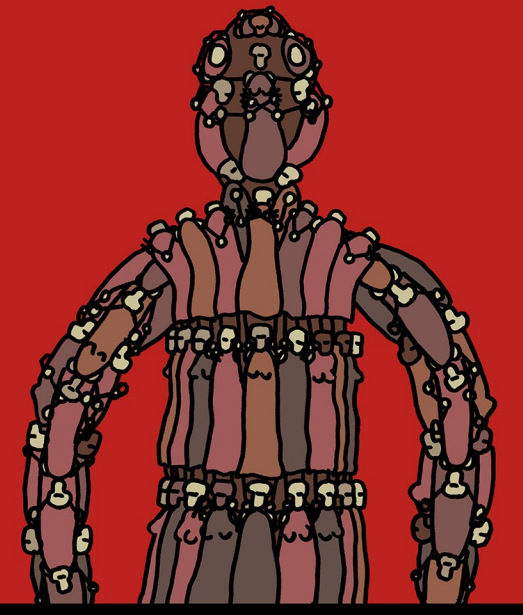
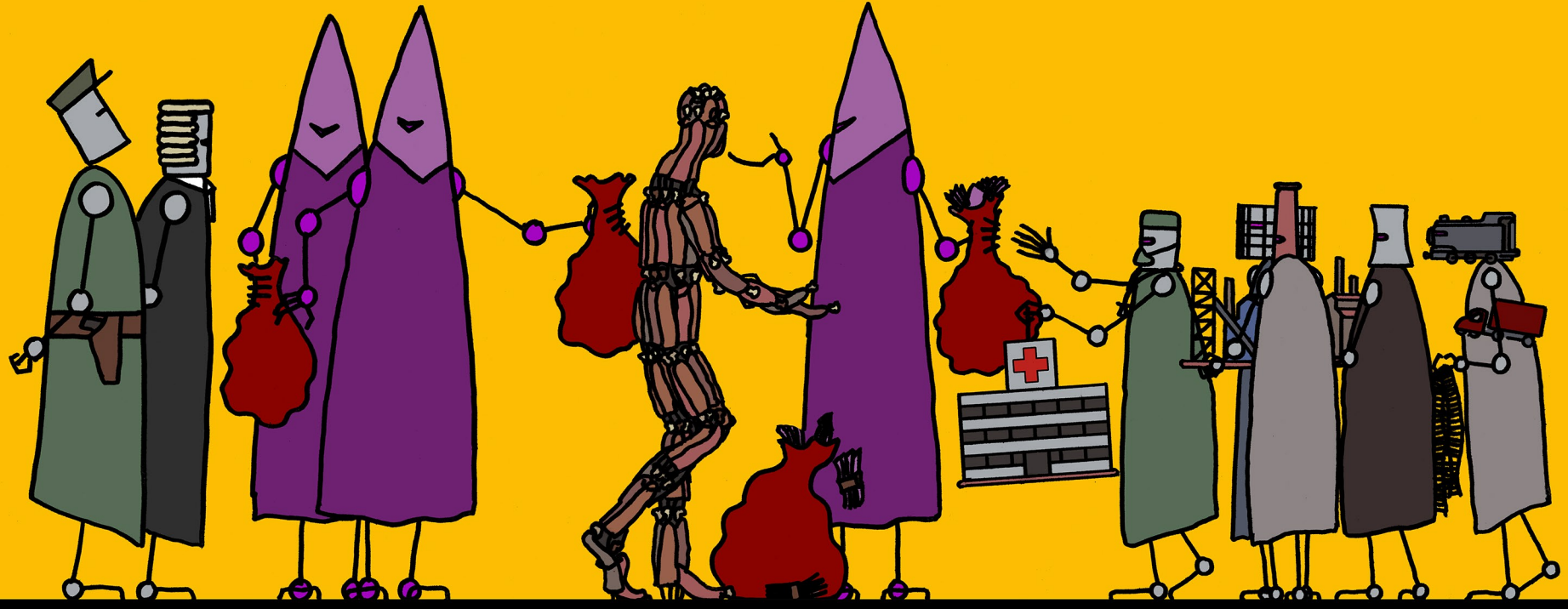
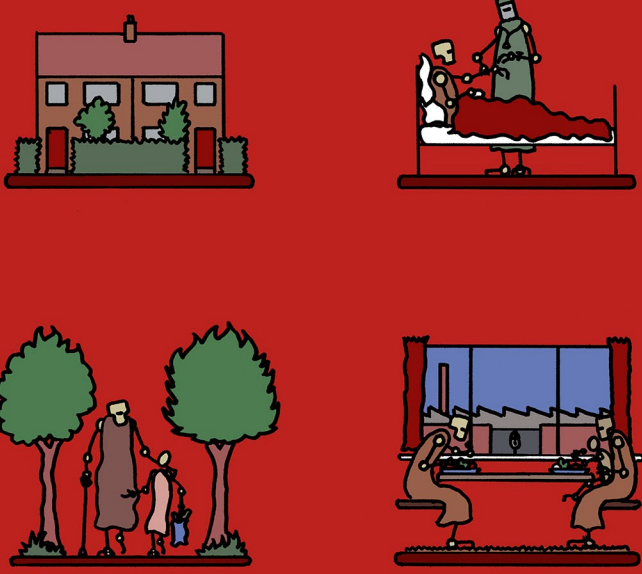


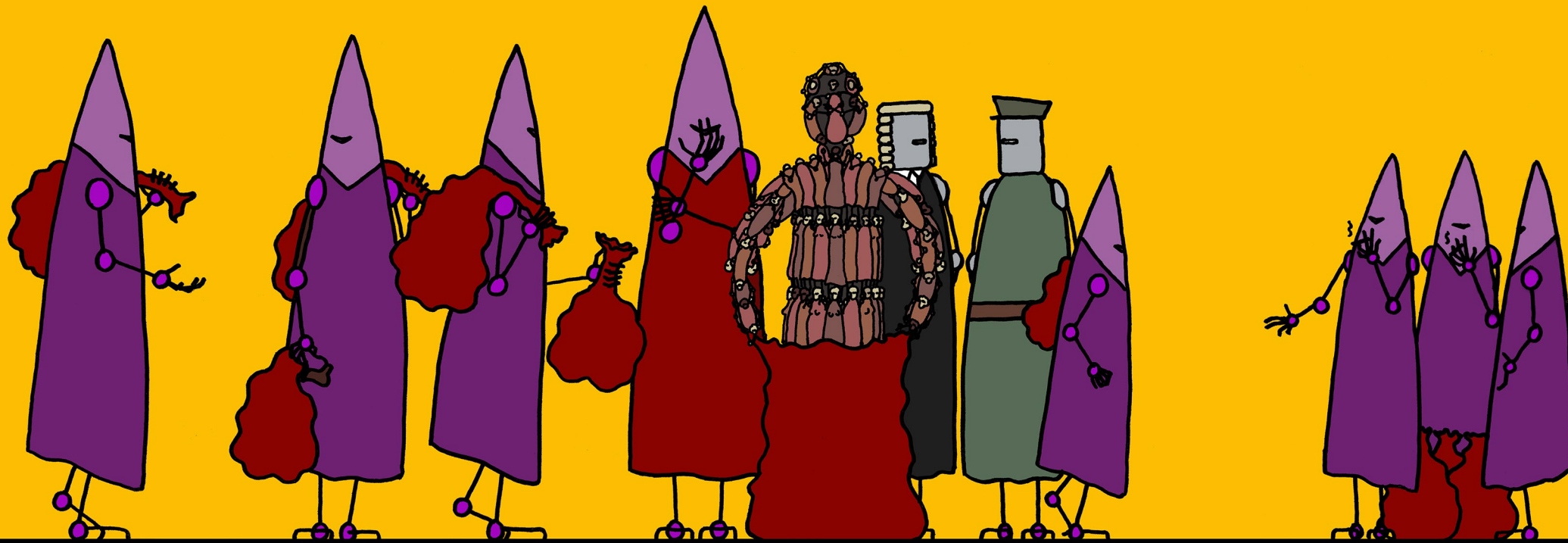
After the horror of the war the UK was deep in debt. Food was rationed and many things were in short supply.



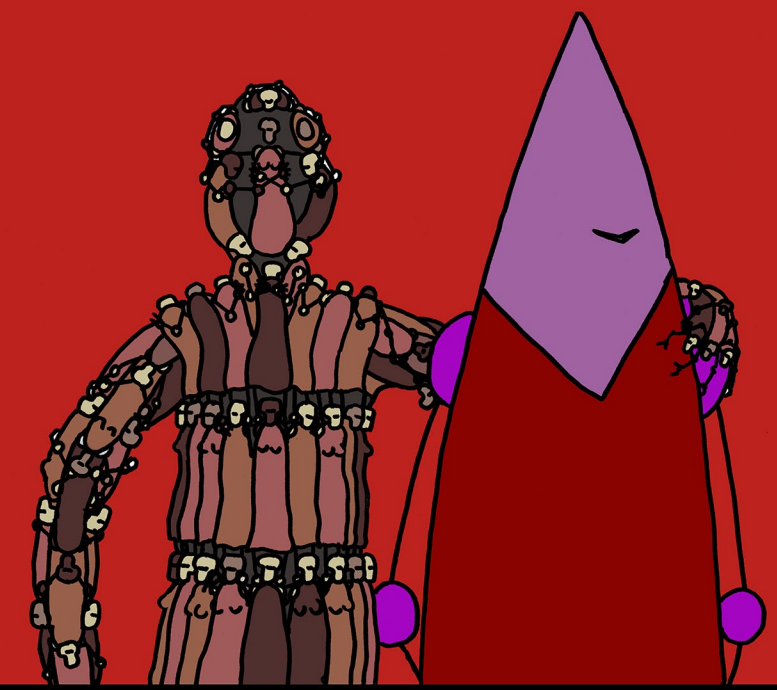
People elected a gov't committed to full employment.



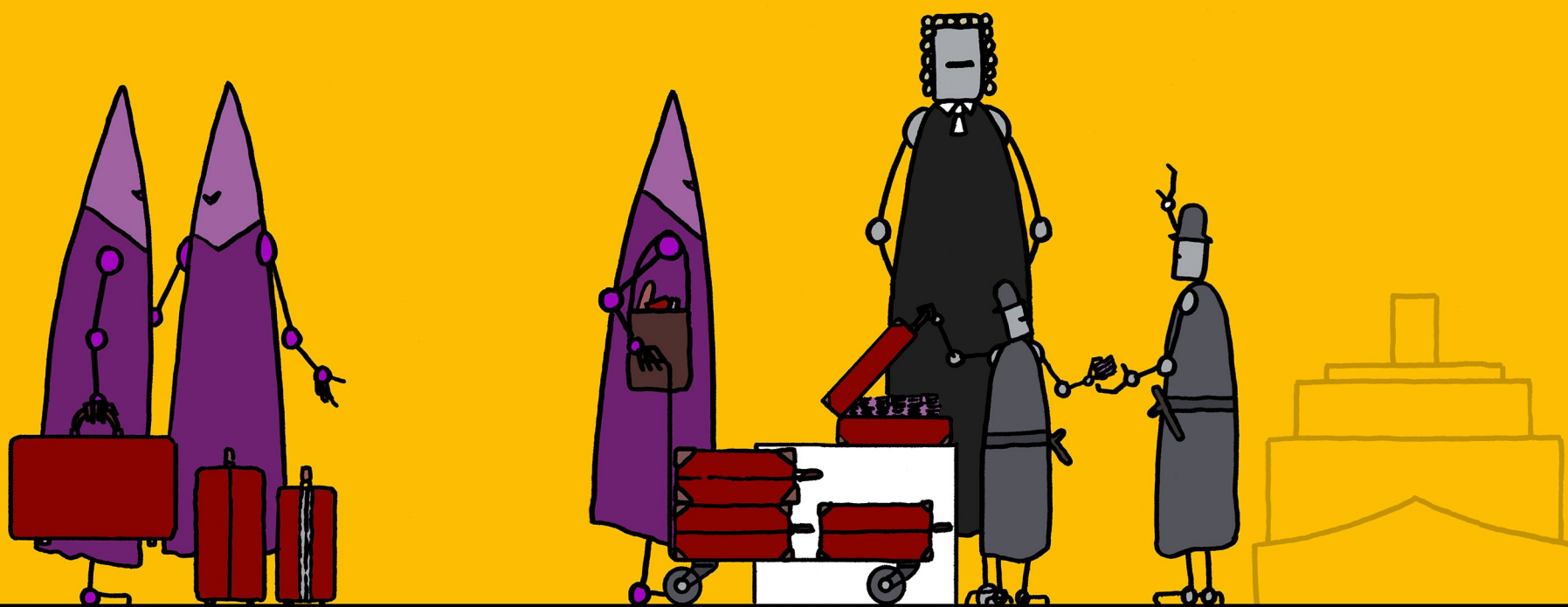
It promised to provide free healthcare, pensions, unemployment benefits, homes for everyone and rent controls. Essential areas of production like coal, electricity and transport were taken into public ownership.



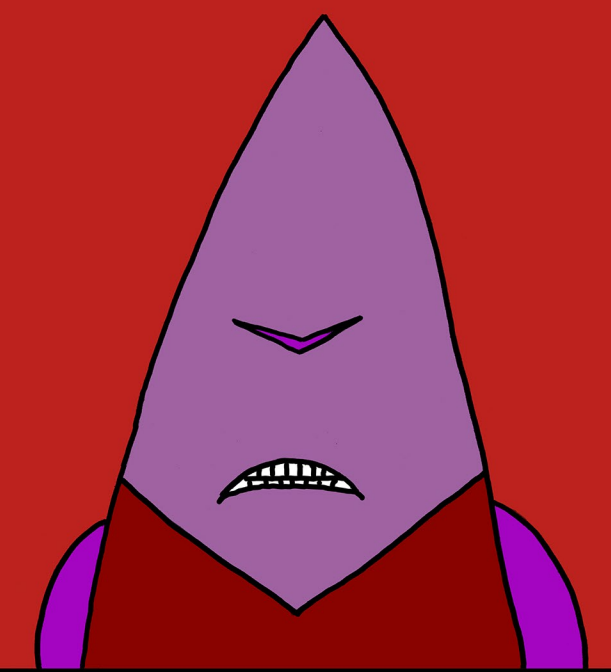
The rich were taxed heavily and,



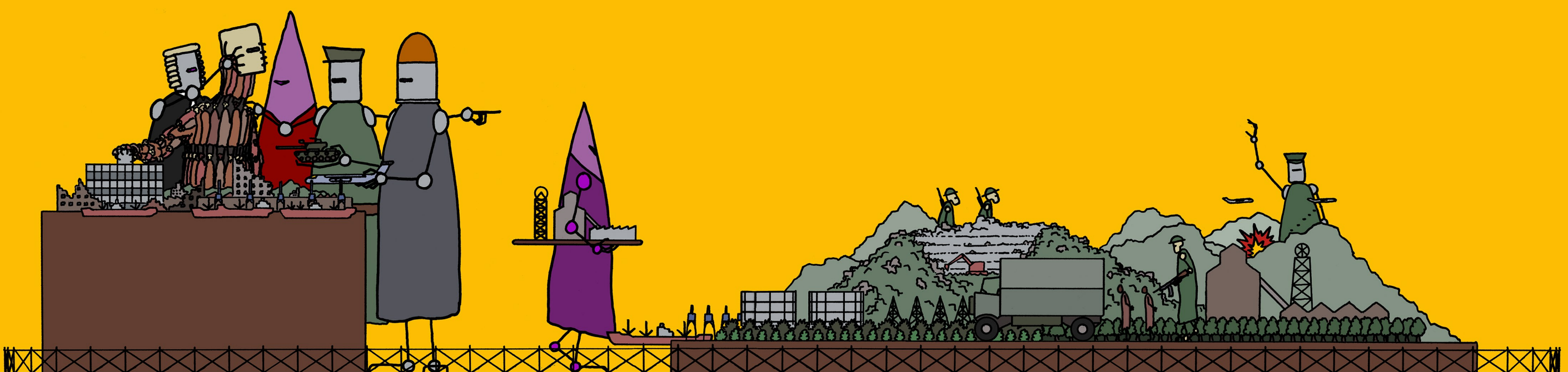
with the nationalisation of the Bank of England



and strict controls on the purchase of foreign currency,



low interest rates allowed the gov't to borrow cheaply.



Money still flowed to the remaining colonies whose people were vigorously exploited to provide cut-price food and materials for the UK.