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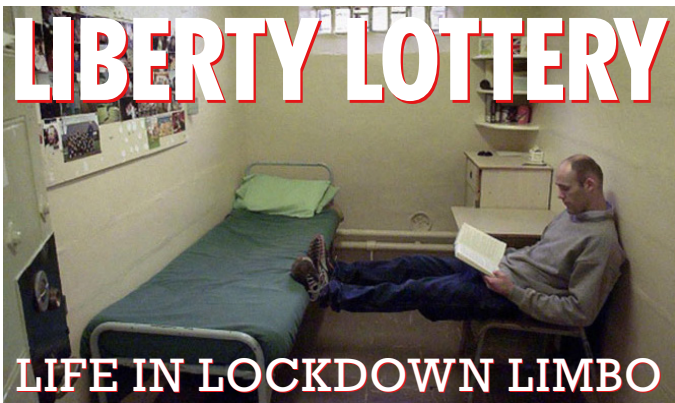
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Spirit of 1945

NO GOING BACK



LIBERTY LOTTERY

LIFE IN LOCKDOWN LIMBO

WE ARE ALL facing an uncertain future as an end to this virus features nowhere on the near horizon. The fabric of our everyday lives has changed from one of routine and normality to uncertainty and fear.

Many of you are doing the right thing by staying home and perhaps for the first time experiencing (to some extent) the loss of freedom that comes with your liberty being curtailed. I think we can all agree that it ain't a barrel of laughs as cabin fever kicks in and you can't fuck off down the pub for a session with your pals to alleviate the week's stresses and strains.

Spare a thought then for those who are languishing in our prisons, detention centres and mental homes. While already under lockdown and in some cases stuck in already overcrowded, outdated prisons and institutions, many will be in almost solitary confinement. Visits from loved ones have been cancelled as the authorities attempt to stop the virus spreading. They won't be getting out and it certainly isn't a walk in the park. Some lucky individuals are being released early, but mostly to free

up space as the courts and judiciary have come to a grinding halt other than in a very few cases.

A lot of those being released have no family or support network. Imagine being released from a long term inside into a society that is on lockdown. What a total headfuck that must be. Having to move into a bail hostel with another set of restrictions and rules must throw up a whole new set of challenges as you try to adjust to your newly won "freedom".

Now I know some you may be thinking "fuck 'em – why should I give a shit about a bunch of wrong 'uns?" But we know the kinda folk that read *Class War* have a bit more nous about them than your average *Sun* or *Daily Fail* reader. As someone once said, "We can judge a society on how it treats its prisoners." While there are undoubtedly some proper horrible fuckers behind bars, there are many that are victims of circumstance or indeed inside for political reasons that deserve not to be forgotten.

Then there are the people – myself included – who are currently on bail awaiting their day in court.

Many like myself have been given strict bail conditions, like living at a friend or family member's in limbo. I was arrested in early Febuary and have been living on a mate's settee since. My original court date has been moved once already due to the lockdown and will no doubt be moved again. Luckily for me my friend is very understanding but I can imagine these situations are causing enourmous strains on relationships up and down the country with no end in sight.

Depending on how long this lockdown continues, the backlog of cases will be growing ever bigger. Crime will still happen and new cases will join the queue. By the time a lot of these cases get to court there could be little or no room at the prison inn, which may result in more community orders or suspended sentences. I reckon the system will just keep re-bailing and adjourning until normality resumes – or, knowing my luck, they build more prisons. For people on bail and the people they are staying with, it's hardly a fair or ideal situation.

So just a bit of food for thought the next time you're having a moan about the dog and duck being closed or the length of the queue at the local supermarket. Things could be a whole lot worse and as the saying goes, this too will pass. What we are all having to live with is temporary – and maybe all that time you find you now have on your hands could be used in part to drop a line to a prisoner to let them know they are not forgotten. A full list of current political prisoners can be found at www.brighton.org.uk and at www.facebook.com/abcbrighon.

THE GENERAL SPIRIT of demobbed soldiers was that "they got us into the war and we had dig them out of it", resulting in a massive Labour victory. People who had fought for six years – my dad – were not going to go back to feeling inferior to their "betters". A new spirit of "we're as good as they are" was pervasive in the working class. Flanagan and Allen provided the mood music.

One result was a mass squatting movement by demobbed soldiers and their families, involving hundreds of thousands seizing empty houses and ministry of defence buildings.

Now we must also adopt a NO GOING BACK attitude. Are all of our working class heroes who have sacrificed so much – bus drivers, nurses, shop assistants, cleaners etc etc – going to go meekly back to the status quo and the huge wealth divide?

A wealth divide which rewards those with inherited wealth, the bankers and property developers against those who do all the work. Rewarding those who keep luxury flats empty as investments; rewarding those who would build separate entrances for cleaners and nurses in the obscenity of poor doors segregation. Is this what we're fucking dying for?

There are thousands of empty properties in London and elsewhere. A massive new squatting movement would show that we ain't going back.

So after the lockdown is over and the street parties blaze on like VE Night, we need a massive action based on NO GOING BACK. Something like a general strike the week after lockdown ends.

If not us, who? If not now, when? Social justice for all.

After last week's special royal message to the nation, here's our own special message to the royals...

FUCK OFF

Fuck off you inbreds, with your lack of social distancing, your yapping dogs and your privilege. Go boil your stupid royal heads, you cunts.

THE CORONA FILES



No cure for conspiracy theorists

HAVE YOU NOTICED how those irritating conspiracy theorists polluting the web with their drivel about the virus and 5G masts all seem to have something in common?

No, not the narcissism. Or the white privilege. Or the misogyny, arrogance, anti-Semitism, relentlessness, racism, cultish use of language, self-importance and other traits associated with this nauseating collection of incels, religious loons and tedious new-age wankers.

What I'm talking about here is the fact that they're never into just one conspiracy. This tragic affliction ensures that the victim has to pretty much have a full house of idiotic beliefs that they'll perpetually feel the need to share with anyone unfortunate enough to meet them online or at an Extinction Rebellion healing workshop.

So this means that almost all of them will be anti-vaxxers, as that particular idiocy sits towards the middle of their sliding scale of fuckwittery. A scale which swings between Jewish bankers controlling all of finance to shape-shifting lizards controlling our minds with invisible rays.

One thing which anti-vaxxers all seem to share is a cost-free investment in their beliefs: they tend to hail from backgrounds that ensured their measles jab was free at the point of need when they were kids.

But all that changes now. Now science matters, even to these moronic mystics. Recent history tells us that corona is just the latest in a succession of potentially deadly viruses that we can expect more of.

Fortunately, science will soon deliver a vaccine for corona and whatever comes next. So it is perhaps comforting to know that there is one group of annoying bastards who will be kind enough to permanently remove themselves from our spaces while simultaneously proving that Darwin was actually onto something.

SUN DOWN

Tory red top's days are numbered

For decades, the Murdoch owned-press has tried to hoodwink the working class by encouraging us to vote Tory or New Labour. In that time *The Sun* has been at the forefront with its racist and sexist bile, its demonisation of people on benefits and its encouragement of hating anyone different. It lied about Hillsborough, it supported Thatcher in her attacks on the miners and unions, it supported murder on the high seas when the UK sank the Argentine vessel the Belgrano.

But now *The Scum* is in big trouble. We knew we'd outlive them.

In February its owners

reported losses of £68m. And since then its sales will have been drastically affected by the virus pandemic. Meanwhile its owners have a legal bill of £27m after their reporters hacked the phone of the family of Milly Dowler, a murdered teenager. *The News of the World* had to close as a result of that disgusting breach of privacy. It's hard to imagine a more unpleasant organisation than Murdoch's empire of politically motivated Tory-loving bastards prowling for ways to make the lives of people already suffering much, much worse.

Now there are fresh problems for these red-top wankers. With

profits from paper sales falling, they rely more than ever on internet clicks. But ad revenue depends on the number of people who click on adverts in articles, and companies don't want to run adverts next to news about people dying of the virus. Advertisers can predetermine what type of stories their companies appear in – which affects revenue, because most news now is virus-related.

Class War remains independent, free and is growing daily. *The Sun* is selling badly, is in massive debt and advertising money is falling. Let's hope it's enough to see that pathetic rag destroyed once and for all.

