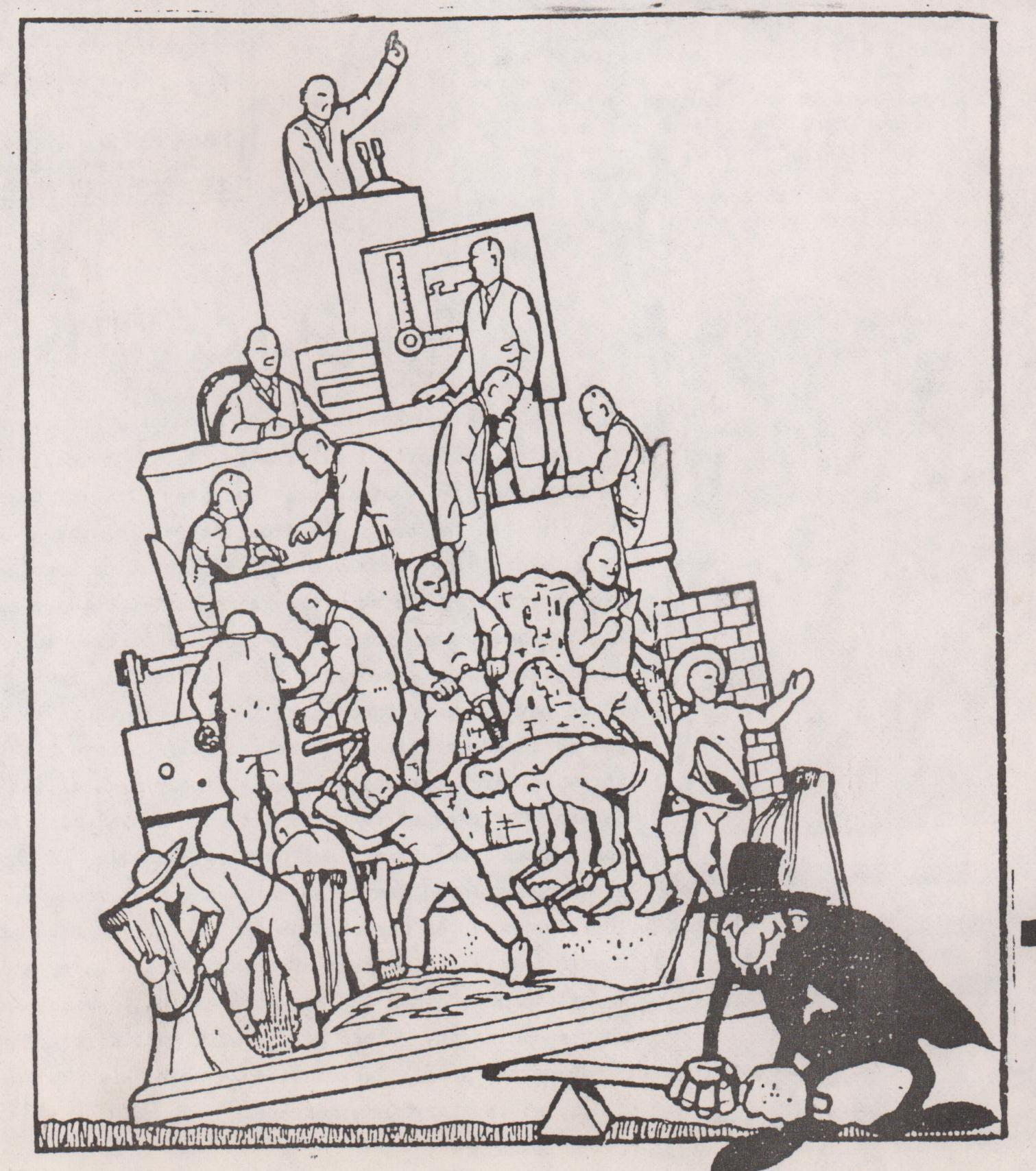


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This is the first issue of a new magazine being put together by a group of anarchists living in Liverpool; it's not exactly a masterpiece but it's not bad for a first attempt. We hope you find it interesting and we are keen to receive any comments, flak, criticism etc. If you think it could be improved then write and tell us how; better still get involved and write something for it yourself. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Anarchist activity has been pretty quiet on Merseyside for quite a while know; the original anarchist group fell . apart and interest in the DAM group dwindled. However, since the formation of the new group many more people are getting involved, plus the Black & Red is back in action and animal rights and anti-apartheid activity has been increasing. We hope that this rag can help to generate more interest so if you want to get involved, learn more, or just meet other anarchists then drop us a line. Together we will be stronger.

As the mag has been put together by a group of people it must be stressed that views expressed by any particular writer are not necessarily the views of the whole collective ...

If you want to write to us, slag more copies, tell us how cool we are, find out about our meetings, exchange information, then write to

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THE BLACK MP RED



The Black and Red is a group of mostly unemployed people who are trying to create some sort of alternative to the established "rock & rell"scene in Liverpool. We want to provide cheap gigs for everyone in a friendly atmosphere where we (ie the Black & Red collective AND the audience) are in control. We try to do everything ourselves and we make no personal profit. Most of our gigs are benifits(eg for such things as hunt sabateurs and striking miners) although at the moment the group is in debt and we need to pay off this first. Venues have always been a problem (this is "Beatle City" so if it isn't Merseybeat bland pop or wanky "noo-wave" then no-one wants to know) and our main ones are no longer available. More recently we have had to contend with brickthrowing, iron-bar weilding kids, theiving scallies and money grabbing club owners. Our present venue is a club, Bradys which is unsatisfactory for many reasons but is our only option. However, we should be having gigs on at the Unemployed Centre on Hardman Street soon. We meet every Sunday at 7pm in Peppers pub on Commutation Row, so if you have any suggestions (we are always interested to hear of cheap venues, PA's, good bands etc ...) or want to get involved then why not come along. Look out for posters in town to see what's coming up. Future gigs should include the Membranes, Chaos UK, The Alternative, Sacriledge, Antisect and Zoskia. We can be contacted via Box Black & Red, at the Lark Lane address.

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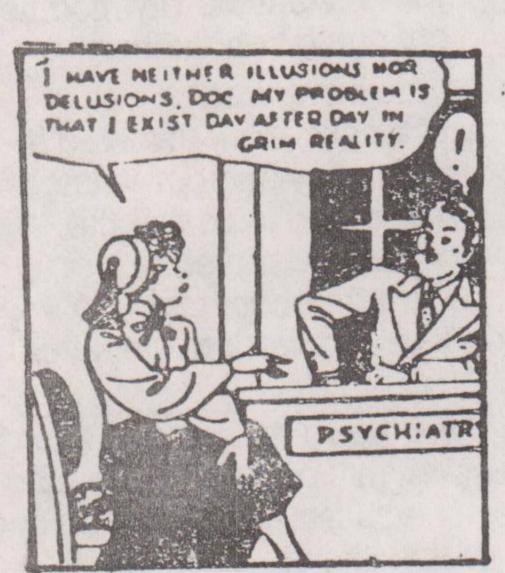


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LEGACY OF LIES

Anarchism has suffered in the past through little bad publicity or no publicity at all. Indeed, seemingly the only publicity anarchism has gained is that brief interlude in the 1890's, when a few misguided, and mainly isolated individuals took to the practice of assassinating symbolic figures to draw attention to injustice. Only a few individual anarchists were responsible for this, and to think of an anarchist as a person with a bomb is like considering every Roman Catholic a dynamiter because of Guy Fawkes.

It is often assumed that anarchists simply want chaos, nihilism and disorder by destroying 'the State'.



Anarchists want to get rid of hierarchial structures, but are almost always stereotyped as wanting no structure at all. This is not so: anarchists are not opposed to structure, or even to leadership, provided that it contains no reward or privilege, and that it is temporary and specific to a particular task. Anarchists want people to take control of their own lives, and make their own decisions.

NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

In Czechoslovakia, 1968, the Soviet takeover was resisted by underground newspapers, pirate radio broadcasting. obstruction of armies and equipment on railways, blowing up bridges, removal of road signs, sitting in front of tanks, widespread graffiti, talking to soldiers in an attempt to make them fully understand their role in repression — thus bewildering and demoralising the invading troops with massive non-violent resistance.

Many Russian soldiers and whole units had to be shipped out after only a few days in Czechoslovakia for refusing to carry out orders properly. The whole resistance was not without humour: road signs were repainted 'Russia' and pointed back in that direction. One unit of Russian troops marched into a town and their commander was surprised by the resistance he met, and took up an offer of meeting the local people in the Town Hall. He was convinced of their case and marched his troops out again. This is just one example of the power of spontaneous non-violent resistance, the strength of which would be far greater still if people were familiar with and committed to its practice.

"The Communists' emphasis is always on centralism and efficiency, the Anarchists' on liberty and equality".

— George Orwell.

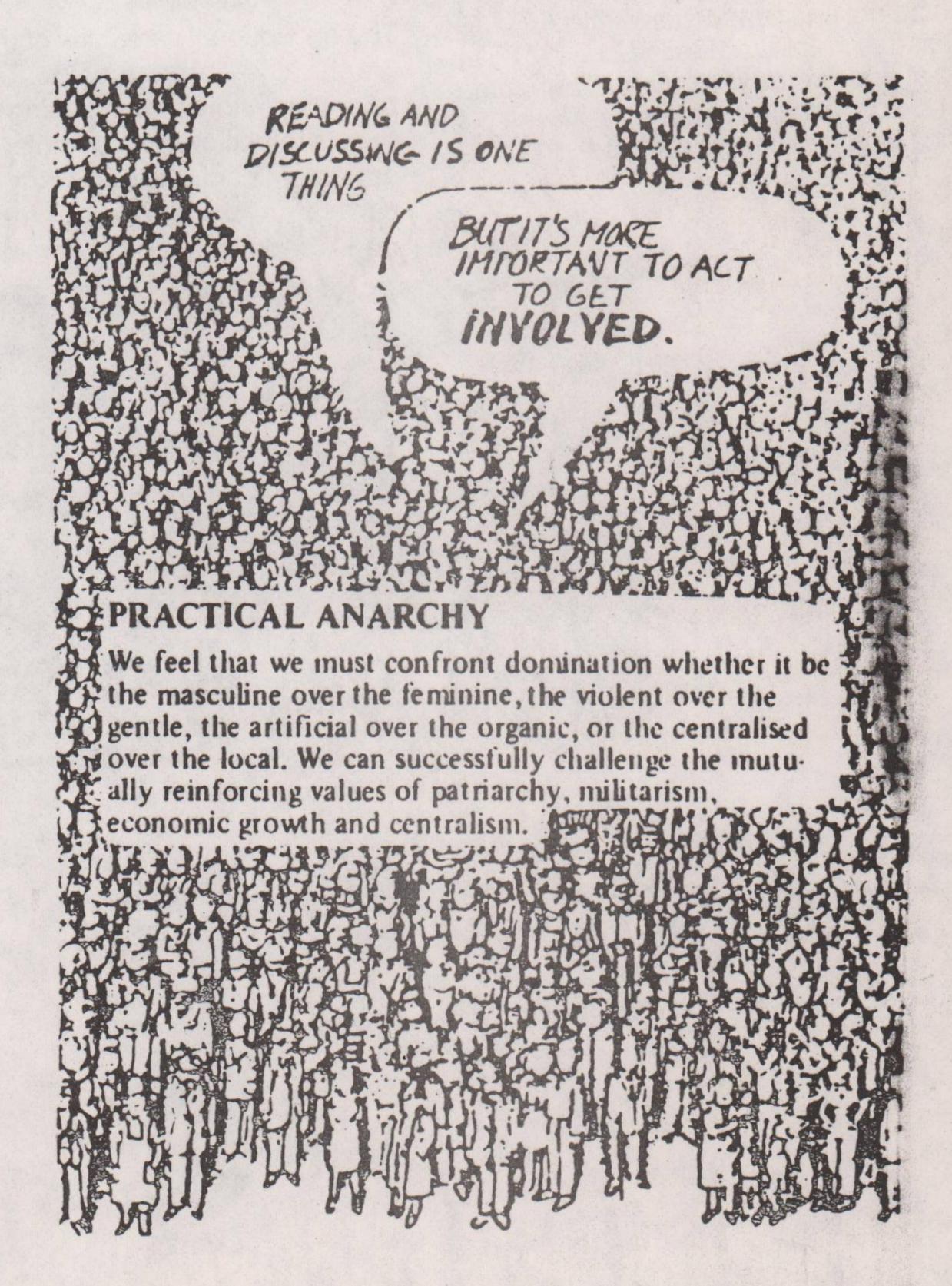
"I have disregarded the order served upon me, not for want of respect for lawful authority, but in obedience to the higher law of our being, the law of conscience"

Ghandi.

FEMINISM PRACTISES WHAT ANARCHISM PREACHES

The feminist movement has been criticized for not being cohesive and for not having a programme. Exactly. That's the point. The diversity in which feminists implement and practise change is its strength. Feminism has no leaders in the lieutenant sense for the same reason. There is nothing to lead. Women plan no revolution, they are doing what they can where they can. They are not unified because women do not see themselves as one class struggling against another. They do not envision a women's liberation army mobilised against male tyranny.

Anarcho-feminists work to build alternative forms of organisation, such as building self-help clinics instead of fighting to get one radical on a hospital's board of directors; starting women's video groups and newspapers, instead of commercial television and newspapers; living in collectives, instead of in isolated nuclear families; rape crisis centres; food co-ops; parent-controlled daycare centres; free schools; printing co-ops; alternative radio groups, and so on.





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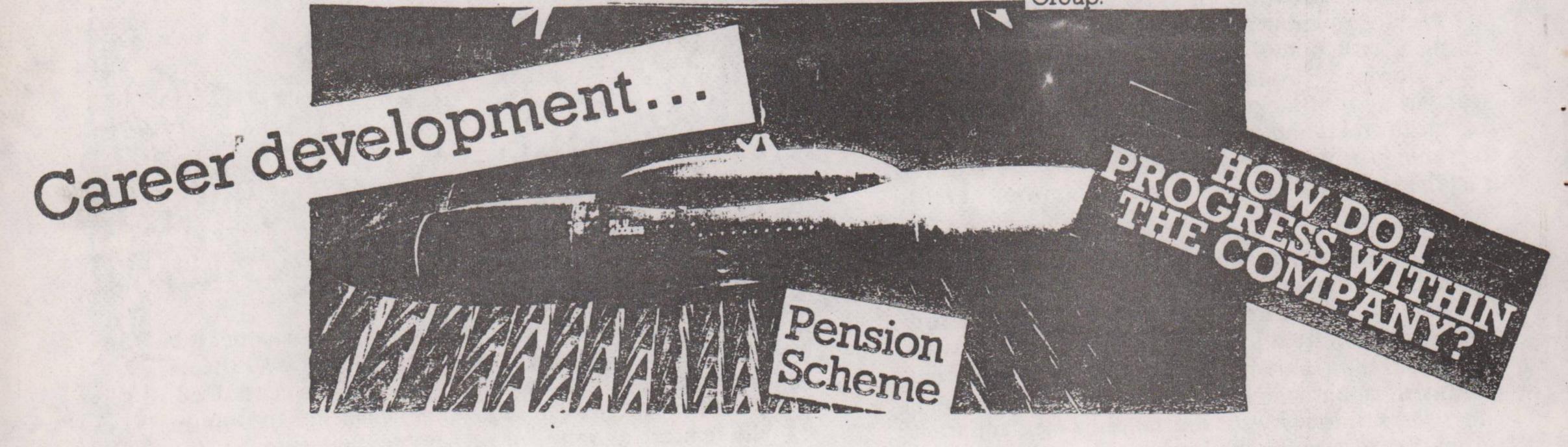
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1) Are obtained from plants which can be grown easily in temperate climates (eg. G.B and Europa) and which are often common weeds. So unlike coffee and brown tea need not be grown in tropical plantations and

imported with all the implications of this.

If you pick wild herbs do not use plants from road and rail verges, agricultural fields etc. as these may Chemomile be 'poisoned' with bad, pesticides etc. Pick in early norming s

@ Require no milk - vegans and compers note!

. 1 Easily obtained. They can be picked fresh, in season, in the country and parks or from the garden or pots. In Liverpool herbs one available From "The Dancing Cat" Lodge Lone, "Triplicate" Smithdown Rd, "Hovells" Smithdown Rd + Allerton Rd, "Athertons Old Swan, "Culpeppere Cavern Walks or other health food stores.

B) Have a long history of use. They were in common use before the introduction of "brown" from India and China.

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BMINTS (Mentha spp) Use leaves. Fragrant, refreshing mint bashes. Excellent aid to digestion. Antisephe. Helpful for fevers and flu, rheumansm and arthritis. Thought to increase sex drive. PEPPERMINT: Driest lasting mint. Good for colds, nervous headaches and acid indigestion SPEARMINT: Sharpast, Freshest hashing mint. Occurs in ditches especially in south. Flowers Adjust - September

PENNYROYAL: Useful for bringing on late periods and relieving period pains. Very more in Britain. occurs in France and Belgium on moist, bare, (MIND) sandy ground such as commons. Flowers August - october

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A blood bonic and diurehic. Good for rheumatism, arthribis, sore throats his and coughs. wasteland throughout Europe. Flowers July - Sept. Nett

@ YARROW (Achillea millefolium) Use leaves. Has a subtle taste. A divrete. Good for stomach disorders, colds, fevers, Hu, nervous headache and cramp. Use as an antisephic on cuts. Very common in European grasslands. Flowers June - Sept.

LEMON BALM (Melissa officinales)

lemon Havoured! I subtle teste , not particularly Anti-depressant. Can strengthen the memory. A relaxing tea good for Kendaches, colds, fevers and His. Helps regulate periods. of Rare in N. Britain: Frequent in S. England, Wild Wales, S. Ireland on hedgebanks and wasteground. Flowers Aug - Sept

BORAGE (Borage officinalis) Use leaves. Has a bitter, almost unpleasant, toste

but is good nixed with other herbs.

Makes a cheering tea - it can lift depression quickly and have an exhiberating effect on the mind. () Also good for fevers.

Found occasionally in milder parts of Europe on wastelands. Flowers June - August

MINITS FOR CIERS TEA MAKEUS

Use one reaspoonful por person. You will learn to adjust the amount to give the teaste you like. Always try to use a non-nebal reapot and strainer. Let the helb infuse in boiling water for about five minutes, again this can be varied with aquired experience.

FOURTEEN FAVOURITE HERBS FOR TEAS

OCHAMOMILE (Chanaemelum nobile)

Use flowers. Tastes fairly sweet. Aids healthy sleep by relaxing herves and muscles. Good for stomach disorders and Absent from N. Britain. Found in S. Britain, S.W. Ireland and W. France, occurs on sondy

grassland. Flowers June to August.

QLEMON VERBENA (Lippia citriodora) Use leaves. Wonderful lemon

Soothes nerves. Relieves nosal colds. Good for teeth and guns

> @ LIME (FLOWER)
> (Tulie platyphyllos) Use flowers and young leaves. Has dry, spieg taste. Effective in prevention and relief of colds, fevers and Hu. The trees occur planted and wild throughout Britain and Europe.

Use the fruit or hip". Tastes fruity. Rich in utamin C. Good for kidneys:

Wild roses are common in Britain and Europe. Flowers in June and July Confrey available after Howening.

Use leaves. Tastes smokily sweet. Effective internally and externally for healing ones, sprous, bruises, stiff joints and wounds Good for coughs, acre and excema and poor circulation.

Common in Europe, except S. Scotland and Ireland, by riversides and in wet meadows. Flowers May - June.

(1) DANDELION (Tarazacun officinale) Use leaves for tea. Has a leafy taste. Roasted Dandelion

root makes a wonderful coffee substitute. A general tome it is good for stomach disorders, rheumatum and arthritis, Klaneys, gall bladder and blood circulation. It is a ould lanative. It can eatisty appetite. It contains many

Very abundant on European grasslands.
Flowers Apr-Aug.

(ELDER (Sambucus nigra) When therewest, southing haste. We Good for colds, some throats, tevers and flu. Internally and externally clears

This small tree is very common throughout most of Europe. the bernes may also be eaten or

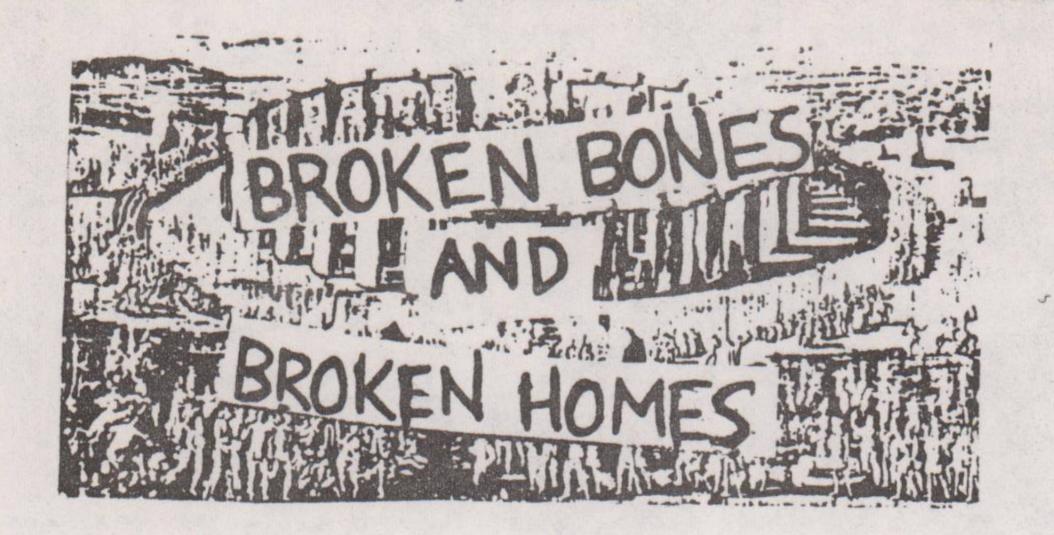
Use leaves. Has a clean, retreshing haste. Excellent for coughs, some throats, thest colds and catarrh. Can reduce tevers and

Lower blood pressure. External healing black eyes! and Grown

(4) MATE (ILEX parquensis)

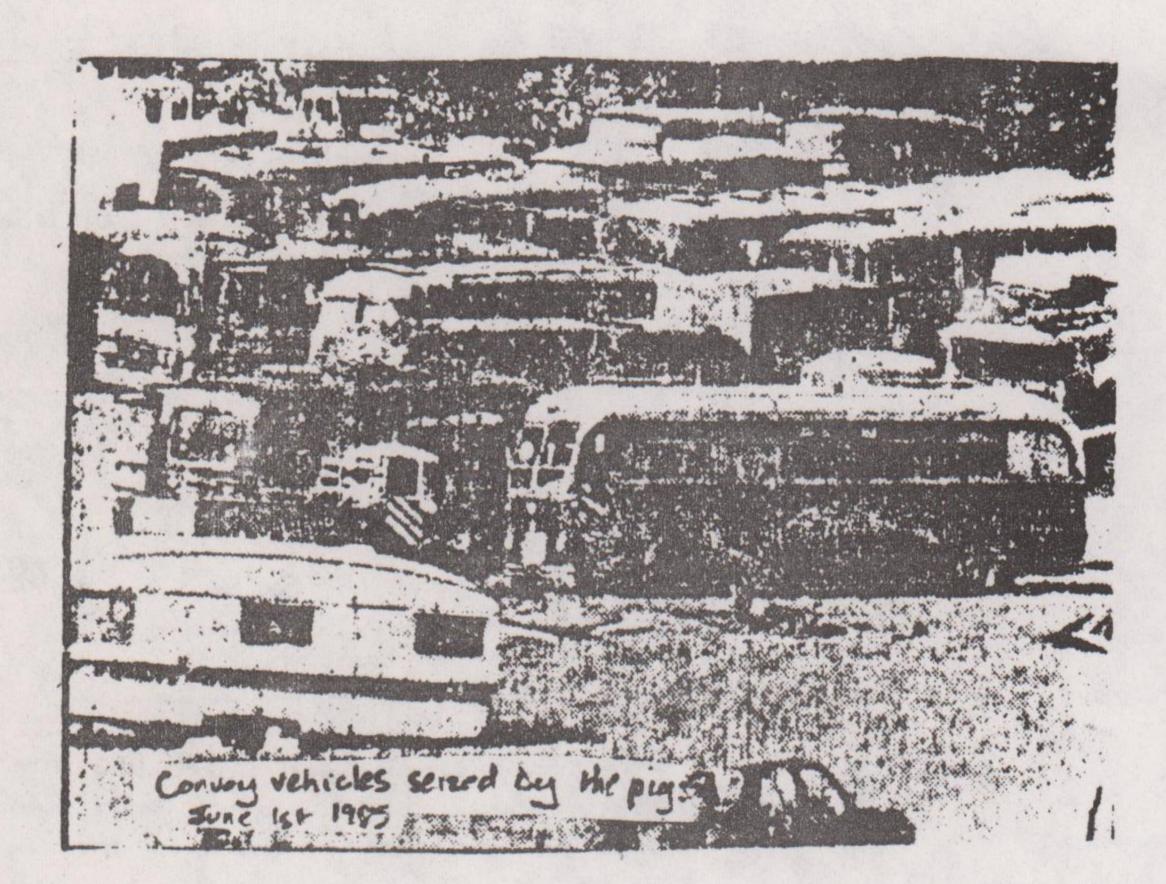
similar to "brown" tea. It is also good

the tea creates a feeling of well being. It can satisfy the appetite. Good for kidneys bowels and heading rhounds have



Saturday June 1st 1985,7pm. Seven hundred riot police storm a bean field near Stonehenge where a large group of travelling people had gathered. The resultant violence and destruction was seen by millions on national TV. People were brutally assaulted and their vehicles (their homes) smashed up. The Convoy is a whole community in itself and this attack was an attempt by the police to erradicate a complete community. The attempt failed; the Convoy are still on the road.

However such blatant victimization is nothing new; some of the Convoy people have had their homes trashed three or four times in the past eighteen months.



May 1984. Police with marksmen and a helicopter strike near Stopehenge and force the Convoy to move. Vehicles which don't or can't move are bulldozed away.

Aug 1984. Riot police attack the Convoy at Nostell Priory in Yorkshire. Many people are assaulted, vehicles

Sept 1984. Police seal off the Hay-on-Wye area and attack the festival at Hay Bluff. Over 200 arrests.
Winter 1984-85. Hay Bluff(a popular wintering site)

is raided several times by police.

February 1985. The Rainbow Village at USAF Molesworth is surrounded by police and 2000 troops and forced to move. They have nowhere to go but a layby on the A1. It is midwinter and many are left homeless.

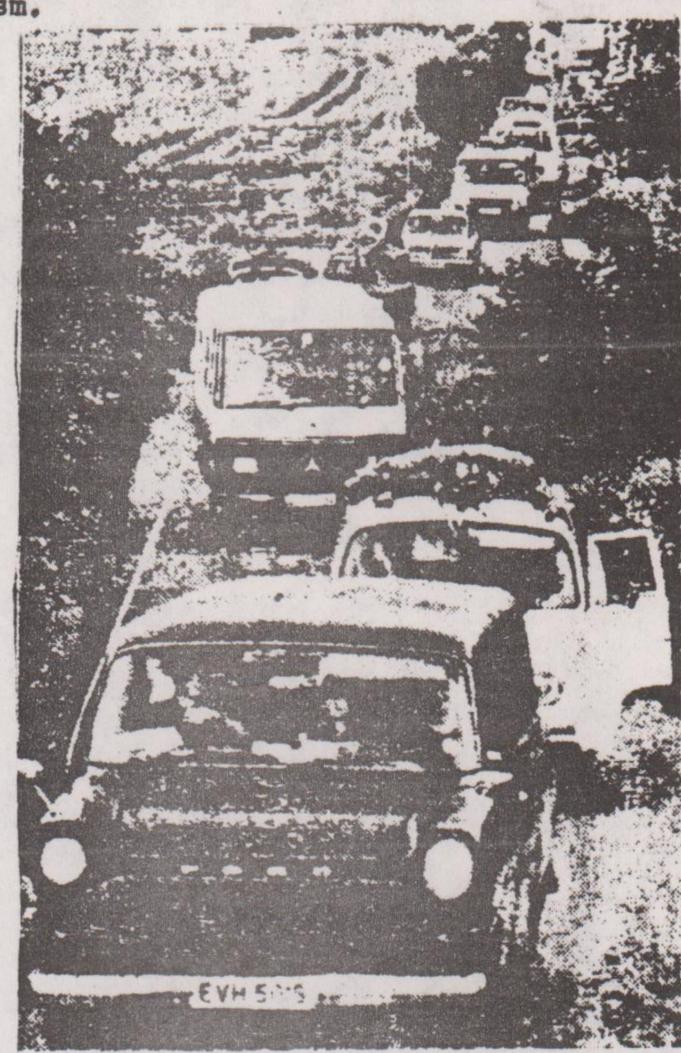
June 1985. Stonehenge. The big one. Many injuries, over 500 arrests and over 100 vehicles smashed and im-pounded. (They are later returned, grossly damaged). Less than 10 people escape.

Aug 1985. A section of the Convoy is attacked near the WOMAD festival in Essex. More police violence, more arrests.

This is the life of the Convoy. They choose to live in the countryside away from straight society and this is what they get. Wherever they go, they are followed by police, stopped, searched, abused. Wherever they stop they are harrassed, spyed on from helicopters and moved on. They are harmless people but the police and the auth-orities are filled with gross paranoia. Sadly too, they are prepared to go to obscene lengths to appease this paranoia. The Stonehenge operation cost eight million pounds; just to prevent people from living and celebrating in their own way.

Stonehenge 85 was the worst police violence for a wery long time.comparable only with Orgreave during the Miners' Strike.However.Stonehenge was far more

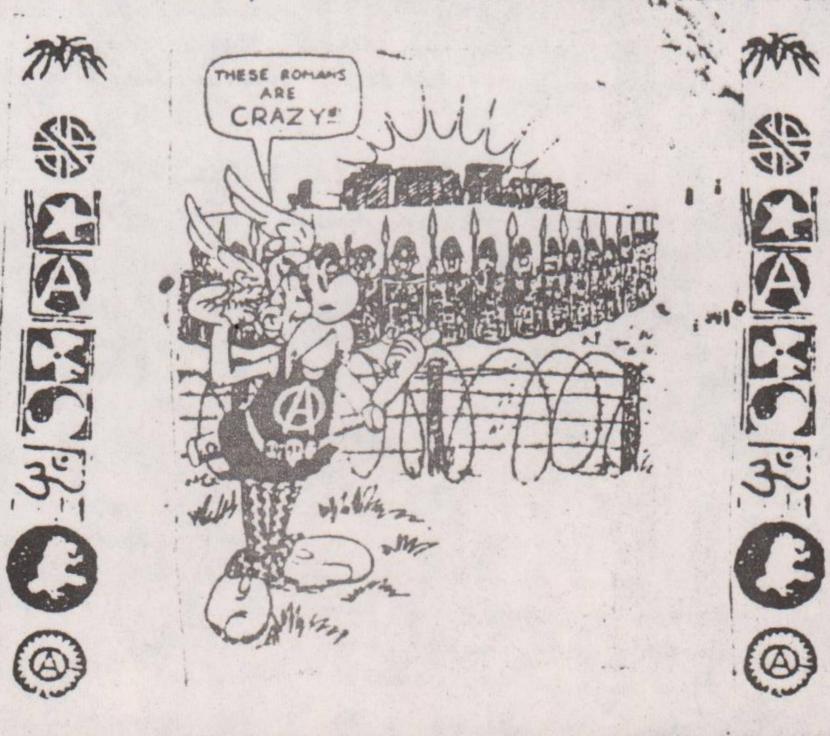
significant and sinister. At Orgreave the pigs were protecting and fighting for the country's economy and the ruling classes; at Stonehenge they were protecting nothing but their own fear and hatred. At Orgreave, there was a threat to the country's industry; at Stonehenge there was no threat at all. The Stonehenge action was against nothing but nonconformity; it was to reinforce their 'you will obey' attitude. It was an act of outright fascism.

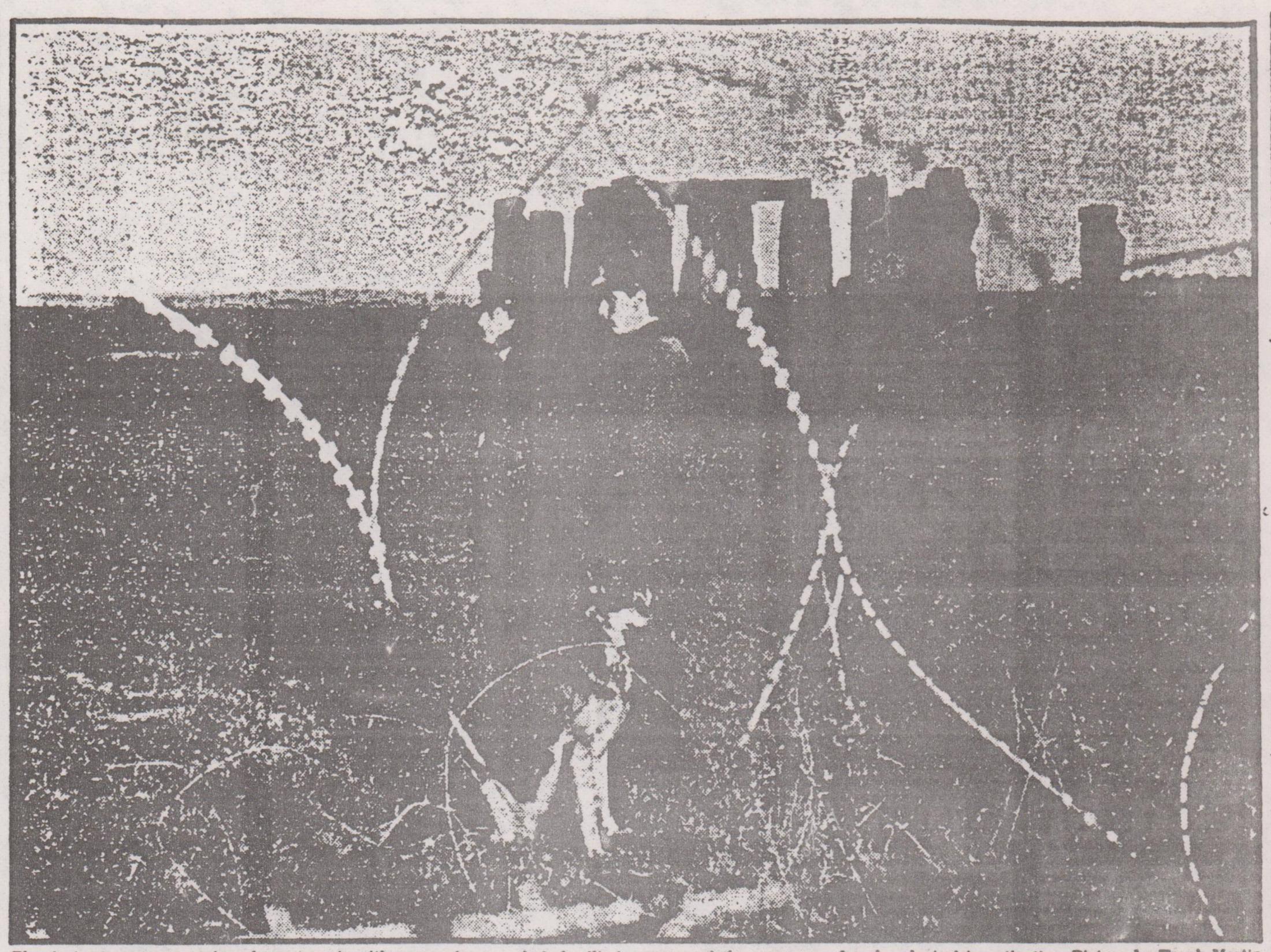


But what about the Gypsies proper, as opposed to these 'alternative travellers'? In their case the job is almost complete. The Gypsy's culture has been so diluted by our own death culture that has now virtually disappeared. During the last war most of the Gypsys were drafted into straight society to work for the war effort. Those that remain are just a shadow of their former culture and lifestyle. But still they are persecuted. Under the 1968 Caravan Sites Act it is an offence to be a gypsy unless you are living on a designated, authorized gypsy site; and every local authority must provide these. They are normally sited in such picturesque places as dual carriageway lay-bys, abandoned airfields or worse. The gypsy village in Liverpool is situated just off the Dock Road on a piece of decrepid land surrounded by derelict dockyards and warehouses. This is hardly the romantic travelling lifestyle that we imagine.

And what about the future? For the Gypsies it is prob--ably alright as long as they toe the line and continue to accept life as nomadic slum dwellers. For the Convoy it is not so good; there are no authorised sites for them, luckily there are still a few areas of common land. But no doubt the police and authorities will continue to try and harass them out of existence.

And Storehenge? At the time of writing(NOV 7th) the National Trust have said they will allow a limited number of people (perhaps on a ticket system) to visit the stones on the solstice morning, provided there is no accompanying festival. We say the festival in full will go ahead. But the Stonehenge 86 Campaign needs your help, for details of what you can do write stonehenge campaign, 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW6. THE FUTURE WILL BE OURS.





The dexire to prevent ageing of monuments with razor wire reveals imbecilic ignorance of the processes of erchaeological investigation. Picture by Frank Martin

Crossed wires on protecting the past

Michael Heaton

THE EVENTS at Stonehenge have highlighted one or two interesting points about our Government's, and our society's, attitude towards our culture and our heritage; in particular the increasing tendency to sterilise the past and sever our contact with it. Such an attitude is enshrined in the government's new policy for ancient monuments, as enacted by the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission via the agency of the police.

unique about the British it is our great cultural diversity and its physical manifestations in our ancient monuments. The Government, however, in its fanatical drive to rid the country of its undesirable elements, and its desire to halt the ageing of our monuments, is in grave danger of interrupting that process, as has been demonstrated at Stonehenge.

The lifestyle pursued by members of the Peace Convoy — along with all the layabouts, spoilt academics, alcoholics, cannabis smokers, welfare scroungers immigrants, refugees and other social inadequates — is the raw material of that marvellous British eccentricity applauded around the globe. It

manifests itself in our arts and in constant technological innovations.

Those peoples hounded by government agents and inspectors, be they DHSS or police, for not coming up to seratch, for not fulfilling our expectations, are the successors to a migration that has been going on ever since the last ice sheets retreated.

Those doing well by monetarism constantly wail about the evils of socialist levelling and how it will sap the nation's vitality and spirit, its essential Britishness, yet they fail to realise that their almost fascist insistence on cultural normality threatens us with that same mundanely uniform future. The "Hippies" and anarchists at Stonehenge are the only hope this country has got.

A similar attitude, a similar desire for sterile normality, prevails towards our heritage in its liturgical and structural forms. Both of these bear witness to the passing of time and the changes incurred by our soci-

eties in that time. We are the products of our past and, accordingly, express a desire to understand the processes of social development to help in the understanding of ourselves. Yet at the same time we seek to halt that process in its tracks.

That some damage, or rather wear and tear, will occur to Stonehenge and its immediate environs during a month long festival is indisputable, but the Ministry of Defence has done damage to monuments of similar construction and probably more importance, all over Salisbury Plain.

The MOD are by no. means the only culprits. The wholesale destruction of roman villas, neolithic and bronze age earthworks, medieval villages, and other less photogenic and less crowdpulling archaeological remains about the country by motorways, supermarkets, metal detectors and agriculture, to mention just a few. is dismissed as necessary for -the future security of our culture. These latter incursions into the physical remains of our past leave no scars on our monuments, but destroy them utterly.

The damage, if any, done to Stopehenge is piffling in comparison, but because it is done by "hippies" -- an out date term anyway - and other easily identifiable nonprofit making groups, it is singled out for analysis and hysterical reaction. It's on a par with outlawing children picking wild flowers when everyone knows the real threat to our flora comes from farmers and industrialists producing things that nobody needs or wants.

The desire to prevent the ageing of our monuments with fazor wire, concrete and gravel, reveals an inbecilic ignorance of the meaning of our monuments and the processes of archaeological investigation The leaders and privileged members of "our" society would have been outraged at the desecration of Roman remains by the Vandals, Goths and Saxons; indeed by the later bronze age reorganization of

Stonehenge itself. Yet these changes are the notches on the staff of time and the very stuff of archaeology.

In fact the Historic Buildings Commission knew well in advance that there would be a confrontation at Stonehenge, and deliberately planned it that way with the full intention of using the well rehearsed, now almost paramilkary, police force. Consultation and civilised discussion could have been employed instead of brute force and ignorance, but unwittingly the Commission has become yet another politcal wing of the government, involved in a policy that has nothing to do with archaeology.

The "hippies," anarchists and pagans at Stonehenge have absolutely nothing to do with the destruction of our heritage. They revere "the Stones" in a way that millions of tourists, farmers and police could never do. They are using Stonehenge for its original purpose and so actively partaking in a continuum that the rest of us can only stare vicariously at through pages and frames of historical romances.

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Unemployed Stand-up



Unemployment has risen steadily and very steeply since 1973 w hen it was 500000, until this year when it is well over four million. The vacancies for the respective dates are 350000 and 170000.

12 years ago there was 2 jobs for every 3 people on the dole, today there is 1 job for every 23 people unemployed.

These 4 million people have been without any means of getting out of the poverty trap for very long periods of time. In many cities it is common to come across hundreds of people who have been out of work for 3,4 & 5 years.

PARTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT BREAKDOWN

London area 393050, West Midlands 213050, Lancashire 390061, Yorkshire 240751, Tyne and Wear 100455, Wales 195482, Scotland 345635.

These figures do not in any way explain the real problems brought about by unemployment and how people survive individually and collectively.

THE WELFARE NIGHTMARE

The nightmare of the so-called Welfare State with its poverty sustaining "hand outs"reluctantly given after intense interrogation and unnecessary long delays is probably one of the biggest obstacles which being unemployed brings. The government and the management of the D.H.S.S., are determined to make it as difficult as possible for ordinary people to have access to the benefits to which we are all entitled to have just to survive in this society. The ruling class are hell bent on crushing people who they regard as inferior in this society of inequality and blatant exploitation. The general policy appears to be to insure that people go hungry and homeless in the midst of plenty. One of the main beneficaries from the coffers of the D.H.S.S., are those ever greedy landlords and land ladies. If ever there " was one section in this society needs to

UNEMPLOYMENT HOMELESSNESS IMPRISONMENT

be turned upside down it is them

Unemployment is the road to homelessness and then on down to prison.

The prisons as far as the government is concerned will solve two problems, unemployment and homelessness.

What has been created by the ruling class is an ever growing mass of poverty enduring people who have been deliberately excluded from the post-industrial society which has emerged in this country.

CONSCRIPTING SCHOOL LEAVERS

The governments plan in calloboration with the Manpower Services Commission, employers and the classtraitors in the T.U.C. is to

extend the Youth Training Scheme.

By extending the Y.T.S., the government and their arse lickers hope they will be able to fool people into believing that at least something is being done to provide young people with the means to find a job.

Beginning April 1986 the government wants to increase the number of young people on Y.T.S. to 500000.

To do this they will try to force 200000 16 & 17 year old school leavers on to this "scheme". The 16 year olds have to do two years, the 17 year olds one year. For this they will recieve in the first year £27.30/week, in the second, for those who have to do it the going rate is to be £35.00/week.

PROFITEERING EXPLOITERS

The employers during this period will recieve £160 every 4 weeks and an additional "on the job"training allowance of £110 every month for 20 weeks of each year will be available for these grabbers.

So not only are these young people being forced

So not only are these young people being forced to accept exploitation under very restrictive conditions for low wages, but their exploiters are being paid bonuses to carry on this government approved enslavement.

ALTERNATIVE? YES! REVOLT NOW

Over the past few years we have all witnessed the decline in the living conditions of the masses of the people while at the same time the upper class has been raking in the profits day and night.

The Ruling Class, the government and the D.H.S.S. have left us with no alternative but to revolt against their policies, because we will not allow them to push us to our knees

them to push us to our knees.

We must begin our preparations to face up to all those who want to keep us in abject poverty. That means we must organise to take action by any means available.

GRASS ROOTS DIRECT ACTION

Taking action by those of us at grass roots will mean not only avoiding but rejecting those sly and opportunist politicos whose "community employment"depends on supporting the bankrupt policies of the Labour Party and their left (so-called) appendages. These professional wankers spend most of their time in wine bars and at socials getting high on the struggles of revolutionaries in other countries like South Africa, Nicaragua and El Salv ador but they will never dirty their hands or wet their feet in the crucible of rebellion. For the professional counter-revolutionary the spectle is everything and personal gain is all : they are really interested in. When the money runs out the political committment of "community politicos"will come to an end. The unemployed, homeless, prisoners and all other dispossed people have their own collective energy which they could utilise in the quest for a trully libertarian socialist society, and that is what we will do.







We are constantly reminded by TV and the media about one of society's problems—the problem of unemployment, currently around the four million level. However, unemployment is not the problem; the problem is twenty five million(at the very least) stuck in boring, wasteful mind—numbing jobs; and thats twenty five million people leading servile unhappy lives. And unfortunately we are conditioned to accept work as the norm, so much that when many people become unemployed or even just retire from work they don't know how to occupy themselves, they become bored and depressed. Many people just cannot handle life without work and just become redundant machines.



Work, of course is necessary but jobs and unemployment are not. If we look at a primitive hunter-gatherer society such as the Kalahari Bushmen, we learn that each person needs to do around three to four hours work per day; and by work I mean activeties to keep themselves and their society functioning at the present level. Perhaps it is unfair to compare such people to us, for our (so called) needs are far greater than theirs; but our tech-nology is far greater than theirs and we can use our energies far more efficiently and economically. Also we do not have to cope with a very inhospitable environment. Therefore there is no way that everyone in our society needs to work eight hours a day for fifty years; but this is what society dictates.

In Italy, Fiat have a factory where their cars are made almost entirely by robots. Therefore, now that we have such technology there is no longer any need for people to spend a life of drudgery assembling cars. If Fiat can build cars using robot workers, then there is no longer the need to use human workers (certainly no need for large factory floor workforces). This demonstrates the deception. If all our knowledge and technology was shared, if we were less wasteful with our resources and made more effort to reuse our waste, if we realised our actual needs rather than those dictated by TV; then much of our present work becomes redundant and unnecessary. And then much more of our energy and the energies of our communities can be rechanneled.

Since the beginning of our industrialised society, the majority of our workforce have not been working for themselves, their families or communities; they have been working for the rich, the multi-nationals and the govern-ment. For it is they who have always benefitted from our labour. The idea of unemployment as a problem is some—thing they have created to their own advantage through economics and politics. Most working people are therefore trapped—they must work on their bosses' terms or face

unemployment. As long as the media continues to bombard us with the message that unemployment = problem, and as long as we continue to accept this; then the majority of working people will continue to be blackmailed into toiling for the rich.

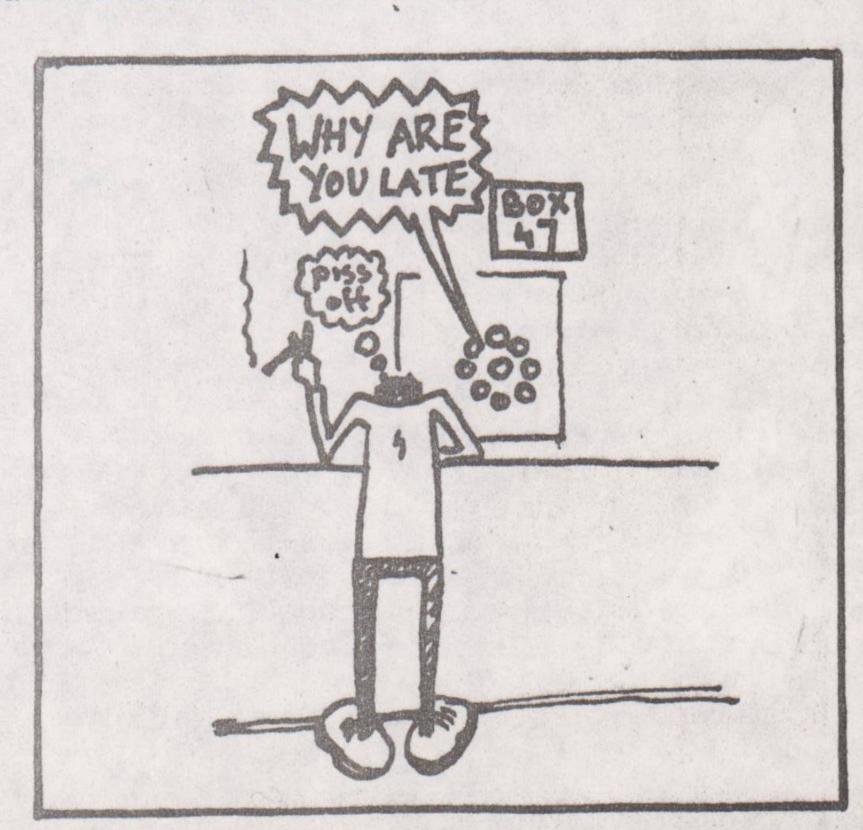
The Right to Work Campaign and other such campaigns for more employment are conning us as much as the rich and the state are. They are full of crap; the Right to Work is the right to be exploited, to be abused, to be dictated to; it is the right to be a slave, a tool and a prostitute to society's rulers. Such campaigns can never succeed because unemployment is the natural product of an advanced technological society. There can never be full employment again and if we believe that we are only deluding ourselves. And besides, unemployment is a convenient tool of the ruling classes to help keep them in power. And they will never let go of that.

The majority of working people (certainly the majority of working men) work until they are around sixty or sixty five before they stop. In other words they work until it is too late to stop working. By the time they retire their health may be failing, they are becoming weaker and cannot enjoy the full scope of their newly found leisure. They have wasted their lives; at work. And if you disagree ask any working person to name ten things they enjoy doing; it is very unlikely that any of the things they name will be going to work.

When you leave school or college, if you are lucky (and 'lucky' is their word not mine) the Job Centre or other employment service can supply you with a job-a role in society that you are required to fill until you retire. They say that they can offer assistance, a service, a. ('choice. Where to toil for the next fifty years? That is OUR freedom of choice.

I am not against work as such, I am against jobs; jobs and employment. Mindless, brain-numbing, unwanted, unnecessary employment. We have to do some work but the real necessary work is nowhere near as much as our current ideas of work. We do not need to spend most of our lives making crap, selling crap, organizing crap and teaching crap for our so-called superiors. We do not need to suffer while we make them lazy and rich. They have stolen our leisure, our time and our lives. Surely it is time to steal it back NOW.

I am twenty four years old; I have been unemployed for two and a half years; I've done various jobs, my own share of slavery and I hated it all. I have few prospects; my chances of getting a job are small; (my desires to get one are even smaller) and I am not very well off. But, I am happy; my time is mine, my life is mine and I have more control than most over what I do and how I live. My energies are directed where I want or where I feel is useful, not where I am told to direct them. I lead an active, fulfilling and happy life. So don't offer your patronising sympathy to this section of the unemployed because I don't want to know.



PIMPS, POMP AND PAGEANTRY

......And the young girl, seduced by the bright lights of the city, found herself overwhelmed by one particular bright light. He promised to show her the glamorous road to the top but instead he flung her onto the street which could only lead to the bottom.....

But this isn't a moralistic tale about corrupted innocence - you read enough of that in the 'Sun', 'Mirror', 'Militant' or other popular newspapers. Something else you read about in the tabloids and (though they're more discreet and use longer words) the 'quality' press is the national obsession with and deference to the Royal Family. Of course, it's an old anti-monarchist cliché to use the metaphor of a manipulative royalty and a bending-over proletariat. However, what Willie Hamilton never went on about was how the ways in which the Royal Family stays on top are inseparable from the methods and philosophies used by all proponents of the State system to confuse, coerce and control the plebs. In short, Princess Di, Thatcher, Newman, Owen, Steel, Kinnock, Hatton, Scargill - they're all the same. Don't trust them.

Anyone who witnessed Sir Alastair Burnett toadying after a peerage in his interview with Charles and Di, must have been impressed by the duo's headline-seeking expertise. The good lady Herself even threw in a guilt-salving line about how with so many far more important things happening in the world, she'd rather the newspapers didn't see fit to splash her across every front page. But this top-drawer, well-dressed pornography is just what's needed to preserve the monarchy's status. Good or bad publicity - it still ensures a place for them in our minds and in the hearts of a great many. It's processed, unavoidable soap-opera and it's there to distort our perspective of the world and its political systems.

Compare this with the continuing poncing about over Liverpool's finances. All the talk, on the mineral one hand, about Militant's lonely fight to save the city and. on the other, about Militant's single-minded effort to destroy the place, is just alarmist propaganda - but it's coming from one original source. Even in their most soul-searching moments, Kenneth Baker and Derek Hatton probably don't believe that they have the same goal. However, all they're doing is strumming out a capitalist funeral dirge, while seeking maximum publicity to make sure the rest of us know who makes the decisions and determines our fortunes. If the city's dead, it was killed long before Del issued all those redundancy notices (or didn't - you can never be certain) and, if it's not, it's no thanks to the politicians. Yet, when some inhabitants choose to register their existence with bricks and petrol-bombs, the State machine churns out its horror and we have to sympathise, for the sake of common decency. But common decency is just something regulated from above.

Anarchism offers no more than a philosophy with which to resist the forces which seek to turn everyone into a mass of emotional, ideological, physical and mental prostitution. That doesn't sound much in comparison with the glorious pronouncements of the assorted Trots selling their wares on the steps of the Student Union building. However, they're just ineffectual replicas of the old capitalist guard — in a State taken over by the SWP, there'd eventually be a socialist Princess Di. They'd use a different approach but we'll end up on the same game. Anarchism offers resistance — you can trust only yourself to take things further than that.

I am told that our leaders work towards peace and that they abhor war. Yet every day more bombs explode in Belfast, the people burn inAfganistan and Nicaragua and the flies buzz around the corpses in Beirut.

I heard nonce that our leaders strive to put an end to the starvation in the world and they said human life was priceless. And every day they destroy our surplus to stabilise our economies, and the innocents bloat in the summer sun and the winters nights are filled with the cries of death. I have been told of our leaders attempts to combat poverty.

But from the ghettos who can see their expensive houses and fast cars, and from the penthouse suite who can feel the gnawing of the frost and who can hear the rats scuttling under the floorboards.

I am constantly told that this is the right way to do things, but every day I am forced to live to the dictates of some-one elses coldness.

If we look around us we can see the nightmare that governments have thrust upon us.
Their rhetoric, always full of bigotry and
contradiction and hypocracy is aimed at
convincing us that they are doing a good
job. The evidence that exposes the lies is
all around us, empty houses and homeless
eople, starving billions and men with multi
millions,

Our leaders talk of peace when war rages around the world.

They say they are an essential part of the working of society but how can we believe them when they lie so much? Could you live with your neighbours if there was no Government and none of its unwieldly beaur ocracy? or would you rob/rape/murder them? The decision is up to you.

WINDY MILLER.

(DINESH ALLIRAJAH).



MEET ON WEDNESDAY'S. 7.30 ISH AT THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION COPP. CATH CATHEDAN

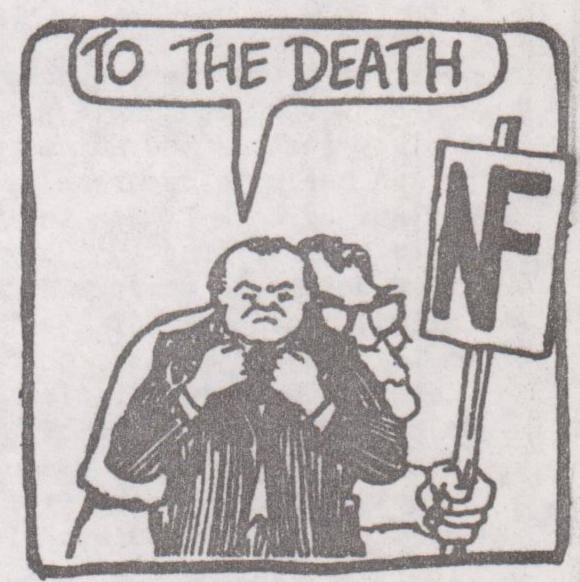
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OF COURSE I DON'T





ORGANISE AGAINST FASCISM

Extreme right-wing groups like the National Front and British National Party are again coming out of the woodwork and onto the streets.

After the mass "Anti-Mazi League" demonstrations and riots against the NF in places like Southall in the late seventies such fascist groups went underground. But the last few years seem to have provided a chance for consolidation of the splinter groups into what have emerged as the two main ones, the NF and the BNP.

The amount of fascist activity has vastly increased lately. Central Liverpool is plastered with NF stickers, and the city was picked last year for a major meeting of the BNP. The people of Liverpool were outside the St Georges Hotel on this occasion and they had to return to London without holding their meeting. However, the nationalist groups are no longer the scattered, unorganised groups they were a few years ago. Last Remembrance Sunday they mustered a thousand supporters for a march on the Cenotaph, in London.

A week later the NF tried to hold another rally in Stockport, with supporters again travelling from London. This time too they met with widespread opposition from all sorts of groups.

In the few weeks before the meeting there had been several cowardly attacks on Asian families in the local estates, and the purpose of the meeting was obviously to provoke further tension in the area.

By noon on the day about 300 anti nazi demonstrators had gathered on the steps of Stockport Town Hall, where the proposed rally was to take place. The police were conspicuously absent but the self-appointed stewards were doing the police work for them.

First we marched through the town-centre where the pigs started appearing, and then it was back to the Town-Hall to wait for any action.

By this time the police were on the scene and while the SWP and Labour Party stood on the steps of the Town-Hall the more active, anarchists and others, kept away from the police cordons.

A small group of skinheaded, flag-carrying fascists passed the Town-Hall and were chased noisily by some demonstrators - those that weren't still standing on the steps - and after a short chase they were set upon with boots and fists flying. They were

pursued upto the railway station where they barricaded themselves in the ticket office, helped by three pigs and a dog. One of their flags was nicked but was too wet to burn. Smokebombs, bricks and glass bottles were thrown.

It was then that three skinheads pulled up in an expensive looking car. Trapped, the car tried to pull away, but was savagely trashed before it escaped. Windows were put in and lights smashed, with the body work severely dented.

Three vans of pigs arrived and people scattered with few arrests.

Back at the Town-Hall other NF supporters had been ferried by the pigs to their rally in wans and ambulances. The meeting lasted 20 minutes, and was held huddled round a tree in the carpark. By this time there were horses and rows of pigs. The stewards reappeared by magic.

The meeting ended with the pigs surrounding the NF and running with them down to the station, chased all the way and hailed with coins and wood. Numerous and quite violent scuffles broke out between demonstrators and police. We managed to prevent most arrests (by the end of the day 12 anti fascists were arrested.) but one woman suffered a suspected brocken arm in the crush.

For anti-fascists the day had been a great success. Although the NF held their meeting, they had to be herded by the police and met a hail of physical and verbal abuse. Their contact with the general public was nil. One mans car certainly wont make it to the next meeting!

This though is not enough. We must counter fascism wherever it shows its head. Lets tear down any NF posters wherever they are put up and we must embark on an anti-NF graffiti campaign. The NF and other such groups must be kicked off the streets (NF papersellers are often in Church St or by Central Station on a Saturday). While the racists are petrol bombing and the state racists, the pigs, are hassling people on the streets we cannot afford to stand on the side.

Useful Addresses
Stockport 12 defence fund, (Chris Smith)
c/o Manchester Polytechnic Students Union
Mandela Building,
Oxford Road,
Manchester.

Anti Fascist Action, P.O. Box 273, Forest Gate, London, E7.

Searchlight(anti fascist magazine & research)
37b New Cavendish Street,
London WlM 8JR.



name, age (over 16), address and daytime phone number to: Super Giamour Contest The Mirror, 70, Fetter Land London ECSS 1BS.

ite pastime is modelling

pretty underwear. A career

in modelling and a round-

the-world trip is the prize in our Dream Girl contest.

Picture: BRENDAN MONE

Michael Davies is a patient/prisoner in Park Lane hospital/prison and he has in fact been incarcerated for over two years. About 6 months ago Michael sent a letter off to the Direct Action Movement asking to become an associate, as a result Liverpool based DAM people began to visit him.

Park Lane which is on the outskirts of Liverpool and is the most modern prison hospital in Britain and one of the most secure. A visit to it would leave any one in no doubt how this corporate and uncaring state abuses some people from

society.

The staff at Park Lane who are euphumistically called nurses are in fact in the Prison Officers Association a point which should help those who have not yet had a chance to see Park Lane just what kind of a 'hospital'it really is. Comrades from Liverpool made two visits to Michael the last one being on 11-9-85 after that visit he was pulled into a room by two "nurses' and interrogated by these thugs magazines brought to him had been taken from him and withheld. The comrades who had visited him had not been made aware of this until a letter we recieved a few days later.

Below are the more important extracts as which should help people to understand a

bit more of the situation.

Dear comrades,

On Wednesday 11th of this month two members of your group came to visit me. After they had gone one of the nurses demanded 'who were they then'. Since it is unwise to try to hide anything from the screws here I admitted they were two people from the Direct Action Movement. The next thing I knew two 'nurses' had me in a room questioning me. What was the Direct Action Movement? They were troublemakers weren't they? Why had my visitors asked so many questions about the hospital? (obviously the screws had been listening to our conversation).

On wednesday night I had been warned by the screws that if they had known who my visitors were they could have been kept out of the hospital as 'undesirables'. If anyone from Liverpool dam comes to see me they run the risk of being questioned about their political beliefs and banned from seeing me.

Yours Michael Davies

As a result of recieving that letter we wrote off to Michael to inquire about his welfare and (because of the nature of these so-called hospitals) to see if his position within Park Lane was being put in jeopardy by our visits and letter writing to him.

his reply was as follows;-

After twelve days I got the pamphlets that were brought in. The official position on visits from DAM members is that they will or will not be allowed ccording to what the senior nursing officer on duty thinks. My visitors will be vetted.Of course this is quite unacceptable as far as I am concerned. I'll be complaining to the Mental Health Act Commissioners for a start. If you come and re not allowed in I suggest you write to the Home Office, and I'll write to the N. C.C.L., etc., none of this protesting will ut me in any jeopardy. Indeed the hospital authorities are wary of offfending patients who write out and complain.

Yours Michael Davies 24-9-85
Two attempts to visit Michael proved to be fruitless and 2 days after the last attempt on 2-10-85 we recieved the last communication from him, in that letter he said;-

Dear Comrades,

Iheard you were turned away from the gate this wednesday. I'm sorry about that. I had to admit you were from the DAM because if I hadn't they would have had someone listening to us to find out who you were, and once they'd discovered you were unauthorised anarchists you would have been chucked out and I would have not been allowed any more visitors except my parents'in all probability. (A non - anarchist friend of minewas given a grilling by the screws a week ago.

They really have it in for me personnally though, ten days ago they stopped some harmless peace stuff sent to me. I have just spoken to my psychiatrist. She thinks it would be best if a couple of people from DAM come up to the hospital next week and had a chat with her. Then she would tell the nurses she had

seen you and you were O.K.

Yours Michael Davies 3-10-85

A letter sent to the consultant pyschiatrist Doctor Chandra Ghosh was notanswered with the kind of speed which such important matters as the denial of the very basic human rights experienced by Michael warrents.

A phone call got as far as the Doctors secretary and no further but the one con cession was that our letter would be replied to.

On october 21st the reply came following is the guts of what was written;Dear DAM,

Thank you for your letter in which I note that you have experienced difficulty in visiting Michael Davies. Before I authorise visits by you to Mr., Davies, I would like to see you. Unfortunately I am away from the hospital until after 21 November 1985.

yours sincerely

Chandra Ghosh

Unfortunate indeed because with the good Doctors absence the 'sharing caring screws" the very same people who pose as nurses took it upon themselves to escalate these most blatant attacks on Michael.

In the same opperiod we sent to Michael some magazines ie., Black Flag, Freedom, etc., and course some correspondance.
We recieved from the hospital authorities

You recently addressed a letter/package to M Davis of Eliot Ward, a patient detained in this hospital. This was opened and the contents inspected pursuint to the provisions of Section 134(4) of the Mental Health Act 1983. The package and its contents have been withheld by the hospital managers in the exercise of their powers under Section 134(2) of the said act because in their opinion, it was necessary to do so.

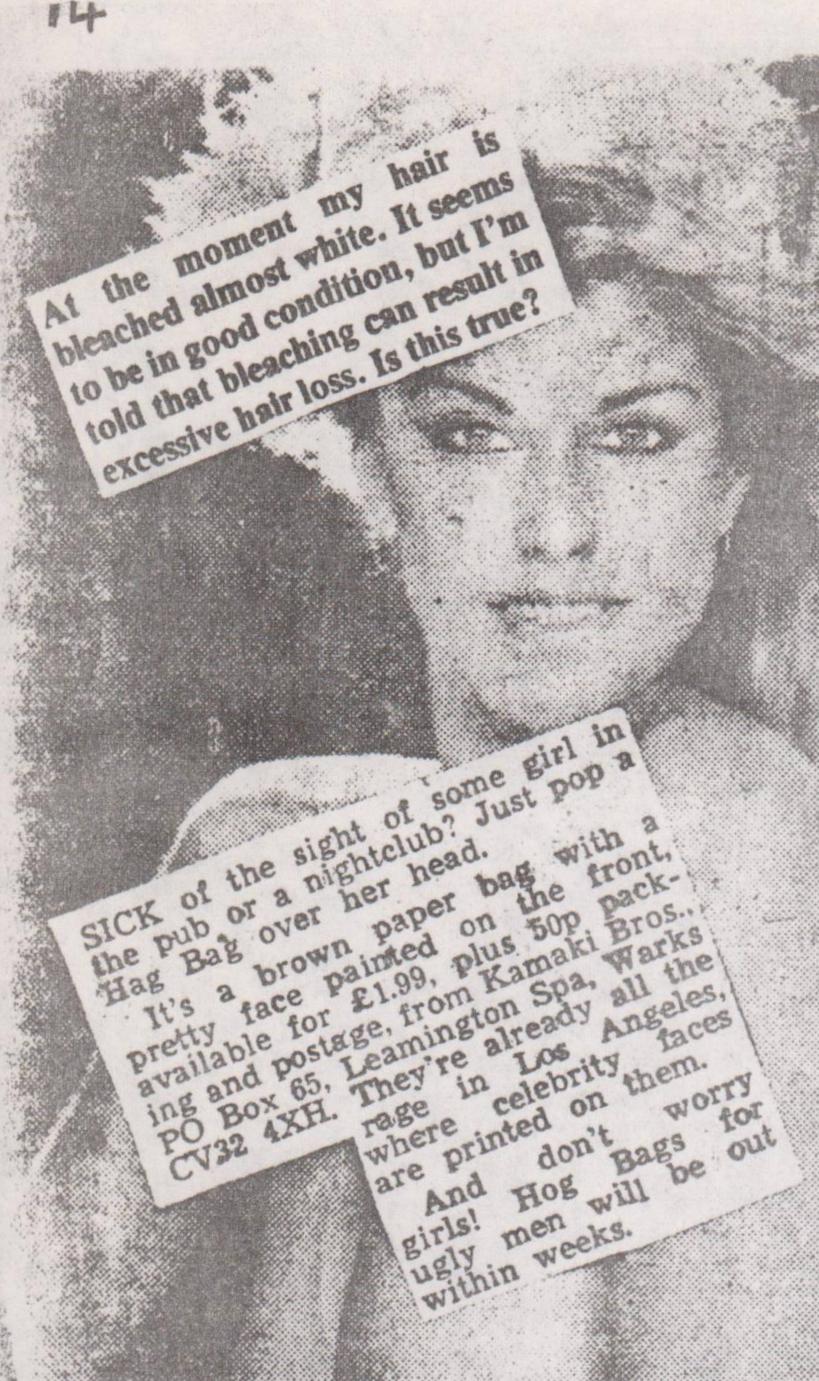
(in the interests of the safety of the patient)

The hospital managers 30-10-85

what these state thugs do not mention is the at they by this harassment and ill-treat ment have violated Part IX, Section 127 of the very same Mental Health Act 1983.

These people have taken it upon themselves to prevent Michael from recieving the visit ors of his choice and this is happening at

[CONT] RIS



have been taking a benzo

diazepine anti-anxiety drug fol

six years. My doctor has jus

cheaper brand, saying I must try

to come off the tablets. I know

would start drinking and

A few weeks ago we published

complaining about the design of

soap packets. They said that the

cardboard packets always spilled

Plenty of readers wrote in to offer

and got soggy during washing.

Mrs I. Skinner of Northampton

suggested pouring the contents

into an empty plastic ice-cream

container. "They stack more

Hayes reader, Mrs E. Worley

inds the answer in putting the

wo letters from readers

some helpful solutions.

easily, too," she said.

smoking heavily if I couldn't rely

on these tablets - can the govern-

ment stop my doctor prescribing

them altogether?

changed the prescription to

SHEER glamour. Naughty but oh, so very nice. That just about sums up this gorgeous Teddy we're offering without suspenders at £7.95 or with suspenders at £8.95. And both those prices include postal charges! Not a lot to pay for something so luscious.

Every woman, whatever her age, deserves to own at least one Teddy. When you're sick to death of cleaning the oven, mopping floors and battling with the ironing, kick off your work clothes and slip into your Teddy. The boost it will give your morale is priceless. And I guarantee your fellow will have a turn for the better when he catches sight of you in your

Teddy I should be happy and contented with my me miserable. To be honest it used not to, women discussing a but then I heard two women discussing a child and Small Woman who looks like a child and and realized it was ma Small woman who looks like a child and lives in my town and realised it was me.

But I'm 31, and I can't get anything to fit woung people's me so I have to wear young people's clothes. I've got to the point where i Won't go out with my husband in case people think I'm his daughter. I suppose

You'll tell me to grow up and not to be the since I heard those the Childish, but ever since I heard those two Woman I'm beginning to think I really am a northerty mature and a child when I'm a perfectly mature and Stable person. At least I used to be!

Keeping your powder

HEY fellas, feast your eyes on the out, and I dread meeting people out, and I dread meeting pe That's some motorbike, and the

Page Three beauty, Elke, 20, is quite a stunner, too. sitting pretty on a fantastic sporty Yamaha XJ600 which we are giving away today in a fun Sun contest. Just one thing, though. Elke is not part of the prize. Sorry.

I used to love going out, but have recently found it increasingly difficult to socialise as I get very imbarrassed for no apparent leason. My face flushes and I feel so stupid. I either walk out brhide behind my hair and laugh no reason until the feeling goes away, or I get drunk. Now I



I have flat, shapeless buttocks - 1. What can I do to improve them?

YOUT three months?

Wy eyelashes are very straight and refuse to curl. When I use an eyelash curler my lashes seem to get weaker. How can I strengthen them?

whole pack in a plastic bag or covering it with clingfilm. And Ms D. Orange, Leicester suggests sking the local sweet shop for an empty sweet jar for the powder. Happy dry washing!

COSMETIC SURGERY

BRITAIN'S PREMIER PRIVATE CLINIC GROUP

Michael Davis cont

an establishment which the Guardian referred to just recently as one of the more liberal and humane establishments of its type in this country.

It is a well known historical/political fact if you scratch a liberal you will soon discover a fascistic authoritarian shit.

In our campaign to secure for Michael what are in fact some very basic rights which have been denied and in fact taken away from him.

We have enlisted the help of MIND but we will be doing a lot more ourselves but the problem is we do not have the expertise that may be neededso if you can give us any help it will be much appreciated by us.

You could send messages of support to ;Michael Davies, Eliot Ward, Park Lane HOSPITAL
Ospital, Park Lane, Maghull., LiverpoolL31 1HW.
Send letters of protest to ;-

The Hospital Managers, Park Lane Hospital, PAR Park Lane, Maghull, Liverpool L31 1HW and/or

Douglas Hurd, (who is the Secretary of State for the Home Department) 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.

If you have some particular skill which sould be useful in this campaign or if you simply want to help do not hesitate to contact us;—SOLACE, Anarchist Aid For Prisoners, Box L'DAM 82 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17.





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When you join the Police, you start to work for one of the most demanding employers you could ever serve.

The State.

They'll expect you to turn your hand to almost anything. At almost any time.

This is because it's not a very nice State, and there is plenty of dirty work to be done if we are to keep people in order.

It could be interrogating a known 'subversive'.

Strike-breaking. Assaulting

pickets.

Dealing with a queer.

Arresting a suspected nigger.

Beating shit out of the Reds at a demo.

Or simply helping a little old lady across the road.

It's a complicated life

for a pig.
Whether you're a man or a
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intelligent, and able
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If you do decide to apply, we'll take you. You will have all the right attitudes after our 2-year indoctrination programme.

We'll give you a macho set of muscles. Over the weeks you'll get a chance to see how each of the different branches of the police operate. Some are more popular than others others, for instance the SPG. A little known fact is that we encourage you to use violence in other areas too. You will be shown how it is possible to fuck someone up without leaving bruises. And if you are really lucky you will be allowed to have your own little machine gun to keep us in power after, for instance, a nuclear war. Then people will find out that we really don't give a toss about their lives. And we'll pay you well to protect our privileges.



