

# Future trips of the LPA: Tour of the Battlefield of Antietam September 22nd, 6pm

The ruins of Dunker Church, Meath Gardens,  
Bullard's Place, London E2

This tour will take place exactly 135 years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation giving the Southern Confederacy 100 days to before the abolition of chattel slavery unless the rebel states rejoined the Union.

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Georgia was essentially the KKK flag and it was being denounced over the state, and it split the state along black and white lines. We burned the state flag and as a result of that there were people who heard about this and contacted me. So I came here to find out about what people wanted to do and also to have the speaking tour. I've been to 75 cities before coming to Australia, 20 countries. There's never been any doubt what I've been speaking about, who I was etc."

The result crystallised:

## BOYCOTT OF THE SYDNEY 2000 OLYMPICS

"The Olympic Games were awarded to Australia over China because of a better human rights record. But is this so? You be the judge. Here is a list of crimes by the white racist regime:

- mass murder of millions of Aborigines and continued theft of their lands
- the rise of Pauline Hanson — the white racist politician who is against Asian immigration, the rights of Aborigines and who is for the return of a white Australia restricted immigration policy which discriminates against non-whites. The rise of her One Nation Party, a white supremacist electoral movement is a serious development
- the imprisonment of black activist, Lorenzo Kom'Boa Ervin, when he was attempting to speak to Aborigines; who's tour was cut short by being forced out of the country
- the deaths in police custody of numerous Aboriginal persons, yet no criminal prosecution or impartial inquest which would establish their deaths as homicide instead of suicide
- one of the highest levels of police shootings of civilians in the world and a reputation for police brutality

- no policies for civil rights or liberties including lack of tolerance for freedom of speech or unpopular/controversial persons. The government routinely spies on and represses activists
- immigration policies which allow the political banning of speakers out of favour with the government in violation of international law
- engaged in military and political intervention in Papua New Guinea which cost the lives of over 10 000 in the recent civil war in Bougainville.

Because of these and other actions by the Australian government we call for the creation of a Boycott 2000 Coalition to create a world-wide protest against the Sydney Games and especially an economic boycott. Australia is an outlaw nation whose racial policies are little different from apartheid South Africa. We call on all persons who believe in human rights and oppose racism to join us in this protest. We must expose the racist Australian state to the world and tarnish their false image of democracy and tolerance."

But it's not just a case of a false image of democracy, but of democracy as a false image of the world human community. Democracy as it emerged in ancient Greek society was a system of privilege whereby a ruling class could integrate the individuality of its members with the necessity of class rule. Foreigners, women and slaves were excluded. Although the Greek system has been held up as the first example of formal representation of interests, in fact, it was a miserable society where manual labour was despised and Plato theorised the interchangeability of commodities through his notion of universals.

For those who retain any doubts about this, we must consider how the Confederate States of America attempted to emulate the democracy of ancient Greece. On January 5th 1863, Jefferson Davis responded to the emancipation of the slaves by Abraham Lincoln with *An Address to the People of the Free States by the President of the Southern Confederacy* which includes at its nub the following: "On and after February

22nd 1863, all free negroes within the limits of the Southern Confederacy shall be placed on the slave status, and be deemed to be chattels, they and their issue for ever. All negroes who shall be taken in any of the States in which slavery does not now exist, in the progress of our arms, shall be adjudged, immediately after such capture, to occupy the slave status, and in all States which shall be vanquished by our arms, all free negroes shall *ipso facto*, be reduced to the condition of helotism, so that the respective normal conditions of the white and black races may be ultimately placed on a permanent basis, so as to prevent the public peace from being thereafter endangered." *Helotism* is the Greek word for their slaves, and just as the slave states of the confederacy saw themselves as the inheritors of the Greek tradition of democracy, so the New World Order with its stress on democracy is establishing itself as a World Confederacy rooted in the submission of the working class to the conditions of wage-slavery.

Resistance to the millennium, whether the new Magna Carta proposed to be signed by world leaders in Greenwich, the opening of the new Scottish Parliament on January 1st, or the Sydney Olympics, is part and parcel of other resistance to the capitalist regimes. Already British Airways has tried to raise the money for its contribution to the Millennium fiasco by attacking the wages of both aircrews and ground staff. They have responded with strikes. This shows the way.

## No Third Millennium, No World Confederacy, No Sydney Olympics

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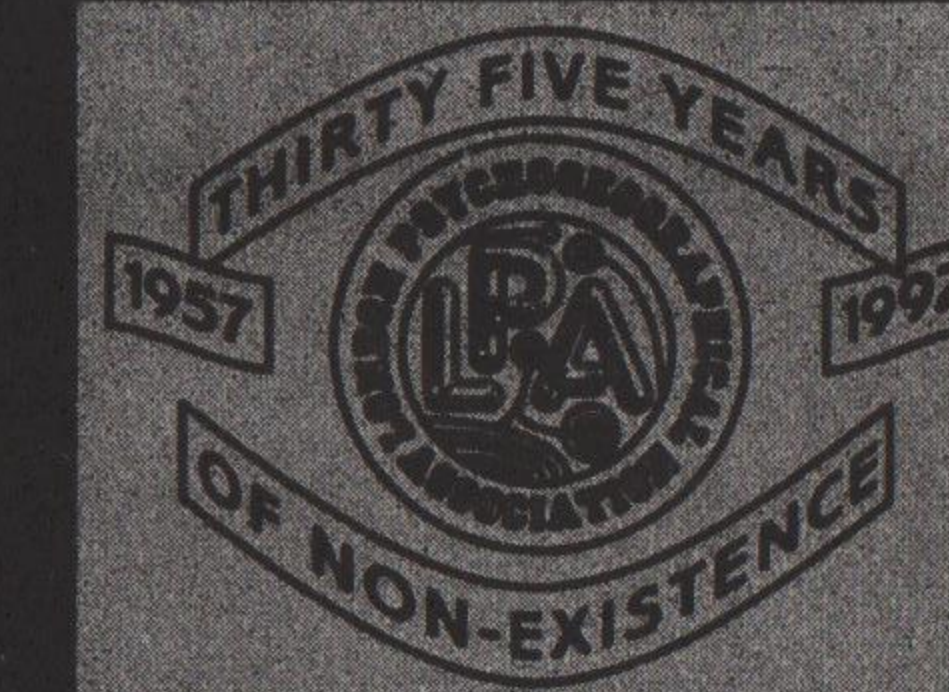


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# OLYMPICS 2000 CANCELLED

In Australia a call has emerged for the Boycott of the Olympics. This is not enough. We must cancel them. It is not simply a matter of inviting sympathetic athletes to abstain from participating in the spectacular celebration of 2000 years of western civilisation. We must suppress the event.

Millennium projects will take different forms in different parts of the globe. In Australia they take the form of the Olympics. They will be used to bind the Australian population tighter to the ideals of white supremacy using the interconnected ideologies of democracy and the Olympic spirit to overwhelm all perspectives which deviate from the fictitious flood of historicisation which traces its source to ancient Greece and finds its realisation in the democracy of White Anglo-Saxon Protestant societies.

This year Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin, an African-American political activist and ex-Black Panther visited Australia as part of his world tour. This is how he described the visit in his press statement of 24/7/97(398 MKC):

"I was only here for a day or so before I was labelled as this 'terrorist' who has hijacked not one but several planes, a person who had brought guns and violence to the Aboriginal people and that I was inciting terrorism, racial ferment, etc. by the conservative politicians in Queensland and also by the media. This whole affair has been driven by the media; certainly the *Sunday Mail* and Channel 7 which irresponsibly editorialised what I said and contributed wholly false statements to me, which led us down the road to where we were in terms of a major crisis for this government and to some extent myself because I was imprisoned in this process.

What had happened to me proved to be a blessing in disguise because it showed the rest of the world how intolerant this

country is. How in fact its human rights record is no better and in my opinion even worse than the country it defeated to get the Olympic Games — China. How it doesn't have a democratic process to the degree that it postulates to the world. So my coming here, my having been arrested and subjected to this has shown millions of people but also the government that in fact when they arrested me and threw me into prison that there were people all over the world who had heard me speak, had been touched by me and who took action — 17 countries — to demand that I be released, that I be allowed to continue my tour. And we have gone ahead with this tour and against all odds. I'm most thankful of Angry People who sponsored the tour in Australia."

He was in no doubt as to why this had come about:

"I think that the officials from the beginning have looked at this as a case of a black man first of all, and a person who'd been a member of an organisation, the Black Panthers, which they obviously know very little about. I've never shot and killed whites but I've certainly fought the KKK and I don't apologise for that. I think the KKK is a racist, terrorist organisation and I also see the KKK has now come here to Australia and the irresponsible government officials continue to deny they're doing anything wrong and that they are just a group of kids out on a prank. But they are here!

When I came here one of my main missions was to talk to the indigenous people and learn their condition. I had been approached by people in England about a boycott of the Olympic Games. I was one of the primary organisers of the protest in Atlanta. The issue of that was that the state flag of

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Since issue 13 we have broken with the Christian Calendar. We are now dating our issues in accordance with the Modern Kemetic Calendar which utilises cycles of 1460 years. The previous cycle (139 — 1599 A.D.) ended with the Hermetic revolt in Calabria, southern Italy.

## Letter from Reading

6/7/398

Dear LPA,

It seems to me that many people will aim to oppose the coming Christian millennium year in the same way they think they are opposing Christmas, i.e. by having a party (like everyone else) while denouncing religion, consumer durables, the nuclear family and indeed Santa Clause himself! These young poseurs merely recreate Christmas in their own "rebel without a turkey" image and end up saying nothing worthwhile about Christmas-time. *Proletarian Gob* stands foursquare against these mealy-mouthed tea-totalers - *Gob* argues for the salvaging of the midwinter festival from the Christian element and the wholehearted promotion of gluttony, lust, drunkenness, mutual solidarity, love and high feeling (riots and general fighting). But, of course, this is what most proletarians are up to at Christmas anyway, so actually opposing Christmas only helps reinforce its dreary Christian message about thinking about the "less fortunate" and the "meaning of Christmas" etc. At Christmas the mealy-mouthed tea-totalers mentioned above in fact have more in common with earnest religious types than they would ever care to acknowledge.

We may, therefore, see a whole range of "alternative" millennium parties put on by everyone from the Mormons to the ACF. We should, as you have suggested, oppose this sad reflection of Bourgeois propaganda, by attempting to cancel out the very calendar! There may indeed be some "truly proletarian party" which will be organised or happen spontaneously but it is our duty as revolutionaries to point out that we should never wait to cause trouble, and that once we have started making trouble we cannot rest on our laurels but have to follow it through to the glorious end. The purpose of an Anti-Millennium Alliance, as I see it, would be to make the event non-existent, not to "rival" it, which is a form of *joining in*. (But maybe anything other than a complete ignoring of the event will be smugly seen by our betters as a vindication of their attempts to divert our attention from real daily living) [Still, it's a chance to have a bit of a laugh and to confront the "part-time revolutionaries" over their embedded Christian/Bourgeois/Scientific Rationalist ideology].

So, sign me up to the crusade to abolish the Christian calendar and make the millennium a meaningless date — send me my instructions!

Have you given up doing the LPA newsletter?

Thanks for the big bundle of literature you sent me a short while back. Yours, Pete

**Proletarian Gob**, c/o Folder 19, 30 Silver Street, Reading, RG1  
**LPA response:** Her are the instructions for Proletarian Gob and all other people wanting to join the **Anti-Millennium Alliance**: Get on with it! By the way, the next issue will be the final LPA newsletter. The newsletter has been such a resounding success it is no longer necessary to continue it anymore. However, **Unpopular Books** will keep going—presently we are preparing *Everything's Relative* a text on the Cabbala, Comedy and Communism by Charles Dexter Ward of the International Communist Current.

## Stateside, Regicide,

— we're a trifle on the angry side

In the Summer issue of *Fifth Estate* — Vol.32#1(349) the editors troubled themselves to print a letter from *Green Anarchist*. As **Unpopular Books** have dealt with GA's lies in their leaflet *Into the Sewer with Green Anarchist* (send SAE for copy) we will not deal with their smears here. *Fifth Estate* admitted a reluctance to print the letter because of its "tone and relative incomprehensibility" and promised to deal with the matter in greater detail in their upcoming issue. They concluded their comment with: "For now, let us say that the literature we have received from both sides makes us relieved there's a big ocean between us and Albion." So, it seems that *FE* have gone hook, line and sinker for the myth of the so-called 'Atlantic Ocean' which is as much a phantom as the island of Atlantis. Indeed, this so-called ocean is a mere stream no broader than the River Jordan, and although it may not be a stream they longs to cross, at places it is quite possible to jump across. Rhode Island was noted for this by the Romans who coined the expression *Hic Rhodus, hic salta* which means 'Here's Rhode Island, get jumping'. Our accompanying map reveals that Detroit is only about 100 miles away from London, and we remind *FE* that *the psychogeographer is the man or woman sitting next to you. They have maps in their pockets and xxx in their minds. We are getting closer. Off the system and its cartography.*

Meanwhile, *The Observer* ran an article by Barry Hugill entitled "Sacred showdown as mystic mappers take on 'crazies'" (July 20th, 1997, p7). Here Danny 'I'm not a nutter' Sullivan, editor of the *Leyhunter Journal*, is credited as describing

the LPA as 'crazies'. Indeed we were depicted as the bane of his life. We would point out that 'crazies' is hardly an adequate translation for *enragés*, a sobriquet frequently adopted by revolutionaries in France, and which we would be happy to assume. We had hoped that Sullivan's editorship of the *Leyhunter* would be a substantial improvement on that of Paul Devereux, already notorious for his collaboration with nazi apologist Nigel Pennick. Indeed Jeremy Harte's "Taking leave of Dod: Survey as Metaphor" seemed ready, albeit tentatively, to undercut theories of landscape geometry which are twice over implicated in the language of power. But it seems that Sullivan doesn't want to go the whole hog.

He may be ready to ditch nazi apologists like Pennick — 'they are desperately seeking respectability' writes Hugill. Nevertheless, this is all the better to dis the LPA. They seem particularly worried about our open speculation about ritual king murder being carried out on a leyline in the year 2000 (401 MKC). We have presented our evidence *before* it has taken place, and already the layout of the Greenwich Millennium site include 'Millennium Point' where the line of axis of the Canary Wharf development crosses the Meridian. Hugill says that next year Sullivan plans a showdown with the *enragés* at an international moot possibly in Oxford.

### We are ready to respond to this.

(Pennick's sycophantic review of White Supremacist Kurt Saxon's *Wheels of Rage* is reproduced as part of **Unpopular Books'** leaflet *Into the Sewer with Green Anarchist*.)

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# Antietam: An East London American Civil War Battlefield!!

BOURGEOIS HISTORIANS LIKE to pretend that all the battlefields of the American Civil War can only be reached after an expensive voyage across the so-called 'Atlantic Ocean'. However, LPA researches have proved that this is not the case. What's more, one of the most important battlefields lies on the Leyline which extends from Greenwich across the Isle of Dogs and slap bang through the old People's Palace, now incorporated into the Queen Mary and Westfield College. The Battle of Antietam took place in and around the college on September 17th 1862. This was one of the bloodiest and most important battles of the American Civil War.

Our search for the battle site was originally hampered by the suggestion that it was to be found in Maryland, the next BR station along the line from Stratford. However, for those used to unravelling the mystifications of the bourgeoisie, it will come as no surprise to learn it was found somewhere else entirely. Once we realised that Limehouse was the location of Harper's ferry, scene of John Brown's raid which sparked off the civil war, things began to fall into place (the local Docklands Light Railway station is called Westferry, a poor attempt to hide the location, whilst the Limehouse station is to be found in Ratcliffe!). Poorly paid cartographers entrusted with the job of renaming all the locations on the map made several slips and Hagerstown simply got respelt as Haggerston. It was here that General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate forces, arrived on September 11th and promptly went shopping, buying 400 pairs of shoes. Lee's battle plan fell into the hands of McClellan, his opposite number commanding the Union Army of the Potomac. But bumbling McClellan failed to take full advantage of this while Stonewall Jackson's 'Foot Cavalry' arrived to take the surrender of the Union garrison at West Ferry DLR Station.

Lee regrouped his forces at Sharpsburg, a town to be found on the Queen Mary and Westfield College campus. Jackson's troops had forced-marched up Salmon Lane, later a Moselyite stronghold, up past St. Dunstons and through the Ocean estate, crossing the Mile End Road, dropping off casualties in Mile End hospital before setting up camp on what is now the site of Sylvia Pankhurst House. 'Old Pete' Longstreet took up position on Mile End Road, which incidentally is a play of words on his name perpetrated by some cockney wag. 'Old Rock' Benning guarded the pedestrianised bridge at the end of Solebay Drive. Even though the bollard was not yet positioned in the middle of the bridge, it still took Burnside's Ninth Corps most of the day to achieve a Unionist crossing of the Grand Union Canal.

McClellan had regrouped most of his forces in Victoria Park, with an unopposed crossing at Bloody Bonner's gate. They proceeded south towards Globe Town and then some of the bloodiest fighting of the war took place. Meath Gardens was at that time planted with corn. At dawn 'Fighting' Joe Hooker's First



Corps was the first Union unit to mount attack on Jackson's troops who had taken cover in Westwoods. By 7:30 the attack was taken over by Mansfield's Twelfth Corps. But the heart of the battle was to develop along the southern side of where the railway line is now to be found. This was the sunken road. It is now overgrown, only offering access to several railway arches. Our survey team was surprised to find an enormous papier-maché chicken in one of these arches. The union was to suffer 3,000 casualties from Sumner's Second Corps efforts to seize the sunken road. They were amongst 23,000 casualties suffered by both sides that day — nearly a third of those engaged.

Bloody Wednesday was followed by Fatal Thursday. McClellan was poised to destroy the confederate army, but refused to stir himself. Although this might seem as the latest phase in a consistent history of military incompetence, there is another explanation. He did not want to destroy the Confederate Army and for political reasons sought a stale mate which would not lead to the abolition of slavery but the return of the South to the Union with the institution of slavery intact. There had been rumours of the Union Army marching on Washington to intimidate the abolitionists and achieve precisely such an aim. As it was the Confederate Army retreated across the Potomac, and on Monday 22nd September Abraham Lincoln produced his Emancipation Proclamation, offering the secessionist states 100 days to return to the bosom of the union, or their slaves would be "thenceforth and forever free" and suspended *habeas corpus* for anyone interfering with army recruitment. McClellan had already voiced his opposition to such a move, and now sought advice both from political circles in Washington and amongst his military household. He was informed that he could not rely on the army in any usurpation of civil authority. He was dismissed several weeks latter.

This should not, however, obscure the fact that 'Lanky Link' Lincoln, far from being the revolutionary fêted by the First Internationale, was deeply committed to ethnic cleansing, having pushed congress to give \$500,000 in funds to initiate a programme to remove African Americans from the continent to the Ile de Vache, Haiti. A fifth of the 500 colonists died from hunger and tropical diseases before Lanky Link sent a ship for the survivors.

"Urbanism is the final decadence of the Great Architect"

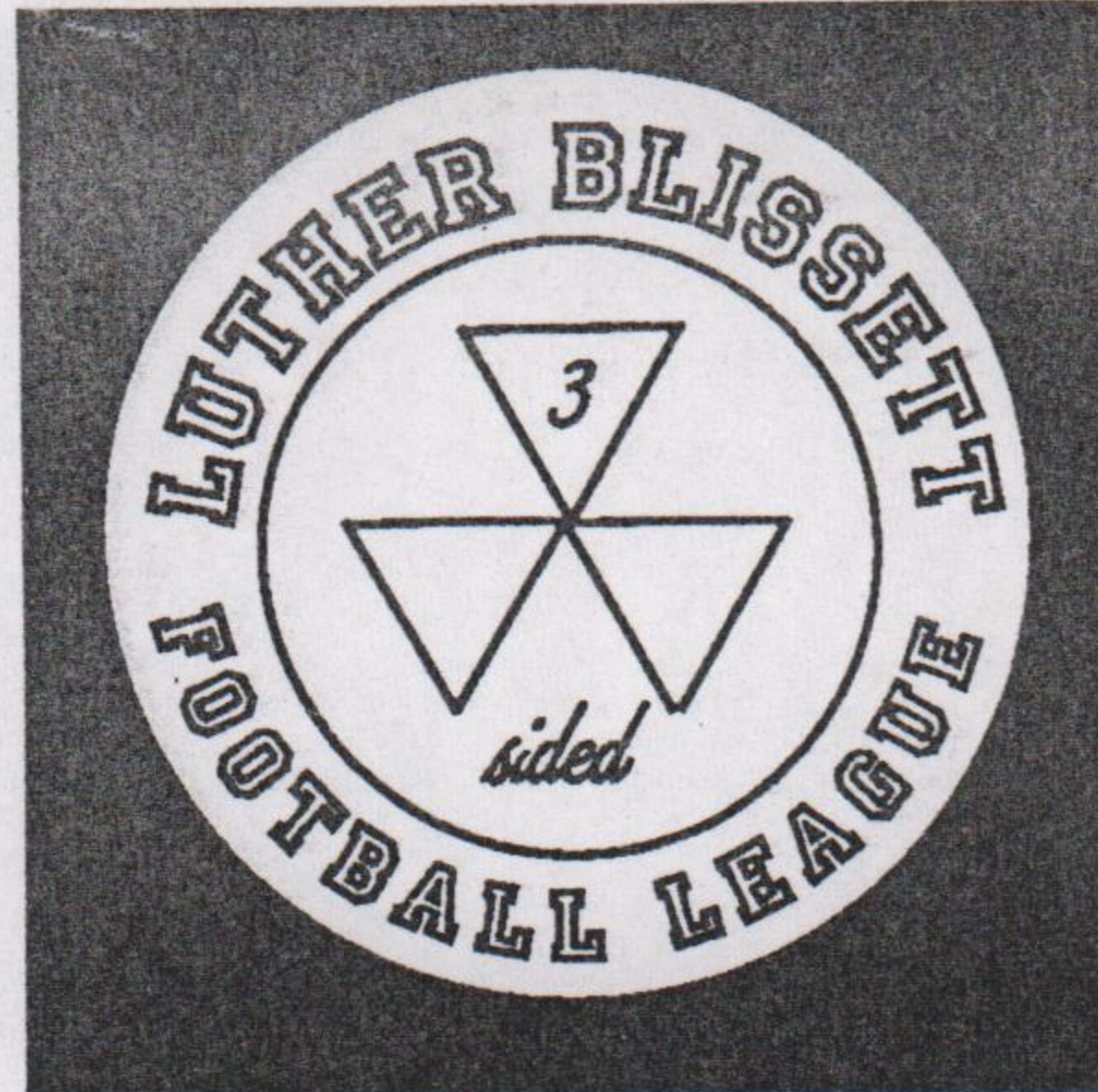
Raoul Vaneigem, 'Comments Against Urbanism' *Internationale Situationniste* #6, 1961



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# Luther Blissett 3-sided Football League



It appears that the first person to come up with the idea of 3-sided football was Asger Jorn, who saw it as a means of conveying his notion of *trialectics* — a trinitarian supercession of the binary structure of dialectics. We are still trying to discover if there were any actual games organised by him. Before the LPA organised its first game at the Glasgow Anarchist Summer School in 1993, there is little evidence of any games being played.

There is, of course, the rumour that Luther Blissett organised an informal league of youth clubs which played 3-sided football during his stint at Watford in the early eighties. Unfortunately, our research has found no evidence to support this. Nevertheless, Blissett's name will probably remain firmly linked to the 3-sided version of the game, even if in an apocryphal fashion.

The key to the game is that it does not foster aggression or competitiveness. Unlike two-sided football, no team keeps a record of the number of goals they score. However they do keep a tally of the goals they concede, and the winner is determined as the team which concedes least goals.

The game deconstructs the mythic bi-polar structure of conventional football, where an us-and-them struggle mediated by the referee mimics the way the media and the state pose themselves as 'neutral' elements in the class struggle. Likewise, it is no psycho-sexual drama of the fuckers and the fucked — the possibilities are greatly expanded!

The pitch is hexagonal, each team being assigned two opposite sides for bureaucratic purposes should the ball be kicked out of play. The blank side is called the front side. The side containing the orifice is called the backside, and the orifice is called a goal. Should the ball be thrust through a team's orifice, the team is deemed to have conceded a goal — so in an emblematic fashion this perpetuates the anal-retentive homophobic techniques of conventional football whereby homo-erotic tension is built up, only to be sublimated and repressed.

However the trialectic appropriation of this technique dissolves the homo-erotic/homo-phobic bipolarity as a successful attack will generally imply co-operation with the third team. This should overcome the prominent resistance to women taking their full part in football.

Meanwhile the penetration of the defence by two opposing teams imposes upon the defence the task of counterbalancing

their disadvantage in numbers through sowing the seeds of discord in an alliance which can only be temporary. This will be achieved through exhortation, body language, and an ability to manoeuvre the ball and players into such a position that one opposing team will realise that its interests are better served by breaking off the attack and allying themselves with the defending team.

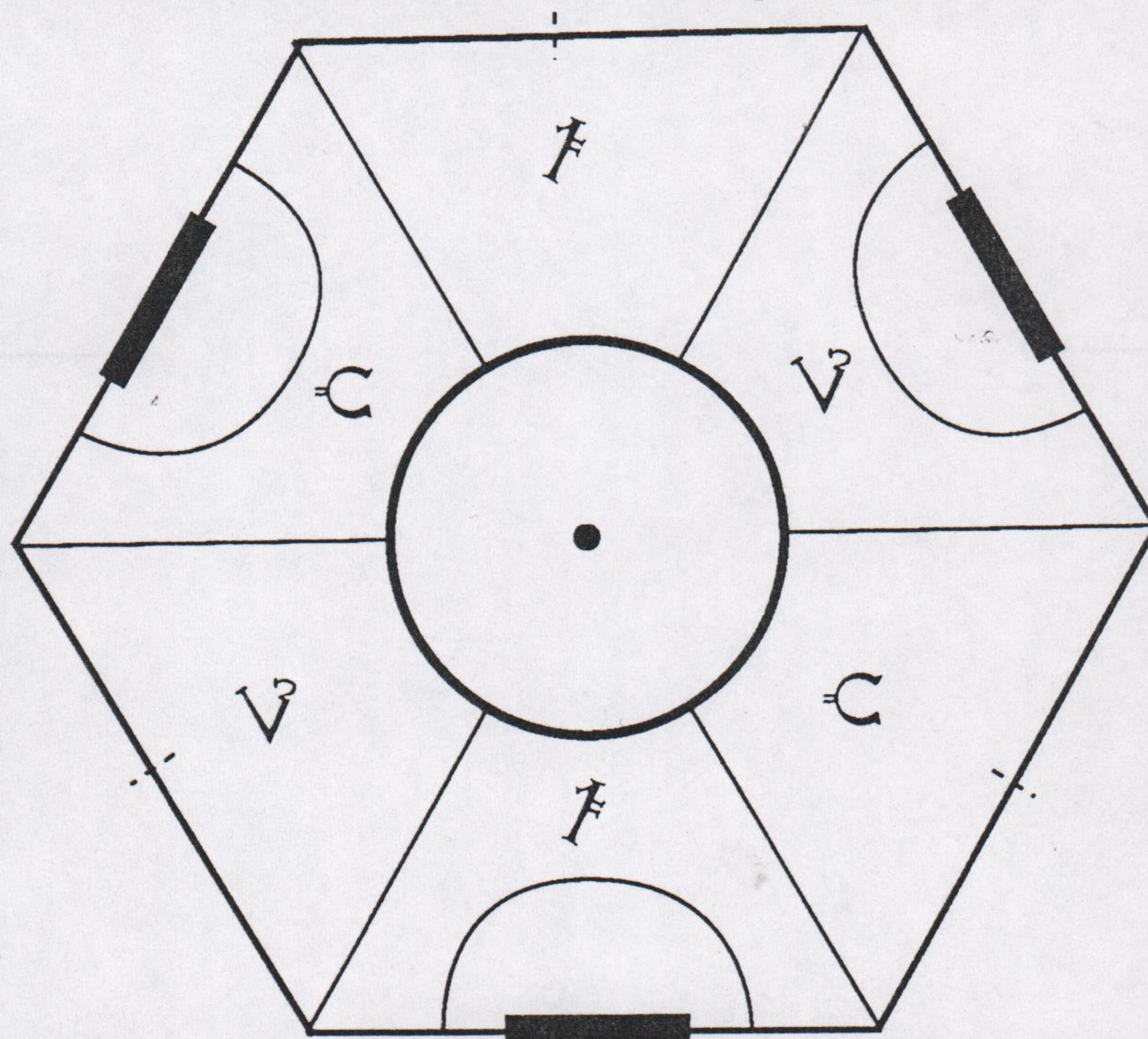
Bearing in mind that such a decision will not necessarily be immediate, a team may well find itself split between two alliances. Such a situation opens them up to the possibility of their enemies uniting,

making maximum use of this confusion. 3-sided football is a game of skill, persuasion and psychogeography.

When the ball goes out of play on the frontside, a throw-in is conceded. This is carried out by the team whose frontside it is, unless they had last touch. In that case the throw in is taken by the team whose goal is the nearest. When the ball goes out of play at the backside, the defending team has a goal kick, unless they had last touch, in which case a corner is taken by the team whose goal is nearest.

The semicircle around the goal functions as a penalty area, and it may be necessary to use it for some sort of offside rule which has yet to be developed. The LPA has set up the *Luther Blissett 3-sided Football League* (C V3 F C) and would like to hear from people interested in playing 3-sided football:

**Luther Blissett 3-sided Football League (C V3 F C),**  
c/o Box 15, 138 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS



Pitch laid out for the teams F, C and V