

# HOW THE MILITANT TENDENCY WOULD RUN AFFAIRS IN THE CITY

MICHAEL FOOT says he is against witch-hunts, and claims his inquiry will be "a useful and precise way of tackling the problem." But in Liverpool the question of the Militant Tendency's legitimacy within the Labour Party is perhaps academic at this stage. In the city politics the hard left is a hard fact.

Labour, with 40 members on the council, is the largest party but does not rule. It is out-voted by the Liberals and Tories combined.

Derek Hatton claims that of those, 40, about 10 are definite M.T. supporters, and a total of 26 or 27 agree with most of Militant's programme.

So the majority party, which could take overall control next May if the voters tire of the Lib-Con merry-go-round and fail to be wooed by the emergent S.D.P., is Left-dominated.

I asked him what kind of programme Militant Tendency would like to see adopted in Liverpool.

Hatton: The priority would immediately be jobs and houses. We would launch a massive house-building programme.

Over the last two years, and in the year now to come, there hasn't been one single council-house brick laid, and that, we believe, is nothing short of disaster.

But also we would want to compensate for the 4,000 jobs that Trevor Jones and the Tories have lost over the past few years, and we want to see a restoration of those job opportunities.

We would also want to see the local authority taking over as municipal enterprises those firms which are closing down and making redundancies.

Phelps: How have those 4,000 jobs been lost?

Hatton: Mainly through so-called natural wastage. It seems a contradiction in terms to me. It's wastage, and there is nothing natural about it.

## Mass action

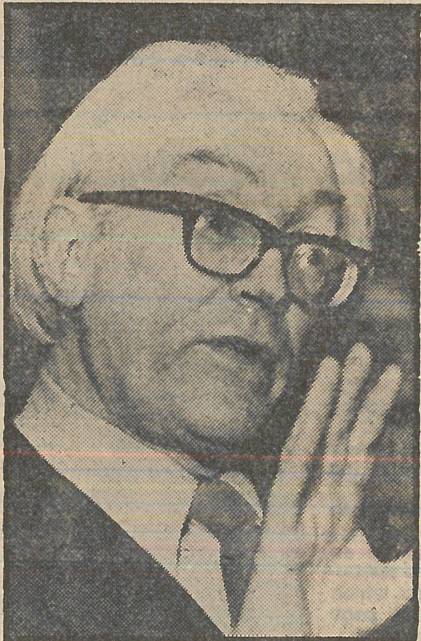
In this city at the moment we have a disastrous position regarding youth unemployment. It's been shown in a survey that over 50 per cent of young, unemployed people actually believe that violence is the answer.

Now we in no way condone violence, but we can understand why that is happening, and we feel that the major cause of that is the fact that they've got no job opportunity, no hope for the future. So, obviously, jobs are crucial.

Phelps: Who would pay for the jobs, houses and municipal enterprises?

Hatton: Initially, we would make a plea to the Government, to say to them that they should make available the necessary funding. If they respond by

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involved in a legal case, but we believe that only through mass action of the trade union movement, the Labour movement and the working class generally will this sort of struggle be victorious.

But obviously the courts are loaded in favour of the Establishment.

Phelps: What would be the effect of

★ Opposition leader Michael Foot has won his fight for a full-scale investigation into the activities of the far-Left Militant Tendency within the Labour Party. Liverpool has been singled out for special attention as a place where it is suspected the Militant Tendency has infiltrated most successfully and effectively. It is more than a suspicion. On Liverpool City Council the Militant Tendency is a potent political force. Labour councillor and outspoken M.T. supporter Derek Hatton gives his views on how Liverpool should be run.

Hatton: There would obviously then be a conflict between ourselves and the Government, and we would look towards the working class of this city to support us.

Phelps: What would be the final result of this conflict?

Hatton: It is so great from Liverpool, a beacon to many other cities to follow suit, which would result in the bringing down of this Tory Government and the return of a Labour Government pledged to Socialist policies.

Phelps: What influence does the Militant Tendency have in city politics?

Hatton: I think the Militant Tendency, the Labour Party in Liverpool have a very, very strong influence. I think that is a result of many years of hard work by supporters of the Left generally. It was the old Right wing of the Labour Party that actually paved the way for the Liberals to take over the city council.

Phelps: What have you managed to stop happening or make happen?

Hatton: The link-up with the local authority trade unions is a perfect example. In the typists' dispute we've shown ourselves to be four square

have been included towards an anti-trade union position; that for too long the Tories and the establishment generally have looked towards managers who can keep the peace.

We'd want to make sure that, within the sort of framework we would want to create, those who are employed to manage the city are those who are in the best interests of the city.

There have been certain managers, not a massive number, throughout this typists' dispute who have shown themselves to be nothing more than creatures of the establishment. There is no place whatsoever for those within the future hierarchy of a Labour-run authority.

Phelps: What would you do with them?

## Closed shop

Hatton: That would be very much up to the local authority trade unions, but we would immediately give all the local authority trade unions a closed shop, and once a closed shop is given it's up



● Derek Hatton —  
"Jobs are crucial."

Hatton: Very much so. The Labour Party is the political arm of the trade union movement.

It's crucial that we start bringing those together. It's a question of accountability.

Phelps: Why is the Militant Tendency so feared within the Labour Party?

Hatton: I don't think the Militant Tendency is feared by the vast majority of Labour Party members and activists. I think it's the vast majority — over 90 per cent — of Labour Party members in Liverpool know exactly where we stand.

Phelps: Is everything done in the name of the Tendency well within the constitution of the Labour Party?

Hatton: No question about it.

Phelps: Why is the Tendency so strong in Liverpool?

Hatton: I think one of the problems is that the media are underestimating the support that the Tendency has throughout the rest of the country. But I think it is fair to say that Liverpool is probably the strongest because the city is an indication of what has happened to British industry, to the working class. I think what Liverpool

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| 1        | The Observer   | November 1981    | Chuck the militants out of the party  | Tony Benn, Sir Henry Maine, Ian Mikardo, Terry Fields, Peter Tatchell, James Dunn       | Labour's Executive report for 1972-73 on the abolition of the proscribed list, has allowed members of the Militant tendency and other Trotskyist organisations into the Labour Party  |
| 2        | Liverpool Echo | 10 December 1981 | Hard left is a hard fact: How the Militant tendency would run affairs in the city | Michael Foot, (Opposition Leader), Derek Hatton, (MT Supporter)                         | Michael Foot has won his fight for a full-scale investigation into the activities of the far-Left Militant Tendency within the Labour Party. He also says he is against a witch hunt. In an interview with Peter Phelps, Local Government Editor for the Echo, Derek Hatton gives his views on how Liverpool should be run.                           |
| 3        | Liverpool Echo | 10 December 1981 | We'll fight   | James Callaghan, Tony Mulhearn, Michael Foot, Terry Harrison, Peter Taaffe, Eric Heffer | Merseyside was revealed to be the strongest bastion of Militant Socialism in Britain and Liverpool Marxists vowed to keep it that way. Merseyside Militants will be the first to be investigated by the investigation ordered by Michael Foot. Tony Mulhearn said he was confident most party members would give their support to those under attack. |

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| 5-6      | Liverpool Echo | 11 December 1981 | A force that is taking over | Lord Underhill, Terry Harrison, Jim Dunn, Dick Crawshaw, Anthony Steen, Bob Parry, Eddie Loyden, Keva Coombes, Michael Dalling, Tony Mulhearn, Eric Heffer, Peter Taaffe, Terry Fields | The Labour Party have agreed to investigate Militant Tendency, particularly in Merseyside. The city's band of five Labour MPs has been cut over the past year by defections to the Social Democrats leaving only two. Peter Taaffe, editor of their newspaper, says Merseyside houses Militants strongest group. Militants have their sights set on other constituencies in the city. |
| 5        | Liverpool Echo | 11 December 1981 | How cash is flowing in      |  | Militant gets no revenue from commercial advertising. It relies entirely on its activists within the Labour movement to build up cash and staff.  |
| 6        | Liverpool Echo | 11 December 1981 | The scars that linter       | Peter Taaffe, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Trotsky,  | Militant Tendency say that they have supporters, not members. Their chief supporter in Britain is Peter Taaffe, the editor of the Militant newspaper. Mr Taaffe's working class upbringing in Birkenhead's dockland left scars which are still visible today.   |

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| 7        | Daily Mail                | 18 December 1982 | The cult at work in the school of chaos | Ananda Murti, Phil Carspacken, Nicholas Monsarrat | Roy Kerridge went to Liverpool to investigate two stories but was astonished when the two stories ran into each other. Members of a following, Ananda Marga, and members of the Workers Revolutionary Party, had answered a call for teachers to teach at Croxteth Comprehensive school. Kerridge himself volunteered as a teacher at Croxteth Comprehensive but the ordinary teachers, together with the volunteers, could not control the pupils, made up of mostly boys. |
| 8        | Liverpool Express         | 13 December 1984 | No Surrender!                           | Patrick Jenkin, Tony Byrne, Keva Coombes          | Patrick Jenkin has said he won't bow to rate rebels. He said Liverpool cannot be treated as a special case. The councils rate support has been cut by just under one percent. Tony Byrne has said to meet the Governments target it would mean axing 6000 jobs.   |
| 9        | The Sunday Times Magazine | 1985             | A life in the day of Derek Hatton       | Derek Hatton                                      | Derek Hatton, 37, is deputy leader of Liverpool city council and is the city's spokesman for its rate-setting battle with the government. He left school at 15 and worked in a variety of jobs before entering local politics. Here he describes a typical day.   |

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| 10       | Liverpool Echo | 30 September 1985 | Taxi dash bid to beat pickets         |                             | Private taxis were hired by Liverpool City Council to deliver redundancy notices to schools. They were hired to foil a picket outside University Community Comprehensive, formerly Paddington. Head teachers had been told to turn up there to collect the notices for their staff. whilst they refused to cross the picket line there, the redundancy packages were being delivered to their schools and left on their desks. Meanwhile, members of NALGO staged a one day strike as soon as redundancy notices appeared on their desks. |
| 10       | Liverpool Echo | 30 September 1985 | We never lied on notices-<br>Hamilton | John Hamilton, Derek Hatton | Liverpool's Labour leadership denied they had lied to Town Hall workers by promising not to sack them. Each member of staff received a letter signed by Hamilton and Hatton saying they would never issue a single redundancy notice. Eight weeks later, Labour bosses forced through the biggest single redundancy programme in British History.   |

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| 10       | Liverpool Echo | 30 September 1985 | Bid to woo unions                    | Mike Reddington, Ron Todd   | National bosses of eight councils will be urged to throw their full weight behind Liverpool's revolt against the Government. Liverpool's Labour president Tony Mulhearn called on unions to make a public declaration of total support for the council but transport workers' leader Ron Todd made it clear his union was still against the sackings move. |
| 11       | Liverpool Echo | 04 October 1985   | Car trips 'a disgrace' rap           | Derek Hatton, Gerry Marsden, Rosemary Cooper, Tony Mulhearn, John Linden, Andy Pink | Liberal councillor Rosemary Cooper slammed the use of chauffeur driven council cars by Militant councillors fighting against Government cash cutbacks. Cars used to take campaign unit to Bournemouth, London, Bournemouth again them back to Liverpool.   |
| 11       | Liverpool Echo | October 1985      | City plan to steal march on teachers |   | Education chiefs want to close schools for 3 months from 1st January to 1st April. Pupils will have 9 continuous months of teaching. The move is aimed at beating the teachers' unions taking court action to have their redundancies, scheduled for 31st December, declared illegal.  |

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| 12       | Liverpool Echo | 04 October 1985 | Derek with his back to the wall | Derek Hatton, Neil Kinnock, John Hamilton, Tony Beyga, David Ware, Ian Lowes, Patrick Jenkin, Shirley Hatton, Pat Vallance | Pressure is mounting on Derek Hatton as the city teeters on the brink of collapse. Hatton has been publicly denounced by Neil Kinnock and been involved a row with Liverpool's church leaders. Liverpool's businessmen have started a 'Get Hatton out campaign'. The engineers union have questions his Labour membership due to his Militant links. Hatton is also being investigated by Merseyside Police on a number of issues. One of them being the passing of a plan to build a £10m store in the Speke enterprise zone. |
| 12       | Liverpool Echo | 04 October 1985 | A leading question              | Derek Hatton, John Hamilton  | From the Hebrides down to the Isle of Wight, everybody now knows Derek Hatton. His name has now become as firmly linked with Liverpool as the Beatles in the Sixties. But how many have heard of John Hamilton? Even on Merseyside there are people to whom the name would mean nothing. Yet it is John Hamilton, not Derek Hatton, who is the Labour Leader of Liverpool City Council.  |

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| 13       | Liverpool Echo | 07 October 1985 | Rally calls for an end to Militant      | Jeff Tinnion, Nessie Shankly, Ron Yeats, Peter Maloney, Joan Jonkers, Bobby Shack, Trevor Jones, Derek Hatton | Despite torrential rain yesterday, around 5,000 Merseysiders attended an anti-Militant rally at the Pier Head. Militant supporters who staged a counter demonstration were booed and jeered as they attempted to heckle the speakers.   |
| 13       | Liverpool Echo | 07 October 1985 | Labour group calls for unity            | Derek Hatton, Jim Lloyd, Ian Williams   | A number of key Labour front benchers and senior party members are in on a conspiracy to oust Hatton and Militant tendency from the council. Hatton dismissed newspaper reports attacking his lifestyle and council expenses. Hatton's Knowsley employers are reviewing his two day week position within the council.         |
| 13       | Liverpool Echo | 07 October 1985 | Council faces new row over jobs notices | Sir Trevor Jones, Hugh Dalton, Jeff Tinnion   | Liverpool's Liberal leader Sir Trevor Jones yesterday called for an emergency meeting of the city council to demand the withdrawal of redundancy notices. Sir Trevor claims the notices are not lawful and that there will be no legal entitlement to the workforce because the notices do not conform to the Employment Act. |



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| 14       | Liverpool Echo | 07 October 1985 | We'll pay up, says Byrne     | Tony Byrne   | Liverpool council workers will be paid up until December 31 even though Liverpool faces an imminent cash crisis. The Public Works Loan Board refused to turn the city's cash tap back on. Other banks and lenders have stopped lending Liverpool cash.           |
| 14       | Liverpool Echo | 10 October 1985 | Open war on Town Hall rulers | John Daly, David Basnett, Fred Jarvis, Rodney Bickerstaffe | Britain's trade union generals launch a blistering broadside against Liverpool's Labour rulers. The attack centred on the authority's decision to issue redundancy notices to its 31,000 strong workforce.   |
| 15       | Liverpool Echo | 11 October 1985 | No pay for a month           | Tony Byrne   | Liverpool's 31,000 council workers face a one month lay-off without pay so that Liverpool Council can try and balance it's books. A special session of the city's finance committee agreed to sack the people on the 31st Dec then re-employ them on January 28. |

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| 16       | Liverpool Daily Post | 12 October 1985 | Bid to shift appeal fails             | Justice Mann, Anthony Scrivener                       | Unemployed Liverpool Labour councillors, who face the threat of surcharge and disqualification will be unable to afford to go to London for their High Court appeals, a judge heard yesterday. Mr Justice Mann was told that almost half of the 49 Liverpool councillors who have been served with notices calling on them to pay a total of £106,103, were unemployed. He fixed January 13 for the start of the appeals by the Liverpool councillors and by 32 members of the ruling Labour group on the London Borough of Lambeth. |
| 16       | Liverpool Daily Post | 12 October 1985 | 31,000 told: Take a month with no pay | Tony Byrne, Mike Reddington, Chris Hallows, Ian Lowes | Rebel councillors announced an alternative to the 31,000 redundancies they made. The 31,000 council workers are to be laid off from New Year's Eve until January 28 without pay. This move is to use the £23m to keep services running instead of using it to pay out redundancy. The city could now come closer to balancing its books.   |

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| 17       | Liverpool Echo | 16 October 1985 | Hatton on the Mat!<br>Council bosses carpet Hatton | Derek Hatton, Richard Penn   | Hatton has been questioned by Knowsley council bosses as to why he has not handed any time sheets in for over ten months even though he had had a warning from Richard Penn. Hatton was told to clock in and clock off like other workers but Hatton's card has never been used. Hatton has been told to produce his time records or face an internal inquiry.              |
| 17       | Liverpool Echo | 16 October 1985 | Labour MP in battle to woo voters                  | Robert Kilroy-Silk, Tony Mulhearn, Keva Coombes                              | A Merseyside Labour MP threatened with the sack, may appeal to voters to save his job. Robert Kilroy- Silk is under pressure to fight his Knowsley North seat as an independent, if he is ousted by Liverpool Militant, Tony Mulhearn. He could either resign immediately to cause a by-election, or fight under an Independent Labour banner at the next General Election. |
| 18       | Liverpool Echo | 17 October 1985 | Hatton claims locked in safe                       | Derek Hatton, John Hamilton, Ken Livingstone, Jeremy Beecham, David Blunkett | Details of Derek Hatton's expenses have been separated from those of other council members and locked away at the Municipal offices at the request of the police. Compared to John Hamilton who details all of his expenses, Hatton does not. Hatton's claimed expenses covered 326 out of 365 days.  |



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| 18       | Liverpool Echo | 17 October 1985 | Nalgo offers 'legal aid'              | Derek Hatton, Roger Bannister, Richard Penn, Terry Fields | Knowsley union bosses are reported as being prepared to offer 'legal support' to Councillor Derek Hatton, as he is due to be interviewed by chief officers at Knowsley Council about why he has not handed in worksheets for the last ten months to justify his £11,000 a year salary. |
| 19       | Liverpool Echo | 17 October 1985 | This council is betraying us all      | Tony Byrne, Neil Kinnock                                  | James Rand said the decision to lay off Liverpool City Councils workforce is as fraudulent as the attempt to sack 31,000 people which preceded it. The responsibility lies with the councillors who were elected to run the city, not close it down.                                   |
| 20       | Liverpool Echo | 17 October 1985 | Letters page. The voice of Merseyside |   | Readers of the Liverpool Echo have written in in response to the Anti-Militant rally at the Pier Head.   |

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| 21       | Liverpool Echo | 21 October 1985 | Boot out Militant, city ward tells Neil | Neil Kinnock, Tony McGann, Paul Orr, Joe Morgan, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, John Cunningham | Officials and councillors from the staunchly anti Militant Vauxhall ward Labour Party will urge Neil Kinnock to take firm action to release Militant's grip on the city council. At the Bournemouth Labour Conference three weeks ago, Mr Kinnock lambasted the "generals of gesture" and the "Tendency tacticians" for playing politics with people's jobs, homes and services. Today's meeting with Town Hall bosses was to discuss Liverpool's budget crisis.                  |
| 22       | Liverpool Echo | 21 October 1985 | It's up to you now Neil!                | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton  | Welcome to Liverpool Mr Kinnock. The people of this city read with interest your condemnation at the Labour Party conference of the Militants who run their council. The Echo hailed your performance at the Labour Conference. You made a courageous speech and showed you have the qualities of leadership. Now is the time to prove that you really are the leader of your party and that it is you and your national executive who are in control, not the Militant Tendency. |

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| 22-23    | Liverpool Echo | 21 October 1985 | Militant   | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, John Livingston, David Hughes, Micky Keating, Paul Orr, Eddie Roderick, Bill Snell, Peter Murphy, Pat Johnson, Joe Morgan, Jim Mortimer, Roy Hattersley | Officials from the Vauxhall ward of Liverpool have an inch thick dossier of complaints against the Militant Tendency in Liverpool. It also contains a sheaf of non-committal indecisive replies. The chairman of the Vauxhall ward had received anonymous letters of abuse and threats through his letterbox. John Livingston wrote personally to Kinnock describing local Labour meetings. Kinnock has been accused of not standing up to the Militants in Liverpool.   |
| 23       | Liverpool Echo | 21 October 1985 | We stood alone but never faltered in our fight against this cancer in the Labour Party | Neil Kinnock, Edmund Burke, Joe Morgan, Paul Orr  | The Vauxhall Ward Labour Party has stood alone against Militant Tendency. When Militant took control of the party in 1983 they set out to smash any local group with a mind of its own. Vauxhall Ward Labour Party have had to put up with a lot of abuse. Their delegates to the CLP and DLP have been heckled and ridiculed. Militant Tendency is separate political party and is opposed to everything the Labour Party stands for. Militant must be dealt with ruthlessly before our city is irreparably damaged |



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| 24       | Liverpool Echo | 21 October 1985 | Price of fame                     | Derek Hatton                | The reason given by the D.L.P for Derek Hatton's high salary of £10,299 a year was because of his popularity. The D.L.P criticised the Liverpool Echo's coverage of Hatton's expenses claims. Hatton also gets paid £11,000 a year for a 17 1/2 hour week from Knowsley council.  |
| 24       | Liverpool Echo | 22 October 1985 | £23m loan does not bail out city  | Tony Byrne                  | Reports that Merseyside County Council have lent Liverpool City Council £23m to help out with their budget crisis were dismissed as 'completely misleading'. Tony Byrne said the city council had been carrying £23m of capital debts on behalf on the county council since 1974. He said it was just a routine financial transaction which simply involved re-scheduling capital debt. |
| 25       | Liverpool Echo | 22 October 1985 | Kinnock's fury of claim of U-turn | Neil Kinnock, Tony Mulhearn | A row broke out between Kinnock and Mulhearn over comments made by Mulhearn to Kinnock. At the Labour party conference, Kinnock had tongue lashed "the generals of gesture" and the "tendency tacticians" for creating grotesque chaos in the city. Mulhearn said Kinnock was now supporting their controversial budget stand and it was a miraculous transformation.                   |

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| 25       | Liverpool Echo | 22 October 1985 | Militant on the run, says leader | Neil Kinnock, Tony McGann, Paul Orr, Joe Morgan | "Don't give up Militant Tendency are on the run." That was the message from Neil Kinnock to his anti Militant supporters in the Vauxhall ward party.   |
| 25       | Liverpool Echo | 22 October 1985 | Tell us where you stand - Hatton | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, Kenneth Baker       | The row between Neil Kinnock and Liverpool Council continued after a stinging attack on the Labour leader from Derek Hatton. Hatton sent Kinnock an open letter accusing him of a 'vitriolic and venomous attack' on the council.  |
| 26       | Liverpool Echo | 22 October 1985 | Storm over Judas row             | Jim Ferguson, Derek Hatton, Joe Hay             | Liverpool NUT leader Jim Ferguson was the victim of a Judas jibe when angry council manual workers showered him with 30 pieces of silver. Ferguson said the smear was condoned by Derek Hatton. The 60 workers surrounded Jim Ferguson when he was talking to NASUWT president Joe Hay at the Town Hall. |

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| 27-28    | Liverpool Echo | 23 October 1985 | Pupils facing school crunch     | Damian Brady  | Some schools in the city will close after half-term because they're running out of materials. Teachers are not allowed to order replacements. Schools have been exchanging teaching aids and in some cases, parents have been asked to buy supplies from local stationers. Schools are not allowed to order essential commodities like oil. |
| 27       | Liverpool Echo | 23 October 1985 | Beat-the-clock bid to save city | John Hamilton, Maurice Stonefrost, Glen Folwell, John Marlow, David Blunkett, Derek Hatton, John Cunningham | A team of outside, expert financial experts began a desperate beat-the-clock battle to save Liverpool from bankruptcy. The city could be penniless in 10 days time if it doesn't work with some services collapsing even sooner. The move is part of a two part initiative to bail Liverpool out proposed by David Blunkett.                |



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| 29       | Liverpool Echo | 25 October 1985 | Teachers' pay row            | Tom Trafford                                 | The NUT is planning to take Liverpool City Council to court over non payment of teachers salaries. The union claim discipline has nearly completely broken down in some schools and it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt. The NUT office has been inundated with requests for early retirement. One school, Joseph Williams primary school in Belle Vale, has already closed with others expected to follow. The council have been accused of delaying confirming new teachers appointments. Schools are running short of all materials as every order has to be vetted by Tony Byrne. |
| 29       | Liverpool Echo | 25 October 1985 | Resign call to schools chief | Dominic Brady, Mike Storey, Felicity Dowling | A call has gone out for the resignation of Liverpool's education chairman Councillor Dominic Brady following the revelations that the city's cash crisis is keeping schools short of basic materials like pencils and toilet paper.  |

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| 30       | Liverpool Echo | 25 October 1985 | You are 'freaks' blast at protesters     | Tony Hood, John Livingston, Neil Kinnock        | The anti-Militant Tendency crusaders in the city's Vauxhall Labour stronghold have been branded "freaks" by their own constituency boss. Riverside Constituency chairman Tony Hood, accused the Vauxhall Labour chiefs of bullying people wanting to join the ward and of being secretive and inefficient. Vauxhall is locked in a row with with Riverside after refusing membership to applicants it suspects of being Militant Tendency supporters. |
| 31       | Liverpool Echo | 28 October 1985 | Hatton fury over jobs-for-the-boys claim | Derek Hatton, Robert Kilroy-Silk, Tony Mulhearn | Claims were made in a BBC TV programme, This Week Next Week, accusing Derek Hatton he was behind a "jobs for the boys" plot to oust Knowsley North MP Kilroy-Silk and replace him with a Militant candidate. It was alleged Labour party members are being urged to vote for Tony Mulhearn with the promise of jobs with Liverpool Council security force. Hatton denied he had anything to do with it.   |

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| 31       | Liverpool Echo | 28 October 1985 | No lifeline for the city'<br>Hatton lashes report. | Tony Byrne, Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton                       | The 'Four Just Men' report, drawn up by four outside council treasurers, has been dubbed old hat by a city Labour chief. Councillors have complained that it was given to Neil Kinnock to read before them. The document proposes a 15% rates increase for the city.   |
| 31       | Liverpool Echo | 28 October 1985 | Kinnock hits at 'con-trick'                        | Neil Kinnock, Jack Cunningham                                | Labour leaders today accused rebel Liverpool party chiefs of pulling a con-trick over the city budget crisis. Mr Neil Kinnock and his environment spokesman Dr Jack Cunningham, said the proposals from the four-man of Town Hall finance had been open to the council all along. They appealed to city councillors to act swiftly on the plan to put Liverpool back on the straight and narrow - and said a rates rise now was needed to avoid another cash crisis next year. |
| 32       | Liverpool Echo | 30 October 1985 | Anger of MP in a scuffle                           | Robert Kilroy-Silk, Jeremy Corbyn, Frank Field, Derek Foster | A scuffle broke out in the Commons between Robert Kilroy-Silk and Jeremy Corbyn. Kilroy-Silk confronted the Islington North MP about an TV interview he gave.  |



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| 33       | Liverpool Echo | 01 November 1985 | Bailed out!                            | Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn | Cash starved Liverpool is being bailed out by other councils. Derek Hatton said third party authorities were acting as guarantors to help keep the city's services running. Liverpool Labour chiefs have rejected the 'four just men' report rescue option. This involved a 15% rate rise.  |
| 33       | Liverpool Echo | 01 November 1985 | One week to find a solution, say union | Jack Dromey, David Blunkett | Jack Dromey, National Officer of the TGWU has given Liverpool Labour chiefs just one week to find an alternative to putting up the rates to end the council's cash crisis. Mr Dromey said that Liverpool councillors have a plan which was based on the scheme proposed by Sheffield Council leader, David Blunkett, for other authorities to transfer borrowing rights to Liverpool. |
| 33       | Liverpool Echo | 01 November 1985 | Put up rates, end cash crisis' plea    | Allan Roberts               | A left wing Merseyside MP today appealed to Liverpool Council chiefs to put up the rates to end their cash crisis.  |

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| 34       | Liverpool Echo | 01 November 1985 | Top probe on student funds | Sir Michael Havers, William Bennett, Tony McMahon | Sir Michael Havers has launched an investigation into alleged misuse of student funds on Merseyside. Handouts from this fund have been given to striking miners and militant groups. The 7500 strong Guild of Undergraduates at Liverpool University announced it was pulling out of the Merseyside Area Students' Organisation. |
| 35       | Liverpool Echo | 05 November 1985 | Derek and the Royal Family | Derek Hatton, Queen Elizabeth II, Peter Hennessy  | Derek Hatton was asked by the Liverpool Echo whether a Labour Cabinet of his political views would abolish the Monarchy and his response was if there is a democratic feeling that the majority of people wanted a Royal Family, then that would be the case.  |

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| 35       | Liverpool Echo | 05 November 1985 | Militant 'Madness'                    | David Steel, Trevor Jones                            | A report by the Liberal party was being released in Westminster accusing the Liverpool Militants of a 'gigantic confidence trick'. It highlights Labour's record on finance, housing, jobs and education. The Liberal's reject charges that their mismanagement led to Labour's current money troubles. Liberal's biggest criticism targets the Education service. They say it is at the point of collapse. |
| 36       | Liverpool Echo | 07 November 1985 | Blast for Heather on 'Labour rip-off' | Heather Adams, Paul Clark, Tony Byrne, John Hamilton | Millions of pounds earmarked for the young, old and sick in Liverpool's social services sector is being siphoned off to Labour's council house building programme, say city Liberals. Now, they are demanding the resignation of social services committee chairman Heather Adams. Liberal social services spokesman Paul Clark will moved a motion of no confidence in her next week.                      |

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| 36       | Liverpool Echo | 07 November 1985 | Salary snag for the care workers | John Hamilton, Malcolm Payne, Kenneth Baker, Iain Brodie Brown | Workers helping Liverpool's sick and handicapped have not been paid last month by the city council. Leader of the crisis hit council John Hamilton has assured workers that money is on the way. The cash crisis affects several groups including MIND. MIND, the group that helps discharged psychiatric patients settle in the community, can take no more people on its books because of cash problems. |
| 36       | Liverpool Echo | 07 November 1985 | Rebels ready to bend             | Tony Mulhearn, David Blunkett                                  | Key Labour politicians were hoping a solution to Liverpool's financial problems was on the cards even though the Stonefrost report has been rejected by the DLP. Tony Mulhearn indicated that the hopes of the city are largely pinned on the Blunkett initiative. Such a move would re-establish confidence in the city.  |



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| 36       | Liverpool Echo | 07 November 1985 | Row brews as third council rebel faces axe | Joe Morgan, Bill Snell, Tony Jennings, Eddie Roderick  | A third member of Liverpool's "Sensible Six" rate rebels could face the sack next week. Councillor Joe Morgan has been left off the District Labour Party list of names from which a choice of candidates for the 1986 May elections will be made. Last night another of the original six - Councillor Bill Snell - was ditched by Gillmoss Ward. His defiance of Labour's illegal budget last year was the key factor in his downfall.   |
| 37       | Liverpool Echo | 08 November 1985 | The A-Team agitators                       | Derek Hatton, John Hamilton, Sally Atherton, Peter Murray, Tony Mulhearn, Mike Reddington, Andy Pink | A hard-left propaganda hit squad nicknamed the A Team is operating out of Liverpool Town Hall and council leader John Hamilton knows nothing about it. The A Team exists of union stewards and others on the city's payroll who are campaigning almost full-time in favour of the Labour Party. 20 manual workers were secretly seconded to the Central Support Unit through a committee chaired by Derek Hatton. The Dale St annexe is were most council committee meetings took place but is now heavily guarded by security men instead of caretakers. |

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| 37       | Liverpool Echo | 08 November 1985 | Now it's cash on the nail! |   | The city council's multi million pound maintenance department has been reduced to the level of a do-it-yourself operation by the cash crisis, it was disclosed today. Council chiefs appear to be ignoring established tendering procedures and are turning to small-time builders' merchants to keep essential supplies going. |
| 37       | Liverpool Echo | 08 November 1985 | NUT orders a boycott       | Felicity Dowling, Peter Murray                          | Liverpool teachers have been instructed to boycott staff meetings called by the city council's Militant schools' boss Felicity Dowling. The NUT has accused Ms Dowling - herself an NUT member - of acting against the interests of the union by ignoring traditional procedures.   |
| 38       | Liverpool Echo | 14 November 1985 | CLOSING DOWN!              | Jack Cunningham, Tony Byrne, Frank Mills, John Hamilton | No wages will be paid to 31,000 town hall staff. This will result in all main services and schools operating for the last time in Liverpool on November 22nd. Emergency services will care for the old, sick and young in council homes on the following Saturday.  |

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| 38       | Liverpool Echo | 14 November 1985 | Pay strike fears            |  | NALGO payroll staff are threatening to halt what could be the final pay packet for Liverpool City Council's 31,000 workers. Forty two staff went on indefinite strike after three colleagues were suspended for failing to cover for three people on sick leave.  |
| 39       | Liverpool Echo | 15 November 1985 | Let Whitehall take over-MPs | Barry Porter, Derek Hatton, Malcolm Thornton, Neil Kinnock | A quick Government takeover of Liverpool once city services start to break down was urged today. Merseyside Tory MP, Barry Porter said there was no alternative to a Commissioner being sent in.  |
| 39       | Liverpool Echo | 15 November 1985 | How it will affect you...   | Fred Jarvis, Jim Ferguson                                  | Council services which will operate if Liverpool goes into a state of emergency were announced. There will be emergency refuse collections. Funeral services will be protected. Old people's homes and homes for the disabled will have food and heating guaranteed. The position for schools is not certain. Meetings have been drawn up between the controlling Labour group and teacher's unions. teachers haven't been paid for the past two weeks. |

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| 39       | Liverpool Echo | 15 November 1985 | Let the judge seek election'              | Tony Byrne, Derek Hatton   | Defiant Liverpool Labour chiefs pledged opposition to last minute legal moves aimed at saving Liverpool from bankruptcy. Teachers unions began an appeal at the High Court to quash the council's 9% deficit rate.   |
| 40       | Liverpool Echo | 15 November 1985 | Let them be martyrs                       | Jim Ferguson, Hitler   | Liverpool is on countdown for chaos. Teachers' leader Jim Ferguson has compared the situation in the city to the last days of the Third Reich. The same mentality grips Liverpool Labour leaders and they have lost touch with reality.  |
| 40       | Liverpool Echo | 15 November 1985 | A Roman governor or troops on our streets | Kenneth Baker, Douglas Hurd, Neil Kinnock, Kenneth Oxford, Keith Joseph, Malcom Thornton | Secrecy surrounds the Governments emergency plans for coping with England's fourth biggest city grinding to a standstill. The Government have contingency plans in place for maintaining essential services but there are no plans for using troops in Liverpool. The Government could also send in a Commissioner to run Liverpool. |

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| 40       | Liverpool Daily Post | 16 November 1985 | Carry on working' for city crisis staff | John Hamilton, Fred Jarvis, Kenneth Baker, Eric Heffer  | Liverpool City Council workers look to continue to work. Liverpool's Labour leaders have called on the Labour Party and Government to act to avert the chaos threatening services when the city runs out of cash. 48 Labour councillors who control the city denied they had rejected the Stonefrost report. Environment minister Kenneth Baker agreed to meet a delegation Liverpool Labour PMs to discuss the crisis. |
| 41       | The Sunday Times     | 17 November 1985 | Labour left threatens rebel council     | Derek Hatton, David Blunkett, John Hamilton, Tony Byrne, Jack Straw, Neil Kinnock, John Edmonds | Left-wing members of Labour's ruling national executive have threatened to withdraw their support from Liverpool City Council if it fails to take immediate steps to balance the city's books. David Blunkett warned the councillors that they would lose party sympathy if they rejected a solution to save jobs and services.   |



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| 41       | The Sunday Times | 17 November 1985 | Security boss was jailed for assault | Ian Lowes, Derek Hatton, Trevor Jones, Sally Atherton, Rex Makin, | The union official responsible for recruiting Liverpool city council's new static security force, which opposition councillors have accused of intimidation, has a criminal record for assaulting police. Ian Lowes, a Militant Tendency supporter, was convicted in 1973 of assaulting two police constables. He received six months in prison concurrent on each charge.  |
| 41       | The Sunday Times | 17 November 1985 | Hatton puts the boot in              | Derek Hatton, Lew Baxter, Terry McMaddy                           | Militant tendency supporter Derek Hatton has attempted to ban The Sunday Times Liverpool correspondent, Lew Baxter, from all Labour party meetings in the city. This was after Baxter disclosed how Terry McMaddy had been taken on as a security officer in the city. McMaddy has a conviction for malicious wounding. In an angry telephone call to Baxter, Hatton revealed how he viewed Labour party members who dared to voice views different from his own. |

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| 42       | Liverpool Echo | 18 November 1985 | Pupils hit by exam shuttle      | Dominic Brady   | Pupils in Liverpool may have to sit their GCE O and A level exams in different schools around the city due to a shortage of heating oil. The JMB is threatening to withhold the results as the city hasn't paid for last years summer exams, a total of £147,000.                        |
| 43       | Liverpool Echo | 18 November 1985 | Victims go to the top           | Kenneth Baker   | Leaders of voluntary organisations caught up in the Liverpool cash crisis, are attending a meeting with Environment Minister Kenneth Baker. They are worried about the effect the Labour council campaign is having on their work.   |
| 43       | Liverpool Echo | 18 November 1985 | Bishops in prayers of hope      | Most Rev Derek Worlock, Right Rev David Sheppard, Rev John Williams | Liverpool's bishops have prayed that God's guidance be given to Labour councillors and Tory ministers over the city's cash crisis. They made a united call to the city's half a million people to turn in prayer go God s he may "avert" impending disaster.                             |
| 43       | Liverpool Echo | 18 November 1985 | Labour's desperate 'ambush' bid | Kenneth Baker, John Hamilton, Derek Hatton, Eric Heffer             | Liverpool council chiefs are planning to 'ambush' Kenneth Baker when he has a meeting with local Labour MP's in London. They have accused Mr. Baker of meeting with everyone other than themselves. Liverpool is on a four day countdown to chaos. There is no sign of a rescue mission. |

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| 43       | Liverpool Echo | 18 November 1985 | I'll bang their heads together | Allan Roberts, Kenneth Baker                          | Left-wing Labour MP, Allan Roberts was pleading with Labour to increase the city's rates by 15%. He also urged the government to agree to talks on the following years housing cash limit. He believed a report by the four Town Hall finance experts offered a way out that protected jobs and services.   |
| 43       | Liverpool Echo | 18 November 1985 | Further into isolation         | Ron Keating, John Edmonds, Derek Hatton, Eddie Loyden | At a meeting in London, Liverpool's Labour leaders rejected a proposal put to them by national union leaders to avoid bankruptcy. John Edmonds led the union side said during many hours of discussions we didn't hear one alternative solution. Derek Hatton said during a heated debate that Liverpool Labour council were more in tune with union members than the unions. |

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| 44       | Liverpool Echo | 19 November 1985 | The A-team faces a top level-probe  | Alfred Stocks, Sally Atherton                     | Conservatives have ordered a top-level investigation into Labour's secret army-nicknamed The A-Team. They believe this clandestine operation could be costing Liverpool rate-payers £1,000,000 a year. 29 council staff have joined 10 others and been seconded on full pay to the shadow campaign unit in the Liverpool Town Hall Dale Street annexe. The unit has no official name and does not come under the control of the central support unit. |
| 45       | Liverpool Echo | 20 November 1985 | Lashing for Liverpool's 'Aga Khans' | Trevor Jones, Aga Khan, Derek Hatton, Bill Murray | Liverpool Labour leaders came under fire for finding £10,000 in the midst of the budget crisis to save four luxury cars from the bailiffs.  |
| 46       | Liverpool Echo | 20 November 1985 | Half-day school plan frozen out     | Ken Antcliffe,                                    | An emergency teaching scheme has been prevented as Liverpool schools head for an early end of term. Head teachers had hoped to organise half-day classes for Liverpool's 83,125 pupils, but school heating systems will be crippled when water is drained off to avoid bursts during freezing weather. Only three of the city's 315 school's will be open from Friday.... crunch day in the cash crisis saga.   |

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| 46       | Liverpool Echo | 20 November 1985 | Tears of the caring kids   | O. G. Griffiths, Revd. Peter Jordan                                      | Children were sent home in tears today because of "yo-yo" treatment from the city council. Youngsters at Whitefield Road Junior School had saved up pennies to present to their vicar, who is trying to replace a community mini-bus.. A surprise ceremony was set for this morning's assembly, but had to be cancelled because the school had run out of heating oil and was shut.                               |
| 46       | Liverpool Echo | 20 November 1985 | Council denies 'rates peg' | Tony Byrne, Tony Mulhearn, Ken Livingstone, Neil Kinnock, David Blunkett | Tony Byrne denied today that Liverpool Labour leaders had stitched up a secret budget settlement. Rumours stem from increased efforts from other Labour councils. Ken Livingstone from GLC offered to help on condition Liverpool set a balanced budget. This has the backing of Neil Kinnock. A paper drawn up by David Blunkett shows Liverpool can restore financial credibility with only a 5% rate increase. |

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| 46       | Liverpool Echo | 20 November 1985 | Where the blame lies                         | Kenneth Baker, Patrick Jenkin | Many Liverpool City Council manual workers today received what they have been told will be their last pay packet until the city budget crisis is over. The city councillors are still seeking to shift the responsibility for crisis onto the Government. They are right in their claim that Liverpool has been under funded, but that is not a new factor. The responsibility for the creation of the crisis rests squarely on the leaders of Liverpool's Militant led council. |
| 47       | Liverpool Echo | 21 November 1985 | Kids' pets rustled by broke city councillors | Angela Collins                | Disabled teenagers have been ordered to get rid of their pets because Liverpool City Council cannot afford to feed them. Tomorrow, six ponies, four goats, and numerous ducks, geese, chickens, rabbits and cats will be taken from Oakfield Special School. Head teacher Angela Collins said of the students: "All they understand is that their pets won't be around any longer. They don't know or care about the reasons why the council is in conflict with the Government. |



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| 48       | Liverpool Echo | 21 November 1985 | My regrets, by Hamilton        | John Hamilton, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn | John Hamilton spoke of his regrets on how the way the city's campaign for more cash had been handled. He also criticised the councils publicity department for promoting Derek Hatton. John Hamilton also said his socialism had taught him to project the policy and not the individual. |
| 48       | Liverpool Echo | 21 November 1985 | Hatton: I can't see a reprieve | Derek Hatton                               | Labour rulers were tightening the screws on Liverpool's Left-wing rulers to accept a last ditch rescue package. Derek Hatton said it was odds on for the city to go on emergency services.  |

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| 48       | Liverpool Echo | 21 November 1985 | Take the less painful way call to leaders | David Blunkett                                      | Liverpool's leaders were being urged to accept proposals to end the city's cash crisis by agreeing to a plan drawn up by Sheffield Council's leader David Blunkett. His report recommends a rate rise of 30p in the pound.  |
| 49       | Liverpool Echo | 21 November 1985 | District Auditor stands by                | Tim McMahon, Alan Pearson                           | Knowsley Council announced its planned measures to tighten up time-off procedures, knowing the District Auditor could still decide to step in.  |
| 49       | Liverpool Echo | 21 November 1985 | Clock on and off, Hatton is told.         | Derek Hatton, Alan Pearson, Jim Lloyd, Richard Penn | An investigation into Derek Hatton's two day a week council jobs says it's impossible to prove what work he has done. Absence of work records and lax management over a long period have made it impossible to show how much it has cost rate payers. Hatton and other Knowsley employees could be asked to return some of their pay. |
| 50       | Liverpool Echo | 22 November 1985 | Stand up or take the blame                | Neil Kinnock  | The Liverpool District Labour Party will meet to consider the various options now open to the council to balance the books and keep the city running. The Liverpool Echo reports that the Militant led council have lost the support of all the unions at national level an most of the unions at local level.                        |

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| 50       | Liverpool Echo | 22 November 1985 | The revolt fizzles out       | Derek Hatton, Neil Kinnock | Labour councillors and militant chiefs are set to end Liverpool's budget crisis by floating a compromise package at a meeting of the district Labour party. The solution will involve a major policy reversal, capitalisation of house repair funds. The deal will not involve rent or rate increases. |
| 51       | Liverpool Echo | 22 November 1985 | Council lifts schools threat | Dominic Brady              | Liverpool's education service was thrown into more confusion today with the announcement that all city schools will open as normal on Monday. Labour leaders have pulled another financial rabbit out of the hat and come up with the cash to prevent the expected total shut down.                    |

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| 51       | Liverpool Echo | 22 November 1985 | Ivy ... prisoner in the sky | Ivy Edwards, Derek Hatton | Ivy Edwards looks out over Liverpool from the freezing cold council flat which has become her "prison in the sky." The 60 year old grandmother, who suffers from severe arthritis, has been marooned 120 feet up for five days. The lifts at Leyton View, in Grafton Street, Dingle, have stopped working, but the council has no money for repairs and last night every flat in the 15 floor tower block was plunged into cold darkness, when the electricity and heating failed. |
| 51       | Liverpool Echo | 22 November 1985 | School pets reprieve        | Dominic Brady             | The Oakfield school for disabled teenagers in Gateacre, had been threatened with closure because of the council cash crisis. The children would have had to say goodbye to the six ponies, four goats, chickens, ducks, geese and cats which live at the school. But last night education chairman, Dominic Brady announced that enough money had been found to keep the school open until further notice.   |

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| 51       | Liverpool Echo | 22 November 1985 | We'll boot them out!                    | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Eric Heffer, Eddie Loyden, Bob Parry | Neil Kinnock is backing a secret plan to rid Liverpool of it's Militant bosses. If it's proved Militant have breached labour's rules then it could be disbanded. Kinnock disowned the city leaders and threatened to send in a commissioner to run the city.  |
| 52       | The Guardian   | 23 November 1985 | Bankers come to the rescue of Liverpool | Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, David Blunkett, John Hamilton, Tony Byrne          | Liverpool City Council have secured a loan from Swiss bankers which should enable it to balance its books.  |
| 53       | The Guardian   | 23 November 1985 | The Blunkett factor                     | David Blunkett, Neil Kinnock, Gwyneth Dunwoody, Maurice Stonefrost              | Neil Kinnock praised David Blunkett for his speech at the Labour Party conference. Because of Blunkett's speech, Liverpool's Labour leaders agreed to open the city's books to a team of local authority finance experts led by the GLC's Maurice Stonefrost. |

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| 54       | Daily Telegraph | 23 November 1985 | Liverpool Militants Defeated             | John Hamilton, David Blunkett, Tony Byrne, Alistair Macrae | Liverpool Militants admitted defeat in their budget battle which has bankrupted the city council and left it with no money to pay wages. Liverpool District Labour Party voted to pass a legal budget after a 2 hour meeting. A plan to borrow cash on the security of council houses was proposed by David Blunkett, leader of Labour controlled Sheffield Council.                |
| 54       | Daily Telegraph | 23 November 1985 | Hatton faces expulsion from Labour Party | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, Jack Straw, Kenneth Baker      | Neil Kinnock and Jack Straw signalled plans to expel Militant members of Liverpool City Council. The case would go before Labour's National Executive Committee. Mr. Baker reiterated the Government's view that it was the Liverpool Councillors alone who were to blame for the city's financial predicament and he appealed for the Labour group to act legally and responsibly. |
| 54       | Daily Telegraph | 23 November 1985 | Court pleas by Liverpool teachers        | Mr. Justice Woolf  | Liverpool teachers have made a High Court application to have the rate set by the city council declared illegal. Head Teachers say the rate set would be insufficient.  |



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| 55       | The Sunday Times | 24 November 1985 | How Hatton's nerve cracked   | Kenneth Baker, David Blunkett, Maurice Stonefrost, Patrick Jenkin, Neil Kinnock, John Edmonds, Derek Hatton | Liverpool council was forced to agree to insert unusual and humiliating agreements to the condition of the loan agreements they had made with Swiss banks. It agreed to release money set aside for housebuilding to cover the wages of 31,000 staff.  |
| 56       | The Observer     | 24 November 1985 | Liverpool party faces probe  | Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Neil Kinnock, Tony Byrne, Jack Dromey  | The Labour Party is set to establish an inquiry into the Liverpool District party and its involvement with Militant Tendency. TGWU backed Mr Dromey who said the council could balance its books by adopting measures in the Stonefrost report.  |
| 56       | The Sunday Times | 24 November 1985 | Kinnock scorn for swiss loan | Neil Kinnock, Kenneth Baker   | Kinnock scorned the £30 million deal that saved Liverpool council from bankruptcy. He said it was merely postponing the city's financial crisis. Even though the deal was approved, ministers joined forces with Kinnock to voice their unhappiness at the decision to borrow from them. Kinnock also faces a split within the party over moves to expel the Militant. |

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| 57       | Liverpool Echo | 25 November 1985 | Labour in 2-year budget pledge           |  | Labour has been forced to promise to balance its budget next year as well as part of the climb-down deal to save Liverpool from bankruptcy. It's a condition of the bail out from the Swiss bankers. Liverpool have only 16 weeks to cut £3 million from their spending. The NUT fear schools will suffer   |
| 57       | Liverpool Echo | 25 November 1985 | I'm no quitter vows city finance supremo | Tony Byrne, Chris Hallows, Trevor Jones, Derek Hatton, Paul Clark, Tony Mulhearn | Liverpool councillor Tony Byrne refused to bow down to opposition calls for his resignation. He said the council had drawn up a plan which ensured no rate or rent rises or interruption to house building. Liberal leader Trevor Jones said the council's campaign against the Tory government had caused loss of confidence and investment to the city. |
| 57       | Liverpool Echo | 25 November 1985 | Derek & Co ... 'in need of a fix'        | Derek Hatton, Joe Ashton,  | Derek Hatton and his Liverpool Militants have been branded 'drug addicts' by Labour MP Joe Ashton. Mr Ashton declared: "They are drug addicts, junkies, high on the sound of their own voice and picture and needing a daily fix of the narcotic of publicity.  |

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| 57       | Liverpool Echo | 25 November 1985 | Kinnock agony over Hatton                | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Jack Cunningham, Jack Straw                     | Neil Kinnock is under pressure to go for a full scale inquiry into the Liverpool labour Party. The inquiry would also question whether Mulhearn and Hatton should be expelled. Jack Straw and Jack Cunningham want expulsions.   |
| 59       | Liverpool Echo | 27 November 1985 | Heffer in battle to save Militant        | Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Neil Kinnock, David Blunkett, Eric Heffer, Robert Kilroy-Silk | Labour's national bosses were expected today to launch an investigation into the Militant-dominated Liverpool District Labour Party. The fight against the proposed enquiry was being held by Walton MP Eric Heffer, who said before the meeting that the district labour party had only been carrying out official Labour policies in the budget dispute. |
| 60       | Liverpool Echo | 27 November 1985 | £162m rip-off'                           | Frank Field, Neil Kinnock  | The Government were accused of 'stealing' £162m of Whitehall grants from Liverpool since tough Town Hall overspending penalties were introduced four years ago.  |
| 60       | Liverpool Echo | 27 November 1985 | Labour's bid to gag Militant is defeated | Tony Mulhearn, Robert Kilroy-Silk, Peter Fisher, Tony Rainford, Joe Lawler                 | Constituency members voted 2-1 against a ban on Militant speakers like Tony Mulhearn. Tony Mulhearn is currently locked in a re-selection battle with sitting MP Robert Kilroy-Silk.   |

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| 61       | Liverpool Echo | 27 November 1985 | Vice-like grip' of the city Militants | Derek Hatton, Ian Lowes, Tony Mulhearn, Joe Lawler, Sally Atherton, Sir Trevor Jones, Tony Rainford | Labour activists brag that even a Liberal administration in Liverpool would have difficulty administering the city because of the number of Militant supporters in 'jobs for the boys'. Whitehall has announced plans to curb membership of council employees. Most of the Town Hall YTS clerical jobs have been filled by young socialists. The posts are soon to be made permanent by Labour. Derek Hatton and Tony Mulhearn are frequently shadowed by 'minders'. The security force is another area being investigated. Liverpool Labour have also been accused of banishing workers to menial tasks if they don't support them. Six expert city gardeners were transferred to menial tasks for upsetting the Militant controlled G and M branch. |
| 62       | Liverpool Echo | 28 November 1985 | Kinnock wins vital vote               | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Larry Whitty   | Labours ruling National Executive voted 21-5 to suspend the Liverpool District Labour Party. Neil Kinnock wants changes made to the structure of the Liverpool party to break the Trotskyist tendencies grip to make sure Liverpool isn't brought to chaos and bankruptcy again.  |

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| 62       | Liverpool Echo | 28 November 1985 | Unions' bid to pick up the pieces |  | Liverpool's Town Hall unions will begin the unpleasant task of trying to pick up the pieces when the dust finally settles on the bloody council budget battle. What was once a viable shop stewards structure has been ripped apart by bitter infighting. On one side is the Militant led General & Municipal Union, which is arguably the most powerful of all the authority unions and on the other side is an unlikely combination of office workers, public service staff, teachers and construction workers who have banded together to escape the G & M domination and to fight the Militant council's redundancy policy. |
| 63       | Liverpool Echo | 28 November 1985 | Trot 'corruption' savaged by Roy  | Roy Hattersley, Terry Fields, Larry Whitty, Jim Mortimer | Roy Hattersley accused the Liverpool Labour chief of corruption. He also defended the National Executives inquiry into the LDLP. He said it was not labours policy to bring a city to virtual bankruptcy. Terry Fields condemned the inquiry as a scandal.  |

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| 63       | Liverpool Echo | 28 November 1985 | Smash Militant call to Hamilton     | John Hamilton, Jeff Tinnion, Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton | Pressure was mounting on Liverpool Labour Chief John Hamilton to seize control of his party from Militant tendency. Jeff Tinnion of Liverpool against Militant said the time has come for him to stand up against them.  |
| 63       | Liverpool Echo | 28 November 1985 | Labour pulls plug on bid to oust MP | Robert Kilroy Silk, Jim McGinley, Tony Mulhearn         | Labour's ruling National Executive has halted the re-selection process in Knowsley North, where M.P. Robert Kilroy Silk is under Militant attack. Complaints have been made about physical threats and intimidation at constituency meetings. Kilroy Silk supporters claim 25 out of 37 T&GWU delegates are new faces brought in to back Militant. |
| 63       | Liverpool Echo | 28 November 1985 | Union boots out A-team recruit      | Dave Armstrong, Jane Kennedy                            | Public Employees Union member Dave Armstrong has been struck off as a steward and barred from office, after being found working for the council's Militant undercover propaganda unit (the A-team)   |

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| 63       | Liverpool Echo | 28 November 1985 | This 'maggot' will wriggle and bite           | Neil Kinnock, Jeff Tinnion                                   | Labour Leader Neil Kinnock is determined to root out "the maggot in the body of the Labour Party". His first step is to order an inquiry into the activities of Militant in Liverpool and to suspend the District Labour Party. There has been a general welcome in Liverpool for Mr Kinnock's move and it comes from all political parties, including many members of mainstream Labour.   |
| 65-66    | Liverpool Echo | 29 November 1985 | Up to the neck in debt                        | Mike Reddington, Sir Trevor Jones, Tony Byrne, Kenneth Baker | A balanced budget was approved by the council by 48 votes to 33. A £30 million has been agreed to protect the city's housebuilding. The deal has come in the nick of time as the city was penniless warned Mike Reddington. Another £30 million loan was being sought to pay the day to day expenses from the P.W.L.B. Sir Trevor Jones slammed the rescue plan as precarious and very shaky. The banks were demanding backing for the deal from Kenneth Baker. |
| 66       | Liverpool Echo | 29 November 1985 | Rescue plan a bitter blow, says finance chief | Tony Byrne, Trevor Jones, Neil Kinnock                       | Tony Byrne said the rescue plan was a bitter setback for the ruling Labour group. He accused the government of robbing millions of pounds from the city since 1979.   |



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| 66       | Liverpool Echo   | 29 November 1985 | No more talks, rebels warned                   | Betty Boothroyd, Neil Kinnock             | Liverpool Labour Chiefs will face expulsion from the party if they try to go underground to get round a ban on them meeting. An eight man inquiry team has appealed to Liverpool Party Members to come forward with evidence of intimidation and breaches of the rules. Neil Kinnock may change party rules in order to kick people out.   |
| 66       | Liverpool Echo   | 29 November 1985 | Mulhearn attacks Echo editor                   | Neil Kinnock, Tony Mulhearn, Chris Oakley | Tony Mulhearn accused Neil Kinnock and Echo editor Chris Oakley for conducting a witch hunt against the Liverpool Labour group   |
| 67       | The Sunday Times | 01 December 1985 | Militant evidence may be handed over to police |   | The Labour Party team investigating Liverpool's Militant dominated district party is ready to hand over any evidence on them to the police. The labour party are also seeking secure premises so that witnesses can give evidence free from any threats of intimidation. Officials are confident they have enough evidence to expel Derek Hatton and Tony Mulhearn. Neil Kinnock has called the Militants 'maggots'. |

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| 67       | Liverpool Echo       | 06 December 1985 | Robbed' of their homes.                   | Tony McGann, Peter Owens   | Co-operative housing members in Vauxhall, Liverpool claim they are being robbed of their homes because of their stand against the hard Left Militant Tendency. Housing bosses say 34 co-op applicants will ineligible for the properties under the council's new policy.                     |
| 67       | Liverpool Echo       | 06 December 1985 | Stop Hatton's pay                         | Derek Hatton, Alan Pearson, Tony Redmond   | Alan Pearson has asked for Derek Hatton's pay from his £11,000 salary to be stopped for failing to turn up for a meeting. Greater accountability and stricter controls by management were urged to be put in place.  |
| 68       | Liverpool Daily Post | 07 December 1985 | Rebels launch new attack on Labour leader | Eric Heffer, Tony Benn, Neil Kinnock, Tony Mulhearn, Derek Hatton, Margaret Thatcher | 100's of supporters rallied to hear Heffer and Benn speak against Neil Kinnock's decision to suspend DLP. Mr. Benn told the meeting that the councillors had been defending their own people from threatened cuts in Government money. Hatton said they are saddened by the attacks on them. |
| 68       | Liverpool Daily Post | 07 December 1985 | Hatton dash saves a packet                | Derek Hatton, Alan Pearson,  | Derek Hatton made a chauffeur driven dash to keep an appointment with his Knowsley Borough leisure chief boss, Alan Pearson in order to avoid facing continuing pay deductions and also possible disciplinary action.  |

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| 69       | The Sunday Times | 08 December 1985 | Militant: 'Kinnock is too late in Liverpool' | Neil Kinnock, Richard Venton, Tony Mulhearn, Terry Harrison, Terry Fields, Eddie Loyden, Eric Heffer, Bob Wareing | An inquiry into party affairs in Liverpool has been called for by Neil Kinnock. Merseyside's full time Militant organiser, Richard Vernon said Kinnock is too late. The Sunday Times has investigated and they show that there are 600 registered sellers of the Militant newspaper in Liverpool and all are active members of the Labour Party. |
| 71       | The Sunday Times | 08 December 1985 | The house that is haunting Labour            | Tony Mulhearn, Richard Venton, Terry Harrison, Peter Taaffe, Derek Hatton, Terry Harrison                         | Liverpool's Militant Tendency invited The Times in to their Liverpool headquarters. It was full of campaigning material and it was obvious that this was what they wanted The Times to see. The house has been the subject of arson attacks by right wing groups.  |

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| 71-72    | The Sunday Times | 08 December 1985 | Union to purge Militant stewards         | Peter Lennard, John Edmonds, Jack Dromey, Ron Todd, Alistair Graham, | The biggest union for council workers in Liverpool, the General and Municipal, is preparing to reorganise its branches in the city to reduce the power and influence of Militant shop stewards. Differing ratios of shop stewards to branch members - the Militant-packed parks and gardens branch has greater proportion of stewards than any other - has enabled Militants to control meetings of the union's stewards. The union is expected to consider is the reduction of its larger Liverpool branches to more controllable sizes. |
| 73       | Liverpool Echo   | 17 December 1985 | 'Dynamite' was just my little bit of fun | Derek Hatton, Irene Buxton   | Derek Hatton denied any knowledge of any 'dynamite' evidence against after TV men reportedly heard him talking on tape when he thought his microphone was switched off. Hatton said it was only banter. Irene Buxton had accused Hatton of being 'creative' when claiming expenses. Hatton also resigned from the Bronte Centre, a large community organisation which Hatton directed after £17000 could not be accounted for.  |

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| 73       | Liverpool Echo | 17 December 1985 | Trotsky probe on two city leaders | Tony Mulhearn, Terry Harrison, Peter Taafe | <p>The Labour inquiry team is to investigate claims that two leading Liverpool party members belong to a secret political organisation. Evidence has emerged suggesting that Tony Mulhearn and Terry Harrison are or have been members of the Revolutionary Socialist League - an alleged Trotskyist group operating within the Labour Party. Liverpool District Labour Party president Mr Mulhearn and is deputy Mr Harrison are on a list of names of people said to have been present at an R.S.L. finance meeting in 1964. Mr Mulhearn and Mr Harrison today dismissed the document as a forgery.</p> |

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| 74       | Daily Mail | 20 December 1985 | Militant man bullied me to sell home | Peter Taaffe, Linda Taaffe, Edward Bent, Trudi Bent, Clifford Murphy | A sitting tenant, Peter Taaffe and his wife, bullied property owner, Edward Bent and his wife, into selling their four storey terraced house for £50,000. Two months later the Taaffe's then sold it for £117,000. Threats were made by the Taaffe's to the property auctioneers, The Bent's family firm and the Bent's themselves. Peter Taaffe issued a statement denying all allegations but would not answer any questions. |
| 74       | Daily Mail | 20 December 1985 | Hatton sues TV company               | Derek Hatton,  | Derek Hatton, deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, is to sue Granada TV over a World In Action documentary. The programme carried allegations about his political life and his job with Knowsley Borough Council.   |

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| 75       | Liverpool Echo | January 1986    | Letters Page: Distorted         |  | Bob Lancaster, Secretary of the TGWU wrote to the Liverpool Echo to say that their editorial of 13th January totally distorted the TGWU's actions in guaranteeing the costs of the Liverpool City Councillors in their legal challenge to a vindictive prosecution. The TGWU were not paying for the legal costs, but only guaranteeing their payment until the total amount can be collected from within the Labour movement.  |
| 76       | Liverpool Echo | 27 January 1986 | Rats and wimps-language of hate | Tony Mulhearn, Derek Hatton, Ian Williams, Peter Cresswell | Liverpool Labour Party has been accused of intimidating opponents of the Militant line by an 8000 word article published in the Chartist, a Socialist magazine. It also contains evidence from the Merseyside Labour Co-ordinating Committee to the national party inquiry into the Liverpool District Labour Party. Tony Mulhearn is accused of verbal abuse. A security man, from the static security force, frequently accompanies Derek Hatton to labour meetings. Claims have been made that he directs threats and obscenities to members of Liverpool Labour Left and NALGO secretary Peter Cresswell. |

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| 77       | Liverpool Echo | 27 January 1986 | Hatton in fire-fight           | Derek Hatton, Arthur Clement, Tony Byrne | Labour run Liverpool won control of the administrative back-up for Merseyside's new fire service. Liverpool had beaten Knowsley and St. Helens for the prestige position. Hatton has promised there will be no cuts or reductions in the region's fire service even though there is a £1 million shortfall of cash from Whitehall.  |
| 77       | Liverpool Echo | 28 January 1986 | Now it's Hatton the 'dictator' | Derek Hatton, John Hale                  | Derek Hatton has been branded a dictator by John Hale, Wirral council's Tory leader. It stems from Hatton's decision to adjourn the latest meeting of the Merseyside fire and civil defence joint board. Hatton indicated he wanted to advise Liverpool and Knowsley councils of further information in support of bids for services. Hale said Hatton had no intention of going with the most cost effective services. |
| 78       | Liverpool Echo | 28 January 1986 | Living the Militant lie        | Tony Mulhearn, Derek Hatton              | Evidence published by key witnesses to the national inquiry into Liverpool Labour Party say Militant Tendency tell lies and continue with verbal abuse, intimidation and violence. All these allegations continue to shock. Militant tendency is a disease within the body of Labour. Trotskyites continue to deny the allegations.   |



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| 78       | Liverpool Echo | 28 January 1986 | Lifting the lid on alleged intimidation | Tony Mulhearn, Derek Hatton, Harry Smith | A dossier printed in Labour magazine Chartist, savages Militant's complete failure in the budget battle with Whitehall and exposes how the minority Trotskyite faction dominates the local Labour Party. It lifts the lid on a catalogue of alleged violence and intimidation against those who fail to toe the hard left line.  |
| 79       | Liverpool Echo | 29 January 1986 | Hatton quizzed by cops                  | Derek Hatton, Keva Coombes, Alan Walker  | Derek Hatton was being interviewed by Det. Sup. Alan Walker of the Merseyside Police. Hatton arrived at the police headquarters at 11a.m with his solicitor, county council boss Keva Coombes. Police inquiries have been going on for a year following a call from the House of Commons relating to planning permission for an Asda superstore on a site that should not be used for commercial developments. |
| 80       | Liverpool Echo | 29 January 1986 | The report is 'a disgrace'              | Tony Mulhearn                            | Tony Mulhearn hit back at a report by LCC saying it was all lies. Tony Mulhearn has composed a rebuttal on all charges made by LCC.  |

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| 81       | Liverpool Echo | 30 January 1986 | Baker cash plea to city             | Kenneth Baker, John Hamilton, Derek Hatton | Liverpool Labour chiefs were this afternoon being told they could ease the city council's cash squeeze by working more closely with the private sector. That was the message from Cabinet Minister Kenneth Baker, when he came face-to-face with city Labour bosses in London for the first time since taking over as Environment Secretary last September.   |
| 81       | Liverpool Echo | 30 January 1986 | I'll cross these bridges-<br>Hatton | Derek Hatton, Kenneth Baker                | Derek Hatton spoke about the effects on himself and his family after he was interviewed for 8 hours by Merseyside Police over his expenses claims. Hatton is at the centre of a police probe, an investigation by Knowsley council, his employers, a High Court case, which could make him bankrupt and a National Party inquiry. He has the support of his family but says his children do ask him questions about what they hear. |

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| 83       | Liverpool Echo | 03 February 1986 | Rate rebels begin their biggest test  | Stephen Sedley, Eric Heffer, Derek Hatton, Thomas McMahon | Liverpool's 48 Labour rate rebels began a desperate fight for political and financial survival at the High Court in London today. Councillors face a £106,000 surcharge and banishment from office if they lose their appeal. The appeal is against a decision by Chester based District Auditor, Thomas McMahon to punish the 48 for wilful misconduct over their three-month rate fixing delay. |
| 84       | Liverpool Echo | 03 February 1986 | Militant 'spectre' over city's future | Prof. Minford, Peter Stoney, John Hamilton, Derek Hatton  | A university group led by Prof. Minford and Peter Stoney accused Liverpool Militants of running one of the worst council regimes in the country. They also said John Hamilton and Derek Hatton were responsible for worsening unemployment in the region. The report criticises the city's refuse collection and highways and transport department.   |

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| 85       | Liverpool Echo | 05 February 1986 | The price of jobs battle               | Stephen Sedley, Tony Hood, Peter Owens, Patrick Jenkin, Lord Justice Glidewell | The poor state of Liverpool's housing and the extent of its unemployment problem, had been "a solid disinclination" for the city council to cut jobs, the High Court was told yesterday. Mr Stephen Sidley Q.C., is representing 48 Labour councillors threatened with surcharge to the tune of £106,000. Mr Sedley is expected to take up the next two days expanding Liverpool's case. |
| 86       | Liverpool Echo | 06 February 1986 | Ombudsman to probe gag on your Echo    | Sally Atherton, Don Sutton   | The Ombudsman have been called into the row of the labour party's blacking of the Liverpool Echo. Plans have been condemned to withdraw the Echo and the Daily Post from public libraries as being a Nazi tactic. Liverpool Council is withdrawing advertising from the papers-said to be worth £100,000 a year. labour are refusing to answer any questions.                            |
| 87       | Liverpool Echo | 13 February 1986 | Education Chief to face test over jobs | Dominic Brady, Phil Knibb  | The District Auditor has been asked to investigate new jobs taken up by Dominic Brady and Phil Knibb. Liberal councillors have asked for a full investigation.   |

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| 88       | Liverpool Echo | 13 February 1986 | How two new jobs were handed out on the quiet      | Dominic Brady, Phil Knibb, Derek Hatton, Tony Byrne                    | Derek Hatton and Tony Byrne endorsed two new council jobs which were filled by Dominic Brady and Phil Knibb. Under a council agreement, any new jobs have to be advertised internally so that existing staff have a chance of promotion. At this time, Knibb was employed as an administrator at Croxteth Comprehensive which was run as an independent establishment. There were no interviews and he was appointed by Dominic Brady. Two months later, Brady also created, applied for and got the co-ordinators job. |
| 89       | Liverpool Echo | 13 February 1986 | Letters page: Labour Councillors won't be bankrupt | Derek Hatton   | There is only a vanishingly small chance of bankruptcy of any of the Liverpool Labour councillors occurring. It is certainly not true that the High Court will find against them and then instantly make them all bankrupt but it will give each of them the opportunity to pay the amount outstanding. The Labour Councillors are most afraid of is the five year ban from Public Office.  |
| 89       | Liverpool Echo | February 1986    | I'll snub the Militants                            | Robert Kilroy-Silk, Peter Fisher, George Bundred, John King, Jim Lloyd | Robert Kilroy-Silk will refuse to campaign for two Militant tendency supporters. He will back appeals to Labour's National Executive by the Knowsley councillors who were given the chop.   |

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| 90       | Liverpool Daily Post | 15 February 1986 | Close these poison papers'                      | Tony Mulhearn, Richard Pine, Sally Atherton                | Tony Mulhearn said the Daily Post and Echo should be closed down as the two papers poisons peoples minds. Labour councillors, council officers and workers are all banned from talking to the papers as 83 NGA members face redundancy because of the introduction of new technology.   |
| 91       | Liverpool Echo       | 15 February 1986 | Town Hall keeps gag on the Echo                 | Tony Mulhearn, Chris Oakley, Sally Atherton, Richard Pine, | Liverpool Labour councillors' ban to talking to Echo journalists has now been extended to all 31,000 Town Hall staff. The gagging order is part of a protest package over a Daily Post and Echo management decision to make 83 printers redundant in the move to new technology. Councillor Tony Mulhearn said the Echo management had reneged on job security guarantees. Liberal deputy leader Richard Pine called on the Daily Post and Echo management to negotiate with the National Graphical Association but vehemently attacked the information blackout. |
| 91       | Liverpool Echo       | 15 February 1986 | The man who wants to stop you reading your Echo | Tony Mulhearn, Neil Kinnock                                | District Labour Party President Tony Mulhearn would like to stop you reading the Echo. "Your Echo ... the paper that won't be gagged!"  |

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| 92       | Liverpool Echo | 15 February 1986 | Bill to aid rate rebels doomed | Eddie Loyden, John Fraser,<br>Angela Rumbold | Tory MPs have killed off a Liverpool MPs move to scrap personal fines and bans for rebel councillors. Garston MP Eddie Loyden failed to gain enough support to force a vote on his back bench bill to stop Conservatives taking it out. |

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| 93       | Liverpool Echo | 17 February 1986 | Word Tony gags on                          | Tony Mulhearn, John Hamilton, Derek Hatton, David Leach, Bishop of Liverpool, Archbishop of Liverpool, John Cunningham, Robert Kilroy-Silk, Neil Kinnock | Liverpool City Council's policy committee decided to ban 31,000 council workers from talking to the Liverpool Echo and to ban the Echo from libraries. The attack on the echo was led by Tony Mulhearn who accuse the Echo of lies, distortion and deceit. Not once did Mulhearn use the word 'Militant'. Mulhearn's decision to ban the Echo was supposedly because 83 members of the NGA had been made redundant by the Echo. Tony Mulhearn somehow fits in a full time job with printers Bemrose who print the Sunday magazine for the News of the World. The NOW is owned by Rupert Murdoch who has sacked 5000 printers. |
| 94       | Liverpool Echo | 18 February 1986 | Votes-rig row over Hatton                  | Derek Hatton   | Members of Hatton's Childwall Labour ward claim he only won three Labour ballots with the support of people ineligible to vote. An investigation has been called for.   |
| 94       | Liverpool Echo | 18 February 1986 | Classroom cuts force heads on black market | Mike Storey  | Secret figures show classroom spending in Liverpool has been slashed by more than half. With six weeks left of the financial year, education statistics show that just £1.27 million has been allocated for school supplies.  |



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| 95       | Daily Mail     | 18 February 1986 | Winner Hatton in votes storm | Peter Kileen, Assistant Regional Organiser, Ray Gill, Acting Regional Officer, Eric Heffer MP | Derek Hatton was accused of only winning his local ballot because he had the support of fellow Militants ineligible to vote. Peter Kileen was told people were being signed up to vote only hours before a meeting in the Childwall ward. An inquiry team is to report their findings to the party's national executive.                               |
| 95       | Liverpool Echo | 19 February 1986 | Hatton snub                  | Derek Hatton, Jane Kennedy  | Derek Hatton refused to allow NUPE members to take time off to discuss council budget proposals. Hatton was accused of having a fit of pique because of other unions refusing to attend budget meetings individually. Nupe are concerned that budget plans could include widescale redundancies.   |
| 95       | Liverpool Echo | 19 February 1986 | 7,000 city jobs under threat |   | Liverpool is just six weeks away from a major financial crisis which could threaten 7,000 Town Hall jobs. There is a £37 million gap between the Government's rate capped expenditure limits of £274 million and the minimum £301 million needed to maintain existing council services plus those inherited from the doomed Merseyside County Council. |

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| 96       | Liverpool Echo | 19 February 1986 | Silenced-by tactics                  | Mike Storey, Dominic Brady, Neville Chinn, Kenneth Antcliffe | Councillor Storey was trying to complain about the shortage of school supplies as funds have been cut by 50%. He accused Dominic Brady of not allowing him to speak at any meeting. Storey was allowed to speak on the teacher shortage. He said over 3000 pupils were still being sent home everyday. Education director Kenneth Antcliffe said interviews were nearly complete for the remaining vacancies.                                      |
| 96       | Liverpool Echo | 19 February 1986 | Echo ban 'could be breaking the law' | Roger Johnston,  | Liberal councillor Roger Johnston, claimed that the Liverpool Labour chiefs' ban on the Liverpool Echo could be breaking the law. Town Hall advertising has been transferred to Merseymart in a Labour protest over 83 redundancies announced by Liverpool Daily Post and Echo management in a move to new technology. Merseymart is not distributed throughout the city and planning applications have to be published in a registered newspaper. |

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| 97       | Liverpool Echo | 20 February 1986 | Welcome moves to rid us of Militant | Derek Hatton, Pauline Dunlop   | A meeting by a 53 strong Labour group was taking place to oust Derek Hatton as deputy council leader. The final straw which started the revolt, was Hatton's recommendation to fund the Merseyside Action Group. It is claimed MAG is a Militant puppet. Hatton may survive this attempt but the revolt is very much out in the open. Militant have already suffered a setback. Councillor Pauline Dunlop was deselected by her ward. |
| 97       | Liverpool Echo | 20 February 1986 | Labour smash 'Militant HQ'          | John Sheridan, Tommy Cahill, Phil Knibb, Derek Hatton, Neil Kinnock, Harry Roberts | Labour Party members voted to suspend Trotskyite officers from key positions in the Dovecote ward. All members were accused of misuse of office. This came at a ward meeting in the Dovecote Labour club. The meeting was a culmination of months of unrest over the running of the ward and club.  |
| 98       | Liverpool Echo | 20 February 1986 | Secret plot to topple Militant      | Derek Hatton, Joe Devaney, John Mercer, Sam Semoff, Larry Neild                    | A new Labour group has emerged in Liverpool to try and seize power from the Trotskyite Militant tendency. They want to unite the bitterly divided Liverpool Labour Party.   |

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| 98       | Liverpool Echo | 20 February 1986 | Daggers drawn                                 | Derek Hatton, John Hamilton, Roy Gladden, Paul Orr, Joe Morgan, Bill Snell, Mike Black, Jimmy Dillon, Alec Doswell, Paul Lafferty, Bill Lafferty, Jimmy Hackett, Terry Prout, Bill Westbury, Bob Lancaster, Joe Devaney, Tony Byrne, Dominic Brady, Pauline Dunlop, Dawn Booth, Tony Mulhearn | Labour Party plotters dubbed the Ku Klux Klan, are ganging up to demand the sacking of Derek Hatton and to be replaced by Roy Gladden. A letter has been drawn up and signed by 18 Liverpool councillors but they want the majority of a 53 strong group to sign so that the pressure to quit would be overwhelming.  |
| 99       | Liverpool Echo | 21 February 1986 | Blown it! Hatton's too tough for the plotters | Derek Hatton, Roy Gladden, Tony Byrne, Jimmy Dillon, Richard Venton   | Labour plotters dubbed the 'Ku Klux Klan' have failed to topple the Militants. They were beaten 27-12 in a vote. Derek Hatton's arch rival, Roy Gladden, vowed to fight on. He said he would challenge the deputy leadership. Roy Gladden is well liked within the Labour group. Militants are also denying reports of a split within themselves. Hatton refuses to talk to the Echo. |
| 99       | Liverpool Echo | 21 February 1986 | Probe's 'Nazi-like tactics'                   | Eric Heffer, Derek Hatton   | The Labour team which probed the Liverpool district party was accused today of subjecting Derek Hatton to Nazi style interrogation. Walton MP Eric Heffer will protest about the treatment of Mr Hatton when Labour's national executive discusses the enquiry team's report.   |

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| 99       | Liverpool Echo | 21 February 1986 | Mr Nice Guy, or Nowhere Man?            | Roy Gladden, Derek Hatton   | Many people see Roy Gladden as the Mr Nice Guy of Liverpool Politics. Others claim he is a Nowhere Man, plucked from back-bench obscurity to become heir apparent to Councillor Hatton's crown. Like all Liverpool Labour councillors he is refusing to talk to the Liverpool Echo.    |
| 100      | Liverpool Echo | 24 February 1986 | Out!                                    | Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Ian Lowes, Terry Harrison, Felicity Dowling, Richard Venton, Richard Knights, Josie Altman, Tony Altman, Cheryl Varley | The expulsion of the 10 Liverpool Militants from the Labour Party  |
| 102      | Liverpool Echo | 24 February 1986 | Firm action needed to restore democracy | Neil Kinnock  | Labour leader Neil Kinnock and his National Executive will be told in a report from its committee that investigates the activities of the Militant Tendency in Liverpool that the breach and abuse of the rules of the party have severely damaged the reputation of the Labour Party. |

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| 102-103  | Liverpool Echo | 25 February 1986 | The dossier that damns Militant    | Derek Hatton, Sam Bond   | seated problems inside the Labour Party in Liverpool has been proposed. This comes after a three month probe by an eight person team who took evidence from more than 120 party members. It also says certain jobs are awarded on a political basis. Jobs on the council's static security force, aka Derek Hatton's private army,   |
| 102      | Liverpool Echo | 25 February 1986 | Acts of physical intimidation      |  | Allegations of intimidation at District Labour Party meetings are backed by an inquiry. A significant number of witnesses said there was "a general air of intimidation, that verbal intimidation was rife, and that there were threats and acts of physical intimidation", said the report.   |
| 103      | Liverpool Echo | 25 February 1986 | The shadow squad's unhealthy power | Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Ian Lowes, Terry Harrison, Felicity Dowling, Richard Venton, Richard Knights, Josie Altman, Tony Altman, Cheryl Varley, Paul Astbury, Roger Bannister, Carol Darby, Pauline Dunlop, Sylvia Sharpey-Shafer, Harry Smith. | Militant is a separate organisation inside the Liverpool Labour Party, according to a report. It says the evidence suggests a clear distinction between "supporters" and "members" and that the Tendency has a similar structure to Labour's. The majority of the investigation team are convinced that certain key members of the party on the District Labour Party executive who dominate the key decision making groups in the city are beyond reasonable doubt heavily involved in the Militant organisation. |

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| 103      | Liverpool Echo | 25 February 1986 | Meetings that did not go by the book |  | There are serious charges that DLP meetings breached party rules, says an investigation. Checks on visitors were haphazard. At recent meetings open to all members, delegates and visitors were not segregated. There were complaints that some people were not bona-fide members. |
| 104      | Liverpool Echo | 27 February 1986 | Kinnock's onslaught                  | Neil Kinnock, Eric Heffer, (Walton MP) | Neil Kinnock accused Militant Liverpool of causing the near collapse of government in the City of Liverpool and accused Eric Heffer, the MP for Walton, of not standing up to the Militants  |
| 104      | Liverpool echo | 27 February 1986 | The Party's over!                    |  | Labour rulers have started a total overhaul of the Liverpool party. Letters have gone out to summon a temporary committee of the six constituency parties. The NEC have outlawed Militant Tendency as a party within a party. There will be probes into all affiliated groups.     |

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| 105      | Liverpool Echo | 28 February 1986 | Militant 'solidarity' opens Labour rift. | Harry Rimmer, Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Ray Gill | movement over Militant claims of solidarity against Neil Kinnock's shake-up of the city's Labour group. Harry Rimmer said the Militant tendency must be out of their minds if they think all the city constituency parties will defy the National Executive. This came about after Liverpool Labour leaders launched a national campaign against their party bosses. They also vowed to ignore any expulsions forced on the |
| 105      | Liverpool Echo | 28 February 1986 | Storm over banner at Trots' rally        | Vincent Crawford, Jim Barton                                      | Militant supporters from Crosby fear a backlash from Labour Party moderates, because of their open support for the Liverpool 16. Members of the Crosby Constituency Labour Party are known to have been furious when they spotted their branch banner at the Militant rally in London.  |
| 105      | Liverpool Echo | 28 February 1986 | Rebels' revolt under fire                |   | Rebel Liverpool Labour Party members were warned today that their revolt against moves to expel city Militants would backfire. The 16 Liverpool Militants facing the chop were today receiving letters from Labour HQ asking them to be available on March 12 to answer the charges against them in front of the national executive.  |



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| 106      | Liverpool Echo | 04 March 1986 | Cloud over school peace                   | Fred Jarvis    | The teacher's year long pay dispute has faced a stumbling block. The National Union of Teacher's has made it clear they are opposed to any agreement reached through ACAS. The NUT will continue to ban voluntary duties such as covering for absent colleagues and supervising lunch-time and after school activities. |
| 107      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | Militant boss fails in all out strike bid | Ian Lowes      | Liverpool's Labour councillors were left in the lurch after unions representing the 31,000 workforce dismissed a call for strike action. Ian Lowes, a Militant who is facing expulsion from the Labour party, had hoped to win massive support for the strike plan.   |

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| 108      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | I will be homeless, penniless, a pauper | John Hamilton, Derek Hatton, Lord Justice Glidewell, Thomas McMahon, John Linden | A court ruling by three High Court judges left 48 Liverpool Labour councillors facing a £350,000 bill and 5 years in the political wilderness. John Hamilton said he would be homeless and penniless. The judges were unanimous that the losses caused to the city ratepayers through their three month delay in rate-fixing arose from wilful misconduct. The 48 plan to appeal and also to ask support from trade unions. Judge Glidewell ruled that the 48 councillors should find the money themselves. |
| 108      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | Court's only concern is the law         | Lord Justice Glidewell,  | Lord Justice Glidewell said the certificates surcharging the 32 Lambeth and 48 Liverpool councillors, issued on September 6th last year, required the Lambeth councillors to pay between them a total of £126,947 - the equivalent of 33,967 each - and the Liverpool councillors to pay a total of £106,106 - £2,210 each. The surcharges if upheld by the court, would automatically disqualify the councillors from holding office for five years.   |

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| 109      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | Left launches bid to save the 48   | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton, Shirley Hatton, Keva Coombes | 48 Labour councillors launched an appeal against the District Auditor's decision to surcharge them. Neil Kinnock is opposed to overturning any fines or bans imposed by the courts. Opponents of Liverpool's left-wing said Labour should not drag out the fight by appealing, the 48 should step down immediately.                     |
| 109      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | Posing more questions than answers | Sir Trevor Jones,  | surcharges of the city's Labour rate rebels and ban them from office for five years is not necessarily the end of the road for the Liverpool 48. Appeals as far as the House of Lords could take months and they will cling onto power until the final act is played out. The most pressing problem facing Liverpoolians is the council |

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| 109      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | On your way' call to city's Labour losers | Sir Trevor Jones, Chris Hallows | Opponents of Liverpool's rebel Labour councillors believe they should not drag out the fight by appealing and instead should step down immediately. Liberal leader Sir Trevor Jones, said they have left Liverpool in the greatest financial mess a British city has ever had to face. |
| 109      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | New cash blow faces the rebels            |                                 | Liverpool's rebel Labour councillors could face a new mauling at the hands of the District Auditor. After yesterday's High Court defeat the 48 councillors - already facing a five year ban from office and a £7,300 bill each - further surcharge action may be taken against them.   |

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| 110      | Liverpool Echo | 06 March 1986 | Man with a £20m headache          | Dominic Brady, Peter Caswell, Ian Andain   | Dominic Brady and the education committee have 25 days to fix a budget for local schools and colleges. They are £20m short of cash which is needed to maintain an already battered and tattered education network. A secret report was drawn up by Peter Caswell, a top council officer, during the financial crisis of the previous winter. Some of the results in the report are unpalatable. It recommends axing over 2000 teachers and ancillary workers along with the closure of some schools. It also recommends changing the school starting age. Labour leaders are considering some changes. Ian Andain of the N.A.S./U.W.T is going to discuss these proposals. |
| 111      | Liverpool Echo | 07 March 1986 | We're with you, pledge for rebels | John Hamilton, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn | Supporters of the 48 councillors facing bankruptcy, pledged their support to them. A public meeting was quickly arranged and held at Liverpool Polytechnic. Hamilton, Hatton and Mulhearn have still not decided if they are going to appeal against the judges ruling. The appeal could cost them a further £500,000 so they could end up bankrupt.   |

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| 111      | Liverpool Echo | 07 March 1986 | Breather for Militants                 | Larry Whitty                        | The Liverpool Militants who face expulsion from the Labour Party have been given a two week stay of execution. Labour chiefs have decided to postpone the hearing at which the 16 will answer the charges against them in front of the national executive. It will now be held on March 26. |
| 111      | Liverpool Echo | 07 March 1986 | City MPs Hatton stooges, claim by Tory | Derek Hatton, Ken Hind, Terry Field | Liverpool Labour MPs were today accused of promoting anarchy. A Tory MP accused them of being stooges who danced to Derek Hatton's tune, after they called for the sacking of the three High Court judges who upheld fines and bans on 48 councillors.                                      |
| 112      | Liverpool Echo | 08 March 1986 | Hatton in blast from party 'slur'      | Derek Hatton, Larry Whitley         | Hatton denied accusations he was a member of Militant and had employed Militant supporters in key positions within the city council. The accusations were made by Labour Party National Executive after a 3 month internal inquiry.   |

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| 112      | Liverpool Echo       | 08 March 1986 | Boxing match OK floors the opposition | Derek Hatton, Rosemary Cooper, Ian Lowes                               | Derek Hatton's closest ally lifted a protest strike so that a boxing tournament could go ahead with the Militant boss of Liverpool City Council on the V.I.P. guest list. The Everton Park Sports Centre was the venue for the ABA North West Championships staged in front of 1,400 spectators. The centre had been closed all day because of a strike by members of the GMBATU.  |
| 113      | Liverpool Daily Post | 22 March 1986 | Q.C. error blow for Militant twelve   | Andrew Collins, Sir Nicholas Brown-Wilson, Tony Mulhearn, Larry Whitty | 12 Liverpool Militants are battling the High Court to stop them from being expelled by the Labour Party. The case was adjourned after 100 minutes due to a mix-up of dates by the Militants original QC, Andrew Collins. A new QC has been appointed. The 12 are seeking an injunction to halt the session of Labour's National executive the following Wednesday where they face expulsion. Tony Mulhearn says the delay throws a spanner in the works but we are not unduly worried. |

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| 113      | Daily Post     | 22 March 1986 | Save Derek' fund extortion claims Liberal leader | Derek Hatton, Sir Trevor Jones, David Andrews | GMBATU have allegedly asked workers to donate up to half a weeks pay to the fund to defend Liverpool city Labour councillors threatened with bankruptcy in the city's rates row. Sir Trevor Jones said people have complained to him about it. One worker said if you refuse, your name would go on top of a redundancy list. people are frightened of losing their jobs. |
| 114      | Liverpool Echo | April 1986    | War on jobs for the boys                         | Sir Trevor Jones, Sam Bond                    | The Liberal/SDP Alliance will make changes if they win control of the council in the May elections. They promised to make a purge on blatant political appointments and to reinstate some city traditions abolished by Labour.  |
| 114      | Liverpool Echo | 23 April 1986 | I'm in clear, claims Derek                       | Derek Hatton                                  | Derek Hatton claims a police probe into his expense claims will completely exonerate him.. Merseyside Commercial branch detectives have sent a new report to the Director of Public Prosecutions. Hatton claimed the publicity about the inquiry had amounted to a smear ahead of Town Hall elections.  |



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| 115      | Liverpool Echo | 23 April 1986 | Police launch probe over Beyga leak | Tony Beyga, Alan Stephenson, Alan Walker                            | Commercial Branch detectives began investigating affairs involving Knowsley councillor Tony Beyga and Alan Stephenson. It is alleged that Mr Stephenson passed secret information to Tony Beyga which was worth a fortune to building developers. Two weeks after handing over the information, Mr Stephenson was promoted by a Knowsley interview team chaired by Mr Beyga. |
| 116      | Liverpool Echo | 24 April 1986 | Target of Militant's hate           | GMBU Convenor Peter Lennard   | Father of three, GMU convenor Peter Lennard has become a target of a hate campaign because of standing up to the Militants within the Liverpool council. He has received threats warning him to lay off Militants. You can't watch your children all of the time. His mother has received threatening phone calls.   |
| 117      | Liverpool Echo | 25 April 1986 | Knowsley move on Militants          | Mike Bagan, Dave Williams, Bernie Tyrell, Fred Curran, Derek Hatton | Knowsley South Labour Party has begun moves to expel three Militants, Mike Bagan, Dave Williams and Bernie Tyrell. Threats have been made to a number of council and union members battling to remove these members.   |

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| 118      | Liverpool Echo | 25 April 1986 | School dinners halted by strike    | Tony Byrne, Peter Lennard              | 19 members of staff at Greenbrook Production Unit have staged a sit-in. Thousands of Liverpool schoolchildren will go without a hot school meal. They say the city's Labour administration have reneged on a new pay deal. Tony Byrne has said there is no money in the kitty.                                    |
| 118      | Liverpool Echo | 03 May 1986   | It's sandwiches or starve for kids | Mike Storey, Dominic Brady, Tony Byrne | Negotiations broke down over a pay claim between staff at Greenbrook Production Unit and Liverpool Council. Thousands of school children are having to take sandwiches to school. The Council say they cannot afford the rise in pay. 140 schools are affected. Mike Storey claims a large number of families are |
| 119      | Liverpool Echo | 09 June 1986  | Hatton snubs Labour again          | Derek Hatton, Neil Kinnock             | Derek Hatton refused to attend a disciplinary hearing in London. He said there were more important things to be done in Liverpool other than go to London. The NEC will decide on the day if it is to go ahead without him.   |

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| 121-122  | Liverpool Echo | 10 June 1986 | Hatton joins the jobless/Hatton quits | Derek Hatton, Jim Lloyd, Alan Pearson | Labour councillor Jim Lloyd. Hatton said he was forced to resign because of attempts to tie down his working hours. Officers wanted him to clock on and off to prove how he worked his hours. Knowsley council said no formal resignation had been received. Other conditions Hatton opposed were having to work his hours |
| 122      | Liverpool Echo | 10 June 1986 | No surprise says his boss             | Alan Pearson, Derek Hatton, Jim Lloyd | Alan Pearson, Derek Hatton's boss at Knowsley Council, is not surprised that he has resigned. Hatton worked a 17.5 hour week as voluntary sector liaison officer in Knowsley. He was paid £10.500 a year and first joined the authority 10 years ago.  |
| 122      | Liverpool Echo | 10 June 1986 | Questions to be asked - Beyga         | Tony Beyga, Derek Hatton              | Knowsley Councillor Tony Beyga has expressed concern about the resignation of his "good friend" Derek Hatton. He says he will be asking questions within Knowsley Council about why Liverpool Council's deputy leader felt forced to quit.   |

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| 123      | Liverpool Echo | 10 June 1986 | It's still all or nothing!         | Derek Hatton, Neil Kinnock, Pat Wall, Tony Mulhearn | The Liverpool Echo has repeatedly warned Mr Kinnock that it must be all or nothing. He cannot simply expel Tony Mulhearn, Derek Hatton and other Liverpool Militants and pretend that is the end of Militant when others are left in key positions within the movement, including two who are MPs and others who have been selected as candidates. If Mr Kinnock is not prepared to destroy Militant root and branch, he will find the electorate unconvinced by a few show trials. |
| 124      | Liverpool Echo | 10 June 1986 | Please sir, can we have some cash? | Felicity Dowling, Kenneth Baker                     | the future of Liverpool's teenage pupils is in jeopardy as there isn't enough money to teach them properly. Schools do not have enough money to buy books and equipment in preparation for the new GCSE exams. Meeting is to be held on June 19 and 20 to hear of the city's difficulties.  |

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| 125      | Liverpool Echo | 11 June 1986 | The axe falls as stay-away<br>Derek Hatton does it again | Derek Hatton, Alan Pearson, Jim<br>Lloyd   | Hatton was suspended form his job at Knowsley Council for gross misconduct after failing to turn up to a meeting with his boss Alan Pearson. Hatton said he had resigned but no formal letter of resignation had been received by Knowsley Council. Officers wanted Hatton to clock on and off to show how he worked his 17 hour week.  |
| 126      | Liverpool Echo | 11 June 1986 | We are hounded,' says city<br>moderate                   | Joe Devaney, David Alton, Tony<br>Mulhearn | Councillor Joe Devaney - due to fight Liberal David Alton in the next General Election - broke ranks to tell of Militant attempts to sabotage moderates in Liverpool's Labour Group. The caucus of Liverpool's Labour councillors last night knocked Cllr. Devaney off a position he has treasured for two years. He is no longer to chair the personnel services sub-committee of the education committee - work which involved helping handicapped and deprived children. |

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| 127      | Liverpool Echo | 11 June 1986 | Crisis city in SOS to Minister on schools | Kenneth Baker, Felicity Dowling                         | School leaders in Liverpool have asked for an urgent meeting with Education Secretary Kenneth Baker. More cash is needed to implement the new GCSE exams being introduced in September. Councillor has called a crisis meeting of all school governors in the Town Hall on June 19 and 20.   |
| 128      | Liverpool Echo | 12 June 1986 | Derek defies Labour with a dash           | Derek Hatton, Felicity Dowling, Jim Lloyd, Alan Pearson | Derek Hatton was due in London for a disciplinary hearing but filled his day with meetings saying he was putting the city of Liverpool first. Felicity Dowling also refused to travel to London for her hearing. Left-wingers in Knowsley want Jim Lloyd to fix it for Hatton to get a job again with Labour dominated Knowsley council. |
| 129      | Liverpool Echo | 13 June 1986 | Now Derek shows the red card              | Derek Hatton, Neil Kinnock, Tony Mulhearn, Joe Devaney  | Derek Hatton declared business as usual to Neil Kinnock after his expulsion from the Labour party. Hatton insisted he would carry on with all council business and play an active role in the Liverpool Labour Party. Some Labour councillors have not been awarded committee places because of their anti-Militant stance but they      |

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| 129      | Liverpool Echo | 13 June 1986 | Washday Blues in Everton           | Derek Hatton, Doreen Brown  | The washer women of Liverpool are fighting to save the Fred Robinson public laundry in St Domingo Road, Everton - the city's last public laundry by staging a defiant sit-in. Militant led Liverpool council want to shut the laundry and build homes on the site.   |
| 129      | Liverpool Echo | 13 June 1986 | Hearing was a charade, says Venton | Richard Venton, Carol Dalton, Neil Kinnock, Sam Bond, Roger Bannister, Derek Hatton, Terry Harrison, Felicity Dowling | Militant supporter Richard Venton branded his disciplinary hearing as a charade today. Mr Venton, who denies editing Mersey Militant, said his hearing was not properly discussed and is demanding an investigation into other groups within the Labour Party like the Liverpool Left.   |
| 129      | Liverpool Echo | 13 June 1986 | Home with 5 chairs for 30 old folk | Rosemary Cooper   | Thirty pensioners in council sheltered accommodation are forced to share only five chairs in their communal lounge. The residents living in Holbrook House, Dovecot, have to carry bedside chairs into the living room if they want to sit there. Liverpool's left wing leaders have made no moves to replace furniture which has broken or collapsed. |

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| 130      | Liverpool Echo | 13 June 1986 | More fish in the sea...                 | Derek Hatton, Neil Kinnock, Pat Wall                     | Echo Comment: Derek Hatton has finally been expelled from the Labour Party, but there are still many other fish still swimming about who have yet to be netted and some Militant sharks who have not even been spotted yet. Mr Hatton is simply a moderately big Militant fish whose ever open mouth eventually swallowed the hook on the end of Neil Kinnock's line.              |
| 131      | Liverpool Echo | 13 June 1986 | Militant's hit storm with 'sweet' union | Peter Lennard, Derek Hatton, Dominic Brady, Richard Pine | Militant council leaders have withdrawn all nomination rights from branch 80 of the union while an investigation is carried out into jobs-for-the-boys allegations. After Peter Lennard delivered thousands of redundancy notices by taxi, he turned against his Militant employers when the extent of their policies became known. His parents and children have been threatened. |



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| 132      | Liverpool Daily Post | 14 June 1986 | Thatcher to curb town hall power                          | Derek Hatton, Margaret Thatcher, David Widdicombe, Nicholas Ridley, Norman Tebbit         | Margaret Thatcher is to ask Parliament for new laws to protect ratepayers and minority parties from heavy-handed one party rule. The impetus for this comes from a report by a committee headed by David Widdicombe QC. The report wants a ban on senior council officers employed by one authority serving as councillors on another. Payment of allowances would also be streamlined.   |
| 132      | Liverpool Daily Post | 14 June 1986 | Labour's hard-hitting battle with extremists forges ahead | Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn, Peter Kilfoyle, Neil Kinnock, Terry Fields, Roger Bannister, | The Labour Party has acknowledged it faces a long hard battle ahead In ridding the party in Liverpool of its Militant domination. The expulsion of Derek Hatton and Tony Mulhearn, may have been a milestone but there is still an uphill task ahead for Peter Kilfoyle, the Labour agent sent by Neil Kinnock into Liverpool to sort out malpractices and non-constitutional processes used in the ranks of the now suspended District Labour Party. |

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| 132      | Liverpool Daily Post | 14 June 1986 | Kinnock boots out seventh Militant | Neil Kinnock, Terry Harrison, Cheryl Varley, Felicity Darling, Derek Hatton | Labour leader Neil Kinnock last night completed the second stage of his purge of Liverpool Militants. City party vice-president Mr Terry Harrison, a cofounder of the Militant newspaper, was expelled by the National Executive on a 12-5 vote after another all day disciplinary hearing in London. Mr Harrison is the seventh Militant supporter to be thrown |
| 133      | Liverpool Echo       | 16 July 1986 | Hatton could be on the mat soon    | Richard Penn, Derek Hatton, Charlie McGee, Alan Pearson, Rosemary Cooper    | Richard Penn has asked for Hatton's disciplinary hearing to be rescheduled asap. Hatton had broken his ankle in a football match but had travelled to Durham for a gala and had attended public engagements in Liverpool so could have attended his hearing.   |
| 134      | Liverpool Echo       | 17 July 1986 | Hatton cleared in cash probe       | Derek Hatton, Ken Oxford, Roy Hattersley, Rosemary Cooper, John Lyndon      | The DPP decided not to take any criminal action against Derek Hatton over his expenses. Hatton said justice had been done and he wants the NEC to reconsider his expulsion from the Labour Party.  |
| 134      | Liverpool Echo       | 17 July 1986 | Storm clouds on horizon            | Derek Hatton  | Derek Hatton learned today he could be sacked while he is away on holiday in Spain. His Knowsley Council bosses have reconvened a disciplinary hearing against him next week - days after Mr Hatton will have left for a family break in the Mediterranean.  |

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| 134      | Liverpool Echo | 17 July 1986 | Class war!                       | Felicity Dowling                                | Primary school education in Liverpool was in total chaos today with furious parents, council bosses and union leaders all on the warpath. Three schools - Lawrence Road County Primary in Wavertree, St Cleopas in Toxteth and Anfield County Primary - were all closed today as the National Union of Teachers staged a 24 hour lightening strike in protest at changes in nursery provision. |
| 135      | Liverpool Echo | 18 July 1986 | It's Parent Power at the council | Felicity Dowling, Barbara O'Connor, Harry Brown | council's education offices and refused to leave until they had seen education committee vice-chairman Felicity Dowling. They are fuming because their children will not be allowed to start full-time education in September as expected. Instead they must wait until the term   |

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| 135      | Liverpool Echo   | 18 July 1986  | Hatton's fall-out over nuke squad!        | Derek Hatton,   | Derek Hatton today launched a blistering attack on the county emergency planning team and threatened to dump them in a tent unless they quit luxury city offices, costing £2,000 a month rent.  |
| 137-138  | The Sunday Times | 18 March 1990 | Exposed: the tentacles of Hatton's empire | Derek Hatton, Keva Coombes, David Fitzgerald, Charles Smith, Dennis Whalley, Paul Clark, Neil Kinnock | An investigation by the Sunday Times has uncovered serious abuses of local government procedure. It revolves around Hatton's involvement, together with Keva Coombes, in multi-million pound land deals. Significant sales of land have not gone through the usual tendering or auctioning procedure. |

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| 139      | The Sunday Times | 25 March 1990 | Hatton car attack linked to land deals   | Derek Hatton, Robert 'Bobby' Hughes, Keva Coombes, Rex Makin, Paul Clark, John Monk | Derek Hatton's jaguar car was attacked by Robert Hughes after a land deal between the two men fell through. After an investigation by the Sunday Times, their findings on other land deals are being looked at by the Fraud Squad. Different deals involving Keva Coombes, current leader of the council, and John Monk, a friend of Hatton.  |
| 140      | The Sunday Times | 25 March 1990 | Tories scorn Major's poll tax concession | Derek Hatton, Joyce Gould   | Left-wing Liverpool councillors are threatening to break the law this week by refusing to implement the poll tax. Labour's leaders fear the rebellion could dispel the moderate new image that helped the party win the recent Mid-Staffordshire by-election. A majority of the 53 Labour councillors who control Liverpool City Council plan to vote against setting a poll tax. The rebels could be fined and banned from office if the authority refuses to decide a figure by Saturday, the legal deadline. |

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| 141      | Liverpool Echo | Date unknown | No more rent, city told. Firms stop paying in protest at loss of services | John Hamilton, Arnold Sherman   | Six private companies with premises in a complex owned by Liverpool City Council stopped paying rent in a protest against a breakdown of essential services. The money was put into a joint tenants account so that they could have control over their own destinies.                              |
| 141      | Liverpool Echo | Date unknown | The boot won't stop us-Hatton   | Derek Hatton, Terry Fields, Margaret Thatcher, Tony Mulhearn, Neil Kinnock, Eric Heffer, Tony Benn, Audrey Wise, Margaret Beckham | Labour Party National Executive met to discuss the future of Liverpool's rebel Militants who remain defiant. In a further move, two left wingers, Audrey Wise and Margaret Beckham are opposed to any expulsions.  |
| 142      | Liverpool Echo | Date unknown | A caning over class crisis  | Sir Keith Joseph, David Alton, Kenneth Antcliffe, Gerry Scott   | failing to fill 90 teachers' jobs in Liverpool schools. David Alton has asked for a government inspector to intervene. New Heys and Quarry Bank comprehensives have been hit by the  |
| 142      | Liverpool Echo | Date unknown | Onus on convenor  | P. Swift, P. Lennard  | P. Lennard answered P, Swift (a Toxteth teacher) letter in the Echo on the letters page re. cuts in Governments grants.  |
| 143      | Liverpool Echo | Date unknown | Labour deny security rap  | Sir Trevor Jones, Derek Hatton, Tony Mulhearn   | An investigation has begun into claims that council security men are policing Labour party meetings. Sir Trevor Jones said they are being used as Hatton's private army on the rates. Sir Trevor wants council bosses to investigate the security payroll and to send the bill to the Labour Party |

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| 143      | Liverpool Daily Post | Date unknown | Pay row sparks school meals chaos           | Ken Antcliffe, Peter Lennard, Tony Byrne | Talks for ending a backpay dispute at Greenbank Production Unit collapsed. Hot dinners will not be provided to schoolchildren and staff have been instructed by their union, not to make any provision for them to eat their own food. 230 schools are affected.   |
| 144      | Daily Mail           | Date unknown | You can't get rid of me, says Hatton        | Neil Kinnock, Derek Hatton               | Derek Hatton told Neil Kinnock that expulsion from the Labour party will not prevent him from being on the doorstep campaigning for the next election. Mr Kinnock does not want the Trotskyist left frightening voters away with their fierce calls for a hard-line socialist government. Hatton warned that any expulsion of Liverpool Militants would lead to a national outcry. |
| 144      | Liverpool Echo       | Date unknown | Outrage as school's out for the under-fives | Dave Hornby, Felicity Dowling            | Teachers are planning to take on Liverpool city council over a decision to stop children starting school until they are five. The rule only applies to schools which also run a nursery class and headmasters have been advised to take under fives into those classes. NUT spokesman Dave Hornby said the union would be taking legal advice on how best to take action.          |