



THERE WAS NOTHING VERY CHEERFUL IN THE CLIMATE

MALCONTENT

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS INIRO.

WELL CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND EVERYONE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS AND HAVING A GOOD TIME. I AM IN A WAY COS I GET FREE BEER AND EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE HAPPY - FOR A CHANGE. BRIEFLY, THE HYPOCRACY OF IT ALL PASSES ME OFF; SO I TEND TO DRINK MYSELF INTO OBLIVION AND FORGET..... AND BE 'HAPPIER'? IF YOU LIKE OR HATE ANYTHING IN HERE WRITE IN AND YOU WILL GET A REPLY. CU. ENJOY YOUR LIFE, REBEL AND DON'T FORGET TO COMMUNICATE! LOVE. LOVE. LOVE. LOVE.



HELLO, WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE. IF YOU'VE READ ISSUE ONE YOU WILL NOTICE THAT A COUPLE OF REGULAR FEATURES ARE MISSING. IN TRUE PUBLISHING JARGON I HAVE TO SAY THAT THIS IS BECAUSE OF "PRESSURE ON SPACE!"

AS REGARDS THE BENEFIT, THIS WILL BE FOR (NON-CRUELTY) CANCER RESEARCH, TO WHICH, OUT OF YOUR FORTY PEE'S WE HOPE TO DONATE AT LEAST £20. SO SORRY ABOUT THE HIGH PRICE.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OUR LOVED ONES, AND HAPPY PISS-TMAS!
Gene.

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO EVERYONE IN SWANSEA AND BRITON FERRY HUNT SABS WHO GOT A GOOD KICKING AT THE "BATTLE OF PENTYRCH" (12/11/88)



I do a lot of hitch-hiking these days, and as I'm standing at the roadside waiting for lifts I have a lot of time to think. Much of this time is spent wondering why it is that a man in an empty car will not stop to give you a helping hand and talk with you a little. I'm hardly a two headed monster so it's difficult to imagine another bloke being particularly afraid of me. The reason that a woman will not stop is fairly obvious I guess, and I'll go into that a little later.

My conclusion about male drivers is, that they are quite simply acting out the will of a society which takes pains to discourage association among it's peoples. A perfect example of this artificial division is the fear of touch.

In my life I have observed that people are petrified of touching one another's bodies, being perhaps most prevalent amongst men, whose Male machose could not possibly allow them physical contact for fear of being labelled a "queer", or a "pufta" by their 'mates'.

Well, some 'mates', 'cos in my experience, touching another person is a very special and emotional exchange, through which one can feel an extraordinary oneness. It is also an honest exchange, "honest" in so much as it is extremely difficult to lie and cheat in this fashion.

Herein lies the problem for our capitalist society. Capitalism depends upon suspicion and dishonesty to support the all important notion of competition, into which trust rarely enters.

Consequently, the kind of trust one can experience in close physical situations is seriously discouraged, this being the reason that one's "trust relationships" (ie. one's that combine both emotional and physical closeness) are strictly limited to (mainly) single heterosexual partnerships. Clearly, these notions of legitimacy help to keep us divided and ruled.

In this case it is an unfortunate, but nevertheless inevitable conclusion that the state must look favourably upon violent crimes such as rape and murder, to heighten our fear of one another. In addition they happily continue to feed us sexism, racism and physical violence in our leisure-time diet of "entertainment!"

This is partly why, in over a thousand miles I've done recently, I've watched so many empty cars cruise by me, the drivers even turning away so as not to catch my eye. Also, I've only had one lift from a woman, but then, I am no longer offended at being a potential rapist, and am in no way advocating that women should give male hitch-hikers lifts.

But it is essential that we conquer the fear we have of other beings. It's amazing what a difference it can make between people once they are no longer afraid of close contact. Test yourself, how often do you choose to occupy an entire empty seat on a bus when there is a perfectly serviceable one to share? Oh! tremble, God Forbid (who? - Ed.) you may even have to speak to them!!

If we are ever to become one people we must break these proposterous barriers, then with so much angst and frustration out of the window, we might never need bars and those barriers again, and can take control of our own lives!

MAKE THE LINKS - BREAK THE CHAINS!

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CHRISTMAS

Music

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people on low incomes. This section of the population are forced to conform, and want to buy lots of presents and booze and stuff they can't afford. This makes them miserable, the poor bastards. In addition there is loneliness, which is exploited by stupid cringy song lyrics, making poor lonely bastards miserable too! If you were (or are) poor and lonely this Christmas, imagine hearing some of this stuff on your radio...

"WELCOME TO MY CHRISTMAS SONG" - Why thankyou, Elton.

"I WISH IT COULD BE CHRISTMAS EVERYDAY" - Well, Roy Wood's a rich bastard, so I guess he could afford it.

"I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS, WITH EVERY CHRISTMAS CARD I WRITE" - Christ, if it snows this year I'll freeze to death! But a christmas card would be nice though, if anyone gives a toss that I'm alive.

"TRY TO IMAGINE A CHRISTMAS ALL ALONE" - Imagine?! I could write you a book.

"AND A LONELY CHRISTMAS TREE" - You can afford a tree? Bourgeois! Erm, the book might pay for one.

"LITTLE SAINT NICK" - What's this? A patron saint of shoplifters? I'll have to do some nicking if I'm going to give any presents this year.

"DING DONG DING DONG DING DONG DING" - F**k off, Ding Dong!

THANK F**K IT'S CHRISTMAS!

"Thank God it's Christmas" - we can release another record! In this little oh so humble page, I originally intended to explode your myths about Xmas, as represented by Christmas music. Since then I've had a change of heart and decided it might be better to take a sideways look at some 'Christmassy' song lyrics; take them out of context and hopefully create a kind of dialouge which will contextualise them more accurately. Besides, I couldn't be bothered either.

Any silly sod can see that "Christmas" as most of us know it is one big consumer con, run by a load of hypocritical consumer con men. At best it is an excuse to get absolutely smashed and even be nice to someone one day a year, but the more sinister side of xmas is that it is one hell of a bad time for

Well, that was a bit of a trashing wasn't it. Just in case I put your nose out of joint by pissing on your fave Christmas song, here's a little competition to cheer you up!

COMPETITION*****COMPETITION*****COMPETITION*****
There were seven Christmas songs quoted in "Thank F**k it's Christmas", if you can use your skill and judgement to correctly identify all seven, you could win a "REVOLUTIONARY GIFT PACK"! All you do is send in your entry to Box M, 19 Brynymor Rd. Swansea, after answering this simple tie breaker: from which well known Christmas song come these two lines?

Last christmas I gave you my heart/But the very next day you gave it away.

Good luck and happy Christmas.

GENE

Gathering of Opponents of the T.V.

The modern fascist, the tory voter, the bigot, the so - called realist, the excuse maker, all get their opinions created & reinforced through the T.V., papers & films; it also corrupts many a young mind.

The 'Tell - a - vision' (T.V., papers & films), provides a contemporary Führer principle ie: a total loss of self powers, a self annihilation, it is a comprehensive investment in unlimited obedience. This is the "TOLD vision which can be watched on off hours & preferably all the time. By choosing himself a Voyeur, the individual can watch everything he no longer is." (Freddy Perlman) It is non - participatory, you are selling your time/life; how many years have you already wasted watching T.V....? 2,3,4,5,6,7....? Too many I expect, not that I'm perfect of course. In fact I'm a complete idiot, but thats another story...

As I was saying, people get given their opinion & then repeat it, so the 'average' wo/man in the street gets interviewed & says what s/he 'believes'. Just what got said on the T.V., in the paper, the day before. How many of your views & opinions are really your own? That have not been hi-jacked? I'm not saying people on T.V. are original thinkers either, & they are definately not the Thatchers, Tebbits, Kinnocks, Ashdowns etc, of this world.

All the forms of the tell - a - vision are so biased it is unbelievable. They routinely broadcast mindless, bland, boring, predictable, violent rubbish. Even seemingly harmless programs are indoctrinating. The day goes, the night goes, the day goes, the night goes....The same cr*p gets repeated. When was the last time you saw an anarchist on "Question Time"? The least it would do would be to liven up a boring program! The same programs, the same opinions.

It'll never change, there's nothing I can do, I'll do what everybody else seems to be doing - rubbish! Do something different, don't let your feelings be manipulated by the tell - a - vision, (or anybody else for that matter). Find them for yourself & don't let anybody put you down!



"What Next, Prime Minister? Margaret Thatcher spells out her vision for the future of Britain. Carving her name with pride and faith" was the heading on a double page interview given by Thatcher and written by Robin Esser. It was in the Sunday Express on July 24th, 1988 (I meant to put it in Malc.1 - sorry it's a bit dated, but the criticism is still valid). It made me feel so bad I had to write about it. Even part of the title is hypocritical, "pride and faith" - what in? Forcing millions of people into poverty, responsibility for deaths in the Falklands, N. Ireland...

The interview starts with a question about East-West relations, arms talks, new U.S. President and the place Britain has in world affairs. In answering she talks of "freedom and justice", "changes... benefit of the whole of the free world", freedom and justice! Free world! Who is she trying to fool? I know, you, you, you. Law is all around us (see Malc.1), we can't do what we want, we're free? 'Free' to do what? My gran has a saying relevant here "Britain is a free country, free without a doubt, if you haven't got owt, you're free to go without!" So you've got to have money. You're free to work (if you can get work) - no freedom here. Work for money, for however many hours; forced labour, slave labour. The Labour party wants jobs and industry - as if that's an answer to the problem. The ancient Greeks had only contempt for work, their slaves alone were permitted to labour (not that I'm suggesting slaves - which is what paid labour is). The free wo/man knew only exercises for mind and body. Work gains no 'honour' for the ancient philosophers, the poets 'sang' of idleness and joy - a gift from the gods (& anarchists). Cicero wrote "we must regard as something as base & vile the trade of those who sell their toil & industry, for whoever gives his labour for money sells himself and puts himself in the rank of slaves". No freedom here at all.

Then a question on 'terrorism' crops up. They talk of terrorism, & in so doing legitimate themselves - but governments are the biggest terrorist organisations. It's just that they are 'legal', and murder people, 'legally', eg: Gibraltar, the American shooting down of the Iranian airbus. Thatcher says "But let's face it, no civilised nation takes hostages. So that shows the kind of people we are dealing with". Rubbish, it's just that hostages are called prisoners and it's legally done in 'civilised' countries. What is 'civilised' anyway? A country that sends its people (mainly soldiers) to another country to kill other people and be killed themselves eg's N.I., Falklands, Gibraltar... Thatcher then says "They (terrorists) are not respecters of human rights as we are", human rights? (She's legitimating governments again). She's wrong, creating the illusion that Britain has been/is gods gift to the rest of the world, when we've systematically invaded and violated human rights all around the world for 100's of years. The Iranian airbus shot down by America is next and Thatcher says "It was a terrible tragedy for the U.S., which is, after all, a country so careful of human life, and of course for the relatives of the people who were shot down". Who's she fooling with that fake sincerity? America's so careful of human life???? (She must be stupid). There are people executed in America, also Americans around the world kill other people eg's Libya, Grenada, Nicaragua, Iran. Nothing careful of human life here.

She then claims to be reversing the tide of socialism 'as it doesn't work'. (True!) The 'socialist revolutions' obviously aren't good enough. There must be a flaw in their methods if they only install new masters. Shall we try an ANARCHIST 'revolution'? Yeahh!!

Then 'idiot' football fans come up, acting in a "manner shameful to Britain" - Robin Esser. She says "Yes it does irritate me because for years we had a reputation for supreme integrity. Britain was always a very honest country" - Wrong, we've been one of the most systematic liars the world has ever seen. What about 'secrets'? The lying that occurs through the media, and eg so-called history books in schools; 'lying' is all around us.

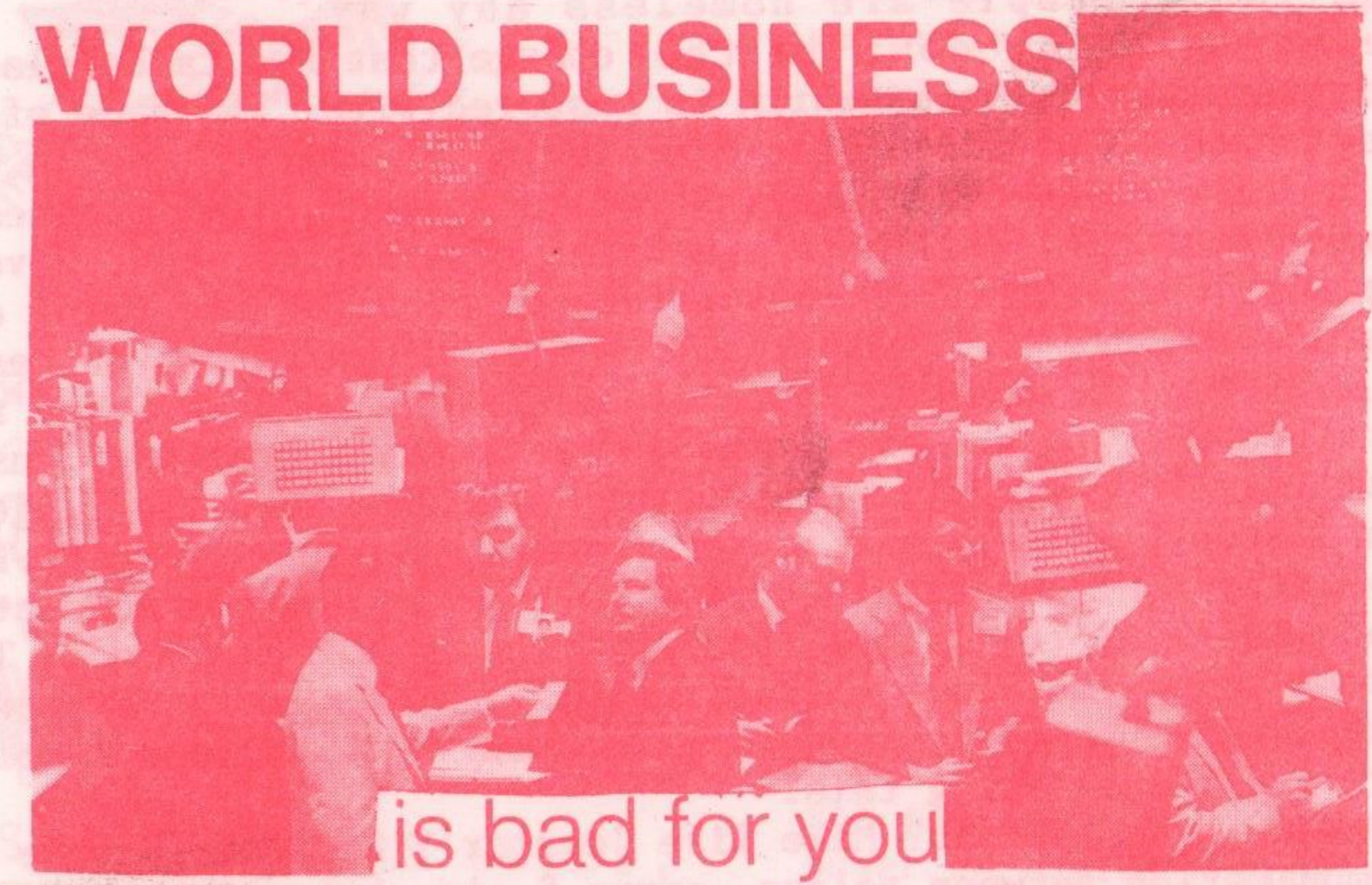
Then 'law & order' is brought up. 'Order'? All I see is disorder, violence, hatred, suspicion, poverty, (but anyway, see Malc.1 for law critique). She says (the forces of law and order) "have been strengthened enormously, not only in numbers but in morale. Their pay is good, their training is good; their equipment is good". Dunno about you, but I think that could all apply to the Gestapo.



EXECUTION = MURDER

Exaggeration? What did the Gestapo do the police don't? Arrest/torture/murder? Both did/do. Pick on racial minorities? Both did/do. Then she says "standards taught (should read standards indoctrinated) to children are so vital" - taught 'right' from 'wrong', is it right to respect elders? Some perhaps, but I see old people intent on encouraging war eg: appeals to patriotism, governments, and old people are those that 'mislead' youth into fighting for them. Is it right to teach (teach means violence sometimes - both physical and emotional) kids to obey people with authority? It only means in later life that they will obey orders (accepting blindly the decision of others who are only human anyway) without questioning them. The excuses of the guards at the concentration camps and elsewhere was that they "were only following orders". Did some get away with it? Cos the implication being that if they were found guilty, is, that you shouldn't follow orders! Government would collapse, we'd have anarchy, scary? Perhaps for some. The next question is about the problem of jurys. The problem of jurys being finding innocent too many 'obviously' guilty people - they want to convict who they want to. The attitude of the person is apparently the problem (they just want fascists on juries) and she says "Many young people are crying out for some kind of discipline, for clear established rules by which to live..." I can't be bothered to slag it off. Then (& she really gives it away here) she says "They know that life only goes on as we would wish it when the overwhelming majority live by rules." (They don't even play by the rules, Malc.1.) Who is we? The powerful, rich, privileged, that really shows they want the powerless to accept their lot and live by the powerful's rules.

Warning: MALCONTENT'S Chief Medical Officers SAY:



The question then is about the abolition of regulations concerning regulation of trade throughout the E.E.C. Thatcher says confidently that Britain has nothing to fear from Europe as long as 'we' (hope she wasn't including me in that) remain "powerful and strong", means sh*t on the rest, "confident, sound in our financial policies, free, with a system of justice & a system of integrity". What 'justice'? What 'integrity'? The system needs poor people to work for sh*tty low wages and be 'grateful' that they've got a job anyway. She is only talking of the justice of the bourgeois. The same 'justice' which allows a magistrate to sentence a pickpocket while the magistrate fiddles his/her expenses for a greater amount!

Asked about future prospects Thatcher says she's building a glorious future, as long as you "are sound, you have honest money...", what is honest money? Not via inheritance where a lot of the rich got there's, & even profit can be seen as theft - see Malc.1. "The acceptance of certain standards & values", all false, all designed to prolong & expand the power + privilege of certain sectors of society. And we know who they are don't we!

- | MY ANSWERS | | YOUR ANSWERS | |
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| 3. MEN | ANY | 3. | SHEET IF |
| 4. WHITE | ORDER. | 4. | NECESSARY. |
| 5. POWERFUL | | 5. | |

Then she says "if you ever climb a hill there is always another one to climb, so you are always doing better" - what does 'better' mean? Money, status and power? All the 'destructive' things, a system based on greed, encouraged as being & doing 'better'. Wrong. "I want to press home the message of all the very good things that have been acheived, how people benefitted from these changes and to emphasize that they now have a duty to give to the future." Sh*t. The 'good' things, responsibility for deaths in the Falklands, N.Ireland, people dying early from the stress/misery of unemployment, encouraging big business to take control of peoples lives, making the police state a living reality, this is one never ending list. 'Duty'? To give to the future, no way. What have they ever done for me? Tried to brainwash me for 20 years of my life perhaps, but nothing else. 'Duty', to make you slaves - don't think for yourselves, just do what they want, don't rebel, then you'll be 'rewarded' in 10, 20, 30 years time. Drivel.

The good things acheived by Thatcher = NOTHING.

"The growth of capital ownership is helping us to become one nation". No way, your 'one nation' means poverty for many, patriarchy - violence & rape for wars, hate, bigotry... "You will find that countries without property rights have no human rights". (Legitimizing capitalism and governments again). What are human rights anyway? Definatly not those as defined by Thatcher. Property rights for the poor don't exist. "Property is theft"! While people own several houses, 2nd houses & there are homeless. Also you have a basic right to housing, it is societies fault people are homeless any way.

"Do you see any slowing down in the change that has taken place in recent years?" is the next question which is answered with "The pace of change is going quite fast because of scientific discoveries..." All you see in the mainstream media is talk about the 'benefits' of technology, its 'progress', & social & economic 'reality'. Well here's a brief alternative view. Government is centralising power, computers are cross-referencing, files are being compiled, I.D. cards are coming, the thought police are here without you realising: national papers, T.V., radio, politicians, 'elders', parents even. they're reality consists of people who are 'moderate', 'realistic', 'talking sense', - rubbish - the 'realists' - normally the powerful- are/have been the largest mass-murderers in history; & the worst is yet to come (pessimistic bit). REALITY, the 'real world' - only real because they've (meaning the systems advocates & participants) made it real; the living 'reality' (hell) for everybody. The very idea of someone being 'sensible', 'responsible', is there to reinforce & protect the powerful, give them a reason forexistance. I could be sensible & responsible by writing & publishing this!

& technology? What does that do? Make life 'easier'? Or does it make control easier?! Communication between police, army; & also between the media (popularly titled "The lie machine") & its 'cannon fodder', the people; all forces of oppression. Computers, A. To blind youth & elders, B. To make cataloguing, selecting, classifying, cross referencing, easier. And anyway do you know what you're doing when you eg: give a child a computer for christmas?

All this, under the guise of 'progress'; they are progressing to total control. The T.V. is already a version of the telescreen in Orwells "1984" - Big brother is watching - it doesn't look both ways (as yet), but it controls all the same.

I have only attacked what she said briefly, well fairly briefly. She said one thing that I agree with, & that is "The future is built by its people" (at the end of 2 pages of sh*t), that is very true, go & 'revolutionise' your life, & the 'world'.

P.S. You can destroy the figurehead and leave the rest of the sh*tty system intact; & the destruction may well strengthen it. Shake the 'foundations', and the rest may well crumble....Ta TA !!



IS THIS LIFE?

I get up, throw on my clothes & go to sign on. Normally a bit late because then there's no queue. On the walk to the office I often think how fu*ked up the world is. I mean, its stupid, if you've no legitimate work you're given a pittance (if you apply). You're not entitled to live. You need money to survive in this society & then they say get a job. But the original problem is that you need money - no need for money, then nobody would work for useless scraps of paper.

People would do the work necessary for their survival & enjoyment (within their community), & it would be useful work! Not making weapons of destruction, big bourgeois cars, or other similarly obnoxious things.

Brought up through school, trained to fear authority, not to think for myself. Get a job, go to london, get on your bike. Be a stockbroker, solicitor, accountant.... Why? It's only because the world is in a mess that these jobs are available. Then they say that's how it is & is always going to be. No way. The change has got to come. And it starts whenever you feel like changing your-self & others around you.

WATCH FOR THIS GUY!



SHE'S A SNAKE IN THE GRASS,
HE STRIKES WITHOUT WARNING,
SHE'S SMOOTH, HE'S SLICK,
SHE'S THE QUEEN OF DOUBLE-
CROSSERS, HE WORKS IN THE
LIGHT, SHE WRECKS IN THE DARK,
HE'S THE MONKEY-WRENCH IN THE
MACHINERY, THE EMERY DUST IN
THE OIL... SHE AND HE ARE THE
JUDAS OF GOVERNMENT.....

JOIN THEM...
BE MALCONTENT!



A DIG AT REFORMISTS

Single issue politics draws attention to symptoms, but does not attack the disease itself. It presents such issues as nuclear war, racial & sexual discrimination, poverty, starvation, (nearly every charity), pornography, etc. as if they are aberrations or faults in the system. In reality such problems are inevitable consequences of a social order based on exploitation & hierarchical power. When a single issue campaign gets 'popular', it shows its strength at rallies or by signing petitions; to change the law. As such, single issue campaigners, lay their appeal for relief at the feet of the very system which oppresses them. "Complain all you want - but do as you are told!" Frederick the Great. Far from damaging the system they actually legitimize it. By their petitioning they acknowledge the right of those in power to exercise that power as they choose. "The 'Peace Movement is growing, everyone seems to agree. Documentaries & movies with an anti-war message are being churned out by the score. People are marching for peace, holding rallies & die-ins for peace. Unfortunately, for all the good it will do them, they may as well stick their foot up their arse for peace." Treason. CND has not yet realised that banning the megadeth weapons means banning the state. Peace will not be 'universal' until the cause of wars ie: all forms of government, are dissolved.

Many thanks to Spectacular Times.

Revolution ?

INTRO

Revolution? Interesting word! Quite popular sometimes as well. Where's it gonna come from & what is it gonna look like? I'm not claiming to have any answers to the above but I'm gonna give a few ideas for you to turn over in your mind (& then you can perhaps give some feedback to the contact address)!

As the majority of people seem to be apathetic, conducting their lives through rituals, simple eg: work, tea, Eastenders & shopping on Saturdays. Their 'ignorance' reinforced by the Sun, Mail, Express, local rag, T.V., 'ignorant' friends etc. It can only be good if anarchist propaganda (horrible word with indoctrinating implications but useful in this context for transmitting ideas) is out in the open for people to gauge their individual opinions. This would hopefully 'cure' them eg: kill a few myths, alter their opinion; & at the same time give them an idea as to what anarchy 'is', & could mean/entail.

AN IDEA

Well my ideas are probably obvious/old hat, but here they are anyway. For the public to 'see' - how about 1st Saturday of the month (more often in summer? If there's bad weather, the nearest suitable pub/house?) in a local park, beach etc A people's picnic! (Not a punx picnic - too sectarian, everybody after all is 'invited'). How about some naughty people flyposting/shop windows etc: good time to be had by all, make your own entertainment etc. I know 'regular' is not to anarchic a word, but it would be nice to know a fun gathering is going to occur; effort & enthusiasm would be necessary for 'success'.
Advantages: good time/laugh, 'selling' point for mags, food, ideas.
Disadvantages: picture parade for special branch, media.

Anymore??

Home brewers could even give their produce away for a donation towards brewery funds - as long as public drinking isn't banned. My god!! How totally disgraceful - people actually enjoying themselves in public!?! (Though I know there are violent as*holes around.)

Anarchy might be.....

Anarchy is 'liveable', 'practical', it 'allows' for the free development of all, individually & collectively. John Schubert said that all social organisation could be built from & by local groups, "The commune or council, as the territorial nucleus, the syndicate, or workers' council, as the industrial one, federated together... like the links of a network". From this people would have direct control & influence over their own lives.

Green anarchist suggests that the 'revolution' will mean decentralisation to large numbers of anarchist villages; autonomous, self-sufficient & independant. Leaving the cities to disintegrate, cos the economic factors which led to their growth aren't there. All very well (I like it!), but what about the resources left in the cities? I've nicked some of the following ideas from the Town & Country Planning Association, & given them an anarchical application. The city is in a pretty sh*tty state (apart from the yuppy developments & 'rich' areas), there is no immediate remedy, but if government lost control here's an outline of what could happen. Perhaps based on "spontaneous order", which means that if people have a need, they will, "by trial & error, by improvisation & experiment, evolve order out of chaos - this order being more durable & more closely related to their needs than any kind of externally imposed order". Colin Ward.

There would be a total decentralisation of decision-making &

'responsibility' to the commune, the people in a given area would tackle problems together. If people leave the city for villages it would probably be from the worst conditions, tower blocks/'horrible' buildings: leaving loadsastuff behind which could be reused, eg's: kitchen equipment, baths, bogs, doors, window frames/glass, any furniture etc. The reusable stuff could be taken to an "area resource centre". Not only a storehouse, but also a "clearing house for the bartering of local skills" - cos a list of skills available in the area is kept.

Redundant buildings eg: office blocks (cos a lot only administer or make money - totally useless occupations) could be converted to hold either flats or workshops or both. For agriculture - hot houses built from roofless buildings with glass over the roof, polythene tunnels for intensive horticulture. Various buildings could be used for all sorts of wierd & wonderful activities eg: building converted into a 'sports' hall, could have a stage etc. Transport: a great increase in cycle tracks/parking facilities, mini-bus service - which could double as a transit van when necessary eg: supplying workshops/local groups with things they need from the local area resource centre, perhaps even a type of taxi service!

There is back up for all the above available in the form of skill centre/s, where practical knowledge, access to equipment & technical advice can be guaranteed. (Development of anarchist education planned for issue 3)!

The local hospital could be an area resource centre for care. The 'versatile workers' can do everything they are capable of, also in touch with the local community to help with the elderly, handicapped etc.

From this little scenario it may well be that the distinctions between housing, 'livelihood', leisure & care are either blurred or non-existent. They 'make use' of each other in getting & maintaining a roof over their heads, dealing with any problems & having a good time!!!!

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TOP TEN WORST PUBS
IN SWANSEA

- 1 SHADES
The Kingsway
- 2 THE WATERSIDE CAFÉ BAR
The Marina
- 3 THE BUILDERS ARMS
Oxford St.
- 4 THE MOUNTAIN DEW
Mount Pleasant
- 5 THE 'NEW' HANBURY
The Kingsway
- 6 THE WHITE ROSE
Walter Rd.
- 7 WGIHE STUDENT UNION BAR
Townhill Campus, Townhill Rd.
- 8 SMUGGLER'S TAVERN
Dragon Hotel, The Kingsway
- 9 THE No.10 TAVERN
Union St.
- 10 THE SINGLETON
Western St.

Welcome to MALCONTENT'S newest, trendiest feature - THE PUB TOP TEN! Rather than be boring and select the best of the local houses, instead we've chosen the worst! So, here is the background to this issue's chart..

At the bitter-end of this season's new chart is THE CHURCHILL; here entered purely on the strength of it's being a 'posh' conversion of the much loved TENBY public house of old. Getting off rather lightly at number nine, we think, is THE SINGLETON, let's face it; those 'serving wenches' dresses are a bit much, aren't they? Meanwhile, if you're a Rugby Club Man, you'll relish a night out in the tacky atmosphere of THE No.10 TAVERN, which keeps Swansea's bad taste lunatics fit with regular and suitably insane Discos.

Happily, the WGIHE STUDENT UNION BAR just pipped THE SMUGGLER'S TAVERN to the post in the fiercely contested 'Swansea's worst pint' category, while the WHITE ROSE is still head and shoulders above it's peers in the 'Same-ish design' league, leaving even the stained glass and Teak bar of THE NEW HANBURY standing.

Good to see that the merest hint of a refit hasn't changed the local's spirit in THE MOUNTAIN DEW, they're still as rude as ever, not unlike the door man at Oxford Street's THE BUILDER'S ARMS, which always seems mysteriously half empty, or is that half-full?

Leading with a double first this time is the perfect partnership, SHADES/THE WATERSIDE, which, whilst they have their differences, are united in an earnest wish to rip-off their customers with regard to the price and quality of their wares. Well done indeed, most of the customers have more money than sense anyway!

If you would like to see your least favourite pub in the MALCONTENT chart, write to Box M and you might just receive a small prize! See you next time.



Apologies to our ginormous national readership, this is the local interest column. It's the one where we gas on about the local boozers, and as in the above case, give some of them a good kicking. If you happen to be a stranger to Swansea, (or a hermit who has lived here all your life) you might be interested in a guide to the slightly better pubs in this city.

We shall attempt a full expose of the pub culture and brewery con at a later date, but for the time being we must make it perfectly clear that from our point of view at least, none of these pubs are any way near ideological soundness. Instead, they have been chosen from the standpoint that they fulfill most of the standards that have become expected of a "Good Pub". Exceptions include those which suffer from the more sinister side of "Tradition", blatant sexism, a perfect example of which would be "The Lord Nelson" on High St., for though it has an unusual atmosphere and quite unique decor, a large part of that decor is composed of female (sexist word in itself) nudes. So, if there are any left to go to, happy drinking in these pubs:

THE COACH HOUSE Has a good original name for a pub situated in the once busy Wind St. area. The Coach House serves excellent Hancocks HB as well as Newcastle Brown, and the usual Welsh Brewers fare. It has two good Poll tables in the back and has regular live music downstairs. For the more discerning, a function room is available upstairs.

THE BATH HOTEL On the front, makes a comfortable stop on Oystermouth Rd. If you like a Juke box, you will be impressed with this unusual and noisy one. Relax in the lounge, or enjoy the good poll table in the bar, while you sup a pint of Anells or Ind Coope Burton draught. Don't panic though, as there's plenty of Lager to suit the less discerning, or (sorry!) Vegan tastes.

THE CHURCHILL Despite it's being the departed "Tenby" of Walter Rd. is still a regular meeting place for the old regulars. The Flowers Original is generally good and the Landlord does a great impersonation of "Sesame Street's" The Count" on Halloween. Don't miss it!

THE ADELPHI Has rather fallen off in quality since the draught Bass was done away with in the Summer. However, this is still a good stopping off point on Wind St. near to the Post office. It has a mixed, friendly atmosphere (though predominantly male) but can tend to be dominated by the TV set a little, a conspicuous feature of Swansea pubs.

THE BRN-y-MOR. On Brynymor Rd. is always reliable for Burton and Anells Bitter. The bar has live, though rather dull live music regularly and is the regular Friday meeting place for Swansea Campaign for Real Ale members. Again, the drawback is the TV which can be avoided by moving to the lounge.

THE ADAM AND EVE Near the station on High ST. is one of only two pubs in the Swansea area to serve the produce of Brains brewery in Cardiff. The other is way out in Sketty. Although a generally very friendly place, this is the only reason I have included this quite old fashioned three bar pub. The clientele are almost exclusively male, and lewd poems have been known to appear on the notice board.

THE KINGS ARMS Again on High St. has been through one hell of a rapid change since about three years ago. It was once a sawdusty old barn of a place. Although I guess it's fair to say it has gone up-market, the Dress restrictions you would expect appear to be non-existent. Unfortunately though, it has since also become a victim of the Ruddles beer invasion.

THE BADMINTON In Sandfields, is always a good meeting place for Courage beer lovers. It has a dart board, a pool table, and, yes! a TV. But I'm sure the friendly bar staff will not mind your switching it off via the switch.

Well, that's about it for now. If you know and already patronise these pubs and disagree with our analysis, we would be more than glad to hear from you.

Sorry it was a bit anti-vegan (anti-Lager) but all shall be explained in a future issue. Till then, have a happy drinking time at Christmas, and don't get into any bother with Rugby Club Men.

*****COMPETITION*****

Anybody thought what an anarcho-pub could look like? Send entries ie: drawings/writings (general description) to the contact address. Say whether you would mind it being published, as at present the 'winner' may well feature in a future edition of Malcontent. Every entry wins a 'Revolutionary Gift Pack'!! Send 1st class stamp to aid the p&p.



"TALKING DIRTY"

The English language - spoken & written by millions of people worldwide, worshipped & praised for its beauty, practicality & versatility. Too often overlooked, however, is the fact that the English language is the most masculine of languages extant, retaining more traces of antiquated sexual attitudes than any other tongue. Many people who assume that the English language is of superior quality in the world today, put down that superiority to the very characteristics that make it "masculine". Unfortunately, masculinity, or at least the notion of masculinity, relies too often upon the suppression of females, & this is the case with the English language.

Language can serve as a medium for putting all sorts of people down, whether obviously (eg: against the black community, the homosexual community, the poor) or more subtly, ie: against women. There is a definite masculine bias in English, one we should be heavily aware of, for it can have serious implications for both the women & the men who use the language. For many of our language habits are heavily spiked with male chauvinism; they subordinate women, perpetuate society's biased view against women. Some of these habits are so 'everyday' & normally accepted, however, that we may not notice when this is happening. Take, for example, pairs of words - master/mistress, bachelor/spinster, husband/wife. The connotations of the "female" words are a lot more derogatory than the "male". In a recent general survey, "mistress" conjured up images of a kept lady, patiently awaiting her married lover, ready to please his every whim. The fact that there is no corresponding labelling word for a male may also prove a point. Spinster, meanwhile, would seem to indicate a rather old woman, who had wanted to marry, but who was too frigid to find a man who would have her! Bachelors were pictured affluent, outgoing, thanking whoever for their freedom. Meantime, a wife ("trouble & strife") was seen as a nagging, houseproud woman who stayed at home to look after the kids. Notice the way in which the women are always somehow allied to a man, or men for their identity. Such "sexual labelling" perpetuates women's subordination in society.

Our language is a vehicle for sexism, containing the double standard which still exists in society. When discussing male & female sexuality, it is amazing to note just how many derogatory terms there are for naming females - slag, slut, tart, whore; women are birds, bits, cows, dogs, bitches. The astounding thing is, that all these words are taken for granted in their existence, & are used by men & women alike. If the words are accepted & used as valid chunks of vocabulary then surely we are absorbing & appropriating the very abusive values they suggest. We are accepting misogynist values & the degradation of women. Notice that to think of words for sexually active males is far less easy, & truly derogatory words are almost impossible to find - 'stag' & 'stud' (cringe!) have pathetic admiring overtones.

The labelling of women is rife. Females are referred to as either Mrs or Miss (ie: they are labelled in relation to a man). Women who choose to be called Ms (a supposed neutral alternative) are labelled as hysterical feminists, making a fuss over nothing. Trash newspaper reports tell of "sexy unmarried mothers" or "blonde, shapely divorcees" while "hunky unmarried fathers" & "tanned, muscular divorcees" are omitted from print (excuse me while I run to the toilet), Surely they are of equal uninterest to us!! The "man in the street", "mankind" & "working man" are supposed to represent both women & men. And cars, ships, things which can be manipulated by men - the "I love her, but I control her" theory.

So, our language provides us with a definite male orientated view of the world. Unfortunately, though we have a masculine form (he) & feminine form (she) of 3rd person singular pronoun, we have no neutral form to refer to both male & female. An act of Parliament (boo - ed.) in 1850 declared that "words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed & taken to include females" ie: "he" shall be used when referring to males & females. (Surprise, surprise this Act had so many loopholes it should have been deemed a farce a long while ago). Although, then, the word 'he' is meant to encompass both males & females, when constantly bombarded by it, the persuasion to think in exclusively male terms is almost too

high. Take for example the following sentence "When the passenger has finished his coffee, he ~~should~~ place his cup in the container alongside him." How many people immediately think in terms of the female? No one. The female is thus easily shoved away to the sidelines, eclipsed by the dominant male side of the language. A small step was taken against this in the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act which made it illegal to advertise a job in such a way as to specify a certain sex. However the object is defeated somewhat when a BARPERSON is required & "he must have relevant experience."

So, what is the solution to a definite sexist problem? Some changes in language are needed both to avoid the exclusion of women & to prevent their degradation. A new 3rd person singular pronoun must be recognized to avoid genuine unwitting bias. Meanwhile, do all you can to write & speak non - sexist language. It can be done, & it doesn't have to look or sound awkward. Instead of he, write s/he or s(he). Use the plural 'they' or the singular 'the person' to substitute for 'he'. Use your head!

This discussion has been brief (I could go on & on & on &), but I hope thought provoking. Remember next time you open your mouth, think about what you are saying. Ladies - don't perpetuate your own subordination. Men - don't be a typical M.A.L.E. (men against language equality)!

Kim

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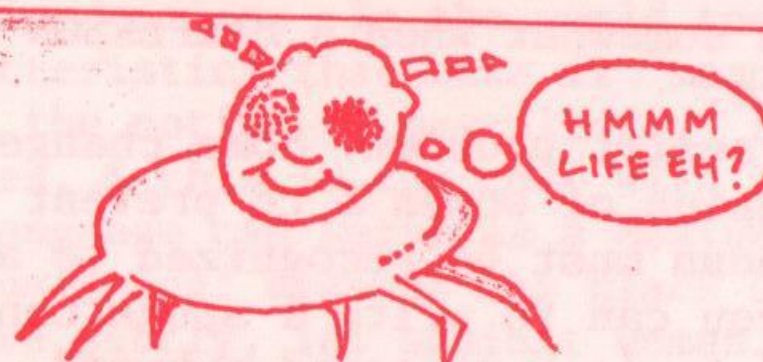
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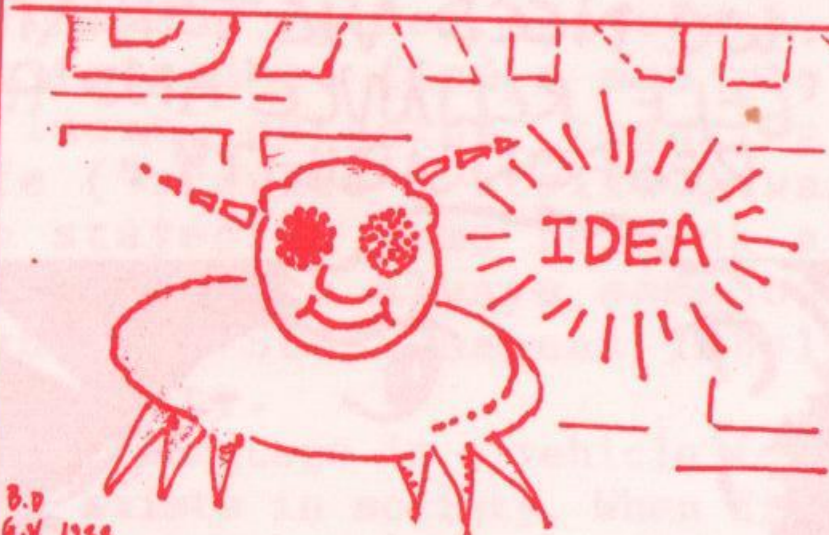
THE
THOUGHTFUL
FLEA

ONE DAY FREDDY WAS SAT DOWN
PONDERING THE MEANING OF LIFE..

HAVING BEEN THERE A FEW HOURS
HE WAS HUNGRY AND HAD COME TO
NO CONCLUSIONS ...



SO HE WENT WALKING DOWN THE HIGH ST., UNTIL HE CAME TO THE
BANK ...



SO HE WENT IN AND GOT THE BANK
MANAGERS!



THERE SHOULD BE SOME BLOOD
IN HERE - THEY SUCK THE
THIRD WORLD DRY ENOUGH! No.1

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

FEEL THE QUALITY, FEEL THE WIDTH,
DEAF TO SCREAMS, THE FILTHY RICH
A WRAP OF ERMINE, A STOLE OF MINK
MONEY MAKERS - STOP AND THINK

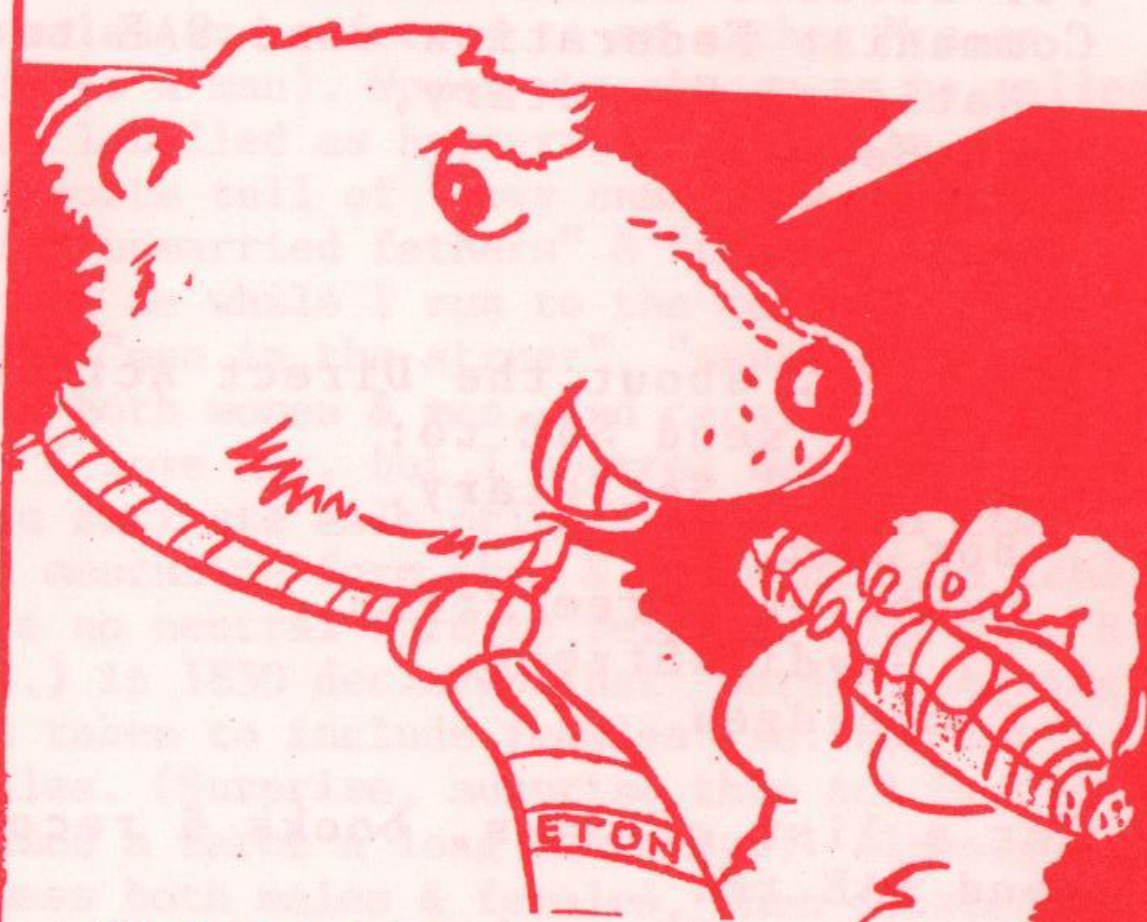
WHAT'S FOR CHRISTMAS, SOMETHING NICE?
TRAILS OF BLOOD LEFT ON ICE
SEAL SKIN JACKET, LEOPARD SKIN HAT
MONEY MAKERS - GETTING FAT

TENDER CREATURE, WE DON'T WANT A LOT
IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME - GIVE ALL YOU'VE GOT!
CLOTHED IN MURDER, SWATHED IN PAIN
MONEY MAKERS - OUT TO GAIN

WEARY CREATURE, WHY DO YOU CRY?
WEREN'T YOU WILLING TO CRUELLY DIE?
HAPPY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL
MONEY MAKERS - HAVE A BALL

Kim

ON CHRISTMAS DAY IT IS
NECESSARY TO EAT
TURKEY.



NO.3 IN A SERIES OF BEAR-FACED LIES.

The violence of this diagram isn't necessarily directed towards the buildings and people in this range of companies. These companies are some of the most powerful/influential in the land and as such are more 'dangerous' than at least 1,000 bombs represented here. Violence, no, but a change from the way society is presently organised. 'We' can live without profit or Eastern block communism - we don't need 'them' to tell us how to organise our lives. Lets try to live without the power crazed idiots who want their ego's on display on every T.V. screen or in every newspaper, without the government or religions which lead to hatred and war.

180! Is just about the perfect score, but I'm sure we can improve on and make a better world than the one we have now.

180!





THE MALCONTENT!!



Who or what or why are they? Who knows; personally I think I am 'right', & so I act. I am developing with my ideas. Personally (good word!!), I think, thoughts grow, then thoughts appear in print (maybe). Reading Malcontent 1, I feel I could express myself better now than I did in my articles then.

Anyway the purpose of this article is to look at a few words which 'are' Malcontent.... See how high you score!!!!

Dissent, Dissedence, Opposition, Disaffection, Anger, Discontent, Dissatisfaction, Disapproval, Repudiation, Rejection, Counter-culture, Alternative life-style, Walkout, Strike, Disobedience, Non-compliance, Refusal, Negation, Protest, Demonstration, Defiance, Objecter, Critic, Heckler, Obstructor, Protester, Revolver, Conscientious objecter, Agitator, Fire-brand, Revolutionary, Sceptical, Unbelieving, Refusing, Obstructive, Resistant, Defy, Liberation, Loose organisation, Unbinding, Decentralisation, Indulgence, Toleration, No restrictions, No control, No authority, Defiance of authority, Relaxed, Free & easy, Ungoverned, Anarchical, Uncontrolled, Insubordinate, Rebellious, Indulge oneself, Be a law unto oneself, Renounce authority, Resist control, Act on one's own authority, Mischief-making, Monkey tricks, Mutinousness, Refusal to obey orders, Desertion, Mutiny, Direct action, Sabotage, Disturbance, Rebellion, Insurrection, Rising, Insurgency, Subversion, Resistance, Agit-prop, Underground activities, Nuisance, Picketeer, Disruptive influence, Soap-box orator, Sediton, Self-willed, Unruly, Ungovernable, Challenging, Uninvited, Throw off the yoke, Break the chains, Achieve liberty, Revolutionize, Freedom, Liberty, Freedom of action, Free will, Free thought, Free speech, Libertarianism, Self-expression, Individuality, Self-determination, Self-rule, Freeperson, Free spirit, Individualist, Freeborn, Liberated, Unchained, Unconquerable, Irrepressible, Wildcat, Free-minded, Unconventional, Dare, A venture, Free expression, Displeasure, Fault-finding, Non voter, Hard-hitting, Damning, Good influence, Good example, Pleasure lover, Free liver, Sensual, Earthly, Radical change, Subvert, Giant stride, Progressive, Change for the better, Transformation, Development, Be free, Go free, Get free !!!!

I was aided & abetted by Roget in writing this.



REPUBLICAN OR FASCIST?

Another U.S. President
Another man insane
The right has a rabid vein

All the people cheering
All the bloody same
Mass fascism's just not a game



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

WHY DO PEOPLE HATE
OTHERS DIFFERENT TO
THEMSELVES ?



Animals
can't
protest-
they rely on
YOU
instead

**TOMORROW
THEY'LL BEGIN
INJECTING
SCAMP WITH
WEED KILLER.
SHE'LL DIE IN
AGONY
IN ABOUT
4 DAYS....
IF SHE'S
LUCKY!**



SPORT,
BLOODY
AGAIN



I don't know about you, but when I went to school, my whole day was made a misery by the "Games" lesson. Not being a "Real Man" and wanting to have my head stamped on / wrenched off by some overgrown bully, I opted rather to stand on the sidelines; hands plunged deep in my pockets. One hand vainly sifting the contents for that mystical sick-note, the other one more than likely glowing red from the corporal punishment administered to it. You see, I was a "Fairy".

Perhaps there really was something wrong with me; all the other kids knew how to play football and rugby and cricket etc. and I didn't have a clue. They seemed to have been playing them all their lives. Damn myself for watching the films instead of the football, and damn my parents for not bringing me up correctly. Perhaps I really was a "Fairy", maybe I was a "pufta" (after all, I'd never had a 'girlfriend') but I can't have been a "girl", I mean, they did sport didn't they? I well remember the humiliation I felt as they trooped out of the changing rooms and glowered at me in my uniform. I wasn't one of the "boys", I wasn't one of the "girls", I was a nobody, and was treated as such.

Such was the power of "sport" and how it alienated me from my fellows at school.

Not so long ago, as I walked past the playing field of my old primary school, I was amazed how one little kid was kicked and called a "bastard" by another because he wasn't very good at football - and this was at playtime. No doubt he would suffer a similar humiliation at the hands of a games teacher at some point in the day or week. I felt angry and humiliated for him and it made me realise how dangerous "sport", these so-called "games" can be.

Clearly, the main function of games tuition is not for the sake of physical fitness, rather, it is to indoctrinate one with the notions of competition, team work, knowing one's place and the acceptance of authority. This is an unsound and dangerous practice, as it means there will always be the leaders and the led and the blind acceptance of authority. Secondly, for Men it is an essential ingredient of and stimulus to Macho attitudes; attitudes which can lead to violence and death and the sexual abuse of Women.

Beside the ideology is a stark reality. Thousands of people, both young and old suffer from sport related injuries each year. For some it is a pulled muscle or a twisted ankle, while the unlucky ones twist their spines and never walk again. The most shocking examples of these cases concern those self-same kids who were institutionalised into playing the "games" in the first place. They are not Fairies, they are cripples. Personally I find this to be an abhorrence we can well do without.

As I walked past that school playing field that day I felt like wringing the neck of the kid who'd administered the kicking, but instead, I just said: "For fuck's sake, don't take it so seriously; it's only a "Game" !

Fear and loathing for American bombs



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when you can
write something off!



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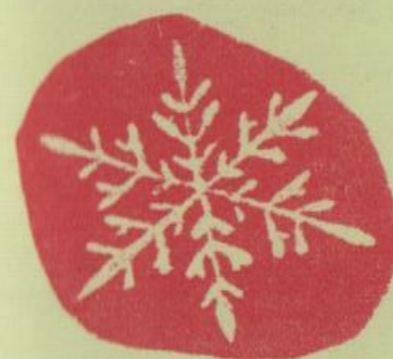
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