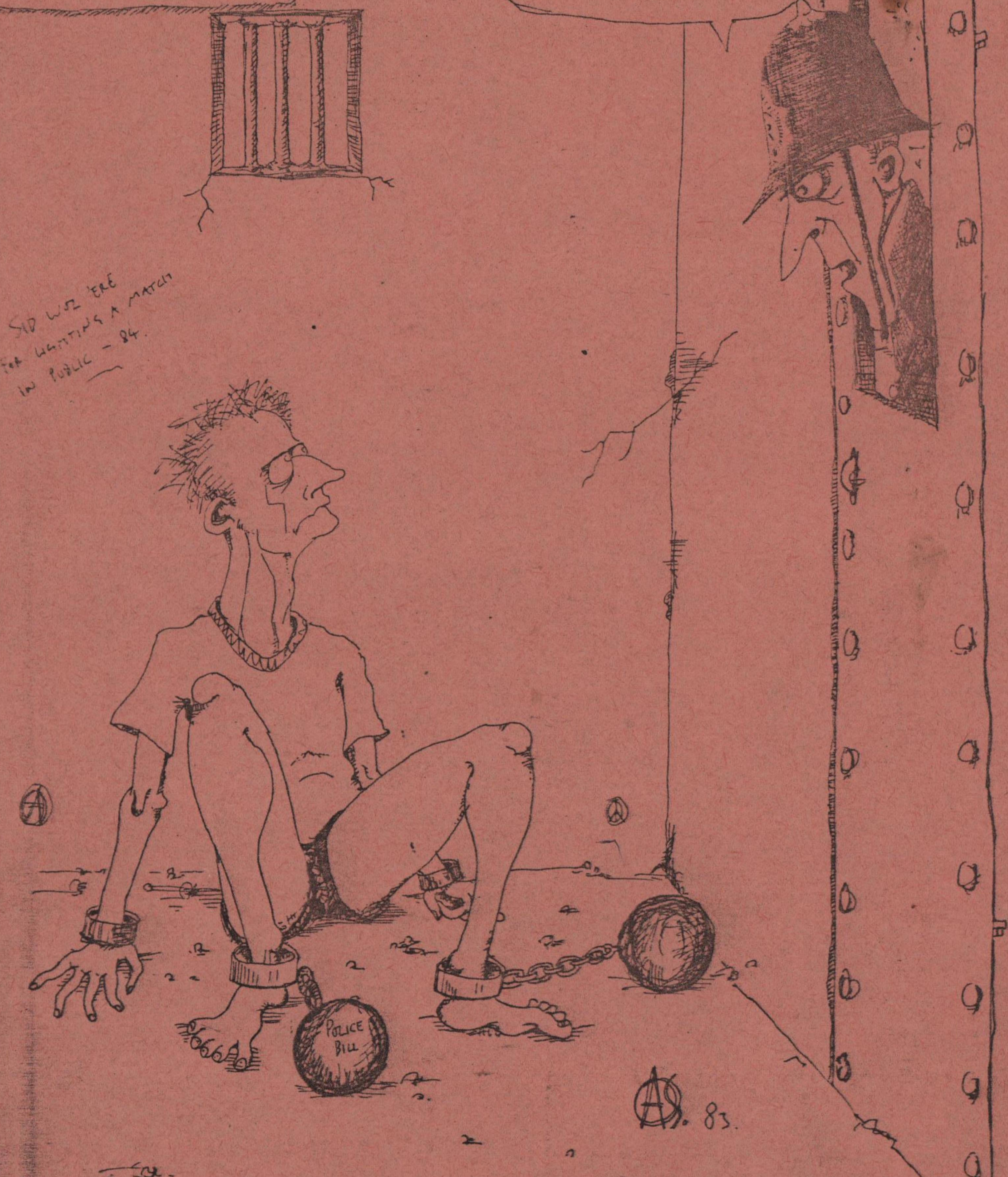


THINK FOR YOURSELF AND
YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL
THEIR LAWS ARE JUST A
PROTECTION FOR THEIR SYSTEM
AND A RESTRICTION ON YOUR
FREEDOM. THESE LAWS ARE
BECOMING MORE OPPRESSIVE.

I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T
COMMITTED ANY OFFENCE,
SIR, WE'RE JUST LOCK-
ING YOU UP FOR YOUR
OWN SAFETY!

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FREEDOM INFORMATION



an ar chy (an'er ki), 1. absence of a system of government and law.

gov ern ment (guv'ern mant), 1. the ruling of a country. 2. the person or persons ruling a country at any time. 3. a country ruled. 4. system of ruling. 5. rule; control. *n.*

pol i tic (pol'i tik), 1. wise in looking out for one's own interests; prudent. 2. political. The state is a body politic. *adj.*

po lit i cal (pə lit'i kəl), 1. having to do with citizens or the government. 2. of politicians or their methods. *adj.*

pol i ti cian (pol'i tish'an), one who gives much time to political affairs. *n.*

pol i tics (pol'i tiks), 1. the management of political affairs; the science and art of government. 2. political principles or opinions. *n.*

free dom (frē'dəm), 1. liberty; power of choosing what one will do. 2. free use. We give a guest the freedom of the house. 3. too great liberty. 4. ease of movement or action. *n.*

vote (vōt), 1. a formal expression of a wish or choice. 2. the right to give such an expression. Not everybody has the vote. 3. votes considered together; as, the labour vote, the women's vote. 4. give a vote. 5. pass, determine, or grant by a vote. Money for a new school was voted by the County Council. 6. ballot. More than a million votes were cast. 7. declare. The children all voted the trip a great success. *n., v.*

vot er (vōt'ər), 1. person who votes. 2. person who has the right to



OUR PLANET

This is some of the Northampton Anarchist contingent at Greenham Common. The picture appeared on the front page of the Chronicle and Echo! We wrote to them thanking them for their unintentional publicity.

Long live this wounded planet
Long live the good milk of the air the mothering oceans
Long live the spawning rivers and all the determined
Long live the juice of the grass and all the thinking
Long live of the globe
Long live the surviving animals
Long live the earth, deeper than all our thinking
Long live the enough killing
We have done enough
Long live the woman
Long live the man
Long live the courage and compassion
Long live both children
Long live their children
(excerpt from FINAL CHANT by Adrian Mitchell)

PEACE

The Good Friday demonstration at Greenham.

We drove down to Greenham Common Air Base on Good Friday in order that we might lend our support to women for Life on Earth who, a year and a half ago, ~~marched~~ marched all the way from S. Wales (without so much as a word of support in 'Sanity' - let alone the National press) in order to publicise their opposition to nuclear weapons in general and CRUISE in particular. Having arrived in Berkshire un-heralded, they took the BRAVE initiative of chaining themselves to the perimeter fence.

Many of us from Northampton offered to take part in direct action, but were asked instead to support the 'human chain' which was to be formed between Greenham Common and Burghfield on Good Friday (because the blockade was to be a women only event), which of course we did.

As far as I am concerned, the event was so chaotic (and, as we all know, anarchy is not chaos) and so badly organised that I could'nt help but feel dissappointed as a result. When watching the events later that night on T.V. I found myself thinking: 'that looks Great, wish I'd been there! All that dancing and singing!' Yet along our stretch of the 'chain' it was rather dull, to say the least; no music, no (vegetarian/vegan) food, little in the way of 'community spirit' and, worse of all: NO HUMAN CHAIN! No human chain despite the obvious fact that there were sufficient people present to form chains on both sides of the road, but without the guidance of stewards, who was to know when to act?

But it was'nt all dissappointment, we did meet many fellow Anarchists, and many people from Northamptonshire who were pleased to see an Anarchist contingent from conservative Northampton. But it was the moment I heard the C.N.D.'s estimated head-count broadcast on the radio that I realised how successful we had been: 100,000 people! A 14 mile road block (however inconvenient) is no mean achievement.

Chris

ANARCHISM AS A MOVEMENT DOES NOT EXIST-there is no party to join, no membership card, no central seat of authority exercising control over the individual. This is necessary in order to uphold the basic principles of Anarchy, which are that strength lies not in force of numbers but in the personal integrity of the individual. Anyone who becomes an Anarchist does so as a result of the power of their own convictions, not as a result of political intimidation. Government of all description eventually loses its relationship with the people it supposedly represents, and becomes instead a self-perpetuating power-base for an elite minority. The change need not be noticeable but the final outcome is inevitable: OPPRESSION. (As I write this I hear of a government proposal to introduce a system of 'fee-paying' for demonstrations and of a further proposal to ~~introduce~~ ~~Wxxxxxx~~ (considerably) the cost of forwarding a candidate for election. increase What kind of 'free' system financially inhibits the voice of alternative views from obtaining fair hearing?

The economies of this and other developed nations are showing clear signs of strain as their traditional supporters - the Third World nations and the natural resources of the Earth itself - are no longer willing or able to be regarded as limitless sources of cheap supply. The present government, as shown above, has demonstrated its willingness to adopt ever-increasing right-wing tendencies in an effort to suppress the growing disillusionment and unrest which many people are beginning to feel as a result of this strain: how long before 'Tighten your belts' becomes 'Tighten the noose'?

It is the people themselves - you and I - who are the machinery which drives this monster, and who therefore have the power to halt its march by the withdrawal of our support. The Achilles Heel of tyranny is in its ~~xxxxx~~ dependence on the sanction of its victims. You cannot be passive and free. It is necessary for every individual to accept the responsibility ~~for his/her own future, and it is only by withdrawing~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ for his/her own future, and it is only by withdrawing

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ballot n. method of voting secretly usually by marking ballot-paper and ~~xxx~~ putting into box.

A PERSONAL OPINION OF THE BALLOT (1983)

So the Labour party are not backing American cruise missile bases to be sited in Britain.... If they care so much for the safety of the people why haven't ~~the~~ they been working towards a peaceful world by forwarding some sort of international disarmament programme? Just what are they at? NO GOVERNMENT, by way of its nature, would work towards real peace, or permit any real liberty... let's face it, as long as they have the power, they will have to employ the means to secure it, whether that be the police or a nuclear deterrent. Surely the whole purpose of this small sacrifice to the peace movement is to win our votes, it's just an obvious attempt to strengthen their standing in the next general election and so create and safeguard the continued existence of an oppressive governmental order against us. Life may be slightly more tolerable under a Labour regime than a conservative one (but by no stretch of the imagination libertarian) WHICH IF ANYTHING MAKES THE FORMER A MORE EFFECTIVE OPPRESSOR.

By voting I would be giving them, in effect, my total confidence to run things as they see fit... who knows what they may do? They certainly don't. How can I give them the trust of my vote? I feel, as an Anarchist, that I should not become part of the political power-swapping that the majority so blindly accept. We don't want to change this system that is designed to keep people subjected and in check, we want to get rid of it, and that cannot be done through the ballot, they just would not allow it...

ballot. 'an excellent way of oppressing and ruining the people in the name of so-called popular will, which serves to camouflage it'

NORTHAMPTON
contacts

Animal Liberation Front

Amnesty International

Anarchists (Northampton)

Animal Aid

British Union Against
Vivisection

Anti-sexist Men's Group
C.N.D.

Child Poverty Action Group

Chile Solidarity Group

Crass Exitstencil Music/

Daily Bread Co-op

Doorway Community Books

Ecology Party

Friends Of The Earth

Gay Line

Green Alliance

Kalli Animal & Wildlife

Sanctuary Trust

Hunt Saboteurs Association

N'pton Co-op Development

Release (Your rights and t

Save the Strays

Vegan Society

Vegetarian Society

Women's Aid

Women's Group

Women's C.N.D.

World Development Movement

Tools For Self Reliance

If you know of any other groups which you feel ought to be included on this
contacts list, please let us know.

Although most of the above groups would not describe themselves as (specifically
(X) 'Anarchist', they all pursue certain libertarian ends. In as much as they
do so, we, as anarchists, support them.

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THE "REAL" ALTERNATIVE

It is a well documented fact that Anarchists oppose all forms of government, however democratic and just they appear to be. But what is not so well documented is the alternative that Anarchists propose.

The abolition of government does not necessarily mean the rule of chaos and confusion. Organisation within society would exist without authority. Leadership and expertise have nothing to do with authority; let the leaders and experts emerge naturally rather than elect or select them.

Decisions should be made by all those directly affected by the consequences of the decisions. This is true democracy, not leaving organisation and decision-making to paid officials and (so-called) representatives.

Where representation is necessary (for the sake of convenience) a volunteer would be sent as a delegate, with precise instructions of ~~what~~ what to say. He would voice the wishes of his community, and not the wishes of any political party. Using this as a basis, there is no reason why society cannot be co-ordinated by a network of councils drawn from local communities, which are themselves co-ordinated by councils covering wider areas. Examples of such co-ordination can be seen in the organisation of international railways, air traffic, shipping, telecommunications, famine and disaster relief, etc. This system could easily be applied within, as well as between, countries; as already exists with voluntary societies that are neither profit-making nor politically sensitive.

The Anarchists realise that organisation between individuals and between communities is necessary for peaceful co-existence. What Anarchy offers is organisation which is more than instinctive but less than official.

Anthony

this responsibility from the hands of those who have abused and betrayed it, can the progress towards true personal liberty be measured. Anarchy in this context is not a force to be wielded but rather the state in which force doesn't exist. Anarchy will be achieved when there is no longer any need for Anarchists.

David

If you are a rainbow warrior, simple living is your weapon .

To live, to grow, to love, to know
you don't need,
cars roads planes games,
a fridge, a wash-machine, a future dream.
You don't need
T.V. high-fi drugs that send you sky high,
oil spill, pills that kill,
plastic junk-food in a tin.
Drugs and chemicals,
micro-chips and nuclear sentinals.
You don't need technology, the ultimate apology,
' I'm sorry I killed your life.'

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"TO VOTE OR NOT TO VOTE"

With both local and central government elections looming ominously in the immediate future, I have been contemplating the dilemma of whether "to vote or not to vote". There are sound arguments for both sides of this debate.

"TO VOTE". This involves active participation in a political system that one opposes, thus contributing towards it's continued existence. The danger of this would be of becoming too reliant upon the system and thereby losing sight of ones original objectives. But, there are advantages to be gained through the using of this system for the anarchist movement. Firstly, it would be non-violent and, therefore, less likely to provoke a violent reaction (that is unless civil liberties suffer further 'revisions' in the name of Thatcherism). Secondly, it would be representative of a majority and, without becoming a tyranny of the majority, be able to gradually dismantle the machinery of government and the state from within. Thirdly, people are basically conservative in respect to innovations; especially so with something as radical as Anarchy. They would accept change through the system more readily than change against the system.

As for the immediate future, the next general election may prove vital for the Anarchist movement. The best way to achieve Anarchy from within the system is via a vastly radical programme of socialist reforms. Such a programme of reforms could result from a Labour win at the next elections. An Liberal/SDP victory would offer the freedom of 'liberalism with some of the equality of socialism (Anarchists want both freedom and equality) but would they be radical and effective enough? (I doubt it!). Otherwise, a Conservative success would see the appearance of the extreme face of Thatcherism.

"NOT TO VOTE". This involves the process of destroying the system from the outside, i.e. awakening public opinion to the possibilities that an Anarchist state

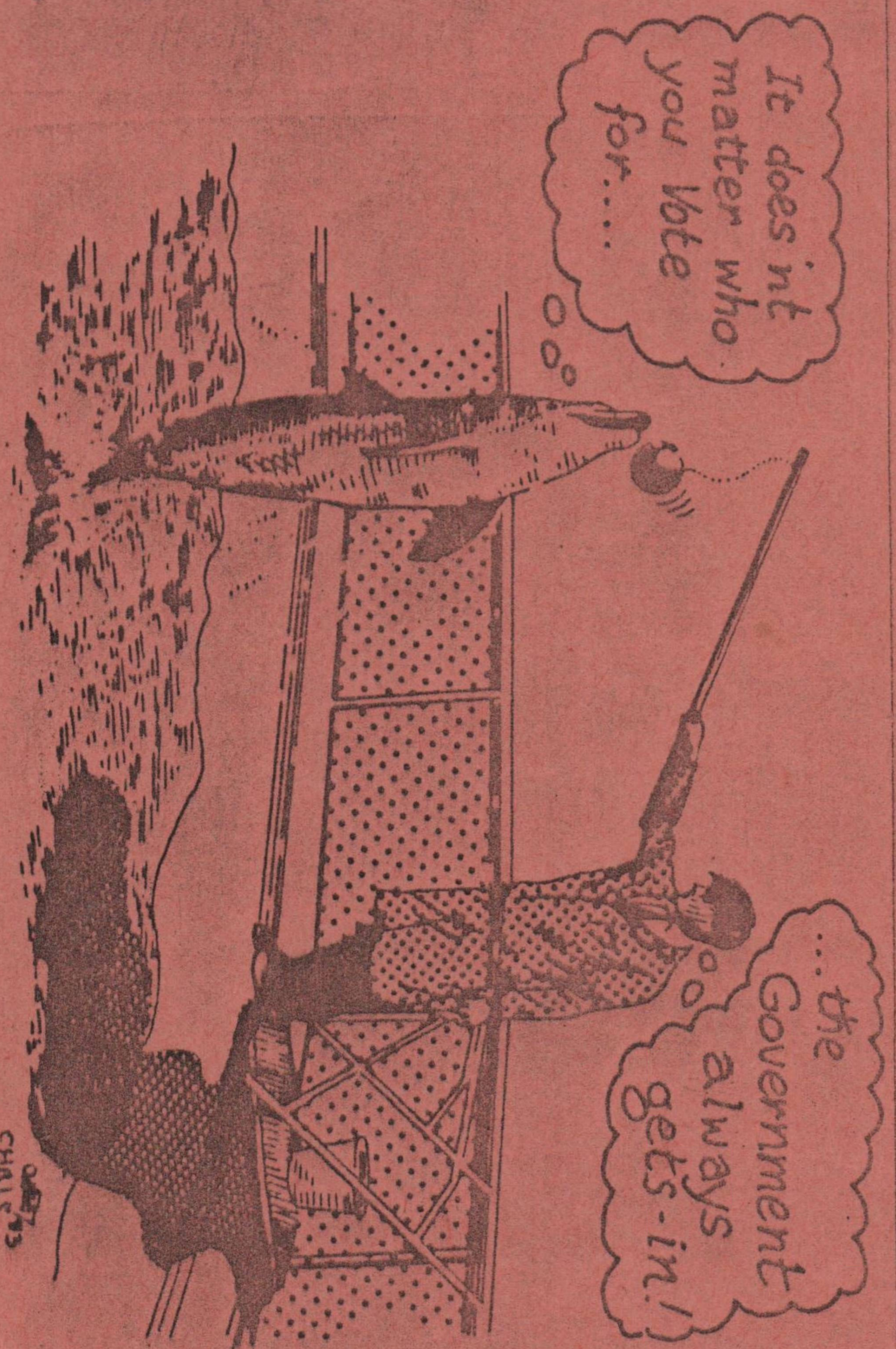
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would realise. Whether this action be violent or non-violent is up to the individual; the amount of violence necessary to defend oneself is dependant upon the size of the threat and the level of oppression involved.

The continued Right-Wing dictatorship would for the moment, mean increased oppression but could lead to increased and more organised reaction against the state. But the damage done by a re-elected Conservative government would constitute a serious setback to the advances of Anarchy. They have already shown their willingness to use the Armed Forces against external enemies; what would prevent them from using them against internal enemies as well. The individual must make their own decisions as to which action to take; decisions based on a clear understanding of one's objectives and the consequences of one's actions. The important thing is action, in particular action now.

Anthony.



Chris '83

THIS IS RECYCLED PAPER.....SAVE TREES