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CIRCUSES BUT NO BREAD!

BOSSES AND RICH PROFIT WHILE THE REST OF US GO WITHOUT



gy has now risen by an average £708 – to £2,017 a year, the biggest average jump in prices.

This is on top of other bills climbing too, with food prices already up sharply and warnings to expect staple foods to increase even further in price in the months ahead. And that's not the end of it. We already know the energy price cap will be up again in October, just in time for the colder months.

WHILST MANY OF us are suffering badly because of hikes in energy and food bills and dwindling incomes, members of the House of Commons each had their wages boosted by £2,212-a-year, with their salaries rising to £84,144 from £81,932 on April 1st. In the Scottish Parliament, MSP salaries rose to £64,470.

The Royal Family, too, were well insulated from the energy price hike. For them, the Sovereign Grant has increased by over 55% since 2012. And that is aside from the costs of Buckingham Palace renovations.

The energy companies are laughing too, with British Gas profits doubling to £948m. The UK's Big Six energy companies between them raked in more than a billion pounds of profit ahead of April's record hike in

bills. Despite this, many people will effectively be forced to give the energy companies interest-free loans, month-by-month building up credit with the bloated energy giants just to help them with their cash flow.

Poorest Hit Hardest

The poorest among us were hit the hardest. Those on lowest incomes are more likely to be on prepayment meters. For the 4.5 million people on prepayment meters, the price of ener-



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WHO WE ARE...

The Anarchist Communist Group (ACG) is a revolutionary anarchist communist organisation which is dedicated to seeking a complete transformation of society, and the creation of anarchist communism.

This will mean the working class overthrowing capitalism, abolishing the State, getting rid of exploitation, hierarchies and oppressions, and halting the destruction of the environment. To do this, we believe it is important to be organised.

We are committed to building an effective organisation that works towards the common goal of anarchist communism, in cooperation with other working class organisations and in grass roots campaigns.

We strive to base all our current actions on the principles that will be the basis of the future society: mutual aid, solidarity, collective responsibility, individual freedom and autonomy, free association and federalism.

If you want to join the ACG, then look first at our **Aims & Principles** on our website

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We can't expect politicians to help us. They're all right on their big salaries. The Labour Party isn't the answer either.

Sir Keir Starmer, talking about the energy bills, said "People don't want a revolution". Are you sure about that, Keir? Because it's not looking like anything else is going to help us. And people aren't just afraid. We're angry.

The only people who will help us is ourselves. Only direct action will get the goods. We need to organise in our communities and stand together against the energy companies and the greedy, complacent politicians.

Do not fall into the trap of joining a race to the bottom, e.g. when Simon Harris of ITN, and others in the media, try to get us to resent the Tube workers' 0.2% pay award.

Meanwhile, the biggest earners in the UK saw their monthly pay increase from £10,891 pcm in 2014 to £13,770 pcm in December 2021 – a 24% increase. We'll say that again. That's £13,770 PER CALENDAR MONTH.

We must organise in our communities to fight back together!

We call for:

- ◆ the formation of community self-defence assemblies to protect and help vulnerable community members, for example by setting up free pantries, and to coordinate the community self-defence and fight back against the energy companies,
- ◆ the setting up of anti price rise groups in every city, town, village and neighbourhood to organise at the local level and work on means to innovatively resist rising prices while the rich profit,
- ◆ the building of a federation of anti price rise groups to coordinate action at the national level.

