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Wow!



And it's another week and yet another Poison Pen Guide to Your Rights..... and lots more where this comes from.....

### Your Rights and the Police

#### Search warrants:

A search warrant only covers the search of a place, unless it specifies that any people on the premises can be searched. You should insist that you will not be searched unless the warrant authorises it. However, if you are arrested during a search, the police are entitled to search you.

A search warrant can be issued by a magistrate if there is reasonable cause to think you are in possession of stolen goods on your premises. This includes goods obtained by blackmail, deception or fraud, or the proceeds obtained from flogging stolen goods. The police can use force to enter, if they have to, and they can also take away any goods they think might be stolen, even if they are not mentioned in the warrant.

The police can get a warrant for any controlled drug if they have reasonable suspicion that drugs or papers relating to illegal drug transactions are on the premises or in the possession of anyone on the premises. This warrant allows the police to search both the premises and everyone on them, even if there are no reasonable grounds to suspect everyone is involved. So, if a pub is raided, anyone and everyone can be searched.

A drugs warrant is valid for a month, so the police can return as often as they like during that month, and can enter by force if necessary.

They can obtain a warrant to enter a place-- by force, if necessary-- if they are after explosives. They can take any explosives they suspect may be used to damage property by explosion; also, if they believe that the owner of the property has any items they suspect have been or will be used to destroy or damage property, or to endanger people's lives by destroying or damaging property. They may also take away anything like documents, diaries and notebooks if they think they are connected.

A magistrate can issue a warrant if there is reasonable suspicion that an offence under the Prevention of Terrorism Act has been committed or evidence that could lead to someone being deported from GB to Ireland. The Prevention of Terrorism Act deserves a week all of its own to attempt to explain it, so I expect it will be forthcoming in P.P. soon. Anyway, returning to the above, the police can use force to enter premises if need be. As with the drugs bust, everyone there can be searched and anything taken away which might be connected with an offence relating to a banned organisation, e.g. the IRA, or an exclusion (deportment) order.

If the police do not have a warrant and they take property away, it will usually be following an arrest or after a stop-and-search in the street. They also have limited powers to remove items from your place, even without a warrant and even though no-one has been arrested. This whole thing is so complicated and convoluted that the best thing to do if either you or your premises is being searched is to ask as many questions like what are they looking for? under what authority are they searching? and make sure you check any search warrant and refuse to let them search you or your place unless they have the correct authorisation, and insist on contacting a solicitor or other witness. You should also have someone present to keep an eye on all areas being searched and make a note of what is taken; withdraw your consent if you wish if you have allowed the police to search without a warrant; use 'reasonable' force (but beware!!!) to remove police from your premises if they are there unlawfully. Regular followers of this series will be well aware that the police have a virtually endless list of excuses at their disposal if they want to search either you or your premises, so all you can do is make a careful check of all the above, as well as making a note of police numbers and conversations, then leave it up to a solicitor to sort out. Things aren't very much in your favour though.....

## Arrest:

An arrest is a formal procedure which means that you are detained-- usually in order to be brought before a magistrate on a criminal charge.

If you are arrested, the police must make it clear that you are compelled to go with them-- a request to accompany a policeman to the station is not an arrest. Simply to tell you you are under arrest is not enough either, unless you submit of your own accord and trundle off with them. They can use reasonable force to make an arrest (I bet their idea of 'reasonable' when making an arrest differs from the 'reasonable' force you are allowed to use when evicting a policeman who is unlawfully on your premises!).

Force can never be justified if you don't try to resist or escape, and handcuffing is only justified to prevent you from doing a runner, or to prevent violence.

If you are arrested with a warrant, the policeman has to give a magistrate details of the case in a written and sworn statement. The warrant must include the name of the person to be arrested and a description of the offence in non-technical language. If the offence is created by an Act of Parliament, the appropriate section of the act must be mentioned.

The warrant may include directions for bail. If it does, then you must be let out on bail and told when to appear in court. The warrant may also require surities for bail and the police can approve the people you offer to vouch for you. If they don't, you can apply to the court for bail.

If you are arrested with a warrant, again, you are entitled to see it before the arrest if it relates to a civil offence, e.g. non-payment of rates. If the policeman doesn't have the warrant on him or refuses to show it to you before arresting you, make sure you see it or have it read to you as soon afterwards as possible. Make sure it does apply to you, and see whether it contains bail conditions.

You can be arrested without a warrant for a number of offences: if a policeman has reasonable grounds for suspecting that you have committed or are about to commit an arrestable offence; to prevent or stop a breach of the police; obstructing the highway; possession of an offensive weapon in a public place or a loaded gun in a public place or building which you are not allowed to enter. If you are suspected of possessing a firearm and have already served three years in prison for any offence, you can be arrested without a warrant; if you are reasonably suspected of having an article used for theft; refusing or failing to take a breathalyser; if you are a woman and are reasonable suspected of being a common (sic) prostitute loitering or soliciting in public; contravening the Public Order Act by wearing an unlawful uniform, having an offensive weapon or behaving offensively; being under reasonable suspicion of drinking or attempting to drive while under the influence of alcohol; being drunk and incapable in a public place; being under reasonable suspicion of being likely to jump bail.

The police must tell you why you are being arrested, though they need not give you the technical name of your offence. If you're caught in the act of committing some dreadful deed or it's pretty obvious why you are being arrested, then they don't need to tell you. If you try to scarper, the policeman might not be able to tell you at the time, but you should still be informed as soon as is practical.

So; if you are arrested, ask why. You must be told, except in the cases described above. Remember details of conversations and write them down as soon as possible. Try to remember the policeman's number and make a note of it. Go quietly. If you are being unlawfully arrested, you can sue later. Although you are theoretically allowed to use reasonable force to free yourself or help someone else who is being unlawfully arrested, this is very dodgy ground for you to tread on, so it's best to avoid that one.

Coming up:- helping the police with their enquiries; being searched when arrested; police questioning and lots more!

Deary ma.....

A VISIT TO BRIGHTON.....(well, Falmer, actually)

Last Saturday Steve and I decided to venture forth to investigate the sit-in which was going on at the University of Sussex in Falmer, near Brighton. The occupation was the subject of an article in Poison Pen two weeks ago, but for those of you who weren't paying attention or didn't see it, I'll refresh your memory as to what it was all about.

You may well remember that the demented Dr David Owen received a less than amiable reception when he went to speak at the University a short time ago, receiving gifts of tomatoes and other missiles. The University authorities, ever mindful of the bad publicity that such incidents bring, used this as an excuse to suspend two anarchists and expel three others. The students protested and an occupation of one of the arts faculty blocks started.

We had heard tell that from some people with whom we were in contact over there that the whole thing had been taken over by the SWP who had introduced their own style of authoritarianism into the occupation by laying down rulings like 'no alcohol or dope' and generally being allowed to run the show. Since when have the SWP sympathised with anarchists then? And why were the other students allowing them to get away with it? Who knows.

Anyway, Steve took a train over on Saturday morning, and gave me a ring at lunch-time, saying how exciting everything was: there was to be a big meeting when it was hoped that the SWP dictatorship would be ousted, followed by a gig and large amounts of drunkenness.....well, when I arrived in the evening I found the meeting had been cancelled and in fact everything was pretty dull. Some of the students were busy being offended by last week's P.P.'s over-the-top anti-sexist poem (naughty words obviously shock their middle-class sensibilities!) and I heard the tale of some loony bloke who was dancing along a window ledge seven storeys up, but that was about it.

At that time, the occupation was about seven days old, and everything had settled down, so it wasn't quite as exciting as we'd anticipated. And as for the gig.....welllllll... you could hardly call it a gig-- more people were playing than listening (and there were only about six playing!) and a truly awful row it was too. We got fed up and came home.

I returned on Monday as I'd been told that arch-Swp loony Tony Cliff was to be speaking to the Socialist Worker Student Organisation (known as Swizzo) at the Occupation. I'd heard various things about Mr Cliff, so he seemed worth a look and a laff.

The subject of the talk was supposed to be "The case for the SWP" but in the 45 or so minutes Mr C spoke, all he did was slag off the capitalist media, the Labour party cop-outs, sexist and racist attitudes and language, reformism blah blah blah but never once put the case for the SWP. Although anarchists would broadly agree with many of the views he expressed on the above subjects, his justification of the SWP hierarchy was pretty laughable.

Apparently the excuse is that you have to fight hierarchy with hierarchy, centralism with centralism-- "leadership plays a central role"; in fact you have to be more centralised than your opponents. I see-- so, some the revolution and all that, we expect to see Mr Cliff and his friends ensconced in Buckingham Palace teaching the corgis to "play dead for Trotsky" eh?

And if he is so opposed to racism, then why does he deny he is a Jew by changing his name? I am informed that Mr Cliff's real name is Yaegal Glockstein (?)-- if this is so, then why doesn't he go the whole hog and have a nose job and learn to speak proper like what we do?

Well, the whole thing was pretty dull and was only made marginally more bearable by Mr C's flies succumbing to the forces of gravity as his hysteria rose. In fact, after an hour or so of Mr C's ranting and being told to "let him speak" every time a question was asked, we gave it up as a bad job and departed for a drinking emporium.

(P.T.O.)

Latest news from the Occupation, which I was told on Wednesday, is that all the students who were 'disciplined' were allowed re-trials on Tuesday and they all got off bar one, who was fined £10 for 'bringing the University into disrepute. The Occupation was due to finish on Wednesday, and I have heard no news to the contrary, so I presume it did. Apparently the SDP group at the University organised an anti-occupation meeting and two people turned up! Well, that's students for you.

Oh-- and I bet the P.P. poem's still causing outrage and hysteria, 'cause it was on Monday! Ho-ho.....

melita.

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Well now....we've had a singular lack of contributions to this week's paper-- if you read anything in Poison Pen with which you disagree or would like to add your voice, or you feel the urge to let the world know about anything, then send it to us at 14 Silchester Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. Tel Hastings 434102 (how many times do we have to plead for contributions???)

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And, having just said that, part two of our anarcho train travel series has just appeared in the Poison Pen office::::::

This week:

THE ALDRINGTON SWINDLE:

For those who either can't afford the "Layman's Season Ticket" (see last week's P.P.), or who only travel short distances, then let me recommend the tried and trusted "Aldrington Swindle". As an example of how the "Swindle" can be used, I will relate my own usage of this superb money-saving scheme.

It costs £1.80 cheap day return from Angmering-on-Sea to Brighton. After 6pm, there are usually no staff at the station; this means you can board the train without payment for a ticket. On reaching Brighton you simply ask for a "return to Aldrington" (the last station before Brighton and Hove). This will cost you 40p and you will be able to use it on your return journey (so long as you return the same day).

If you leave on your journey before 6pm, or your station is permanently staffed, then simply ask for a ticket to the next station.

So, as you can see, the £1.80 return to Brighton has been reduced to between 60p or 40p. I always use the "Aldrington Swindle" on my excursions to Brighton. Don't be a mug! Pay the sensible fare! As little as possible! N.B.:- this technique could easily be used for, say, Ore to Eastbourne.

Peter the Painter.

NEXT WEEK:- "BOTCH JOBBING"!

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Tut! Tut! of course we wouldn't advocate such naughty methods to our readers now, would we? And the question is-- where the hell is Angmering anyway? And what are we doing here? What is the meaning of life?

Hey-- I've just remembered-- congrats to the very lovely Ray Reardon who beat that feeble wimp Steve Davis on "Pot Black" this week. See, no-one believed the old codger's still got life in him yet.....and very lovely he is too.....yum yum woof woof oh--'scuse me.....se<sup>e</sup> you on another page.....

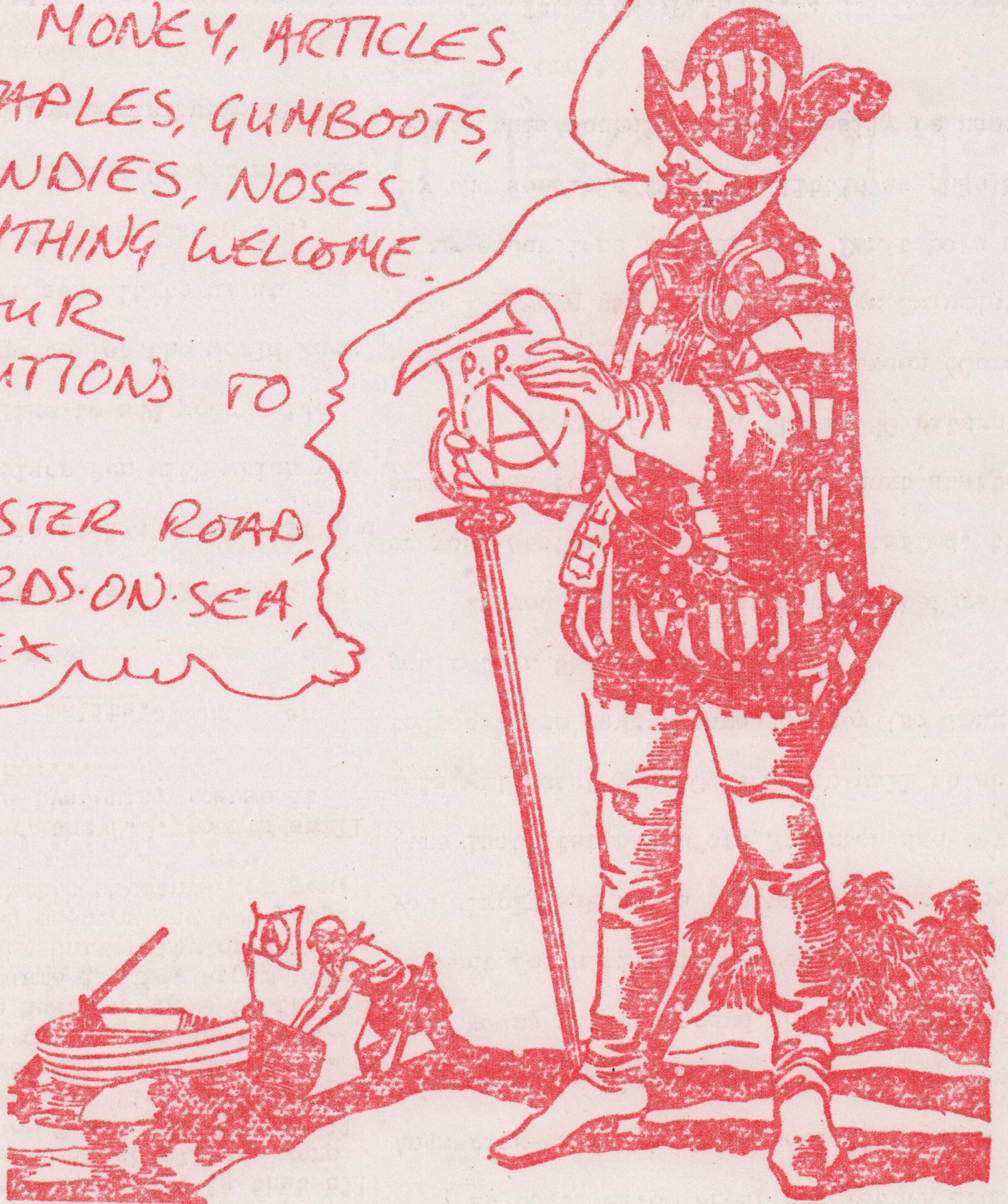
# Feisty Feisty

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SUSSEX



Well well well.....it's ages since we were rude to the Hastings Observer, so let's make up for that now.....hang on a minute tho',....I've just received a shock-horror scandal about the Observer--talk about gutter press!-- more of that later, no doubt. Anyway, let's get on with this bit.....

### C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

We at Poison Pen wish to send our heart felt congratulations to the Hastings Observer on the occasion of the publication of its circulation figures for the period July - December 1981. These figures, which were announced in a humble and sincere editorial in last weeks edition, show that 1,000 more readers now see the paper each week.

We salute all those dedicated and public-spirited citizens who produce the 'Observer' each week and thank them for the service they provide, for as they themselves humbly say in the above mentioned editorial "...we exist to serve, and our only yardstick for measuring how successfully we accomplish that role is number of sales". We are pleased to see the reason for the 'Observers' existance so clearly stated as vile rumours have of late been circulating to the effect that the westminster press is a profit making organisation which produces the 'Observer' in order to MAKE MONEY.

We hope that should the identity of the dissemblers who are spreading these lies be discovered, the 'Observer' will not flinch from its public duty to invoke the full majesty of the law and sue them all for libel.\*

It will be a particular comfort to those workers who have recently outlived their usefulness to the westminster press organisation to have these malicious tales refuted once and for all. How could they bear the thought that their services had been dispensed with in order to line somebnes pocket?

R. Goss Custard (O.B.E.)

\* See Jack Cook for full details.

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SO-- you thought they'd reached the pits with their muck-raking "Sex pose schoolgirls" story eh? Well, so did we-- until this week, that is. Now we discover that that lump of lard, Gary Chapman, self-styled 'editor' of the Hastings 'Observer' has been doing more shit-stirring, this time in an attempt to get at the Unemployed Centre and, in particluar, Mike Bloxham.

Too chicken to do his own dirty work, this creep has been sending reporters round to the Centre to ask all sorts of odd questions, and just today (Friday) a reporter has turned up from the Sunday Express in order to rake up as much dirt about anarchists running a government-funded Centre etc and trying to get Mike to say as much emotive stuff as possible to turn it all into a shock-horror expose. (Cont'd over.....)

More Observer.....

The implications behind this devious underhand tactic of the Chapman are pretty vile: he was trying to find out as much about Mike's past as possible to use it against him, and the results would have been obvious-- if the Sunday Excess comes out with a story to suit Chapman this weekend, then when the Manpower Services Commission, who fund the Centre, have their meeting on Tuesday to decide on the financial future of the place, a great deal of discredit would have been done to Mike and the Centre's future would have been placed in jeopardy.

We all know that the Chapman's not the only one with a grudge against the anarchist group and Mike, and we also know that certain people in the local Tory party have been trying their damndest to get the Centre stopped right from the start, and have pulled no punches in the underhand methods they have taken in order to reach their ends. But this one really takes the cake.

I'd really like to know how much the Chapman is getting out of all this, because sure as hell there must be some money involved in this somewhere. But the Excess will have to try pretty hard to get a story out of this-- talk about a storm in a teacup! The reporter was asking some pretty daft questions and it was obvious to what he was leading-- the average Excess reader is of such a low intelligence that s/he would regard anyone termed as an anarchist as a bomb-throwing lunatic, so he wasn't allowed to get away with any of that. In the meantime, this has soured our relations with the Observer quite considerably. We'll keep you informed.

melita.

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Well what fun we've had this week chaps. I've got all confused with running orders so gob knows what's going on. Anyway, thanx to R. Goss and Dij for help, boiler for tea (yuk) and Ray Reardon for all sorts of unmentionables..... typed mainly by me..... don't forget the Centre's jumble sale tomorrow (Saturday)..... many thanx to Chris of Worthing @'s for the leaflet this week. I'm totally fed up with all this so I'm going away now.

Contact Hastings @ Group at Dodgy Vinyl Records, 14 Silchester Road, St Leonards. Tel, Hastings 434102.

WWWAAAUUUUGGGGHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!

EXPANDS  
 AT THE CHATS'WORTH  
 HOTEL  
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# DO YOU WANT TO BE A WAGE SLAVE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK EIGHT HOURS A DAY, FIVE DAYS A WEEK IN A FACTORY ?

Would you like to spend most of your working hours doing some mind-destroying, robotic work ?

Would you like to work your guts out just to make huge profits for some capitalist shits ?

Would you surrender your freedom just for a sick, pathetic pittance, a pittance that is known as 'The Wage'.

IS THIS THE LIFE YOU WANT ?

IS THIS THE WAY FOR HUMAN-BEINGS TO LIVE ???

IF YOU CAN ANSWER 'YES' TO ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS THEN THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE NATIONAL FRONT, OR THE 'RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN'.

IF YOU ANSWER 'NO', then read on.....

The NATIONAL FRONT and the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY both campaign for the 'RIGHT TO WORK'.....is this just sheer coincidence ?  
NO WAY !

Both the NF and the SWP want to establish one-party State's. This means they want to be able to inflict their ideologies on a reluctant population. To do this they NEED people in work, they NEED people to be doing mindless work, for both National Socialism, and State Socialism wish to create a nation of robots. It is on the production-lines of Britain that the race of zombies will be created.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS THE RESULT OF THE DECAY IN THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM. BY DEMANDING THE 'RIGHT TO WORK' THE N.F. AND THE 'LEFT' ARE ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE CAPITALISM....THEY ARE APPEALING TO THE CAPITALISTS TO GIVE THEM JOBS ! ....its rather like freed slaves begging their masters to put them back in chains !! ITS CRAZY !!



If there is work to be done, then it must be on the basis of 'self-management' (such as the type advocated by 'solidarity' in Poland), work could then be geared to the common good rather than profit. By mechanisation and the removal of capitalist 'consumerism', boring, mundane, and socially unproductive jobs could be done away with.

CAPITALISM AND THE STATE WORK HAND-IN-HAND TO REPRESS THE POPULATION. ANARCHIST-SYNDICALISM IS THE ONLY LIBERTARIAN ALTERNATIVE TO THIS NIGHTMARE OF EXPLOITATION AND WAR.

IN AN ANARCHIST SOCIETY THE COMMUNITY BECOMES ALL IMPORTANT. Issues such as transport and housing within the community would be the big issues.

TODAY WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE THE STATE, VIA THE GOVERNMENT ACTS AS A CANCER ON SOCIETY. Issues such as political struggles and the threat of Nuclear War are the result of such an insane system.

THE 'RIGHT TO WORK' (no matter what the work is) is just as evil as Racism, Militarism, or any of the other products of the system.

THE SURVIVAL OF THE STATE DEPENDS ON SERVILITY. FOR SOCIETY TO BE FREE WE MUST DESTROY THE CAPITALIST STATE, AND WE WON'T GET THAT BY BEGGING OUR MASTERS FOR THE RIGHT TO BE A WAGE SLAVE.