HELLO MARY!...
HELLO MRS DAVIS! HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

IT'S A LOAD OF OLD BULL - ALL IT MEANS IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WALK AS FAR TO HEAR SOME PEN-PUSHER SAY "NO!"

BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THOSE WINDOWS... WHEN WINTER COMES...
I'LL TRY TO GET SOME NEW FRAMES FROM WORK BUT THEY WONT BE PERFECT...

MY ARTHRITIS AIN'T TOO BAD, BUT MY EYES ARE PLAYING ME UP SOMETHING WICKED TODAY...

I'M GONNA HEAR ABOUT THAT... CAN WE GET YOU ANY SHOPPING? WE'RE JUST OFF TO THE SUPERMARKET...

NO THANKS, I'VE JUST BEEN DOWN THERE LOVE, MIND YOU, I HAD A SPOT OF BOTHER...
Swindled almost half a million...

I wrote to the council about those windows...

It's a load of old bull - all it means is that we don't have to walk as far to hear some pen-pushers say 'no!'... But what are we going to do about those windows when winter comes...

My arthritis ain't too bad, but my eyes are playing me up if something nicked today...

I'm sorry to hear about that... Can we get you any shopping? We're just off to the supermarket...

—that's what I like that damp flat of ours?!—

Hello Mary!...

Captain!

Hello, Mrs Davis! How are you today?

What?!! Like...
THIS POSH TYPE. HE JUST PUSHED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. YOU KNOW THE SORT. ALL CREDIT CARDS AND NO MANNERS.

SO I SENT HIM OFF WITH A FLEA IN HIS EAR. WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I JUST TOLD HIM TO SOD OFF ... THEY MAKE ME SO CROSS!

...BECAUSE THEY'RE PLANNING TO SELL IT OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!

SOLD TO THE BANK IN THE COURIER.

WELL I KNOW I WANTED GOT MANY MORE DAYS LEFT IN ME...

DON'T TALK SOFT, MR. DAVIS!

BUT WHY SHOULD WE TAKE ALL THIS LYING DOWN? WHY CAN'T IT BE US WHO GETS RID OF THEM?

THEY COME HERE WITH THEIR MONEY, TAKING OVER OUR AREA...

BUILDING THEIR POSH OFFICES AND ALL THEIR LUXURY FLATS...

AND ROARING AROUND IN THEIR FLASH CARS AT ALL HOURS!

FOR SALE

RASCALS

LUXURY STUDIO APARTMENTS

...YEH, I WISH THEY'D ALL SOD OFF AND LEAVE US ALONE.

SOME HOPE! — THEY'RE HERE TO STAY. FACE FACTS, IT'S US WHO ARE GONNA GET THE BOOT...

THAT'S WHY THE COUNCIL IS RUNNING DOWN OUR ESTATE...

I MEAN, IT'S OUR AREA... WE SHOULD JUST KICK THEM OUT!

YOU'RE DEAD RIGHT, BUT HOW? ALL THESE NOB-GITS WHO JUST MOVED IN ARE ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG...

...THERE'S THE BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT...

AT LEAST WE CAN TRY MR. ROGERS FROM NUMBER 4 SAID THAT THE TENANTS ASSOCIATION MIGHT JOIN THAT NEW COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP.

OH SOD, LOOK AT THE TIME — IF YOU'RE STILL GOING TO THE MATCH, WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON, CAPTAIN...

DON'T WORRY, LOVE, YOU'LL BE IN AND OUT OF THE SHOPS IN NO TIME.
They really wind me up, that lot.

Your grandad got hurt loads of times trying to keep them off the streets in the 1980s...

Yeah, Kevin here got done over by them a few months back... They carved a swastika on his stomach...

BASTARDS!

Yeah, it's about time we won!

Bloody good match!

Lock, I'm gonna check out what's happening. I'll drop by later on me way home... OK?

OK, see ya!

Alright then Tintin, what we doing?

Well the roollers ain't open yet...

But I reckon we should check out that new Nine Bar down the road...

Leave it out! Me in there! You must be joking! It's for posh bastards, innit?

Alright make it three pints of lager, then...

No Lager...

What do you sell, then?

Eh? Pongy, overpriced wine? Well I'll have some of that...

Well move it then! We're wasting drinking time!

I'm sorry, sir... We don't sell beer...

I'll get 'em in... three pints of light and bitter, mate...

ascals
HIYA TINTIN!
CAPTAIN! ALRIGHT?

I WAS JUST ON THE WAY TO SEE YOU... I’VE BEEN WAITING FOR A LITTLE FOR BLOODY HOURS.

I’VE BEEN DOWN THE ANCHOR WITH JIM-DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME?

YEAH, WE GOT INTO A SCRAP IN THAT NEW WINE BAR... IT WAS A GOOD CRACK....!

YOU WANNA BE CAREFUL, TINTIN! ALTHOUGH GOD KNOWS THAT LOT DESERVE ALL THEY GET...

...AND I MANAGED TO GET ONE OF THE BASTARDS’ WALLETS... FANCY A CURRY?

BASTARDS!!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
Some hours later

A FEW DAYS LATER
YEAH, IT WAS OK...

I MEAN I DIDN’T UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE WORDS THEY USED THERE...

...Y’KNOW, SOMEWHERE WHERE YOU CAN JUST MEET OTHER WOMEN... SOUNDS GOOD...

YOU NEVER KNOW, I MAY COME DOWN THERE WITH YOU ONE OF THESE DAYS!

YEAH, LET’S GO ON MARY!

BUT ALL THE SAME... IT’S NICE TO KNOW THAT THERE IS A WOMEN’S CENTRE...

MY CLEANING JOB’S ONLY PART-TIME AND I GET FED UP BEING STUCK IN HERE THE REST OF THE DAY...

I USED TO WORK IN A CAFE- BUT IT WAS REALLY HUNGRY!

YEAH, I’VE DONE IT TOO...

CRAP PAY A BRUISED BUM AND LOUSY TIPS!

I USED TO SPEND ALL DAY WAITING ON, WASHING UP AND WORKING IN THE KITCHEN...
That's bollocks, Tintin, and you know it!

Look, Tintin, all I'm saying is that it's always us women who clean up behind you, darn your socks for you...

I bet you think we were put on this planet just to please you... cook for you, wash up for you...

The next day... umm... about last night... er, Mary sent me round to apologise... I was way out of line... yeah you were.

I shouldn't have had a go at you... I'm sorry. I mean it...

...and of course we'll have sex any time you want... even if we say we won't!

You're well out of order, Nicky... ok, I'm a bit lazy but I ain't no bloody rapist!

All men are potential rapists, Tintin!

Bollocks!

That's ok... forget it - I'm used to it nowadays... well, don't just stand there... come in!

Do you live here alone then?... no, there's Jan as well but she's out tonight.

Well, how come most rapes are committed by 'friends' not by strangers?... rapists aren't 'mad'....

They're just male!!

SLAM!

Do you like it?... umm... er... it's... ok... er...

But... what's it for... umm... no... I mean, why have you got it on your wall...

I mean, you don't look like... I know like one of them... one of them? We're called lesbians!
AND DON'T EXPECT ME TO APOLOGISE FOR IT! I'M FED UP OF ALL THAT HASSLE!

AND DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M FROM OUTER SPACE.... HAVEN'T YOU EVER FANCIED A GUY? YEAH NO! I AIN'T A QUEER!

I'M NOT A 'QUEER'! I'M A LESBIAN!!

OK, BUT THAT STILL DON'T MAKE IT... UHH Y'KNOW... NATURAL...

'NATURAL'? WHAT AND SHOPLIFTING IS? HA HA HA! GIVE US A BREAK TINTIN... 'NATURAL'? HA! HA!

BUT IT AIN'T NATURAL! SAYS WHO?!

ANYWAY WHAT DOES 'QUEER' MEAN? YOU AIN'T EXACTLY NORMAL!

WELL YOU DON'T DO EVERYTHING YOU'RE TOLD TO DO, DO YOU? YOU NICK FROM SHOPS YOU FIDDLE THE DOLE, YOU BUNK OFF WORK...

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW YOU FOR DOING WHAT YOU WANT... SO WHY DO YOU KNOCK ME?

I'LL TELL YOU WHO SAYS IT AIN'T NATURAL — YOUR TEACHERS, YOUR DAD, YOUR BOSSES... ALL THE PEOPLE YOU'RE ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT.

WISE UP, TINTIN! IT'S JUST DIVIDE AND RULE... THE SAME AS THEY DO WITH BLACK PEOPLE OR... OK, OK I GIVE IN!!

SO LET ME GET THIS RIGHT... YOU AND JAN... HMM... ARE... SOME OF GOING OUT... AND YOU DON'T EVER GO WITH BLONDES... RIGHT?!

I MEAN, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF I SLEEP WITH JAN? EH?

WELL... ER... NONE, I SUPPOSE...

LOOK, TINTIN, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU... I LIKE YOU — YOU'RE OK! IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD BE FRIENDS...

BUT YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE ME FOR WHAT I AM, OK?...

IS THAT GONNA BE A PROBLEM BETWEEN US, THEN?...

... ANYWAY... I ONLY GO FOR BLDNES!!

OH TINTIN!!
The next week...

Quick—somebody get an ambulance. Oh my god, it's Joe!

Oh no, I don't believe it...

...he's dead!!

Dead?!...what...what do we do now...?

I don't believe it...not Joe...

He's got a wife and kids...

I shouted but he couldn't hear me...

It could have been any one of us...

Look, he can't leave him here—give us a hand to get him into the cabin...

I need a fag, mate...I feel terrible...

Joe!! The scaffolding! Look out!!

Oh my god!
GOD... DEAD?! I WAS CHATTING WITH HIM JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO...

I TELL YOU, THIS HAS PUT ME RIGHT OFF WORKING...

ME TOO—I JUST WANNA GO HOME AND FORGET TODAY!

HEY LADS, SIMMONS IS ON HIS WAY OVER...

I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE UPSET—WE ALL ARE...

...BUT AS THE SUPERVISOR, MY JOB IS TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND FILE A REPORT.

ER... NO. BUT IT MIGHT HELP IF... WELL A BLOODY REPORT AIN'T GONNA BRING JOE BACK!

WHAT THE HELL'S BEEN GOING ON!

IT'S JOE—HE'S DEAD. A POLE JUST CAME AWAY I TRIED TO WARN HIM.

AND HIS BODY... IN THERE?... GOOD, NOW TELL ME, HAD HE BEEN DRINKING AT ALL...?

LISTEN... BEFORE YOU GET ANY FURTHER... I AIN'T SATISFIED WITH THIS / GET THE MANAGER OUT HERE!

Yeah, we want to see the boss!

Err... I'm... UMM... WELL... HE'S UNAVAILABLE UMM... AT THIS MOMENT... UMM.

Eh?! What you getting at?!!

No, course not!

Look, all I'm trying to do is establish what happened. I CAN'T EVEN CONTACT HIS NEXT-OF-KIN, LET ALONE WRITE A REPORT TILL WE KNOW THE FACTS... WHAT ABOUT WITNESSES?

I'll tell you the bloody facts—A MAN'S LYING DEAD IN THERE COS THIS SITE'S GOTT A LOUSY SAFETY RECORD!

In that case you can tell him that I'M BLOODY UNAVAILABLE... UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK AS FROM NOW!

Yeh we've had enough! They're always screening us and now they're killing us!

Well, they ain't getting away with this one—LET'S STRIKE!

Yeah!
DID YOU HEAR, SIMMONS? THIS SITE IS COMPLETELY CLOSED AS FROM NOW. WHAT DO YOU WANT...?

MORE WAGES!! LESS HOURS BETTER SAFETY.

WE WANT YOU SACKED AND ALL SAFETY'S MEANT TO BE YOUR JOB.

SO FIRST WE NEED THE ADDRESSES OF ALL THE LONGS SITES...

I'LL ASK AROUND IN THE CANTEEN... MOST OF US THERE HAVE WORKED ALL THE BIG SITES...

RIGHT, CAROL HERE IS DRAWING UP A LIST OF SITES... AND WE NEED TO SORT OUT TRANSPORT AND.... HOW ABOUT A LEAFLET?

An hour later...

HEY! WOODS IS WALKING OVER THE MEETING.

AND WE WANT COMPENSATION FOR JOE'S FAMILY... TEN GRAND SHOULD DO FOR STARTERS.

ONLY TEN? LET'S MAKE IT A HUNDRED GRAND... THOSE BASTARDS CAN AFFORD IT!

OK, SIMMONS RUN OFF BACK TO YOUR BOSS AND TELL HIM WHAT WE'RE UP TO AND DON'T COME BACK!!

RIGHT... NOW LOOK LADS... AND LADIES!!! ALL THE WOMEN ARE OUT TOO...

IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY FOR ALL OF US... BELIEVE ME, NO-ONE IS MORE UPSET BY TODAY'S EVENTS THAN ME...

IT'S JUST BEEN THE PHONE TO HEAD OFFICE, AND I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS...

RIGHT WE NEED TO GET A PICKET ON THE MAIN GATE...

BUT THIS ISN'T THE ONLY LONGS SITE...

FLYING PICKETS!! YEAH, THAT'S THE IDEA... I BET SAFETY'S LOUSY ON EVERY LONGS SITE...

YOU'RE RIGHT THERE LOVE... AND IF WE COULD GET EM ALL OUT, WE MIGHT BE IN WITH A CHANCE.

... WE'VE AGREED TO DISCUSS MOST OF YOUR DEMANDS AND LISTEN TO YOUR SRIEVANCES...

SO JUST AS SOON AS YOU RESUME WORK, NEGOTIATIONS WILL COMMENCE WITH MR. JONES... YOUR UNION REPRESENTATIVE...

NO WAY! YOU CAN GET BACK ON THAT PHONE AND TELL HEAD OFFICE TO STUFF IT!
Yeh, we ain't going back till we get what we want!

AND YOU DISCUSS IT WITH ALL OF US.....

WE AIN'T HAVING ANY DIRTY DEALS STITCHED UP BEHIND OUR BACKS!

HA HA HA! I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT SLOB MOVE SO FAST!

Now hang on, lads....

Well in that case, I have nothing more to say to you!

Oi! Listen mate... that bickie died today coz you're too bloody tightfisted to spend money on our safety!

You know what that makes you?..... a murdering bastard!!

You all know me... who the hell's he?

I've always done right by you, and the union here has always had good relations with management.

So if we act in an orderly and disciplined fashion, this dispute will be over before it has really started...

But, but. I'm just the site manager... I just... er... I just execute... mm... company policy...

You bastard!!

But what about Joe?

Well, head office is currently working out a negotiating position... ok?

So we'll leave it at that then... the union's proud of you, lads... stand firm and we'll definitely win! Ok?

Hang on! I want to say something...
ARE YOU DEAF, LAD? THE MEETING'S OVER... LET'S ALL GO HOME AND CRY DOWN...

STUFF THAT! LISTEN, SAFETY'S BEEN CRAP EVER SINCE I STARTED HERE. YEAH!

...IT'S OBVIOUS YOU NEVER CARED ABOUT SAFETY BEFORE. SO WHY SHOULD YOU CARE NOW?

YOU'RE A BOSSES MAN, JONES... ALWAYS HAVE BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE!

GET A JOB! SELL-OUT!

FORGET THE UNION... RIGHT, WHO'S GONNA PICKET TODAY? ME TOO!

YOU WANT TO TAKE OUR DISPUTE OFF TO THE UNION HEAD OFFICE AND YOU'LL JUST SIT ON IT... AND NOTHING WILL GET DONE....

YEAH... JOE WAS OUR MATE... I BET YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE WAS!

WE TRUSTED YOU WITH THE OVERTIME BAN THREE YEARS AGO AND YOU SOLD US OUT THEN!

...AND SOME OF US NEED TO GET OVER TO THE OTHER SITES... THERE'S TWO HERE, ONE HERE...

BUT... BUT THAT'S ILLEGAL... IT'S SECONDARY PICKETING!

I'LL HAVE YOU EXPELLED... THE RULE BOOK CLEARLY STATES.

OH IT AIN'T OUR UNION... IT'S JUST FOR THE BOSSES... THAT'S NOT TRUE!

...YOU CAN RAISE ALL THIS AT THE NEXT BRANCH MEETING...

STUFF YOUR MEETINGS, JONES! WE WANT ACTION!

BURN THE BLOODY RULE BOOK!!

I'VE BEEN A UNION MEMBER FOR ELEVEN YEARS, AND I'VE DONE MORE FOR IT THAN YOU'LL EVER DO!

THIS IS OUR STRIKE AND WE'RE TAKING CONTROL OF IT!!
ONE OUT ALL OUT!
The next morning...

ALRIGHT LADS?... WE’VE JUST COME FROM THE LONG’S SITE DOWN ON DERBY ROAD...

A MATE OF OURS GOT KILLED AT WORK YESTERDAY... KILLED BY BAD SAFETY...

SO WE’RE ALL OUT ON STRIKE TILL SOMETHING GETS DONE...

... WE WANT HIGHER WAGES, A CUT IN OUR HOURS, AND COMPENSATION FOR THE FAMILY...

WE CAN’T WIN ON OUR OWN, SO WE’RE ASKING YOU TO COME OUT AS WELL... LOOK AT THE SAFETY HERE... IT’S CRAP!

... AND I BET YOUR WAGES ARE AS CRAP ASOURS... SO WHAT DO YOU SAY? YEH?...
...I don't know. What's it got to do with us?

...I've got a family to keep.

Bloody strikes. I'm sick of 'em!

Well, as I see it, we've got a very nasty situation on our hands.

The dispute is slipping out of our hands - the men won't listen to us.

And the bloody women never did! So what are you going to do about it, Alan?

Look, we're all in the same boat... we all work for longs.

It could be you who gets killed next!...

And you won't be much use to your family when you're six feet under!

Well, I'm meeting George Long at his club tonight...

It's got to be sorted out quickly, Alan....

...otherwise, we're all going to be in deep waters.... There's at least five sites totally out already - after just four days!!

Yeh, you're right! This place is a death-trap. I say we strike!

Yeh 'mon lads. It's about time someone did something... I've got a family too but Franke's right.

...Let's strike!

The way I see it, we're trapped - we can't afford to make the strike official.

...because that wouldn't mean we condone the breaking of the law....

But if we don't come up with something, we risk losing members.

Exactly!
It's vital we clear it up now while we still have credibility...

Well, I'll see what concessions I can win from George tonight...

I hope you succeed, Alan... for all our sakes, I hope you succeed...

That evening...

That's lovely, thanks.

...where was I?... oh yes. I know that things are tight in the trade right now, so this strike could cost you a lot of money...

Too damn right!!

...But quite frankly, this one won't be settled by one of our normal agreements...

I know that, Alan, this time I'm going to get those buggers... umm... that's fair enough, but we need to work out...

No!

It's not the 1970s any more, Alan. I call the tune these days and I want that lot smashed!

I've got people queuing up for jobs already... and I'll tell you this...

...I won't be picking any members of your bloody union either!

I'm sick of paying you backhanded Alan, when you can't control your men...

But... but George! The police have already promised full co-operation to ensure normal working...

...So you're absolutely determined to break this strike?

Yes! And get wages down... they've had it coming to them for years!

Well, you know my position as union representative - I can't possibly agree with your proposals...

...But I am prepared to try to find common ground with you, George...
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I'M NOT INTERESTED ANY MORE! IT'S TIME TO STAND UP AND TAKE ON THESE BLOODY TROUBLEMAKERS!

YES, AND I'LL DO ALL I POSSIBLY CAN TO SETTLE THIS DISPUTE PEACEFULLY AND GET MY MEMBERS BACK TO WORK.

BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU....

...THAT HEAD OFFICE HOLDS A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL OUR SKILLED MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED....

HM... YES, THAT COULD BE USEFUL..... FANCY A BRANDY, ALAN?

NO, YOU'RE TALKING, GEORGE....

Meanwhile, in another part of the city....

HIYA MARY.... HOW'S IT GOING....

OH, NOT SO BAD!.... HOW'S IT GOING?

I'M FINE.... WHAT'S ALL THIS I HEAR ABOUT A STRIKE....?

TELL YOU WHAT - DES IS COMING ROUND LATER - HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN CLAIM FROM THE UNION....

WELL, A BLOKE GOT KILLED LAST WEEK....

CAPTAIN SAYS THE SAFETY'S AWFUL - THE WORST SITE HE'S EVER WORKED ON....

...AND THE PAY'S NEVER BEEN MUCH GOOD, SO THEY'RE DEMANDING A RISE AS WELL....

THAT'S GREAT.... I DUNNO... IF IT CARRIES ON, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE PRETTY TIGHT.

IT WAS HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE ENDS MEET BEFORE.... AND SHARON'S GOING TO NEED A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM SOON....

...WELL IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO.... THANKS LOVE.

HELLO LOVE! YOU ALRIGHT? I'M BLOODY EXHAUSTED!
How did it go today? The Victoria Road site walked out...

Two other sites will probably come out as from Monday.

Aye, and there's a mass meeting tomorrow night for all the strikers...

Don't listen to him, Mary — of course you can come! We need everyone we can get!

Look at it this way, captain — I don't work in the trade any more and you don't mind me tagging along...

Does that mean I can come? Yeh! Why not?

Great! I'll see if Julie can babysit...

Hi, what for?

So I can go to the meeting of course... you don't really think I'm going to sit here...

...and let you lot run off to make all the decisions, do you...?

Hello everybody... you left the door open...

Hiya des — I came round here to get the latest on this strike... what you doing tomorrow night?

Nothing much... why?

There's a big meeting...

I mean, if I'm going to carry on feeding you out of my wages...

Then I've got a right to know what's going on!!

Well... you see... it's not really like that, love...

To decide where the strike goes from here and how to build up support...

...and put the word round... what time and where?

Brilliant! I'll hang on a minute!!
THE MEETING IS FOR STRIKERS! WE DON'T WANT HUNDREDS OF OUTSIDERS TAKING IT OVER!

WHO'S TALKING ABOUT OUTSIDERS? THIS IS PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK ROUND HERE!

JIM'S RIGHT! YOU'VE GOT TO INVOLVE EVERYBODY IF YOU WANT TO WIN!

OH I DON'T KNOW NICKY... IT'S ALWAYS THE BLOODY SAME - WE'LL LOSE BECAUSE WE'RE SO DIVIDED!

COME ON MATE, WISE UP!... REMEMBER THE OLD SLOGAN...

"UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL" YEH YEH YEH! OK, YOU MIN!

The next day... SO I SAID TO HIM... IT HAS A BRILLIANT GOAL... HAVE YOU HEARD... THE UNION'S BLOODY USELESS...

I'VE LIVED HERE TWENTY YEARS AND I AIN'T NEVER SEEN FLATS BUILT FOR US...

RIGHT, CAN WE HAVE A BIT OF HUSH, BROTHERS... AND SISTERS!

THANK YOU CAROL. ERR... RIGHT... THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED SO WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...

IT'S AN OPEN SECRET THAT THE UNION AIN'T INTERESTED IN THIS STRIKE... SO IT'S UP TO US TO ORGANISE THE RIGHT!

YEAH!

I'M GONNA ASK FRANK HERE TO GIVE US A RUN-DOWN ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE OTHER LONGS SITES...

CHEERS CAPTAIN! UMMM... FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW ME...

WE ALL KNOW YOU, YOU TROUBLEMAKER!
I'm Frank Stevens, shop steward at the York Road site...

The situation is this: six sites on total all-out strike... and two more coming out next week!

...and three sites are on a go-slow... picket 'em out!

Alright chaps, we'll come to that later...

There still has been absolutely no response from long management to our demands, and...

Bastards!

Brothers!

Brothers, this is... and sisters you toe-rag!

This is a great moment - we are on the verge of victory!

I have just come from talks with management and they have made a good offer...

At last!

What? And all those who stay out will get sacked?! You can shove it, pal! The strike's still on!

Now, let's be democratic. Brothers, all those in favour of but what's their offer?

Well, the exact details have yet to be finalised, but let me assure you that... you lying bastard!
NON THEN, BROTHERS, LET'S DO THIS PROPERLY — AND PUT IT TO THE VOTE... REMEMBER, ONLY FULL UNION MEMBERS CAN TAKE PART...

I'VE NOTICED QUITE A FEW STRANGE FACES HERE — ARE THEY OUT TO CAUSE TROUBLE?

DON'T LET THEM TAKE YOU FOR A RIDE!... I BET THEY DON'T WORK IN THE TRADE...

HARK WHO'S TALKING!

I'M SICK OF JONES AND HIS CRAP... WE DON'T NEED THEM...

HE AIN'T GONNA HELP US WIN THIS STRIKE...

THE ONLY WAY TO WIN IS UNITY... AND SOLIDARITY!

THE ONLY OUTSIDERS HERE ARE YOU AND YOUR HEAVIES, JONES!

LISTEN— I WORK AT DERBY ROAD AND JONES HAS DONE SOD-ALL FOR US... ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS HIS OWN PAY-CHEQUE!

...HIM AND HIS FAT PALS ARE BOSSES' MEN!

... HEY! KICK HIM OUT!

I DON'T WORK IN THE TRADE ANY MORE, BUT A LOT OF YOU PROBABLY KNOW ME...

... BUT HOW MANY CAN SAY THEY KNOW HIM?!

... AND I KNOW HE'LL STAB US IN THE BACK — SAME AS HE DID WITH THE OVERTIME BAN!

I KNOW HIM...

COME ON JONES... IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO...

SHOVE OFF JONES! YOU AND YOUR BLOODY UNION HAVE GIVEN US NOTHING!!

I VOTE WE KICK JONES AND HIS MATES OUT!

KICK THEM OUT!

YEAH, KICK EM OUT!

KICK HIM IN!

YEAH!
SOOR MATE - LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OUT!!
HA! HA! HA!

BUT... BUT... BUT... YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
WE JUST HAVE!!

BUT THIS IS THE UNION HALL...
IT'S OUR BLOODY HALL!!

I'M DONE WITH CRAWLING AND ARSE-LICKING...

I'M SICK OF THEIR LIES, THEIR LOW PAY, THEIR CRAP SAFETY...

WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT TILL WE DROP...

BUT THIS IS ILLEGAL!!

GO ON, F**K OFF JONES AND TAKE YOUR HEAVIES WITH YOU!!

RIGHT - LET'S HAVE A BIT OF ORDER...

AND WE'RE GONNA WIN!!
YEAH!!

YOU TELL THEM, SUE...
COME AND SEE ME...

IF ANYONE WANTS TO HELP DRAW UP A PICKET ROTA, WE CAN USE MY VAN...

I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, FRANK...

NOW WE'VE GOT RID OF THAT LOT, WE CAN GET DOWN TO THE REAL BUSINESS...

WE'VE GOT TO GET ORGANISED... WE'VE GOT TO SORT OUT PICKETS WE'VE GOT TO RAISE MONEY...

... AND WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT!!

AND JEFF OVER THERE IS TAKING ON THE JOB OF ORGANISING STREET COLLECTIONS FOR THE STRIKE FUND...

AND I VOTE WE HAVE MASS MEETINGS LIKE THIS REGULARLY...

AND HERE WE GO!! HERE WE GO!!
A few days later... No-one's really watching this, are they?...

You know, I think it would be a good idea to do a collection round here.

But what? I don't be so stupid!!

But... it's... like... a strike... and... and everyone hates strikers?

Yeah, that's it!

But that's bullshit - straight out of 'The Sun'!!

What? On the estate?

Yeah, why not? It affects us all...

Eh, what do you mean?...

Well, quite a lot of people round here are involved in the strike...

Yeh, Jim's right - loads of people do support strikes - look at the miners.

Yeh and look what happened to them!

But they only lost because there wasn't enough real working class solidarity!!

And everyone hates longs anyway....

Because they're tearing this area down to put up their flats...

Decent homes for all, not the rich longs...

...but... er... it's a strike... and...

But... er... it's a strike... and...

If we collect on this estate, you'll be surprised how much support you do get.

I dunno...

For God's sake, Captain, have some faith in your class!!

Ssssh!! You'll wake Sharon! Anyway I think a collection is a great idea!
...YEH I SAW MRS. NOTGERNAME THE OTHER DAY — DAVIS. THAT'S IT — AND SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT THE STRIKE WAS GREAT.

BECAUSE OF THE KIDS?

AND IF SHE CAN GO, I CAN GO TOO!

I MEAN, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SUPPORT, WHAT ABOUT SUPPORTING ME?

IF YOU EACH SAW YOU'D DO A FEW HOURS A WEEK BABYSITTING, THEN YOU COULD GET COLLECTING AND LEAFLETTING...

A LEAFLET! THAT'S IT! I COULD PRINT IT UP AT WORK AND WE COULD PUT IT ROUND THE ESTATE!

WELL LET'S DO A LEAFLET THEN...

HANG ON...

SHUT UP LOVE! HERE'S A PEN AND PAPER. NOW WHAT DO WE SAY??

START OFF WITH WHY WE'RE ON STRIKE — Y'KNOW, JOE DYING...

...CRAP PAY, LOUSY SAFETY, NO JOB SECURITY...

AND JUST BEING PUSHED AROUND ALL THE TIME... THAT'S WHAT REALLY SETS ME!!

BUT WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT RELEVANT TO PEOPLE AROUND HERE...

PUT IN SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HOSPITAL THEY'RE CLOSING...

AND EVERYONE SUFFERS FROM LOW PAY...

PLUS THERE'S ALL THE CUTS IN THE DOLE!

THE FLATS! MENTION THOSE BLOODY FLATS THAT LONGS ARE PUTTING UP!!

AND ALL THOSE FLASH WINEBAR HA! HA! HA!

SAY THAT IT'S EVERYONE'S STRIKE — IF THIS STRIKE WINS, WE'LL ALL WIN!
AND PUT PRACTICAL STUFF AT THE BOTTOM — COLLECTING MONEY AND FOOD...

WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT PICKETING, WHEN THE BIG MEETINGS ARE...

PHEW! THAT SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE COVERED EVERYTHING...

RIGHT - IF I TAKE IT NOW I CAN GET IT TYPED UP AND START PRINTING IT TOMORROW OR THURSDAY...

IS 3,000 COPIES TOO MANY?

NO, THAT'S FINE - NO PROBLEM!

A FEW DAYS AND THREE THOUSAND LEAFLETS LATER...

QUITE A FEW PEOPLE STOPPED ME AND SAID 'KEEP IT UP!'

I KNEW IT WOULD WORK - EVEN THAT MR. ANDERSON ON THE END CAME OUT TO SAY HE SUPPORTED THE STRIKE!

WHAT?! THE GRUMPY ONE WITH THE ALSATIAN?!

IS YEAH!

BLOODY HELL! WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE...

I WAS WELL TEMPTED TO PACK IT IN HALF-WAY THROUGH...

... MY LEGS WERE REALLY HURTING AND IT WAS So BORING! ... TA!

NO PROBLEM?!
I'M BLOODY SHATTERED — ALL THOSE STAIRS!

AND NOT ONE GODDING LIFT WORKING! ... STILL IT'S WORTH IT!

YEAH, DES MADE A REALLY GOOD JOB OF IT - IT LOOKS GREAT!

YEH, IT WAS A RIGHT PAIN IN THE ARSE!...

HUH!! IF YOU THINK THAT'S BAD, MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE A GO AT SOME OF MY HOUSEWORK!

ER... NO THANKS MARY! ... BUT IT AIN'T MUCH OF A LAUGH, IS IT, DISHING OUT LEAFLETS?
IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE "A LAUGH"—IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT'S GOT TO BE DONE!

WHEN YOU GET TO MY AGE...

WHAT?! IN 50 YEARS TIME?!

YOU'LL REALISE THAT LIFE ISN'T ALL ONE BIG LAUGH!

OK... ALRIGHT!... LET'S SETTLE DOWN—WE'VE GOT A LOT TO GET THROUGH TONIGHT...

LIKE WHAT?

YOU KNOW—A NEW PICKET ROTA... ER... AN UPDATE ON ANY SOLIDARITY ACTIONS... ER... YOU KNOW...

NO, I DON'T KNOW!!

YEH, I AGREE! NO-ONE KNOWS ANYTHING... BUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST THEN, ANDY...?

SOMewhere REGULAR STRIKE NEWS-SHEET...

I'LL HELP DO IT—ANYONE ELSE INTO IT?

YEH... EVERY FEw DAYS...

GOOD IDEA!

ABOUT TIME TOO!

I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND... I WILL... ME TOO...

HOLD UP! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?... ME?

YEH YOU!—YOU AIN'T NO BUILDER!

NO, BUT... WE'LL PISS OFF THEN!!

ANYWAY IT WASN'T THAT BAD, TINTIN... IT FELT GREAT JUST TALKING TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE!

I TELL YOU, THERE'S BEEN A REAL BUZZ ON THIS ESTATE THESE LAST FEW WEEKS...

IT HASN'T FELT LIKE THIS FOR YEARS!!

Some days later...
I'm here to support the strike. Bloody rentamob!!

...and defend my street and this area against big property developers like Longs...

Pack it in you two. There's no point in fighting...

What's the point Frank?? We can't even get all the Longs sites out!

We can do both! I've just been given a message from workers at Wilson's Construction.

They've all walked out in support of our fight!

We all agreed last week that anyone willing to fight alongside us is welcome here....

Yeh united we stand. Divided we fall!

I know, Jim. I know - I just got pissed off with these leftwingers and their precious bloody revolution.

If it carries on like this... nothing will stop us!

If we approach those workers I reckon some of 'em might want to come out!!

Well don't we all mate. Don't we all...

Look we're running out of time and we need to sort out next week's picketing!

It's time we started to picket out all suppliers to Longs!

I say we should get out to other Longs companies as well...

Yeh they own some big transport firm... and quite a few hotels.

There's that shipping group!

I hope we can do both!
A FEW OF US HAVE SET UP A WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP—SO MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO CONTACT WOMEN WORKING IN LONGS, HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

YEH, I AGREE... THE ONLY WAY TO WIN THIS STRIKE IS TO SPREAD IT...

...WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE ON OUR OWN—WE'VE GOT TO UNITE!

On the way out of the meeting......

Copy of this week's "Militant" SOCIALIST WORKER—20 PENCE!

We don't need you lot! Piss off out of it!!

You've never done anything. Hold up captain!

Morning captain! Don't sound so bloody cheerful page!!

Getting out of a warm bed to stand around on a picket line ain't my idea of fun!

Hang about... something's happening... it's the old bill!!

Look, if you lot want to get involved, you can come in......but leave your bloody papers outside!

Oh don't be so hard on 'em, captain—some of 'em are ok.

I know Jim—it's just their parties which are a heap of shit!! See ya mate!!

Clear the road! Come on, move it!! Back on to the pavement......

...and what if we all refuse to......

Move it!!
ALRIGHT-IT'S ALL CLEAR DOWN AT THE GATES...

YOU SCABBY BASTARDS!!

GET HIM!

LET HIM GO!

PIGS! BASTARDS

THIS IS CRAZY... IT'S LIKE WATCHING TELLY ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND.

YEH, MORE OF OUR SIDE NICKED FOR SWEET F.A. ...

IF I COULD GET MY HANDS ON THOSE SCAB SHITS... I'D KILL 'EM!!

HANG ON FRANK... WE'RE WELL OUTFIRED HERE...

TINTIN'S RIGHT... WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHERE THE COACH PICKS UP...

WITH PHOTOS WE CAN START PUTTING NAMES TO FACES...

BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TO STOP THEM GETTING IN HERE...

THIS IS THE SITE THAT STARTED IT ALL OFF...

AND I RECKON LONGS ARE BANKING ON THE STRIKE BEING BROKEN HERE FIRST...

YEH, WE'VE HAD NO REPORTS OF SCABS ON ANY OTHER SITES YET...

BUT IF WE DON'T STOP 'EM SOON, PEOPLE WILL START LOSING INTEREST...

... BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT DES, WHEN THEY'RE SURROUNDED BY HUNDREDS OF PIGS?!
DON'T YOU WORRY MATE .... WE'LL GET 'EM!!
HOW?!

WELL YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST TO STRIKE HERE, YOU KNOW....WE WERE OUT FOR TWELVE WEEKS BACK IN '72...

YEH, WE HAD SCABS IN THOSE DAYS TOO.... ORGANISED BY ER... ROY... ER... ROY MORRIS....

...AND I'LL TELL YOU THIS, LAD - WITHIN A FORTNIGHT HE HAD BOTH HIS LEGS BROKEN...

HA! HA! HA! THAT BASTARD NEVER WORKED AGAIN! HA! HA!

YEH IF WE CAN GET NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND PUT THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER....

WE CAN RING'EM UP AT 3 IN THE MORNING ... OR SEND'EM TAXIS!

...SEND'EM WREATHS... MAKE THEIR LIVES HELL!

...WE'LL MAKE THOSE BASTARDS PAY!!
CHAPTER THREE

LET'S GET ORGANISED
A week later....
YOU KNOW WHAT.... WE'RE GONNA LOSE THIS ONE....
YOU WHAT?!
NO.. I MEAN IT MATE....
...PEOPLE ARE GETTING FED UP, STARTING TO DRIFT AWAY..

YOU KNOW... STARTING TO LOOK FOR WORK ELSEWHERE....
WHAT BLOODY WORK!!

THERE AIN'T NO WORK - NOT ROUND HERE... ANYWAY WE'RE ALL BLACKLISTED NOW....

...THAT'S NOT THE POINT - WE'RE JUST NOT GETTING ANYWHERE...

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, CAPTAIN..... A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO STAY AT HOME....

..TAKE SOMEONE LIKE YOUNG MARK - HE DON'T PICKET NO MORE ... HE SAYS HE FINDS IT ALL TOO DEPRESSING

..GETTING UP EARLY JUST TO WATCH SCABS GO IN AND SEE A FEW MATES GET NICKED!
Yeh, but there's still a hell of a lot of support for the strike round here, Jim...

...That's true. Hopefully the newsletter will stir things up a bit.

...And then there's the big picket tomorrow.

...I should be good.

...Good? It'll be brilliant!!

...Me and my mates will be there all tooled up and ready to ruck!

...Tintin! You're obsessed by violence!

Yeh, what's this about a march before the picket?

Oh, loads of houses are due to be evicted near the Cavendish Estate this week...

A big property developer bought 'em cheap off the Council.

...Too bloody right I am!!...What those bastards need is...

Give it a rest! I didn't get all dressed up just to sit in arguing all night!

I mean, are we going out or are we going out!!

They deliberately whacked the rent up to put everyone in arrears, so now they can kick everyone out and "redevelop" the whole block...

So there's gonna be a demonstration there first - and then we'll all march off down to Derby Road...

The next day...

Thirty bloody years I've lived here...

I know it ain't much, but it's me home!
I'VE LIVED IN THIS STREET ALL MY LIFE — AND I AIN'T MOVIN' NOW!

THE ONLY WAY THEY'LL GET ME OUT IS IN A WOODED BOX!

A LOT OF THE PEOPLE ON STRIKE AT LONGS HAVE TURNED UP TODAY...

LET'S GO!!!

HERE WE GO! HERE WE GO! HERE WE GO!

LET'S LINK ARMS AND ALL STAND FIRM!!

SO IT WOULD BE NICE IF SOME OF US GO DOWN NOW TO THEIR PICKET WITH OUR BANNER.

I'M GAME TOMMY — I'LL GIVE THEM BLACKLEGS A PIECE OF MY MIND!!

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP WORKS FOR ME

THE SCABS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE...

HERE THEY ARE!

JESUS CHRIST!

STOP THE EVICTIONS! DECENT HOMES FOR ALL!

SUPPORT THE LONGS STRIKERS!

WHEN WE GET NEAR THE GATES, WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH THE POLICE LINES! PASS IT ON!!

SOD IT — I'M NOT GOING THROUGH THAT LOT!!

COME BACK AND FIGHT, YOU DIRTY SCABS!
WELL IT WAS LOADS BETTER THAN THE USUAL PICKET...

... AND WE STOPPED THE COACHES...

NOT FOR LONG ENOUGH THOUGH.... YOU INTERESTED IN STOPPING'EM MORE PERMANENTLY?

SURE!

OK, MEET BY THE CO-OP AT FIVE ON FRIDAY MORNING, OK? AND KEEP IT QUIET...

OK LET'S MOVE THAT SKIP' C'MON!

Friday morning.... Meanwhile.....

MORNING DES!

ALRIGHT FRANK!

LOVELY BLOODY WEATHER!!

HAVE YOU GOT ANY MORE SCAB NAMES AND ADDRESSES?

WHAT THE...?!

RIGHT, BLOCK'EM IN AT THE BACK!

OH SHIT!!

YEH, A FEW - I'LL DROP'EM IN AT THE STRIKE CENTRE....

GREAT - WE DID THE PAST BLEEP!!

WWW THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY GOOD LUCK

O1.You lot, what the hell...

RIGHT, HERE WE GO....
LET'S SPLIT!

THAT WAS BRILLIANT!

DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THAT COP'S FACE!!?? HA! HA! HA!

OH YEH FRANK, HERE'S WHAT I MEANT TO SHOW YOU...

...THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER ... WE FINISHED PRINTING IT LAST NIGHT...
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NUMBER ONE

STRIKE CENTRE (Old Union Building) BROOKLANDS ROAD

This is the first issue of a newsletter for Longs strikers. We hope to bring it out once a week, or maybe even more regularly. We welcome all contributions, especially details of pickets, meetings, collections.

This strike involves us all. It involves the workers sacked at Derby Road. It involves all the workers on other sites who are now threatened with the sack. It involves all the workers in other Longs companies, like Transport & Shipping, who will be next for the chop. It involves all workers everywhere who will be squeezed even more if this strike fails. It involves everyone in this area who is fed up of seeing Longs build luxury flats for the rich, while thousands are homeless and St. James Hospital is closed for lack of money... it is a strike we can win if we all stand together - SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH!

At the time of writing, the strike has entered its 8th week. With each day victory draws closer. Already all major Longs sites have been totally closed down. The way to win is to stand together and FIGHT! The Longs management have nothing to offer us. They've sacked us, they've blacklisted us, they've thrown the full weight of the cops against us... but we won't go away! We'll be outside those gates until we win...

ALAN JONES - GO TO HELL!

We want nothing from the union and their corrupt management deals. Three years ago, when the overtime ban was on, we made the mistake of trusting the likes of Alan Jones, and they sold us down the river. We won't get fooled again. We know that the heart of this strike isn't the union. It's the pickets, it's the women's support group, it's the Strike Centre, it's the street collections, it's the support we get from the community. If we stand together and fight together, how can we lose?

SCABS

There are still scabs going into Derby Road. We've printed a list of their names and addresses overleaf. Why not give them a ring and let them know what you think of scum who will sell their mates for thirty pieces of silver?

PICKETS

There is a picket of the Derby Road site every day at 6am and 5pm. Other pickets of the day are posted on the noticeboard in the entrance hall to the Strike Centre.

We have heard that several members of the National Front have been seen on the Derby Road picket line. We have only one message for them: PISS OFF! And if you know what's good for you, you won't show your faces round here again...

STOP PRESS... TUESDAY'S MASS PICKET OF DERBY ROAD WAS A SUCCESS... WE TOOK THE GATE EASILY... POOR PLOD DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM... THE SCABS GOT TURNED BACK... LET'S DO IT EVEN BETTER ON WEDNESDAY!
THAT'S BRILLIANT DES! HERE YOU ARE, CHRIS....

HOW MANY DID YOU PRINT?
JUST OVER FIVE THOUSAND....

THIS IS GREAT!
WE CAN SHIFT LOADS AT THE MASS PICKET ON MONDAY!

...AND I'VE GOT A BIT OF GOOD NEWS AS WELL....

...THE WORD IS THAT LONGS ARE NOW BEING BLACKED BY ENOUGH SUPPLIERS.

WHAT, SO NO MATTER WHAT, SO NO MATERIALS ARE GETTING THROUGH?

YEP!

THAT'S FANTASTIC NEWS....

OH I DON'T KNOW....

IT DON'T MATTER THAT MUCH - EVEN IF THEY GET GOODS DELIVERED.

THEY'LL HAVE NO BLOODY SCABS WORKING TODAY!!!

JUST THE OTHER DAY, HE WAS....

ALRIGHT! YOU OK?
WE'RE FINE LOVE! AND YOURS?

I'M SORT OF OK, I SUPPOSE....
EXCEPT I'VE JUST HAD A RON WITH MANDY, MY LOVER.

...THE NEXT EVENING....

GOD, IT MAKES A CHANGE TO GET OUT FOR ONCE....

YEH, WE HAVEN'T BEEN OUT MUCH, HAVE WE?
APART FROM BLOODY MEETINGS!

YEH THAT LAD NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME....

YOU KNOW, I REALLY APPRECIATE TWINN LOOKING AFTER SHARON TONIGHT....

HIYA DES!
OH AND WE'VE BEEN ARGUING ALL WEEK AT WORK...

YEH... YOU KNOW IT'S A PRINTING CO-OPERATIVE...?

OH YEH?

WELL, WE JUST KEEP DISAGREEING ABOUT WHAT THE CO-OP SHOULD BE DOING...

YEAH, YEAH

I GUESS IT'S LIKE EVERYTHING... THERE'S NO PERFECT ANSWERS...

HELLO DAVE! ALRIGHT SUE!

Hiya mate!

THIS IS DAVE. HE WORKS ON THE BUSES... EVENING!

WHAT, AND YOU WANT TO USE IT TO DO OTHER THINGS...?

YEH, LIKE THE NEWSLETTER...

IT'S FUNNY BUT THE WORST BIT ABOUT IT IS NOT HAVING A BOSS...

Eh?!

AND THIS IS SUE WHO WORKS WITH ME... CAPTAIN AND MARY....

I RECOGNISE YOUR FACE, DAVE. BUT I CAN'T PLACE IT....

Err... Derby Road Picket Line... Strike Centre Meetings... ?

THERE'S NO-ONE TO BLAME... USUALLY WE ALL END UP JUST HATING EACH OTHER....

CO-OPS CAN BE OK. DES - A MATE OF MINE HELPED SET UP A BUILDERS CO-OP...

YEH I SAW HELEN LAST WEEK AND SHE SAID IT'S STILL GOING STRONG...

OH YOU PROBABLY RECOGNISE DAVE FROM ALL OVER....

...THE MINERS SUPPORT GROUP, THE PRINTERS SUPPORT GROUP, THE HEALTH WORKERS STRIKE....

...BLOODY HELL! IT'S LIKE A HISTORY LESSON!!
The funny thing
is that a few
months ago I'd
have found all
this dead boring...

... but since this
whole strike thing
started, I just
can't find out
enough!!!

Yeh, I used
to hate
history when I
was at school...

Even on the buses
there's loads of
frustration and
anger building
up......

... and when it
eventually
explodes, the
unions won't have
a hope in hell
of controlling it!

Ok, we've ditched
the unions, but
we still need
organisation
dave!

All that crap about
kings and queens,
and what some
bigwig said in
parliament in 1836.

Yeh, but you've got
to know where
you're coming from
if you want to
know where you're
going......

... well I know
where I'm
going..... up
to the bar!
same again
love?

Well, there's the
strike support
network......

... and in Liverpool
they've just set
up a regional
strike co-ordination
centre......

Why haven't
we got
something
like that
here?

What's happening
now is really
big... much bigger
than in '74 or '71......

I can't believe
it though... a
few weeks ago
it was just one
building site......

... and now it's
growing faster
than Dave's
beer belly!!

We're sorting it
cut at the
deleagtes meeting
tomorrow night......

What? You off to
another meeting?
Err, afraid so......

How come
you get to have all
the fun!!
Monday morning...
WE'RE ALMOST THERE
IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER....

LET'S GET IT OUT NOW, JAN....
YEH, OK!

HELLO NICKY!!
HELLO JAN!!

HIYA MARY! HOW ARE YOU KEEPING?

I'M FINE... A BIT TIRED, BUT
THAT'S NOTHING NEW, IS IT?!

GIVE US A POLE THEN, PHIL...

THAT'S A BRILLIANT BANNER... DID YOU...
O! YOU LOT!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU UP TO, EH ?!

NO IDEA!

THIS IS A PICKET LINE — NOT A
QUEERS' PICNIC! PISS OFF BEFORE
YOU GIVE US ALL AIDS!!

LESBIANS & GAYS SUPPORT THE
LONGS STREETS

LISTEN... I LIVE ROUND HERE... I'VE GOT MATES
WHO ARE ON STRIKE... I'VE COLLECTED LOADS
OF MONEY... I'VE BEEN DOWN THIS PICKET
EVERY WEEK!

... WE'VE GOT AS MUCH OF A
FUCKING RIGHT TO BE HERE
AS YOU...
YEH BUT THIS AIN'T A GAY LIBERATION DEMO — THIS IS A PICKET LINE....
AND WE DON'T WANT YOUR SORT ROUND HERE....
I'M A LESBIAN AND I SUPPORT THIS STRIKE — THERE AIN'T NO CONTRADICTION!
STUFF IT!

WE'VE BEEN DOWN HERE LOADS OF TIMES — YOU'RE ONLY MOANING NOW COS WE'VE BROUGHT A BANNER....
LOOK JACK — YOU ALWAYS GO ON AT THE GAZETTE FOR BEING PREJUDICED AGAINST THE STRIKE, DON'T YOU?....
BUT IT'S OK FOR YOU TO BE PREJUDICED AGAINST NICKY....

ANYWAY, WE'RE STAYING — IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!!
NICE ONE NICKY! YOU TELL HIM!
OH HI TINTIN! CREEPS LIKE THAT REALLY WIND ME UP!!

...I MEAN, WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING DOWN HERE, EH?!
IT'S BAD ENOUGH HAVING TO GO TO A 'RESTART' INTERVIEW THIS MORNING....
WITHOUT BEING HASSLED HERE BY JERKS LIKE THAT!!

AND THEN I'VE KEVIN! ALRIGHT!
OH THANKS A BUNDLE FOR LISTENING, TINTIN!!

THE ONLY TIME I SEE HIM THESE DAYS IS SPEAKING ON A PLATFORM....
AND IF I GET TO SEE HIM ALONE, IT'S JUST STRIKE, STRIKE, STRIKE!

...AND TO CAP IT ALL, I SHOULD HAVE COME ON 3 DAYS AGO !....
Yeh, sometimes it seems like nothing's worth it...

Not even this bloody strike! What's the point of it if...

Wake up at the end... the cops are on the move!!

Oi!! You black bastard!! Why don't you fuck off home!!

Shut yer mouth you... or I'll shut it for you!! I'm black...

And I ain't no bastard! That there is a cop...

...and that's the worst insult of all!!

It don't matter what colour you are - it's which side you're on...

Yeah!

We're blocked in... again!

It's like this every time... God I hate it!!

Cheer up Nicky! This strike's the best laugh any of us have had for ages!!

Bastards! Scabs! Scum!

Bastards! Don't worry - their time will come!!

Scabs!
A few days later....

RIGHT, AS USUAL, WE'VE GOT LOADS TO DO TONIGHT, SO FIRST OFF...

... THIS IS DAVE HARRIS FROM WILLIAMSONS, WHO ARE THE FAR THE BIGGEST SUPPLIERS TO LONGS.

CHEERS, TIM... AS YOU KNOW, FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS...

... WE'VE BEEN BLACKING ALL SUPPLIES TO LONGS...

... GOOD ON YOU, LAD!!

... BUT YESTERDAY MANAGEMENT ISSUED AN ULTIMATUM - GET BACK TO WORK...

OK, FACE THE SACK.... BASTARDS! STUFF 'EM!

... SO WE HAD CAPTAIN OVER TO CHAT WITH THE LADS... ER... AND THE LASSIES...

... AND THE RESULT IS THAT WE'RE NO LONGER BLACKING DELIVERIES...

... AND WITH NO MATERIALS GETTING IN ELSEWHERE, THE TRUTH IS...

... WE'VE MANAGED TO CLOSE THE BASTARDS DOWN!!

... AT THOMPSONS THEY'VE JUST REJECTED A PAY OFFER - LET'S GIVE 'EM SOME REAL SUPPORT!!

... YEAH, I'VE WORKED WITH ALL THE BIG OUTFITS... AND THEY'RE ALL AS BAD AS LONGS!

... SO ARE WE AGREED? DO WE PICKET OUT ALL THE BUILDING SITES?

... YEAH!!
AND THERE'S A CHANCE THAT TRANSPORT WORKERS IN THE LONGS CHAIN WILL COME OUT NEXT WEEK...

WHICH WILL MEAN US GETTING OUT TO SUPPORT THEIR PICKET...

PLUS WILDCAT STRIKES OVER PAY AND CASUAL LABOUR ARE SPREADING AT THE POST OFFICE!

WE'VE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER EVEN MORE... AS IT GETS BIGGER, IT'S GONNA GET HARDER...

WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES, BUT I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...

THAT I'D RATHER DIE ON MY FEET THAN LIVE ON MY KNEES...

AND AT LAST WE'VE SORTED OUT A WAY OF GETTING ALL STRIKERS TOGETHER...

... AN ORGANISATION CALLED REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATION HAS BEEN SET UP - AND IT'S OPEN TO ANYBODY!!

MY GOD, ALAN, IT'S REALLY SPREADING...

WE'LL HOPEFULLY NO-ONE WILL DIE...

... EXCEPT SCABS!

... AND THE BOSSES!!

BUT WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF HARD GRAFT TO DO... DES HAS PRINTED UP SOME POSTERS...

THERE'S ONE ABOUT THE STRIKE AND ONE FOR THE BIG DEMO COMING UP ON THE 20TH...

IT'S AMAZING...WE'RE REALLY BEGINNING TO WIN...

WE'VE STILL GOT LOTS OF MONEY COMING IN, BUT ALL THE NEW STRIKERS WILL NEED MONEY...

... WE NEED TO STEP UP COLLECTIONS - IT'S NOT JUST LONGS ANY MORE - IT'S GETTING BIGGER EVERY DAY!!

... SO CAN YOU ALL TAKE SOME AND GET 'EM STUCK UP ALL OVER...

PSST!! I'M DYING FOR A PINT... DO YOU FANCY ONE?

YEAH... LET'S GO...
...IT WAS A GREAT MEETING...

YEH, SOMETHINGS REALLY HAPPENING.

HANG ON... I'VE JUST GOT TO MAKE A CALL...

HELLO, IS THAT GEORGE SMITH?

WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR? MOST OF US WILL NEVER GET A JOB AGAIN...

NO, WE CAN WIN... A PINT OF GUINNESS AND A PINT OF LAGER PLEASE.

...YEAH...

LISTEN YOU SCABBY BASTARD... LAST NIGHT IT WAS YOUR WINDOWS, NEXT TIME IT'S YOUR LEGS... UNDERSTAND?!!

...IT GIVES ME A REAL KICK TO DO THAT...

BUT I STILL FEEL PRETTY HELPLESS...

THE WAY TO STOP THOSE BASTARDS WORKING...

IS TO DEVASTATE THAT SITE... JUST THINK - NO MORE SCABBING!

IT COULD BE DONE, YOU KNOW...

YEAH

I MEAN, WE'VE GOT THEM A FEW TIMES, BUT SO WHAT?!?

SMALL ACTIONS DO HELP TO KEEP IT ALL GONG...

NAH! WE'RE JUST PISSING INTO THE WIND!

BUT IT'S BLOODY RISKY...

THAT SORT OF STUFF SCARES ME SHITLESS!

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!
...IT'S NO GAME - WE'VE GOT TO PUT THE F**KING BOTTLE IN --- HARD!

...DO YOU KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THE SITE...?

...YEH.... OF COURSE...

A FEW NIGHTS LATER...

YOU KNOW, I'M SURE WE GOT FOLLOWED HOME TONIGHT...

I BET THEY'RE DRAWING UP LISTS OF PEOPLE RIGHT NOW...

...THEY'VE HAD LISTS FOR YEARS, LOVE...

...WELL THEN...?

...WELL WHAT?

DO YOU WANNA DO IT?

...I MEAN, THEY'VE BEEN PRACTISING IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THIS SORT OF THING....

ARE YOU OK, LOVE?....

...WHAT, BURN IT?

YEAH...

...YEAH! WHY NOT!

THOSE BASTARDS DESERVE IT!

OK, LET'S GO OUTSIDE - I DON'T LIKE TALKING IN PUBS...

...OH... I JUST KEEP THINKING ABOUT CHARLIE... IT'S HIS FIRST NIGHT IN PRISON.

TWELVE MONTHS! AND HE NEVER TOUCHED THAT COPPER....

SO THE COPS LIE TO PUT PICKETS IN PRISON — WHAT'S NEW?!
...we're doing a special collection in the high street for his family.

...and there's a march to the prison tomorrow lunchtime.

What's going to happen next?

We're up against something so big!

...and it's going to get worse...

...I just know it.

We're not doing too badly - we've got...

We haven't even started yet, love!!

...there was this thing on telly the other day about the environment.

We're destroying this world, bit by bit.

It's not us, love, it's not us who are doing all that.

It don't really matter who it is...

...what's gonna be left of the world for us and Sharon?

Even if me wipe out longs and all their mates...

...and even if we change the whole bloody system.

God, I'm tired, tired of it all!

...how tired are you, love?

Not that tired, I guess.
TELL ME, ELSEWHERE.

YEAH, GALLONS
OF IT... I'VE
WIRED ALL THE
PRINTS OFF...

OK LET'S GO!
...THE WIRK'S
AROUND THE
CORNER....

THIS IS SERIOUS
STUFF - ABOUT 5
YEARS IF WE GET
CAUGHT...

I'M TIRED OF TALK.
DES - I JUST WANT
TO FUCK THOSE
BASTARDS GOOD
AND PROPER...

YOU'VE GOT SUCH
A BURNING
LOVE FOR
THEM, TINTIN...

WHEN DID YOU
NICK IT?

THIS AFTER-
NOON...

IT WAS A PIECE
OF PIS! JUST
LIKE THE OLD
DAYS!!

GOD, I FEEL SO
NERVOUS....

I'LL PARK ROUND
THE BACK - IT'S
EASIER TO GET
OVER THE FENCE.

WE WON'T
FORGET THE
SCABS

THIS IS IT...
TIME TO PULL
DOWN THE
BALACLAVAS...

SO DO I - I COULDN'T
EAT ME DINNER...

YOU STILL WANNA
DO IT?...

YOU BET!

OK - LET'S GO!!
JUST SPLASH IT EVERYWHERE...!
C'MON - QUICKLY! DON'T FORGET THE CRANE!!

HERE I'LL LIGHT IT - YOU THROW IT!

COME ON LEGGIT!

A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!
I'LL GIVE THE BASTARDS SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

IT'S TEMPTING TO GO BACK AND WATCH...

NO WAY! I AIN'T JOINING CHARLIE!!

OH MY FUCKING GOD!!

WOOMF

DON'T FORGET TO DUMP ALL YOUR CLOTHES THEN!!

AND LET'S KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT ON THIS ONE!

YEH, CARELESS TALK COSTS LIVES....
The next day...

Hey, did you hear that...?

Eh?.. Did you say something Jim?

Since when did we care what the papers say?!

Carole's right—

if you believed the press you wouldn't be on strike now...

Ok but we can't ignore them—

most people still read the 'Sun...' not 'Strike'!

There was a fire at Derby Road last night—

the cops say it's arson....

Fucking hell...!

Oh shit!!

What's up, Frank? You don't seem too happy....

That still don't mean they believe what they read...

Things like this bloody fire won't change a thing, Jim....

That's not true—

they hurt longs and they inspire us to....

Can't you see?!

They'll use it against us....

they'll be calling us terrorists now!....

Oh they call us everything else—

Frank— one more word ain't gonna make any difference....

That's not the point, Carole...

Yes it bloody is!

Yeh, but it ain't a substitute for workers taking action....

Well who said it was?

Look, Frank, as far as I can see, it's a bloody good laugh....

... it's hit longs in the pocket and it's given me something to smile about!
STAY COOL, MATE! — WE'VE GOTTEN TO HIT 'EM EVERY WAY WE CAN!...

...AND PERSONALLY I'D LIKE TO BUY WHOMEVER DID IT A COUPLE OF DRINKS!

OK OK OK!! YOU WIN!!

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHERE WILL IT ALL END??

WELL LONGS AN'T INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATION, SO GOD KNOWS....

I HEARD THAT BRITISH RAIL ARE GONNA OFFER THEIR WORKERS 12%?

ANYWAY IS THERE ANY MORE NEWS ABOUT THE DEMO?

YEH, I WENT TO THE REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATION MEETING LAST NIGHT... IT'S GONNA BE MASSIVE!

...THERE'S PEOPLE COMING FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

HA! THEY'RE RUNNING SCARED — BUYING THEIR WAY OUT OF TROUBLE...

...BLOODY DIVIDE AND RULE....

YEH, BUT THE WORD IS THAT THE WORKERS AIN'T TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT....

...I MET PETE DALEY AND...

AND THERE'S THE PRISON MARCH IN A FEW HOURS TIME....

YEH, I THINK MARY'S SORTING THAT OUT NEXT DOOR.

IT'S REALLY BUILDING UP, ISN'T IT....

HELLO, STRIKE CENTRE... YEH.... YEH.... SURE... ABOUT HALF AN HOUR? OK!

THAT WAS COLN JACKSON FROM THE POST WORKERS — MANAGEMENT HAS THREATENED 'EM WITH THE SACK FOR BLACKING LONGS MAIL... CAN YOU TWO GO OVER?

YESSIR!! WE'RE ON OUR WAY, SIR!
And so, later...  
...and that's the management position...  

EITHER STOP THE ACTION OR GET THE SACK...  

SO WHAT'S THE UNION LINE COLIN?  

BUT IT'D BE GOOD TO HAVE SOME LONGS STRIKERS DOWN HERE...  

YEH, I'LL SPEAK GREAT! THE MEETINGS AT THREE...  

I'LL TRY TO GET TIM OR ANNE DOWN TO TALK ABOUT REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATION...  

WELL THEY SAY THE BLOCKING IS "ILLEGAL" AND...  

HELL!  

HA! WILL THE BASTARDS NEVER LEARN!??  

THING IS WE'VE GOT A LOT OF GRIEVANCES OF OUR OWN...  

THEY CAN GIVE A FULLER PICTURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON...  

BRILLIANT! AS I SAID, MOST OF THE LADS ARE SPOILING FOR A FIGHT...  

AND THE UNION'S GOT SOD-ALL CREDIBILITY LEFT AFTER THE '87 AND '88 DEALS...  

Y'KNOW, LOW PAY, LONG HOURS, CASUAL LABOUR... ALL THE USUAL STUFF  

ALL THIS LONGS THING HAS DONE IS BRING IT ALL TO A HEAD...  

I RECKON WE'LL BE OUT ON ALL-OUT STRIKE BY TOMORROW...  

DON'T FORGET TO BRING ALONG POSTERS FOR THE BIG DEMO ON THE 20...  

IT SHOULD BE A GOOD 'UN!  

DON'T YOU WORRY MATE, IT WILL BE... IT WILL BE!
CHAPTER FOUR

GETTING SERIOUS
Some days later...

WHAT A BASTARD!

...THOSE BAIL

CONDITIONS....!!

IT'S JUST THE

SAME AS IN

THE MINERS'

STRIKE, TERRY.

IF I EVER GET ME

HANDS ON THAT

MAGISTRATE,

CANHAM....!

NO MORE BLOODY

PIKETING... I'M

SO PISSED OFF!!

A STRIKE AIN'T

JUST ABOUT

PIKETING....

DON'T FORGET

ALL THE OTHER

WORK WE'VE

GOT TO DO....

LIKE WHAT?

WELL, FOLDING

ALL THESE FOR

A START...

PUTTING FOOD

PARCELS

TOGETHER...

GETTING MONEY

TO RUN THIS

PLACE...

MONEY DON'T

GROW ON TREES,

YOU KNOW....
YEH I'VE DONE ME FAIR SHARE OF COLLECTING, DON'T WORRY....
AND THEN THERE'S TRYING TO STOP THE UNION KICKING US OUT OF HERE....
LEAFLETTING FLYPPOSTING BABYSITTING....

BABYSITTING?!
Yeah!
BABYSITTING!

...MAGIC?!
Er, I'd never thought about it before....

HERE, I BET YOU'D MAKE A BRILLIANT BABYSITTER, TEL!!
YOU COULD SING'EM FOOTBALL SONGS!!

HERE, GIVE US A HAND WITH THESE, YOU TWO....

HEY DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ALL THE EXCITEMENT ON OUR ESTATE??
APARENTLY THERE WAS AN ELECTRICITY CUT-OFF TO ONE OF THE FLATS....

AND THEY MANAGED TO PERSUADE THE WORKERS NOT TO DO IT....
BLEAK!

YEH, I RECKON THE ESTATES HAVE GOT LOADS BETTER SINCE THIS STRIKE BEGAN....
LIKE WHEN THERE WERE THOSE SMACK-DEALERS ON THE LANSBURY ESTATE....

THEY'RE THE NEW POSTERS....
THEY LOOK GREAT DES.......
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND IF YOU WANT TO FLY-POST TONIGHT....

AT LEAST, THERE WAS MEANT TO BE ONE.... BUT THERE WAS A CROWD OF PEOPLE....
A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE RELIEVED WHEN THEY WERE KICKED OFF...

...BUT WE'VE GOT TO TAKE IT FURTHER....

...YOU KNOW, MAKE ALL THE ESTATES NO-GO AREAS FOR MUGGERS....

AND RAPESTS!

IF WE DO THAT, DES, WE'VE GOT TO START THINKING OF GETTING FOOT TO PENSIONERS AND THE DISABLED....

...WHAT? REVOLUTIONARY MEALS ON WHEELS *?!?

YEAH? WHY NOT? IT'S OK TO HAVE THESE GREAT IDEAS....

...BUT FOR SOME PEOPLE, A NO-GO AREA MEANS EVEN MORE HARDSHIP!

SHIT! YEAH, I'D NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT....

Yeah, me Gran can hardly get out these days....

She depends on her home help and her meals on wheels....

There you go then, TEL--there's a job for you....

I CAN SEE IT NOW--TEL'S MEALS ON WHEELS!

Hey, that ain't a bad idea, Carole....

Well, make sure that it gets to be more than an idler....

I'll bring it up tomorrow night. Don't you worry!

You're right--we've got to back up our actions with real support....

...It's not as if it's new--it's what we've always done....
The next night
WHEN'S CAPTAIN COMING BACK?...IT'S GETTING ON A BIT...

OH HE WAS POPPING IN TO SEE CHARLIE'S WIFE...HE MUST HAVE STAYED FOR COFFEE...

HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT THE FORD WORKERS ARE OUT...?

OH GOD...OH MY HEAD...GOD!

WHO DID IT, EH...WHO F**KING DID IT TO YOU?!

I GOT JUMPED DOWN THE ROAD...I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO KILL ME...OH GOD...

...THEY CAME OUT THIS AFTERNOON...GREAT!

...YEAH, THEY'RE DOING FLYING PICKETS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW!

HEY, THINGS ARE REALLY PICKING UP...I MIGHT EVEN GIVE THE MATCH ON SATURDAY A MISS!!

SSSSHH, LOVE!! HERE, LET ME CLEAN YOU UP A BIT...

JIM, CAN YOU DRIVE OUR CAR? SURE!

HE'S GOT TO GO TO HOSPITAL...THEY'VE CUT HIM PRETTY BAD...

BASTARDS!! THEY'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS!! DID YOU SEE 'EM MATE?...

NO...THEY GOT ME FROM BEHIND...THEY JUST SAID...OH GOD!

"THIS IS A WARNING - NEXT TIME IT'S YOUR WIFE AND KID!"
OH GOD... I FEEL TERRIBLE...

DADDY! WHAT'S WRONG...

OH SHIT... IT HURTS SO MUCH. I CAN'T HANDLE THIS...

COME ON SHARON, BACK TO BED...

IT'S OKAY. BACK TO BED...

DON'T WORRY. NO-ONE'S GONNA TOUCH US...

COME ON LOVE... YOU'LL BE OK!

NO... NO!

IT'S TOO MUCH. I COULDN'T BEAR THEM DOING THIS TO YOU OR SHARON.

LOOK, LOVE WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.... TO THE END!!

WE NEVER SEE EACH OTHER.... ALL WE GET IS STRIKE, STRIKE, BLOODY STRIKE!

OH GOD... NO MONEY, NO JOB, AND NOW THIS - IT'S TOO MUCH!

LISTEN LOVE - WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE... GOT NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE - WE'VE GOT TO SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END!

BUT THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO, SO MANY Demands...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT - WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS DOWN THE CENTRE...

YEH, LET'S GET YOU PATCHED UP AND THEN WE'LL HAVE A FEW DAYS AWAY.

WE'LL GO STAY WITH MY SISTER - SHE'D LOVE TO SEE US...

OH, THAT WOULD BE NICE... THAT WOULD BE REALLY NICE....

The day of the demonstration...

COME ON IT'S SUNE TWO O'CLOCK...

DON'T WORRY - IT WON'T START ON TIME....

...IT'S REALLY QUIET - I HOPE PEOPLE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT....
FUCKING HELL!

SOLIDARITY IS STRONG

CHEMIST

WILLIAM "COBINE"

REGENCY WOMEN SUPPORT LONDON SMASH BLOOMS

DO NOT CROSS PICKET LINES NOT SATURDAY

SCABS ARE SCUM

SECRET HOMES FOR ALL

SOLIDARITY IS STRONG

HIYA PHIL... NICKY!... PRETTY IMPRESSIVE EH?

IT'S INCREDIBLE THERE MUST BE 50,000 OF US...

AT LEAST!

I'LL CATCH YOU TWO LATER, OK?....

HEY DID YOU LISTEN TO THE RADO ONE BREAKFAST SHOW THIS MORNING...?

NO... WHY?

SOMEONE JAMMED THE SIGNAL AND STARTED BROADCASTING...

YEAH!

... IT WAS BRILLIANT!! THEY CALLED FOR EVERYONE TO GET DOWN HERE THIS AFTERNOON!

YEH, IT WAS GREAT STUFF... REALLY INSPIRING!!

HIYA NICKY... PHIL... HAVE YOU SEEN TINTIN? I NEED TO ASK HIM IF... OH!

TINTIN!! HANG ON MATE!
OH YEAH THE RANG \nTHEY SEE LAST NIGHT THEY WERE COMING HOME DON'T KNOW WHY \nI JUST WANTED TO FIND CAPTAIN AND MARY AT ALL...? 
AND STIRS ALL OVER YUGOSLAVIA... PLUS GOD KNOWS WHAT ELSE THEY'RE NOT TELLING US...
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HMM. YEH, I SUPPOSE IT IS THE FIRST THING THE TUG HAS TRIED TO DO SINCE THE STRIKE STARTED.

AH!! THEY NEVER DO ANYTHING... EXCEPT SIT ON THEIR OVERPAID ARSES!!

LEFT AND RIGHT, MILLS AND JONES, THEY'RE ALL A BUNCH OF WANKERS!

LOOK! UP THERE!

This is your final warning - disperse now!

PHEW! WE MUST BE ALMOST THERE - WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR OVER AN HOUR...

DONT WORRY, DAD - DERBY ROAD'S JUST BEHIND THIS ESTATE...

BLOODY HELL! THE OLD BILL... THERE'S THOUSANDS OF 'EM!

SOMETHING TELLS ME THEY AIN'T GONNA LET US SET NEAR THE SITE TODAY...

I THINK YOU MIGHT JUST BE RIGHT, LOVE....
YOU'RE FUCKING NICKED LOVE...

CHRIST! WE CAN'T STAY HERE, KERYS... WE'RE GETTING SLAUGHTERED!

COME ON... LET'S SPLIT!

HEY! A MOVING TARGET!!

Oi!! You lot!!!

This way takes us right down behind the pigs!

Come on! What are we waiting for?!!

KILL. KILL. KILL. THE BILL!!

THUNK
TIME TO MOVE ON AGAIN, KEV....

CHRIST! IT'S TESCO'S... WE'RE MILES FROM DERBY ROAD...

HEY, DON'T BE SO BLOODY StUPID!

THERE'S PEOPLE LIVING UP THERE!!

DO IT LIKE THIS!

OH MY GOD! WE'RE DOING IT... WE'RE FUCKIN' DONG IT....!!

ERE, DO YOU LIKE THE WATCH...?

SHIT! IS IT THAT LATE?

TIME TO SPLIT FOR GOOD... NO POINT IN PUSHING OUR LUCK....

HEY LOOK! MORE AMMO....

THIS IS FUCkING BRILLIANT!!

ANYONE FANCY A BEER???

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...THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO
TIGHTEN UP THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING
LAST NIGHT'S VIOLENCE.

...THE TROUBLE FLARED
AFTER A DEMONSTRATION
IN SUPPORT OF THE THREE
MONTH OLD BUILDING
WORKERS STRIKE...

...UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
SUGGEST THAT ONE POLICE
OFFICER WAS MURDERED...
TWO RIOTERS ARE ALSO
BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED.

...DOZENS OF BUILDINGS
WERE ATTACKED, INCLUDING
THE POLICE STATION, SOCIAL
SECURITY OFFICES AND A
NUMBER OF SHOPS.

...POLICE ARRESTED 37
PEOPLE MOST HAVE BEEN
CHARGED WITH PUBLIC
ORDER OFFENCES...
THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS
OF TROUBLE IN
OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Elsewhere...

HEY, HAVE YOU READ
THIS...

NO WHAT?

MAIL
NEWSPAPER
plc
A DOWNTOWN
NIKE...D, GLOUCESTER
RIDGE Mail 1967
CRISIS!

"Enough is enough... we
Britishers are highly proud
of our reputation as a
civilised race...

But when democracy is threatened
by police line, barge and growing
rioters, the balance has swung too
clear. It is time to make a stand
against the tactics of the bully-boy...

As we fought Hitler so
must fight the new
Fascists of the Left...

BOLLOCKS! I L! YOU WHAT?

"whose aim is the
creation of a Soviet
style dictatorship
here in Britain...
This Government has
failed the British
people...

...We need to see
through now laws...
AND IT JUST
CARRIES ON
LIKE THAT....!!
STUFF IT — I AIN'T PRINTING THAT CRAP!!

NOR ME!! LETS WALK OUT!!

HEY, WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE?? YOU CAN'T.......

THE NEXT DAY...

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DEEPENING CRISIS INCLUDED TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FIREFIGHTERS UNION....

THAT THEY WOULD NOT GO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE DURING ANY FUTURE OUTBREAKS OF RIOTING.

STICK IT UP YER ARSE, WALSH... WE'RE ON STRIKE!!

YOU'VE ALREADY HAD TWO WRITTEN WARNINGS, LLOYD...

DOES YOUR UNION KNOW ABOUT THIS?

WHAT BLOODY UNION???

THEIR SPOKESMAN, ALAN THORNTON, SAID HE HOPED THE MOVE WOULD PUT FURTHER PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT.

CRASH!

MARY! MARY!!

WE AIN'T HAD A PROPER UNION SINCE THEY SOLD US OUT AT WAPPING....

RIGHT, WE'LL SOON SEE ABOUT THIS!!

GO ON, WALSH, RUN! RUN YOU FAT BASTARD!!

WHAT? WHAT'S UP?

IT'S CAPTAIN! THEY'VE GOT HIM...

WHAT?!

THEY NICKED HIM THIS AFTERNOON... "CONSPIRACY" OR SOMETHING....
OH MY GOD!!

WE'VE... WE'VE GOT
HIM A LAWYER.
A GOOD ONE...

THIS CAN'T BE
HAPPENING...

I'M... I'M REALLY
SORRY, MARY...

I DON'T THINK
THEY'VE GOT ANY
EVIDENCE... HE
SHOULDN'T GET BAIL...

BASTARDS!!

DON'T WORRY...
WE'LL BE OK—
YOU'LL SEE...

Meanwhile...
GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN!
I'D LIKE TO OPEN
THIS MEETING OF
THE EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE STRAIGHT
AWAY...

...SIR ROBERT,
PLEASE GIVE US
THE LATEST
SITUATION...

...YES, MINISTER,
WELL I'M AFRAID
IT DOES LOOK
GRIM...

THERE ARE NOW OVER
750,000 WORKERS
ON STRIKE THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY...

AND THERE ARE
CONTINUING
DISTURBANCES IN
MANY AREAS
WHICH WE BELIEVE
ARE CONNECTED
WITH THE STRIKE...

TO BE BLUNT,
SEVERAL LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ARE
ON THE POINT OF
COLLAPSE....

THE POLICE ARE
CHRONICALLY
OVER-STRETCHED.

AND IN SOME KEY
AREAS, LAW AND ORDER
HAS BROKEN DOWN...
IRRETRIEVABLY...

GENTLEMEN,
WE HAVE A
MAJOR CRISIS
ON OUR HANDBS.
WHAT PARTICULARLY WORRIES ME ARE THESE SO-CALLED REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATIONS... HMPH! DAWN SUBVERSIVES!

I QUITE AGREE GENERAL, BUT THE TRUTH IS WE'VE NEVER FACED THIS LEVEL OF ORGANISATION BEFORE...

WHAT SCARES ME IS THE TOTAL LACK OF UNION REPRESENTATION ON THESE R.S.C.'S...

IT'S THE COMMUNISTS SIR, ROBERT... THEY'VE STIRRED UP THE WORKERS AGAINST THE UNIONS...

THE R.S.C.'S WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US AT TRANSPORT HOUSE...

I THINK IT'S ABOUT BLOODY TIME YOU STOPPED SNIVELING AND DID SOMETHING TO GET YOUR MEN BACK UNDER CONTROL!!

... OR ELSE WE'LL HAVE TO START CONSIDERING MORE SEVERE MEASURES....

WITH RESPECT GENERAL, WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED THAT STAGE....

... THE R.S.C.'S HAVE PROVED TO BE A VIABLE FORM OF ORGANISATION... I CAN SEE NO ROLE FOR THE UNIONS!

ERR... THAT'S A BIT HARSH, SIR, ROBERT...

YOU'VE MISSED THE POINT - THE SHEEP HAVE DESERTED THEIR SHEPHERD!!

BUT... BUT... WE'RE STILL A CHANNEL FOR NEGOTIATION... NEGOTIATION?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! THERE ARE BARRICADES IN THE STREET... AND YOU'RE TALKING OF NEGOTIATION?!!

AND SIR, DAVID? YOUR THOUGHTS?

WELL, I AGREE THAT THE TIME FOR TALK HAS PASSED....

I MEAN... WE CAN'T POSSIBLY OFFER THEM EVEN HALF OF WHAT THEY'RE DEMANDING...

... AND THEY'RE MAKING NEW DEMANDS ALL THE TIME!!... HOW ABOUT DIVIDING THEM?....

WE'VE TRIED THAT... AND FAILED, MINISTER!
YOU SEE, THOSE RSC ARE UNITING ALL THE STRIKERS IN A WAY WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE...

YES, IT'S TIME WE TRIED A DIFFERENT APPROACH...

ER, YES, SIR DAVID,... WE HAVE MADE PLANS FOR THIS EVENTUALITY...

GENERAL?

AND IN THE MEANTIME, THERE ARE OTHER MEASURES... CHIEF CONSTABLE?

YES, WE COMMENCE ARRESTING KNOWN RINGLEADERS AND SUSPECTS TONIGHT AND THERE IS A SIMULTANEOUS BAN ON ALL DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES!

MY BOYS CAN DELIVER... BUT EVEN WE ARE UNDER PRESSURE...

NATO IS FULLY TIED UP WITH THE UNREST IN ITALY AND FRANCE....

... AND IF SOUTH KOREA SPREADS... WE'LL WE WOULD BE SEVERELY STRETCHED!

WE MEET WITH THE OPPOSITION WITH A VIEW TO FORMING A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT...

AND AS FROM MIDNIGHT, THE TELEVISION, RADIO AND PRESS WILL BE UNDER OUR OFFICIAL CONTROL.

THE BATTLE IS ON!!

AND, EH! TO BE FRANK, THERE IS A GROWING QUESTION MARK OVER THE LOYALTY OF SOME OF THE TROOPS...

WILL THEY SHOOT THEIR OWN FAMILIES....?

PRECISELY!

NATURALLY THE CRACK REGIMENTS REMAIN ENTIRELY RELIABLE...

I THINK WE ARE ALL AGREED THAT THIS IS A FIGHT AGAINST CHAOS AND SUBVERSION...

... AND THAT OUR PRIORITY MUST BE TO RESTORE ORDER ABSOLUTELY...

... IN THAT CASE, WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO DISCUSS... I CLOSE THIS MEETING!
A few days later... I think it's gonna be massive... Everyone's talking about it!

All that this bloody ban has done is make it bigger...

Bloody hell! You know, this is getting serious...

It's gone way beyond demos and pickets...

I mean, how are we gonna run this country? What about food, gas, electricity...?

It's amazing! I can't remember ever feeling like this before...

The rail and bus strikes are definitely on according to last night's RBC.

...And there's gonna be demos in Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Belfast...

....What we really need is working class power...

Hold up Jim... Don't start getting too serious!

No, I mean it... a society where we all get what we need.

How's the paper coming along? Did they say?

...Yeah, it's looking good... They're talking of doing 250,000 copies...

What? Every day?

I fight! We can do it. No sweat!

Like housing, food, heating... Free beer?

I'm serious, mate - we've got to get rid of all the crap while we've got a chance!

Jim's right - we've gone too far to go back now.
...NONE OF THIS'LL BE SETTLED WITHOUT A REVOLUTION...

Hey, don't get me wrong, you two—I think it's a sound idea!

...I just don't want us to get saddled with another bunch of lying politicians.

...OR END UP LIKE RUSSIA OR CUBA...

GOD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

...A FEW MONTHS AGO I WAS QUIETLY WORKING, WAITING FOR ME WAGE PACKET.

AND NOW HERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT RUNNING THIS COUNTRY!!

WELL, ONE THINGS FOR SURE, MATE...

WE'LL MAKE A BETTER JOB OF IT THAN THOSE BASTARDS EVER DID!!

Tuesday morning.

BAD NEWS! THE PRINTING PRESS GOT FIRED BOMBED SOME TIME LAST NIGHT...

IT'S OK—WE CAN GET ANOTHER ONE... BUT IT'S GETTING HEAVIER EVERY DAY!

WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS TOTALLY CONTROL OUR AREAS...

YEAH, WE SHOULD START ORGANISING PATROLS...

...AND WE SHOULD ARM OURSELVES...

ARM OURSELVES?

He's right, Nicky...IT'S WAR NOW...

WAR?!

IT'S US OR THEM....

ALL THE BULLSHIT HAS GONE... I KNOW IT'S SCARY, BUT IT'S DESTROY OR BE DESTROYED!
... BUT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE KILLED YOU KNOW....

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED ALREADY LOVE... AND WHERE'S CAPTAIN NOW...??

OH GOD!!

FOR WANTING A LITTLE BIT MORE MONEY?
A BIT MORE COMFORT?

COME ON, MARY... WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.... Y'ARE NOT ALONE.

IT MAKES ME SICK... I FEEL SO ANGRY....

DON'T WORRY, MARY.... I DO WORRY.... I'M FRIGHTENED.

I WANT HIM BACK SO MUCH... DO YOU SEE THE STATE HIS FACE WAS IN, IN COURT?

I KNOW.... "RESISTING ARREST"?? HA! BASTARDS!!

HELLO?? SPEAKING.... OH SHIT... YEH.... WHO?.... YEH... TAKE CARE.... YEH I WILL.... BYE!!!

THAT WAS TARIQ.... THEY'VE JUST RAIDED THE STRIKE CENTRE!!

WE'VE GOT TO GO ALL OUT NOW... IT'S THE ONLY WAY!!

IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL SO LONELY.... AND SHARON KEEPS ASKING WHERE HE IS....

WHAT DO I TELL HER??.... THAT HER DAD'S BEEN ARRESTED AND BEATEN UP...? FOR WHAT?!

SHIT!! WHO DID THEY GET??

HARRY, ANNE, DAN.... AND A FEW OTHERS.... IT'S ALL REALLY CONFUSED....

THIS IS IT THEN!! IT'S WAR!! THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHO'S GONNA BE NEXT!!
Wednesday comes... "All soldiers Muttoney."

This is just incredible!

There must be half a million of us!!

And so many kids!

What do you expect? The school strikes have been the most solid...of course!!

I've seen half of my class here already num....

And I've seen half of mine! Hello you lot... Alright?

They're probably after you as well... I wouldn't go home if I were you.....

No, I'll stop over at a friend's... I'm gonna head down the centre - you coming Des?

Yeh... are you two staying here?

Yeh - we've still got some prisoners support work to do...

OK... take loads of care...

And if we don't see you tonight, we'll see you both tomorrow....

The men leave for battle.... It's our battle as well....

Yeah... I know... it just really frightens me....
Hiya Jim... I can't believe this is happening... Its fantastic!!

...and for once, I can't see any copper... they'll be about somewhere...

A mile away...

Did you hear that the Queens gone and done a bunk to Canada...?

DID YOU HEAR THAT THE QUEENS GONE AND DONE A BUNK TO CANADA...?

Scotlands gone already! The R.I.C.s have taken over the power stations up there...

GOOD BLOODY RIDDANCE... LET'S HOPE THE REST OF 'EM TAKE THE HINT!!

And when the troops went in, half of 'em came over to our side...

I never thought I'd see this in my lifetime

Yeh... you know Ted, I hope this never ever ends!

I just wish that Charlie and all the others inside could be here...

Don't worry, Janet Charlie will be out soon... I'm sure....

It's now or never mate... there's no going back!!

What is there to go back to?!

THIS IS IT NOW... IT'S WAR, INNIT... CLASS WAR!!

I've got a feeling there won't be any prisons left by the end of the week

Look sharp Tintin... looks like we're moving off!

Here we go then!! THIS IS IT!!
MY SISTER PHoned LAST NIGHT ... SHE SAID THE ARMY HAVE BEEN SENT INTO LIVERPOOL ... TO "RESTORE ORDER" — WHATEVER THAT MEANS!

... IT'S THEIR STINKING ORDER, THEIR RIGHT TO SCREW US ... THEY CAN STUFF IT!!

WE'VE HAD A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING BETTER ... AND WE WANT MORE!

SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH
REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATION