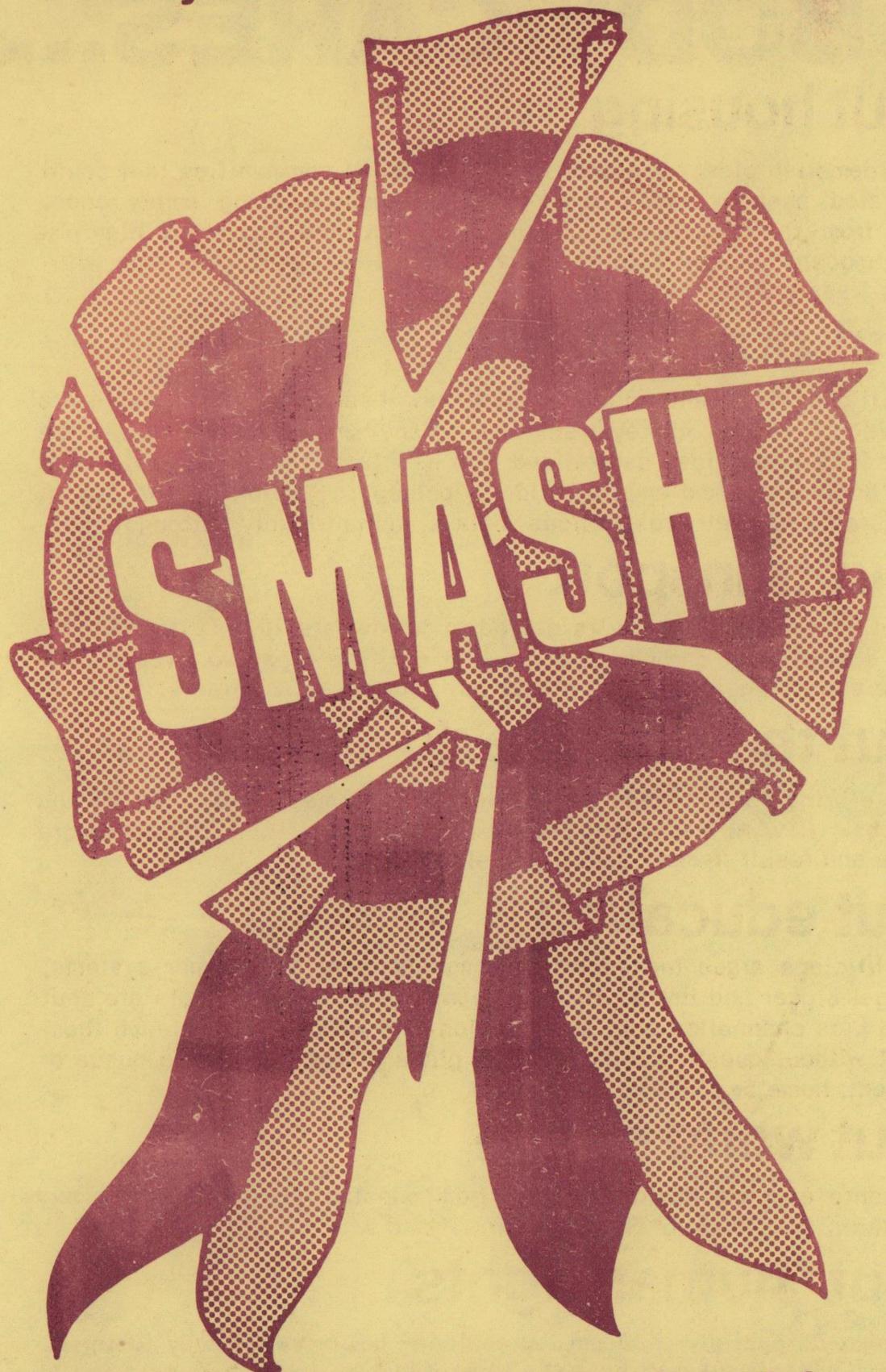


Society for Mutual Aid and Self Help



10 reasons why you should
vote for Nobody

VOTE FOR...

NOBODY

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NOBODY CARES...

...about housing

Councils demolish older houses in long established communities that could be renovated cheaply and prevent homeless people using empty ones. Remote from shops, schools, playgrounds, etc., the expensive high rise flats and modern housing estates are already falling apart, this time without council assistance.

...about our health

While millions are spent on advertising new headache pills, people are dying through want of kidney machines. Many small local hospitals are being closed and services centralised into new large impersonal buildings. O.K. for bureaucrats and empire-builders, perhaps. But for patients, staff, and visitors there's petty restrictions, delays and unfriendly surroundings.

...about transport

More and more of our society is geared to car ownership. But for those without access to a car (the young, the old, the disabled, women with kids) there are longer waits and higher fares for buses and trains.

...about the work we do

In order to bring home a wage packet we are often made to do useless and boring jobs. If work was controlled by those who did it, it could be more enjoyable and result in more socially useful products.

...about education

While politicians argue the merits of comprehensive or grammar systems, schools get bigger and the pupils less significant. Small schools are shut down and kids channelled onto a production line which tries to teach them to accept without question their 'rightful' place in society – dole queue or management; home or office.

...about world peace

Governments and big business profit from constantly increasing military expenditure. But you know who pays for it and who may die because of it.

...about 'human rights'

All governments publicly condemn repression – but privately they foster it. The British government criticises the lack of human rights in Russia and at the same time sells arms and gives monetary support to equally repressive regimes such as Chile, China and Nicaragua. This country, too, persecutes its dissidents.

...about inequality

To keep expanding, Western industry needs new markets. To maintain profits, it needs cheap labour. Poor countries are sold technology they don't need and work long hours at low wages to pay for it. Under capitalism, 'prosperity' means that someone, somewhere is being exploited.

...about the earth

To continue economic growth on a planet whose stocks of fossil fuel are dwindling fast, a dangerous nuclear power programme is being followed. If unnecessary growth were reduced and energy not wasted, all our needs could be met safely and indefinitely by renewable (and less hazardous) means.

...about information

In all these areas, and many more, decisions are made which adversely affect our daily lives. Lack of information reduces our chances of influencing those decisions or fighting their implementation. Knowledge is power and governments intend to keep that power in the hands of a few.

VOTE FOR NOBODY

Politicians are interested only in their own power and hanging on to it. They need you more than you need them. All the political parties are asking you to vote for promises that will not, or can not, be kept. The faceless control of our lives will continue while ever there is a government in power. That is true of Labour, Tory, Liberal, National Front or Communist, whether in power or sharing it. Voting for politicians will not change anything. But just voting for Nobody is not enough. The only way to change things is to join together with others and do-it-yourself.

Do-it-yourself politics means getting together, organising and agitating in industry, in the community and in the home for what you want. Of course it isn't easy. For a start most of us don't have much time if we've been working all day in homes, factories, shops and offices and we don't really feel like doing much else. This is how they win! How the bureaucrats and politicians, the bosses and the trade union officials impose their plans, their ideas, their decisions and their prejudices on our lives.

We CAN have a society where peoples needs come first. But this will not be achieved by political circuses. When it comes down to it: if you want something doing – do-it-yourself. **VOTE FOR NOBODY!**