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Sitting in this cell, the cell in the mind
we are dumb and blind yet we must speak.
Like a young child struggling to form its
first words we must COMMUNICATE.
To communicate is our passion and despair,
but with whom, when, where?
You, now, here.

My darkness, this screaming voice inside
reaches out and fumbles with words,
your darkness reaches out
and grasps the feeling,
reach out, this is real.
reach out I am real.

THIS IS HOPE. I MAY COMMUNICATE IN PART;
AND SURELY THAT IS BETTER THAN UTTER
BLIND AND DUMB.

D.A. (we "coldly" attended Molesworth;) and other 'naughty' things 'tis best not to mention
in print (eh Chief inspector or have 'nt you got this far yet?) Fingers crossed, it looks li-
ke there might be a day of protest, similar to S.T.C, here in the near future, (and we mean
the near future not next year.) PLEASE if you are even remotely interested come along to
one of our meetings (details elsewhere) or write for more information. Also if you have any
critisisms of this mag, (remember its our first effort creep-creep) or wish to write, draw
some stuff, etc then send it all in.

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How many million worth? (A) (P)

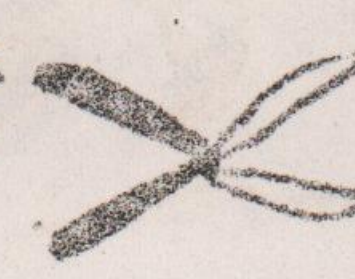
Molesworth

How many anarchists would criticise CND and ignore their various forms of protest? Stop The City did highlight the roots of weapons manufacture, the capitalism of war as well as highlighting all forms of protest, both human, (racism and sexism) animal and environmental in one protest without permission from the state to march, free speech was shouted, not spoken!

but of course this anarchic snow of dissent was soon stopped by the brutal arm and leg of the law.

So, how are we going to protest against the nuclear industry? How many anarchists have actually been to Molesworth? (or Greenham?) the actual bases. (American) Many of us have experienced CNDs apathy, ignorance, narrow mindedness, separatism, state-controlled protest and even collaboration with the state. (pointing out "anarchists" to the police on "CND" demos)

Molesworth is forty miles from where I live, I've visited the cruise base and peace camps six times. Not as a "CND protestor", not as "an anarchist." Simply as a human being showing my presence of protest. Over the summer of 1985 there were about fifty peace campers (?) spread around the outside of the fence of the cruise base. Many of them self proclaimed "Anarchists"! They are living in tents, caravans and "benders". a small number have carried on through the winter while we "city anarchists" ignore Molesworth as "CNDs problem" and sit in our nice warm houses (or squats?) The campers at Molesworth are a witness to conspiracy to commit genocide by our so called "world leaders". They represent many sane people who oppose the so called nuclear deterrent, they are a constant reminder to all who pass through the gates of Molesworth and contribute to the manufacture and assembly of the base and weapons of destruction. A haunting presence of defiance and resistance in ignorance of democratic protest. The least we anarchists could do is to visit them and the base to voice our support to these people and show our defiance. I stayed at the peace camp in August 85 for two days and very much enjoyed the experience. The campers are really friendly people, both male and female in comparison with women only (their own rule!) Greenham Common peace camp. You don't have to cut the fence at Molesworth to voice your protest, simply by being there and walking around the bridleway (public footpath) that follows the perimeter of the razor wire fence you have to have MOD police called out to follow you on the opposite side of the fence (in case you cut it!) At first you feel a little paranoid or angry at being hounded but then you realise that you are on the outside and they're on the inside! so I found it quite amusing that we choose which way we would walk and they followed! Like a silly feeling of superiority over them! Some of us individuals/anarchists from Leicester are attending the February 6th CND Direct Action demo and sit down blockade of gates to contractors who are building the base at Molesworth. The anniversary of the fence being built, the eviction of Rainbow village" and the threatening assault on the peace movement. Hopefully more of us may arrange transport for us to visit Molesworth as a group on a non-demo day in the near future if people are interested? Let us know. Its lovely countryside around Molesworth despite the base, nice friendly people at the peace camps and the black flag flies at the main gate peace camp! If we're going to criticise CND we must act by ourselves in our own way. Maybe we can teach them a few tactics and even educate them towards our ideas? The Anarchist group Class War have a planned day of action at Molesworth on - April 8th. Despite CW having a violent reputation they are very active in their challenge to the state. CND?

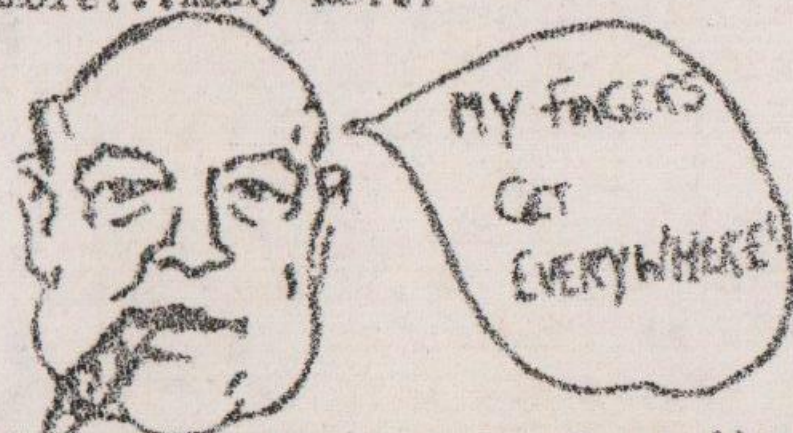


THINK ACT GRAFFITI GLUE, SMASHING AND SABOTAGE

Leicester has its fair share of companies, shops, banks with their various dirty dealings. is Boots the chemist - test cosmetics on animals.

Barclays bank - high investments in South Africa.

NKC/ GEC - Nuclear power manufacturers. But there's more...many more.



To leaflet these places is a art, as its important to expose the shit they're involved in. But when this has been tried, without success, then perhaps its time for an idea that often gets more attention - DIRECT ACTION.

Let me explain. There are various forms of direct action and depending what situation you are in depends what action you take.

I feel such actions to be justifiable because:

GLUED UP LOCKS - mean inconvenience for the boss. They have to unblock the lock, and it only takes two seconds to do, so nobody can see you doing anything wrong standing in a doorway (hop fully.) Easy but effective.

GRAFFITI - a message sprayed on a wall/window is good because either it is cleaned off in the morning and causes inconvenience, or it is left on the wall and exposes the place for what it is ie "Barclays supports apartheid."

SMASHING - damage to property belonging to the company, be it windows, company cars, vans whatever SMASH IT, because it all causes financial loss or at least increased insurance premiums. **SABOTAGE** I've mentioned three forms, have you an idea for summat else? Dont think it-DC it, but dont get caught, do what you do when no-ones about, at the minimum chance of being caught, if its risky return the next night and do it 'cos

IF YOU DON'T KICK IT, IT WON'T FALL.

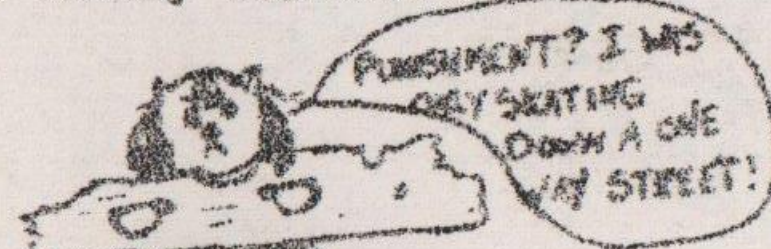


LEICESTER ANARCHIST GROUP MEETING TUES APRIL SOCIALIST CENTRE, HIGH ST.

PUNISHMENT BY AXE Q.F. ALLAN

Punishment for rapists, murderers in an anarchist society is a very difficult thing to talk about, but I'll press on regardless. As I see it, in an anarchist society where everyone regains their personal liberty it would be an infringement of anarchist thinking for a bloke to rape a girl for obvious reasons and for a person to murder another person out of greed or whatever. So how do we stop 'offenders' (for want of a better word)? Are the people, after fighting a revolution, gonna put up with the likes of those who are just practising what governments have practiced for centuries? No of course not, we have the right to protect ourselves as a community (as the anarchist workers in Catalonia did during the Spanish civil war) against thugs who kill old ladies, disabled folk etc. We have to use harsh deterrents like the death sentence against mass murderers and castration for rapists. Its no use saying that an anarchist society will come about after 'converting' people to an anarchist way of thinking, try and convert Thatcher etc. Do you really think they will give our lives back to us? Will they fuck, it just shows you the lengths they will go to keep us down and smash any ideas of love and co-operation.

In any case to achieve an anarchist society in Britain we would firstly have to take on and beat the U.S.A. 'cos they won't stand by and watch ole Blighty (and more importantly their multinational huge profits be seized and destroyed by those smelly anarchists.



DICKHEAD.

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN ARTICLES ARE THE VIEWS OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WRITE THEM NOT THE ENTIRE GROUP AND NOT LEICS. ANARCHISTS AS A WHOLE. PLEASE BEAR THIS IN MIND BEFORE SLAGGING THE MAGAZINE OFF.
FREEDOM OF SHEEP

Petty or What...

On Sunday March 30th Welford Road Park is to be renamed by our Labour council, it will be changed to 'NELSON MANDELLA PARK', as a show of respect for Mandella, South African freedom fighter locked away in jail for refusing to condemn violence. "GREAT" say most opponents of Bot-has' Apartheid state in Leicester, and they'll all be there, singing praises to Mandella as if it's the down fall of Apartheid? BOLLOCKS say I, sure I'll go along but only for the chance of making people THINK, Leicester, although changing a parks name, will still be supporting Apartheid. The amount of companies with links to South Africa that flourish in Leicester are unbelievable. Noticed the amount of 'COUNTRIES' MACKINTOSH KIT KATS on bill boards - owned by Leicester city council!! And why because it makes a profit. LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL PROFIT FROM APARTHEID. Sure I respect them for getting shit kicked at them from Tory councillors for the amount of money wasted on renaming the park. But surely this money could have been better spent, all in all there was £20,000. If Leicester city council wanted to show respect to the A.N.C. which Mandella is part of a donation would have been more in order. Renaming parks is a waste of time and money. ACTION will only change things and a total withdrawal of economic support is a start - SO SEE THE LINKS AND BREAK THEM.

BILBOARDS

BILL BOARDS - Just recently a no Christain Aid Help the Starving posters have appeared around Leicester. Now I don't necessarily agree with their beliefs but they are doing something to help so should be supported. The NF has been putting racist posters over the top though. SCUM. Also in the subway near the polytechnic racist stickers have gone up. If you see any of these, rip 'em down, if you see the billboards then "kick ass". STAMP ON FACISTS TO START A REVOLUTION.

BILL BOARDS footnote: we have made an NF stencil and have been spraying it on walls. Make your own anti fascist stencil or paint over them. Don't let the disease spread. never to back street.

DICKHEAD.

BLOCKADE TNT
THURMASTON
SATURDAYS
12 MIDNIGHT



smash NF scum

Philip Gegan was the NF candidate in the last general election. Now there's no need to go into details about why I hate the NF or any other racist organisation. So lets get down to business. Gegan is a solicitor in the centre of Leicester, so we decided time for an 'attack', ie 'NF scum works here' and other such dity's: to bring the message home and cause adverse publicity, also its damn hard work. Or get aerosol paint off a wooden door. The address of his office is Old Bowling St. (which is opposite Fenwicks) and he's on the second floor. Daub slogans on the door and walls, glue his locks, brick his window. Show the scum the resistance goes on.

NNG-GEC

In Leicester among the many corporations we have NNC/GEC are but one situated on Cambridge Road, Whetstone. These two companies deal in many things, including nuclear power stations among other forms of energy.

The GEC has a 30% stake in South Africa's General Electricity corp; providing energy for the apartheid regime.

If we allow this business to continue without batting an eyelid then we are supporting what is going on. HIT IT.

1) Because it makes nuclear power, which is unsafe (as the current Sellafield leaks prove.) It kills people, and uses Namibian Uranium.

2) 'cos it is involved in South Africa.

3) Because it's a place of work based on a hierarchy; boss-secretary-office worker-shop floor worker-cleaner to shove left over shit at night.

EXPOSE IT NOW - GRAFFITI, GLUE, SABOTAGE.

Despite articles in the local media claiming the Co-op would no longer order products from South Africa when current supplies run out, we have further news. There's a Co-op retailers assoc that has stated that and then there's the local branches of Co-ops (shit I forget the name) but anyway the local branch of Co-op has voted against stopping ordering apartheid products, so BEWARE.

CO-OP FRUIT STILL CONTAMINATED WITH PARTHEID

DICKHEAD

INSIDE THE WHALE

I came across this t'other day when reading George Orwell's 'Inside the Whale and Other Essays', (a 'good read' by the way) it made me think and reassess my beliefs on anarchism, morality etc. It didn't make me reject them or anything so extreme, but it made me question - seriously stop and think; that alone makes it worth including here I feel. What do you think?

The first extract is from an essay entitled 'Fear, Tolstoy and the Poole'.

"Tolstoy renounced wealth, fame and privilege; he abjured violence in all its forms and was ready to suffer for doing so; but it is not easy to believe that he abjured the principle of coercion, or at least the desire to coerce others. There are families in which the father will say to the child, 'You'll get a thick ear if you do that again', while the mother, her eyes brimming over with tears, will take the child in her arms and murmur lovingly, 'Now, darling, is it kind to mummy to do that?' And who would maintain that the second method is less tyrannous than the first? The distinction that really matters is not between violence and non violence, but having and not having the appetite for power. There are people who are convinced of the wickedness both of armies and of police forces, but who are nevertheless much more intolerant and inquisitorial in outlook than the normal person who believes that it is necessary to use violence in certain circumstances. They will not say to somebody else, 'Do this, that and the other or you'll go to prison', but they will, if they can, get inside his brain and dictate his thoughts for him in the minutest particulars. Creeds like pacifism and anarchism, which seem on the surface to imply a complete renunciation of power, rather encourage this habit of mind. For if you have embraced a creed which appears to be free from the ordinary dirtiness of politics - a creed from which you yourself cannot expect to draw any material advantage - surely that proves you are in the right? And the more you are in the right, the more natural that everyone else should be bullied into thinking likewise."

The second quote is no less disturbing; Orwell discusses Swift, here he points out that the anarchist society of the Houyhnhnms in Gulliver's Travels was just as powerful/totalitarian as other societies.

"This illustrates very well the totalitarian tendency which is explicit in the anarchist or pacifist vision of society. In a society in which there is no law, and in theory no compulsion, the only arbiter of behaviour is public opinion. But public opinion, because of the tremendous urge to conformity in gregarious animals, is less tolerant than any system of law. When human beings are governed by 'thou shalt not', the individual can practice a certain amount of eccentricity; when they are supposedly governed by 'love' or 'reason', he is under continuous pressure to make him behave and think in exactly the same way as everyone else. In fact the Houyhnhnms had reached the highest stage of totalitarian organization, the stage when conformity has become so general that there is no need for a police force."

I felt these two essays to be quite alarming, they disturbed my certainties, the certainty that I was 'right' - indisputably 'right'. This I feel is a good thing, it's constructive to doubt, to reaffirm and rethink. Oh yeah and before I finish lets end with yet another quote, this time an anarchist response to Orwell by George Woodcock.

"There is a good deal of truth in what Orwell says, even if his way of saying it is characteristically dogmatic. The anarchists accept much too uncritically the idea of an active public opinion as an easy way out of the problem of dealing with antisocial tendencies. Few of them have given sufficient thought to the danger of a moral tyranny replacing a physical one, and the frown of the man next door becoming as much a thing to fear as the sentence of the judge. And some of them have undoubtedly been positively attracted by the idea of replacing moral authority; anarchism has had its Pharisees like every other movement for human regeneration."

THINK. RETHINK. THINK. RETHINK. CARRY ON CHANGING, REARRANGING, THINK. RETHINK. LOOK INTO THE MIRROR AND SEE THE INSIDE. THINK



WELL CRUCIAL ANARCHIC VIBES

I'VE RECENTLY WE HAVE ACQUIRED QUITE A LOT OF ANARCHIST LITERATURE SO WE THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD GIVE THEM ALL A MENTION AS THEY ARE ALL SAYING NO TO THE STATE THAT WE LIVE IN I WOULD SAY THAT EVERYTHING ON THIS PAGE IS WORTH GETTING HOLD OF IF ONLY BECAUSE IT MAY MAKE YOU THINK. I'LL TRY AND KEEP AWAY FROM BIAS TO CERTAIN BELIEFS AND JUST REMEMBER THESE ARE THE VIEWS OF JUST ONE INDIVIDUAL IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE REVIEWING THEN PLEASE SEND IT TO US BEFORE THE END OF APRIL THANK YOU.....

"CLASS WAR" 20p THE CONTROVERSIAL ONE GET HOLD OF A COPY AND MAKE YOUR OWN MIND UP ON IT SUPPOSE IT DEPENDS WHAT YOUR POINT OF VIEW IS. IF YOU'RE A PACIFIST YOU WON'T LIKE IT BUT AS I'VE SAID GET A COPY THERE WILL BE SOME FOR SALE IN LEICS I RECKON SOON.

"BLACK SHEEP" 20p THIS IS THE MAGAZINE OF SOME WELSH ANARCHISTS AND HAS SOME QUITE INTERESTING ARTICLES IN IT ON SOUTH AFRICA, ANIMALS, ANARCHO PACIFISM, AND QUITE A BIT MORE FROM D.M. BOX D, MANDELLA HOUSE, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SWANSEA, SINGLETON PK, SWANSEA, WALES...

"CROWBAR" IS THE SQUATTING MAGAZINE OF BRIXTON AND I'VE ONLY ONE COPY OF IT WHICH IS THE RIOT SPECIAL ISSUE WITH SOME INTERESTING ON THE SPOT ARTICLES. ALSO BITS ON OTHER THINGS WHICH ARE QUITE INTERESTING. CROWBAR, 100, BOX MURRICAN, LONDON, WC1. ABOUT 30p & 5p...

LEICS NVDA NEWSLETTER DONATION AND SAE FROM 3 DRAGON LANE, NEWBOLD VERDON, LEICS. THIS IS ESSENTIAL IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT NVDA IN LEICESTER, ARTICLES AND NEWS SO GET IT... APA BULLETIN, NEWSLETTER ON ACTION AGAINST PACISM THIS IS ANOTHER ONE TO GET... SEND AN SAE TO PO BOX 273, FOREST GATE, LONDON, E7. OR LOOK FOR IT IN BLACKTHORN BOOKS.

"WILDCAT" 10p SAE, c/o RAY, MPRESS, 75 PICCADILLY, MANCHESTER, M1 2BU. I HEAR THERE PRINTING PRESS HAS BEEN HICKED BY THE POLICE BUT IN ACT SURE AN INTERESTING READ ON WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE AND THAT INCORPORATES RIOTING SOUTH AFRICA AND LOTS OF OTHER THINGS....

"BLACK FLAG" ON ABOUT ITS No. 150 30p FROM MOST ALTERNATIVE BOOKSHOPS LIKE BLACKTHORN EACH FORTNIGHT. FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE RELIEF OF CLASS WAR VICTIMS AND THE OVERTHROWING OF TYRANNY EVERYWHERE SMASH THE STATE ANARCHY IS FREEDOM..

"PEACE NEWS" 50p A LITTLE A FORTNIGHTLY IN BLACKTHORN. FOR NON VIOLENT REVOLUTION. STUFF IT THE BRISTOL ANARCHIST PAC 30p TO BOX 010, FULL MARK, 37 STOKES CROFT, BRISTOL 6. I FOUND THIS VERY INTERESTING SOME LOCAL BITING COMMENT AND SOME BITS OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. A PONY (?) PIECE ON COMMUNITY POLICING.

SCORCHER FREE FOR AN SAE TO BOX 14, 340 WEST PRINCES STREET, GLASGOW, G12. A SHEET MAINLY ABOUT THE SHIT PEOPLE HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH IN PARTS OF GLASGOW, VERY INTERESTING.....

"GREEN ANARCHIST" 40p. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE OUT SOON AND THE L.A.C. WILL BE SELLING SOME WE HOPE ITS VERY INTERESTING WITH GOOD ARTICLES ON VARIOUS THINGS RELATE TO G. ALSO ANY OTHER PUBLICATION YOU SEE THAT'S SPEAKING AGAINST THE STATE IS WORTH READING

WELL BESIDES LITERATURE ANARCHY IS SPREAD THROUGH MANY CHANNELS ONE CLOSE TO ME IS THE ROUGH LYRICS TO SONGS JUST AS WELLER AND BRACK MOAN ON ABOUT VOTING LABOUR A LOT OF HANDS SING ABOUT TOPICS THAT RELATE TO ANARCHIST THINKING. SOME OF THE MUSIC WE HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO RECENTLY ARE MENTIONED BELOW.

CONFLICT ARE A BAND FROM LONDON WHO PLAY AGGRESSIVE RAW NOIZY MUSIC WHICH APPEAL ABOVE INCLUDING A LOT OF PUNKS. THEIR LYRICS SO FAR HAVE BASED AROUND WAR, HUNGER, AND RECENTLY THEY HAVE BEEN WRITING ABOUT THE CLASS WAR AND LOTS OF ANTI AUTHORITY SONGS. WITH THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THERE MUSIC THEY ARE ABLE TO SPREAD THEIR IDEAS TO LARGE GROUPS...

ANTI APARTHEID MP IS PLANNED WITH KICK OF PINK INDIANS.....

GHUMBA WAMBA ARE A BAND FROM LEEDS WHO'S MUSIC IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CLASSIFY. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST THE MUSICBIZ THEY HAVE RELEASED AN EP "REVOLUTION" £1.20 (inc. P&P) THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD TODAY AND HAVE DONE SOME VERY GOOD BOOKLETS INCLUDING ONE ON MULTINATIONALS AND THERE INVESTMENTS IN VARIOUS THINGS. WRITE TO THEM AT...

BOX 4, 59 COOKRIDGE LANE, WEST LANE, WEST YORKS. THAT IS WHERE TO CONTACT THE NEW INFANCY

Danbert Nabacorn IS A MEMBER OF CHURCHMAN M.B.A. HIS LP THE UNFAIRY TALE... 3.20p INC P&P. ITS FOLKY ACOUSTIC GUITAR WITH SONGS ABOUT MULTI... A.S. GOING TO THE TOILET, EDUCATION etc SING OTHER THINGS IN HIS UNDISTURBED STYLE. IT CDS ITS VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING. OF COURSE THERE ARE MANY MUSICIANS THESE ARE JUST THREE. THE ABOVE SHALL ALL BE PLAYING IN LEICS SOMETIME DURING 1986 SO GO AND GIVE THEM A LISTENING... ACT NOW, PAY LATER & h.

Feed the World Share the Rich!

RED WEDGE.

ANARCHISM V SOCIALISM

Red Wedge had come to town, on show in this political circus, Paul Weller, Billy Brag and other 'stars' (their word - not mine). Well, we just had to go as this looked like being the (non) event of the year. So armed with a few leaflets and good 'anarcho' intentions we went down to their big red top to watch them perform...

For the uninitiated Red Wedge is a group of music, media, art and sports personalities touring the country under a socialist banner, their aim to bring politics to the youth, not just political awareness, but the party politics of the left...yuk.

'....to that end Red Wedge will be campaigning vigorously for a Labour victory at the next election.' Red Wedge.

As you can see Red Wedge is very very optimistic. Red Wedge claim they want us to think - more simply and more honestly THEY WANT OUR VOTES.

'The stakes are high, four million young votes, that's what Red Wedge is all about!' Neil Kinnock.

Can we really trust any party? 'All parties without exception, in so far as they seek power are varieties of absolutism.' Proudhon.

I must admit I came to the Red Wedge 'do' with not what you'd call an open mind, a sceptical mind would be nearer the truth. So what happened - was I converted to the cause of socialism by the eloquent and persuasive tongues of Billy Brag and Co? Read on and see...

There were two Red Wedges that day, culminating in a concert that night (which cost £ 6.00 - is this socialism?). The afternoon session consisted of a debate between the audience and a Red Wedge team. Paul Weller and Co were based at Highfields Community Centre, Billy Brag at the Phoenix Arts Theatre; we were to attend the latter. There was a good turn out, considering it was a frosty Tuesday afternoon, about ten of us were ready at the front of the theatre to hand out our 'Black flag not Red Wedge' leaflets. The response to these was quite sympathetic. Inside there were various stalls (on offer the Labour party and leaflets!) such as CND, Animal Rights, Young Socialists (they get every where.) Gay Rights and others. Well ya can't say these 'lefties' avoid the 'big' issues can ya??? well they are vote pullers!!

I was optimistic about the day: What reaction would we get? What conversation would be made? What would they think of anarchism as a working alternative; would we confront the "Oh know it's an impossible dream" mentality? In contrast, I don't think this was the attitude of the 'left'. This was highlighted before we ever got in to the building; we stood outside offering our handouts to passers by, including to three folks selling Militant - we took their leaflets (not the ones that cost 20p mind!). Yet they refused to take ours, shaking their heads condescendingly, acknowledging our presence - but only as a hinderance!! (were we disrupting their capitalist sales?) I don't mean to sound petty by pointing out this incident, such situations are futile, static, leading only to misunderstandings: Confrontation instead of communication. Eventually we managed to talk to one chap, who raised some interesting and valid points. Though whilst talking to this man I couldn't help feeling that his main purpose was initially to convert not converse or listen. Maybe I'm wrong but he didn't seem to take our arguments with any great thought; Anarchism couldn't work, it's impractical on a large scale, change comes about through the implementation of laws and actions from within the system... he even suggested that the Spanish communes sold the workers out!! What?

And I thought am I like this, so one sided, never really listening to another's view. I didn't know, maybe I was, it's hard to judge yourself - even harder to draw the

THE RED WEDGE CIRCUS Continued

right conclusions from that judgement. I decided that day to listen as well as talk. I might learn and I might inform; certainly I'd try not to think of myself and my arguments as automatically 'right' and indisputable as that 'militant' man seemed to of his. And that's what annoys me with some socialists, they're so convinced of their 'rightness', their one way, one party, one answer rightness. You have a voice to express your self but it doesn't seem they have the ears to listen!!

Once we got inside the hall that attitude predominated. If your colour was 'nt red you were endured not welcomed. A woman introducing the acts broke off to inform us that "there might be Conservatives in the audience, and for them," she said, "I've only one thing to say - Fuck Off." (I thought this was a day of communication!!) The crowd laughed at her 'subversive' comment - predictable crowd pulling jargon!! I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE. Like the band that came on stage, Style Council clones, well almost, there was a conspicuous lack of Fred Perry T shirts. Well ya girro or shitty jobs don't quite run to Paul Wellers income do they boys?? Although maybe you're aiming for that position - yes we sing left songs - although we wouldn't mind those capitalist rewards!! YES I'D HEARD IT ALL BEFORE. The same woman on stage harping on about the 'bloody Tories,' considering YPS - and all jobs exploitation? No body mentioned this. Oh sorry I forgot we should all be proud to be working class!! I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE. AS IF THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER, A RED ANSWER - WELL FUCK OFF I'M COLOUR BLIND!

...On came the 'stars'. The panel consisted of Billy Brag (youth cult in person) Two of the Commanders, a Red Wedge organizer, Keith Vaz, labour candidate for Leicester East and a token woman, with appropriately coloured red hair, it was 'nt explained what she did!!

Now I didn't expect miracles but I did expect reasonably persuasive, rational arguments from the 'stars'. Alas, this was not to be, over amplified voices just made their answers even more ludicrous. What surprised me the most was that the crowd (a huge one all the seats were full) were largely hostile or disillusioned with the labour party. True, most of them were that you'd hardly term socialists but the impression I and others had was that they'd lost their faith in politicians, parliament, and local councils - in other words all centralised authoritarian bodies!! This must open the path for us; might these people be more responsive to anarchy as a working alternative? Resentment showed itself strongly, people were tired of red tape and city council crap (our city council is led by the way.) The main question was "What will labour do for us once in power?" Although the panel attempted to answer this the crowd seemed really pissed off with treading the same orthodox road - only to find themselves at a dead end each time!!

I'm not going to deal with every question asked - that would make this article even more boring and anyway I can't remember all of 'em. Some were distinctly tedious, self congratulatory "I love Red Wedge" shit. Yet some constructive points were made with regards to gay and womens rights. The only question we got to ask was what was their policy regarding animal rights? I felt they showed little interest toward this issue (leather feet tucked neatly behind chair legs,) other than to state it was their policy to ban fox hunting. This lack of awareness bothered me, they obviously didn't think it a matter of priority.

One incident was painfully embarrassing (for the Red Wedge at least.) A question was directed at the one woman on the panel; "what do you see as the role of women in the labour party?" SILENCE - even more SILENCE plus a perplexed look from the red head (dead head more like) In the end she nervously turned to the 'men' for assistance - and they proceeded to answer for her? What a farce, to me this highlighted their sexist set up. Yes, what is the role of women in the labour party, according to this to sit beside the men and look pretty (in that learned way,) or if you can't look pretty to make the cakes at their conferences and fetes!

CONCLUSIONS ANYONE?

On the whole the day irritated me, but it raised a lot of questions that I'm still thinking about now. Socialists and anarchists share a common aim; they both, basically wish for the downfall of the capitalist state, it's the means that we tend to disagree on. "The bitterest battles between anarchists and marxists were fought over the question of whether an egalitarian society could be created by workers' political parties aiming at seizure of the state machine. The anarchists have all denied political action, and have declared that the state must not be taken over, but abolished; that the social revolution must lead, not to the dictatorship of any class, even the proletariat, but to the abolition of all classes." G. Woodcock.

Now, throughout the day the things that most separated us was the fact that 'social-

lists' are convinced that in order to destroy the capitalist state you have to change the system from within. Red Wedge seems to adhere to this theory too, maintaining that the youth should act like one large pressure group within the labour party, influencing the leaders and policies. Some hope. In theory this idea may seem fine but the labour party has existed and operated in capitalism's framework for 'eons' now, without implementing great change. Oh yes they harp on about the welfare state and reforms like the Health and Safety Act but the system remains essentially the same; piecemeal and half hearted efforts hardly create revolutions. I feel that once you try to change the system from within you become impeded by the institutions and the people within them, it slowly weighs you down and sucks you in. You go by its rules and therefore eventually sell yourself, at the very least settling for compromise. If you want to get anywhere (upon the social ladder) you curb your more 'extreme' views. Therefore radical change is hardly ever implemented; CHANGING THE SYSTEM FROM WITHIN??

Ok, so what can we do on the 'outside' as it were; for a start we can be ourselves, relatively free beings with thoughts and actions we don't have to compromise - sacrifice for the sake of reforms, change with a small c. We can start this change from within ourselves in the way we think and act. Instead of us voting for an alternative, we can set up working alternatives ourselves, hoping others will join us through example and communication. It's a start, it's honest, because we're not imposing our views on others like every democratically elected government, left or right does. As Malatesta points out;

"There remains free organisation, from below upwards, from the simple to the complex, through free agreement and the federation of associations of production and consumption, that is anarchy. And that is the means we prefer."

For us, then, socialism and anarchy are neither antagonistic nor equivalent terms; but they are terms which are closely linked, just as the ends is linked to its necessary means, just as the substance is linked to the form it embodies.

Socialism without anarchy, that is state socialism, seems impossible to us, since it would be destroyed by the very organism destined to support it. Anarchy without socialism seems equally impossible to us, for in such a case it could not be other than the domination of the strongest, and would therefore set in motion right away the organisation and consolidation of this dominion, that is to the constitution of government!

RED WEDGE. SOCIALISM. MUSIC. BIG BUSINESS. ARMS SALES. WAR. PROFIT. CAPITALISM.

SOCIALISM. SOCIALISM? SOCIALISM - in this country, within this set up means capitalism with a kinder looking face. BEWARE DON'T JUDGE BY LOOKS.

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KEITH VAZ

WORKING FOR YOUTH

RED WEDGE HAVE LOTS OF OTHER VOTE-PULLING IDEAS.
UP THERE SLEEVE GET ORGANISED AND STOP THEM.
March 6th Comedy show (and I thought Neil Kinnock was left wing comedian!).

CONSIDER THIS.

I have often heard it said that Anarchy is feasible on a small scale, in simple communities, made up of people who have dropped out of society. But on a large scale within society, with the organisation of industry, and services, and the nature of some human beings to consider, it would be impossible. Obviously these problems must be considered by everyone who believes in Anarchy, and in this article I intend to do just that. But as there is no Anarchist policy we are free to use our imaginations to take each individual problem as an individual problem, and come up with a solution, or solutions, to each problem as it arises.

The feasibility of Anarchy relies on the fact that people need each other to survive, and will and do, within today's society, which from day one sets people against each other, to co-operatively to get things done.

Take for example the work done within the family, for the family. No-one expects payment from the rest of the family for cooking, or cleaning, or bringing in the money for clothes and food etc. And when we get beyond the boundaries of family welfare and everyone is involved in the community, then it will be the community's welfare that everyone will want to work for.

Another example is voluntary work. In Leicester in 1985 thousands of people volunteered to do all manner of jobs, from office work, to digging holes, to laying hedges, to scrubbing toilets, the dirty jobs that we are led to believe no-one would do in an Anarchist society. Many of the boring jobs or jobs with bad working conditions would not need to be done at all, and many more would not need to be done half as much if we weren't hooked on the capitalist ideals of over production, production for waste, and producing goods which break on the day the guarantee expires.

Jobs such as the mining of our finite energy resources, coal, oil, and gas could be drastically reduced if we put our time and effort into developing the infinite energy resources of sun, wind, and water, and other alternatives. But the coal is needed to burn the furnaces of the nuclear power stations whose by-products are bombs, essential to any government seeking to keep power.

Another example from 1985 was "Band Aid" and the "Live Aid" concerts raising funds for famine relief. People from all over the country organised their own benefit gigs and other fundraising events without the help of any central authority, it wasn't just the "pop stars" who gave up their time and energy. And it must be said that the process of actually getting the aid to the areas in need of it, seemed to run a lot smoother than the British governmental aid. For, as always while the politicians about policies and blamed each other for not doing enough, the people got up and did something.

It is thought impossible to organize anything on a large scale without a central governing elite to make the decisions. But if we take a look at the post office, a service which nearly all of us use, we find this theory to be wrong. There is no world post office organizing the distribution of our mail, but I can send a letter from here in Leicester to most places in the world and be confident that it will reach its destination. This is made possible by mutually acceptable agreements between the post offices of each nation, who have a shared interest in getting the mail around the world. If this can be done internationally, surely no-one could suggest we couldn't decentralize more and achieve equally good results with local organization.

The same can be said for the railways, I can buy a ticket in Leicester which enables me to travel across the tracks of many European countries, both communist and capitalist, co-ordinated by agreements between the railway organisations of those countries involved. There is no central railway authority making this possible, or impossible as would probably be the case, but, because it is in the interest of each railway organization it has become possible.

One of the major issues, which is always raised when talking about Anarchy, is that of law and order. What would we do without the girls and boys in blue? On this point I would first like to ask, do we feel secure with a police force and law to protect us. The simple answer to that question, and why? Because the police force, by its very nature, cannot prevent crime but can only punish it after it has been committed. The whole idea of law and order is to treat the symptom not the cause. We must look for the cause of crime if we want to prevent it. The idea of human nature being the cause of crime is a great big con to make us think we need a police force and other authority so I won't bother you again on that one. The main causes of crime as I see it are, money and possessions, authority, social pressure, boredom, and the need for change. and like any disease crime will disappear if we treat the cause.

the need for change was the last on the list and this is the way in which we move forward as a society. Individuals and groups must and will go against the social norms to bring about change. There is always room for improvement in any society, and unless we want our world to become stagnant people must go against the accepted ways of behavior. We as Anarchists must recognise this.

We must have confidence and conviction in our capability to organise our own lives.



STRENGTH
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There is no rigid definition of what non-violent direct action is; it is a powerful tool in campaigning for many of the changes we want to see in the world. There's lots of very different views of what NVDA actually is, for me, it's getting yourself involved in bringing about a change and not expecting someone else, an organization or parliament to do it. It is not necessarily civil disobedience and does not have to involve risking arrest.

Although NVDA is generally thought of in terms of the peace movement, it can be, and is, used in many different areas but is not usually thought of as NVDA. In Leicester, lots of people with different immediate concerns have been involved in; boycotts, sit-ins, strikes, hunt sabbing, tent city, pickets, squatting, blockades, occupations and more, they're all forms of NVDA. Isolated from

NON VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

each other we will never learn from peoples mistakes or successes. There's probably a lot we can learn from each other.

Leicester non-violent direct action group was originally set up a few years back and on the whole has concentrated on nuclear issues. For the past year most of our energies have been directed at Britains proposed second cruise missile base at Molesworth. we are now trying to build up a network of small autonomous groups (affinity groups) involved in (not only the peace movement) all areas of concern.

We produce a monthly-ish newsletter which goes out (free) to anyone involved or interested in NVDA. It's there to keep people in touch, with what's going on and with each other and also to let anyone express thier views. If you'd like to recieve the NVDA newsletter or if there's anything you want to put in it; please write to NVDA, 3, Dragon lane, Newbold Verdon, Leics.

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MURDOCH!

Strength in Struggle.. WAPPING

AS RUPERT MURDOCH RELENTLESSLY MOVES ON SACKING WORKERS AND BREAKING UNION POWER SO THE RESISTANCE GROWS. UNLIKE THE MINERS STRIKE THERE IS ONLY ONE BLOCKADE INSTEAD OF STRENGTH BEING DISTRIBUTED COUNTRYWIDE IT IS ALL FOCUSED AT WAPPING AND PARTICULARLY RECENTLY AT WEEKENDS IT IS THE SUNDAY PAPERS THAT ARE BLOCKADED ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT/SUNDAY MORNING SO THE WILL TO RESIST IS THERE.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE OF US WHO CANNOT GET TO WAPPING? WHAT CAN WE DO? THIS IS OUR ANSWER:

***A B X T * X * X * !!**

FOR RUPERT MURDOCH TO MAKE HIS PROFIT HE NEEDS TO GET HIS PAPERS ALOT FURTHER THAN WAPPING. TO DO THIS HE USES T.N.T.

LORRIES (real dynamite, watch them blow) FAMILIAR SIGHTS ON THE ROAD ARN'T THEY.

ALTHOUGH PRINTERS IN MANCHESTER ARE PREPARED TO MAKE A STAND AGAINST MURDOCHS CAPITALIST DISREGARD FOR PEOPLE T.N.T.'S OWNERS (AND DRIVERS FOR THAT MATTER) ARE NOT.

LET'S SHOW THEM THE LIGHT!!!!!!

BECAUSE THAT LIGHT IS THE GLARE OF A 'MOLLIE' OR DAYLIGHT WHEN

BLOCKADE TWT SAT. 12 MIDNIGHT- PAPERS LEAVE

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MY DAD HELPED
MR MURDOCH MAKE
MILLIONS.

NOW HE WANTS
TO PUT HIM
ON THE DOLE.

DON'T LET HIM.



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STOP



THE CITY

NOW!

Sat 11th Jan, Birmingham; another Stop the City, disaster or success? These were the thoughts going through my mind on a cold January morning. We were somewhat disheartened however even at the start of our journey, the grand turnout was three and that included me!! Now I don't want to start moaning in the first paragraph, but if we really want to stop the city then we need numbers and above all commitment. Nothing gets changed if we just sit back and wait for others to do it for us. The Leicester turnout as usual was a lethargic let down, must it always be this way? 'Tis funny cos when there's a gig on people seem to make the effort to travel then don't they? Anyway having suffered one set back already, without having got out of the bus station we met yet another - we missed the bloody bus, ha ha such organisation!!?

Fortunately we got the next bus and arrived in Birmingham just in time, to find about 70 folks sitting around and only for or five pigs. It was also nice to see some friendly familiar faces (those we met on previous demos), it all adds to an optimistic feeling inside. 'T'was obvious that there was only going to be a small number of us, and this was somewhat disheartening, yet there's always hope and this we had, accompanied by a desire to act and get something done. Not for the last time that day I could'n't help thinking back to London etc 1983 (is my mind in a perpetual time warp?) Then there was around 2,000 instead of only 200, it's a sad contrast but also an optimistic reminder of what can be done.

At last, movement, we all headed for the city centre. (One comment here, I know this is perhaps bound to happen but coming from Leicester meant we knew nothing of Birmingham, therefore for most of the day we simply followed other folks. This is bad because you tend to feel impotent and unhelpful; also is bloody boring being 'lost' everywhere. This is somewhat inevitable but as the day went on we did get to know the layout of the city, and anyhow most of the huge shops and big businesses/banks etc are placed pretty near each other. I was just hoping that I wouldn't get lost.

Oh dear, the pigs had decided that they liked the look of this nice and pleasant crowd out for a day's 'sight seeing' and pleasure tripping - so much so that they accompanied us for virtually the whole day. It's annoying that no matter how 'underground' we try to keep our publicity, the bastards always find out - in fact it would seem that the pigs were better informed than some of us, at least they bothered to turn up.

As the day is a jumble and blur, cos of the intensity of activity I forget all the places we paid our 'respects' to, so here's just a brief account of the day's festivities. So the word went around that we were going to make a move somewhere to see what the pigs did and soon we were off, leaflets were given to the public explaining why we were roaming the streets, (although I felt that not enough communication was made to the public, through the whole day in fact). On we went past Wimpys to Macdeaths, where part of the crowd at the front got inside, set down, chanted and I'm told a fire extinguisher was let off. We spent some time confusing the pigs, going one way then another and then we got lost from the main group and went to leaflet HMV + Macdonalds, still keeping an eye out for the main group. The spirit of unity was there and strongly felt, there was a sit in which blocked a road and one person got arrested, but nobody went to help him, they just stood and watched. So did I though. We managed (after meeting the main group) to all pile in a small fur shop, having a brief but enjoyable sit in till the shop manageress called the police. Everyone ran from the pigs to the meat market, later when the pigs were pushing everyone around we went to regroup back at the cathedral. From here we went down to central TV, but unfortunately we got chucked out, and left after sitting around the square; here one person was arrested, seemingly just plucked from the crowd for no reason, although earlier on he'd been hassled for telling a pig to "fuck off" in the meat market after the pig had punched me in the stomach. We eventually left the main group again and went round on our own, bank cash machines were blocked up and the fire brigade was called to a fire at a fur shop (where we had held the sit - in), four engines arrived - only to find NO fire and some very annoyed pigs, ha ha. Lots more actions took place like windows getting bust and the counter smashed at Macdonalds, but that was before we arrived.

PTO

MORE ON STC

There's been alot of debate about the usefulness of stop the city;whether or not it gives people the wrong impression of us and what we're about,ie freaks roaming the city streets soley to cause havoc.I can see both sides to this argument,but after alot of reflection and thought I'd say I'm generally in favor.Firstly its a day of solidarity, just the sight of so many folks gathered,of all types and variety is an encouragement.In London(much more than Birmingham)you could feel the crowds strength and potential,there was a sense of urgency throughout the whole day.I felt proud being among the people,people like myself.You make friends,people whom you might never meet otherwise.You get a chance to talk to the public about a whole spectrum of related issues,(and yes,I believe we do get through to some of 'em.)

Its not an 'over' organized affair,like certain CND activities(although I readily admit to the need of organisation,Molesworth Feb 6th illustrates this point well I think,it was organised efficiently and it worked,in a situation that could have led to mass confusion,with different counties arriving at different times etc)Stop the city serves as a direct contrast.It is unique 'cos there's no conditions,you are free to do exactly what you wish.Tis a great day for spontaniaty(wheras Cnd activities tend to be too controlled and restrictive.You fluctuate between different groups and people,talking,acting,then joining up again to act in one large body to act "en force".There's no pressure on you to stay in a set group(although its best that your face be known to folks incase you get arrested,so they can make a note and check up,I suppose its like being in five minute affinity groups;but strong bonds are formed,even in this short amount of time.I think these points justify STC,at least we show are presense(but is this a good thing?) maybe we often act too hastily,but we can learn from our mistakes,and of course financial damage adds to the disruption of the city,for an hour or too anyway.



A CONTRAST;numbers arn't everything,spontaniaty and constant protest can be equally effective.Take the other Saturday for instance,back in good ole Leicester;three of us armed with an abundance of leaflets and optimistic thoughts decided to hold our own 'demos' outside certain stores.Where we went was 'governed' by what leaflets we had on us.

First stop ya friendly Co-op,tis the only department store in Leicester which still sells furs(Lewis's having recently closed theirs,they would'nt give us a reason why-but could it have anything to do with our constant weekly sit-ins,of which some 20 or 30 of us would be present???)Could three of us have a sucessful sit-in - well we'd bloody well try,and try we did.Out came our everlasting supply of leaflets and out came our well rehearsed chants.We annoyed one woman,"You silly people,you've got no right to sit there like that,we've got to use animals for food and clothing-thats what they are there for."That was her justification for murder,and to think she called us "silly"?

Tis sad,'cos whenever you do anything like this you inevitably meet this kind of person - now everyone has a right to her/his view,but how do they arrive at this view in the first place?Is it through rational,construtive thought,or just simply a result of a conditioned upbringing,ie it is normal and morally 'right' to eat meat?Such people are very hard to talk to,they see themselves as unquestionably RIGHT;a divine rightness.(oh yes,we should consider ourselves and our own one sided natures in this too.)So as well as fighting against the fur trade(or whatever the issue)we're fighting narrow mindedness.Our protest is about communication and prevention,for this it helps if you understand your motives and other peoples.But some people like this woman are almost impossible to talk to;for a start they see us as mere rabble,uneducated trouble makers,lets prove them wrong.

Yeeha-on to HMV;here there was a sale (what Cruise missiles going cheap?)We had a few leaflets explaining how HMV is directly linked with EMI,which deals in arms etc.This went down fairly well,although we didn't actually deter anybody from going inside;obviously the lure of cheap vinyl was more tempting than preventing weapon manufacturers and war.Its a questain of morals v materialism,the response to both leaflets and conversati-

on was varid,a few raised eyebrows,tuts,shows of concern - but what they did and will do about it WEC KNOWS?Soon a security guard with three trotting pigs in toe,came to poop our 'party'.After a 'debate' we moved on.But our presence had been noticed.

Tally ho - on to Sainsburys (a store which despite claiming otherwise still sells South African goods.)This we know as fact,cos the week previously we'd been in and checked,managing to fill a trolley full of S.A goods or SA related goods.Anyway this week we had leaflets (surprise surprise)We'd no sooner got in and given out a few when - ZOOM,up rushed this wide eyed security guard.A right bastard,he ordered us out,then proceeded to drag out MH,who did his Molesworth and went absolutely limp,and was subsequently dropped in dismay - when we accused him of unnecessary violence thus attracting the crowds sympathetic attention ha ha.The guards eyes were at popping point by this time,so we sauntered out of the store,assisted of course by our wide eyed blood shot friend.

By far the best place that day was Macdonalds,no we didn't stop for a taste of death,we had,yes even more leaflets,this time about their bootiful burgers.I don't know whether its the norm in every city but it is in ours that all the 'trendies'and at-reet creed gangs hang outside and in Macdonalds.When we stood by the door a mass of loudly dressed and loud talking trendies attacked us - vocally.Our protest was hailed by cries of "bring out BAMBOO"(obviously one of their meaty security guards)."Just look friendly" was what my brain told me,"and then they won't hassle you".Believe it or not this friendly approach worked.They took our leaflets with genuine interest.Soon we attracted a large crowd,people came up to talk to us.F'was obvious that most of them had never really thought of Macdonalds as a bad place,to them it was simply a meeting place.When they read our stuff some folks were genuinely disgusted,some vowed never to go in again-and I hope they went.The general reaction was a disorderd mixture of ignorance and concern.One trendy girl,a s she entered actually refused a leaflet saying;"I don't want one of them,I'm an anarchist."What do they think anarchists are??I just wonder. She made laugh and cry at the same time.Yes,we'd attracted too much attention,the pigs arrived,the same ones we'd meet earlier.

A GOOD OLE MOAN.

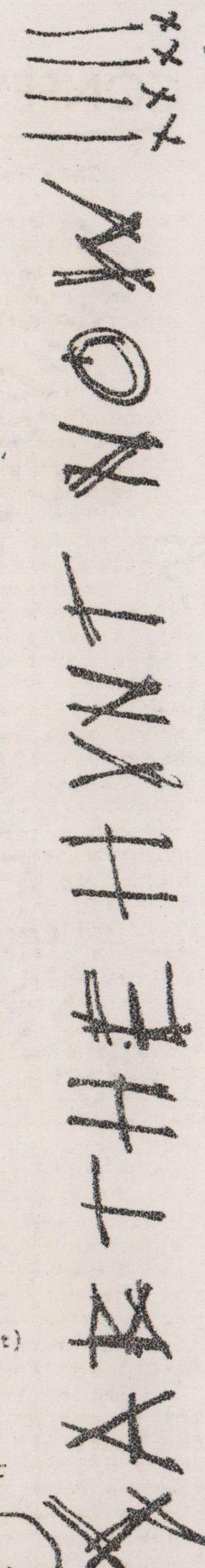
The reason I've yapped on about this, is that almost anything can be done(within reason)as long as you are dedicated.You don't necessarily need large numbers,although this sometimes helps.Small numbers can be an asset,tis easier to cover your tracks for a start.Throughout the day I felt there was a reluctance on the part of the pigs to actually arrest us("too much bloody paperwork")I think it was their view that three people can hardly cause too much trouble - can they??

Its good that three folks can do so much - yet having said this there should have been more than three of us.Admittedly it wasn't an organised event like STC(and some people were needed elsewhere.)But its the same every Saturday,its wildly known that for an hour that morning we leaflet Barclays Bank,but this draws more or less the same small crowd each week.APATHY.Saturdays are becoming regular days of action.For about a month now we've held demonstrations,sit-ins etc all around town.But there needs to be more of us - we desperately need your support.Where are all the faces we see at gigs?Or is your anarchism something solely to talk or sing about and not to act upon.Is it simply that our demos coincide with opening time??You and I both know that this is pathetic.If you have any convictions at all please,please come along - else we'll get nothing changed.I'm not perfect(this I fully realise)but it doesn't prevent me from being angry - angry at our apathy,Leicester's apathy,when gigs attract more people than demos, is your anarchy soley for entertainment,if it is then you're lying to yourself!!Please follow your heart,not the crowd ,(not the smell of the brewery).DON'T JUST PLAY THE REBEL,its easy to wear the uniform,torn clothes and tatty hair,BECOME ONE.WE NEED YOU HERE.

mutal aidedly written by dick head and link



THE END?



AT ONE POINT WHEN THE GROUP IN OUR VAN HAD SPLIT TO TAKE TWO FIELDS NEXT TO EACH OTHER, OUR HALF OF THE GROUP HAD COME BACK TO THE VAN TO RE-FILL THE SPRAYS AND SPEAKING TO THE DRIVER OF THE VAN WAS MR. FARMER. WE HAD BEEN TOLD , IF ANYONE ASKS JUST SAY WE WERE FROM THE UNIVERSITY AND WERE DOING A PROJECT ON LEAVES, BUT BY THE TIME WE GOT TO THE VAN THE FOX WAS OUT OF THE BAG. THE FARMER THEN BEGAN ASKING SOME REALLY STUPID QUESTIONS LIKE "WHO'S PAYING YOU TO DO THIS THEN?" TO WHICH SOMEONE GAVE THE QUICK ANSWER OF "THE RUSSIANS!". THE FARMER THEN JUST STOOD AROUND FOR FIVE MINUTES TELLING US TO KEEP OFF HIS LAND BEFORE DRIVING OFF IN HIS LAND-ROVER LEAVING US TO GO AND FINISH THE FIELD.

FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF HOURS WE ROAMED THE COUNTRYSIDE LOOKING FOR THE HUNT, IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT THE LATE NIGHTS AND EARLY MORNINGS BEGAN TO TELL WHEN MYSELF AND A FEW OTHERS ATTEMPTED TO GET SOME SLEEP IN THE BACK. WE DID EVENTUALLY CATCH UP WITH THE HUNT THEY WERE AT THEIR SPORTING BEST BY TRYING TO DIG OUT A FOX THAT HAD GONE TO GROUND. THEY DIDN'T SUCCEED AND DISAPPEARED OVER THE HILL. THEY HAD BEEN GONE ABOUT THREE MINUTES WHEN A FOX CAME OUT IN THE NEXT FIELD AND STARTED RUNNING IN THE DIRECTION THAT THE HUNT HAD JUST GONE (maybe it new something we didn't) WE THEN FILED INTO THE VAN/BUS TO PURSUE BY ROAD BUT AFTER ROAMING AROUND FOR ANOTHER HALF AN HOUR WITH NO SIGN OF THEM AND THE LIGHT RAPIDLY FADING WE DECIDED TO HEAD FOR HOME. THE REGULAR SABBERS SAID THAT THE DAY WAS VERY DISSAPIONTING BUT I CERTAINLY ENJOYED THE EXPERINNCE AND HOPE TO BE GOING AGAIN SOON. *DMT = STATE*

ON FRIDAY MARCH 14th 6 PEOPLE FROM LEICS ARE IN CROWN COURT AT 10. AM. ON A CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CRIMINAL DAMAGE CHARGE. RELATEING TO DAMAGE TO BUTCHERS SHOPS. PLEASE GO AND SUPPORT THEM

CONFESSIONS OF A HUNT SABBER

By CLAIRES

This is my second season of hunt sabbing so I'm beginning to get used to it now, and the early mornings after the night ones which go with it.

Before we go out we find out where the hunt is meeting, either from the local paper or Horse and Hound. Then we find the area on an ordnance survey map, look at the roads, tracks and footpaths, and take note of possible coverts (woods) which the hunt may draw from. The morning of the hunt, armed with plant spray, a large bucket of citronella, warm clothing and munchies we set off to spray the coverts. This involves walking through and round the edges of the coverts spraying with citronella at ground height and below to cover the scent of the fox. If the covert is far enough away from farms or civilization we can make a bit of noise which may drive the fox away for a few hours. Sometimes we find that the earths have been blocked up the night before by the terrier men - a sure sign that the hunt will try to draw from that particular covert.

Occasionally we bump into the men themselves. Remember to keep your sprays hidden at this point as it's a bit of a giveaway and they'll never believe you if you tell them that you're a member of the local field walking/bird watching/wild flower society. If you can be extremely polite - 'Nice morning - beautiful /cold/nasty weather etc.' you'll find that they are often quite responsive back. 'Piss awf - You got nowt better to do on a Saturday - D'you know you're trespassing.'

When this happens it's sometimes best, especially if they happen to be carrying a shotgun to do as they say. Other times you can ignore them and carry on. As the day goes on you will no doubt be told by countless people that they own the land that you happen to be standing on. Ask for proof or wait til the police move you on.

While spraying you may come across open gates or red and white markers, designed to show the hunt where they are supposed to go. If you know your country code you will secure all gates firmly, and stick the pointers in the hedge or wherever.

After spraying we find where the hunt is meeting. This is usually at 11am outside a pub or a country house. Here you will probably find lots of horse boxes, sherry (for the ladies),

port (for the men), families for a day out, spoilt children on ponies, landrovers, farmer types, rich bastards, hounds, horses, red coats (or hunting pink should I say), top hats, bowler hats, other ridiculous attire, and the local pigs of course.

If there are a lot of spectators around it may be a good idea to hand out some leaflets - make them think for a change. Enlighten them about what it is that they're supporting. We have tried to talk to the hunt on occasions. However, they've got their theories, we know we're right, and never the two shall meet, it seems. It is worth talking to the kids though, especially if it's their first hunt. Draw comparisons with their pet bunny rabbit and the fox etc. Sometimes quite effective.

Before the hunt set out we get back into our vehicles and try to get at the front of the queue of traffic which follow the hunt. If you're the driver just imagine that you're a rally driver or in the middle of London. The likelihood of someone denting his rolls or rangerover because you try to cut him up is remote. As rich as some of them are they're tight with their money. Obviously don't drive like this when overtaking horses or hounds.

Once the hunt is on the move all we can do is follow them, preferably the hounds, by road. A good map reader is needed here. The hounds are sent into the covert to 'draw a fox'. The fox always tries to run with the wind. Hunters will be

placed around the covert and will point in the direction in which the fox has run, so it's pretty easy to predict where it will go or has just gone. If the hounds draw you will be able to hear them baying. We try to call them over to us by yelling and blowing horns (the hunting type). Once when sabbing the Quorn with other sabs from Nottingham and Muddersfield we managed to totally split the pack, by calling from either side.

Other hunts, the Cottemore for example, manage to lose their hounds all by themselves. They spent most of the day searching for the lost hounds, who we saw every now and then in groups of two or three. If you find one wandering around and lost please take it to the local police station.

However ferocious the hounds may seem when they're ripping a fox apart (it's the people who've trained them to do that) they're really friendly with humans and love being made a fuss of. If you catch the dogs while they're still young (the cubbing season is so the new hounds of the pack know the taste of blood) you can work more effectively, and get them used to you as well.

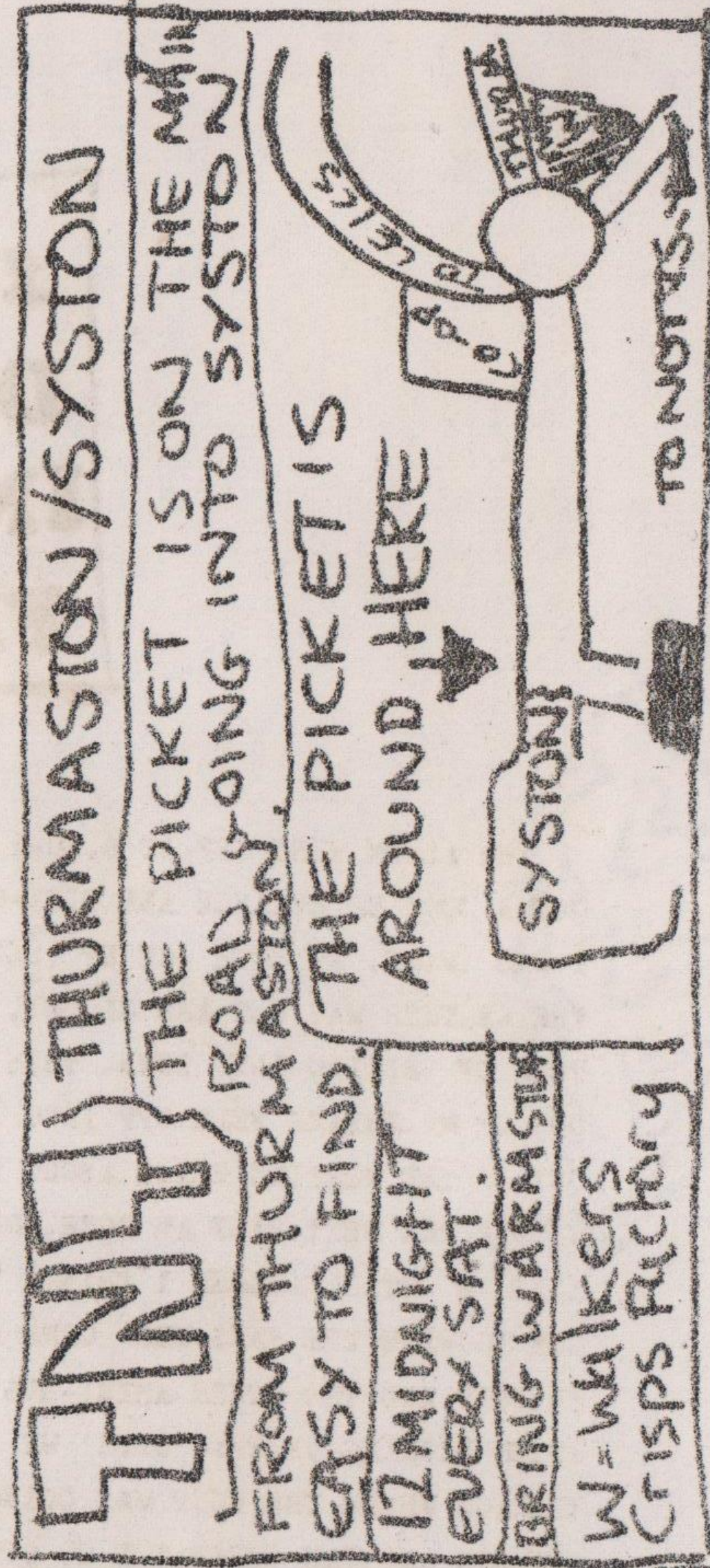
I have'nt yet, and I hope I never have to, witnessed the death of a fox by the hunt. Once or twice we've physically got between the fox and hounds. If you need to do this be careful, as this is when certain hunt members may become somewhat vicious. Make sure you don't get cut off by yourself and always know where your transport is - within running distance.

The pigs have intervened in these situations and once have saved us from what could have turned pretty nasty:- Us in the van and a number of hunt heavies outside trying hard to get in with big sticks and scodes. The police are usually indifferent - they just don't want any trouble. We have met up with a couple of bastards, but we've also had the police telling us which way the fox went and telling us to hurry up before the fest of the hunt catches up!

You may find they want names, addresses, etc. Have one ready to give them. In general, the quicker you give them answers the quicker they'll let you get off to ask again. Furling abuse at hunt members doesn't achieve much either - except cause a gro. I can think of a lot of things I'd like to say to some of them, but while you're shouting at them the fox might be ripped to bats 200yds up the road.

If you have'nt been before, give it a go. Find someone who has to go with you. As well as saving the fox (I hope) you'll enjoy a day out in the country. Fresh air and that.

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DAY MORNING 3 OF US ARRIVED AT TNT (THURMASTON) OR SO WE THOUGHT. WE WET IS OR SO MILITANTS AND HUNG ABOUT.... AND HUNG ABOUT. IT WAS SO COLD THAT AFTER 2 HOURS WE WENT HOME AFTER DROPPING ONE OFF WE PASSED THROUGH THURMASTON AGAIN AND WERE GREETED BY A PICKET LINE!!!! HIT! WE'D BEEN AT THE WRONG DEPOT. SO HIDING THE TRANSPORT WE RETURNED MURDOCH'S SCABS ALREADY HAD THE PAPERS INSIDE AND SOME HAD GONE OUT. THERE WERE AROUND 50 PICKETS. AND 5 PIGS. EACH VAN WAS ASKED TO STOP BUT MOST DROVE TO CRY OF SCAB!.... WE KNOW PEOPLE WHO WERE AT WAPPING THE SAME NIGHT SO EXPECT A REPORT IN No. 2 UNTIL THEN LOVE + PEACE HERB e. Vore. {KEEP WARM BURN THE SCAB!}



PEACE AND ANIMAL WELFARE

PAW is a new group set up to draw attention to the links between warfare and animal experiments. I wrote to PAW with some questions which have been answered by Jen Kitching the groups General Secretary. Thanks Jen.

Q1 What are the general aims of PAW?

A1 The aim of PAW is to eventually abolish all warfare experiments on animals. Our immediate concern is to bring to public attention the cruelties inflicted upon animals in these experiments. Thousands of animals are used every year for inhumane experiments in which the appalling effects of chemical and biological weapons are tested upon them. Monkeys are exposed to nerve gas, dogs are poisoned with cyanide, and all species of animals are exposed to gasses, poisons and radiation. Chemicals are squirted into their faces and rubbed into their bodies.

PAW feels sure that the public, if fully informed of the nature of these experiments, the cruelty and suffering they entail, would demand they are stopped. PAW believe that inflicting suffering on other sentient creatures in order to develop and experiment with more sophisticated and deadly methods of killing human species is a disgrace to a civilized society.

Q2 Are you against all animal experiments?

A2 Yes. By this I take it you are referring to so called medical experiments. Animal based research is unscientific as well as inhumane. For example testing new drugs on animals which are often injured first by brutal methods, is completely invalid research.

Animals react differently to a substance than humans do. Thousands of drugs though - have after years of extensive animal tests have caused serious damage to humans. A drug (sulfadiazine, prescribed for angina) caused eye damage, blindness, internal injuries and death to the people who took it. Paradoxically when a drug is clearly harmful to animals, it is often still marketed, because the vivisectioners are well aware that the animal results may not apply to humans. (Besides the launch of a new drug is very profitable). An example is a drug called Zentre Vioform, prescribed for diarrhoea, which killed thousands of laboratory animals yet was still marketed, resulting in blindness, paralysis and death, again for thousands, this time human beings.

Q3 Do you agree with raids on vivisection laboratories?

A3 Considering the cruelties of vivisection, one could be of the opinion that often what is done to living creatures inside laboratories is more of a crime than removing animals from these premises as certain animal liberation groups do. However PAW will not be undertaking or having any involvement with these activities in any way.

Q4 Do you think that animal rights issues are widely understood in the Commons?

A4 A lot of people in the Commons and in the general public do not understand the animal rights issue, particularly vivisection, e.g. the profit motives of animal experiments, the inaccuracies, the cruelties etc.

Q5 Do you think warfare experiments can be stopped while this country still has a militaristic outlook on 'defence'?

A5 As a democratic society this should lie with the public and the tax payers. As previously mentioned the public knows little or nothing of the nature of warfare experiments and would surely be shocked by the details.

Q6 What do you think of the new animal experiments white paper?

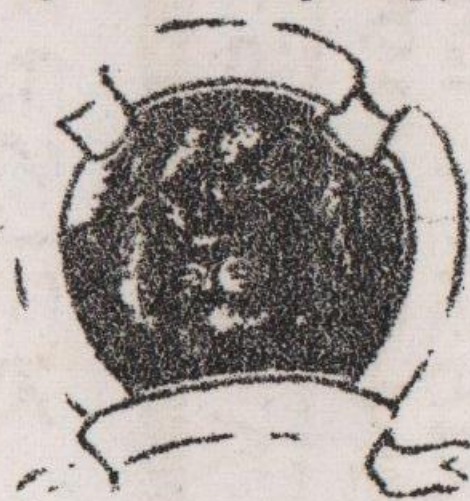
A6 A disgrace. The minimum requirements, advice and recommendations of the 'Mobilisation for Laboratory Animals' should come into effect immediately.

Q7 Do you think concern about animal welfare transcends political parties?

A7 Sorry - not sure what you mean by this. (neither am I)

PAW seems like a worth while campaign. For further details write to: PAW c/o Greenwood close, Shinee Row, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear, NE4 4SD

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IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN GOING DOWN TO WAPPING ON A SAT. NIGHT TO SHOW MURDOCH AND HIS SCUM WHAT WE THINK OF HIM. IS OF US COULD GO IN A MINIVAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED THEN CONTACT LAG c/o BLACKTHORN BOOKS, 70 HIGH STREET, LEICESTER

AUNTY MOLLY,

PAUL WUGIDU,

JUNE 1985,

Dear Aunty Molly,

I hope your alright, I got a bit of spare time, so I thought I'd write. Not much is happening here at the moment, oh, thank's very much for the extra money you sent. I went for a walk down Hyde Park about a week ago, and as far as I could make out, there seemed to be a show. There were loads of people shouting and waving placards, they were shouting things I didn't understand, like "the system is a farce," There was loads of singing and a speaker snouting from a stage, I thought that must be nerve racking for him, I wonder if that's how he makes his wage.

People were waving cardboard bombs, nailed to bits of wood, I can't say that I enjoyed that bit of the show much, though the music was quite good. There was loads of police there, some had expensive looking cameras, well I never knew that they had there own photographers. But I found it all a bit boring, I thought well, what have these slogans gotta do with me, so I went off down to sainsburys to get some fruit for my tea.

Oh yeah! When I got home the other day I got a big surprise. My flat had been burgled!! Well I couldn't believe my eyes. It was all a bit strange though, cause of all the things that they could have took, they just turned the place upside down, and made off with my address book.

Well thats all I can think of now, so i'm gonna go, give my love to everyone, especially Simon, the twins, and Jo,

LOVE

PAUL.

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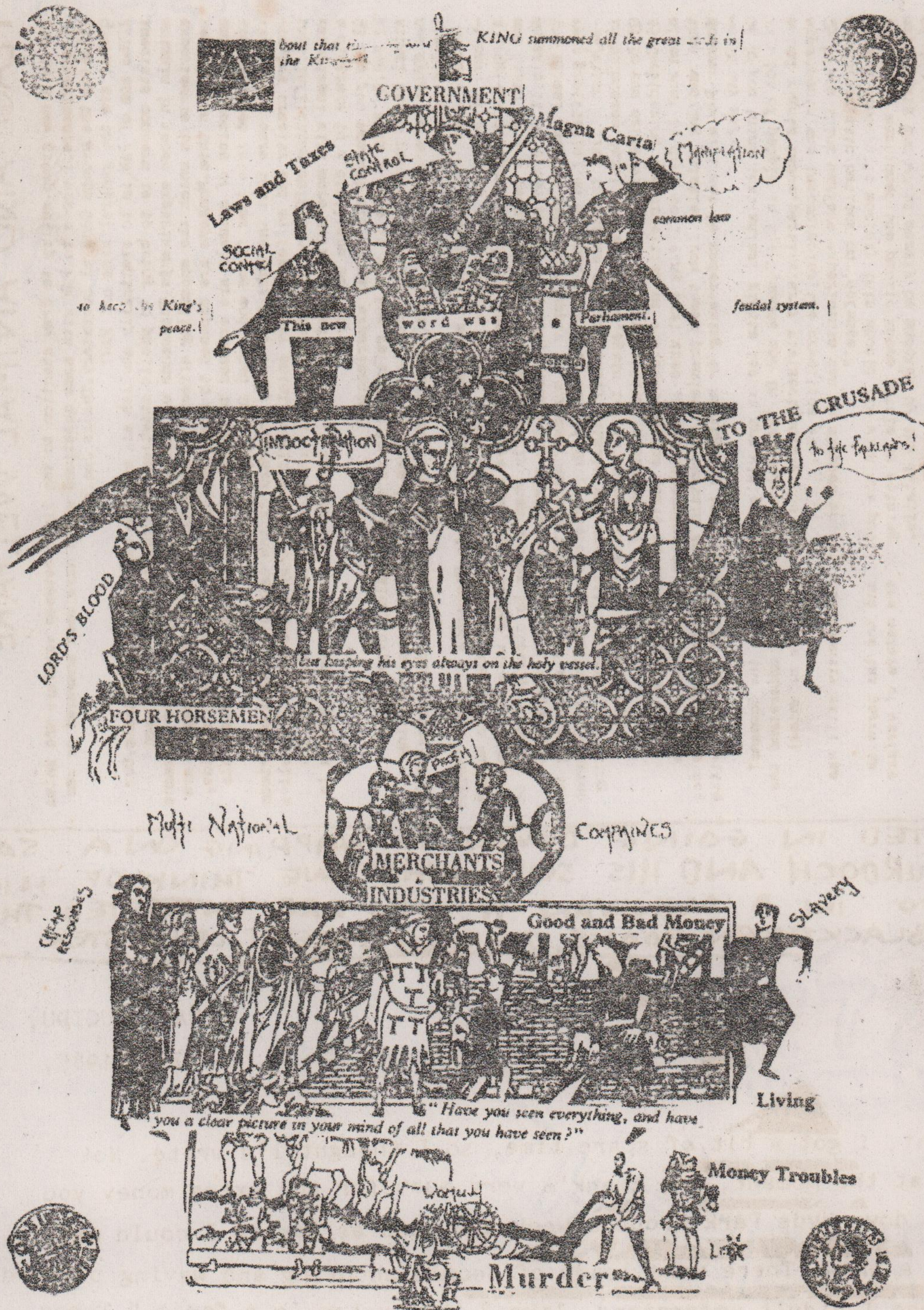
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DiARY MARCH 86 INCOMPLETE VERSION

THIS IS A PRETTY INCOMPREHENSIVE
GUIDE TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN LEICS.
BY ADDITIONS ARE WELCOMED.....

- MONDAYS.. HUNT SABS MEETING 8pm POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS BAR.
WEDNESDAYS.. ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP MAGAZINE PUB MINARKE ST. 8 pm/L USS UNEMPLOYED WORKERS
CENTER CHARLES STREET 7.30 pm.
THURSDAYS.. LEAFLETTING AGAINST S.A. PRODUCE ST. JAMES PRECINCT, BLABY 7-8pm. and ONCE A MO
TH LEICS. ANTI APARTHEID GROUP KING RICHARD 3rd PUB 8pm.
FRIDAYS.. LEAFLETTING SABS PLACE.
SATURDAYS.. LEAFLETTING BARCLAYS TOWN HALL SQUARE 11-12 NOON. ANTI PUB, MEAT, etc. DEMOS.
HUNT SABS. THESE ARE WEEKLY THINGS, OTHER THINGS IN MARCH ARE.....
SUN. 9th... AFFINITY GROUPS WORKSHOP TOWARDS NVDA, 9-3 pm, UNEMPLOYED WORKERS.. (5471700)
WED. 12th... INSTIGATORS/VICIOUS YOUTH/EDUCATION/TREE/.. KINGS HEAD GRABBY STREET 8pm... £1.50.
SUN. 16th... NVDA MONTHLY MEETING. SOCIALIST CENTRE, HIGH ST. 2 pm
MON. 17th... NVDA NEWSLETTER MEETING 4 ST. STEPHENS ROAD 7.30pm
SAT. 22nd... NVDA BENEFIT GIG STUDENT UNION, UNIVERSITY, 8PM, LOTS
OBS. BANDS etc. LATE BAR UNTIL 1. a.m.
SUN 30th HAGAR THE WOMB/DAN - KINGS HEAD £1.50 8pm

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