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# ANARCHISTS CREATE A STINK IN DUBLIN.



THE STRONG ARM OF THE LAW

## WHAT IS GOVERNMENT

"To be governed is to be watched over, inspected, spied on, directed, legislated, regimented, indoctrinated, preached at, controlled, assessed, evaluated, censored, commanded; all by creatures that have neither the right, nor wisdom, nor virtue. To be governed means at every move, operation, or transaction, one is noted, registered, entered in a census, taxed, stamped, priced, assessed, patented, licensed, authorized, recommended, admonished, prevented, reformed, set right, corrected, government means to be subjected to tribute, trained, ransomed, exploited, monopolised, extorted, pressured, mystified, robbed; all in the name of public utility and the general good. Then at the first sign of resistance or word of complaint one is repressed, fined, despised, vexed, pursued, hustled, beaten up, garroted, imprisoned, shot, machinegunned, judged, sentenced, deported, sacrificed, sold, betrayed and to cap it all ridiculed, mocked, outraged and dishonoured.

That is government, that is its justice and its morality!  
O, human personality! How can it be that you have cowered in such subjection for sixty centuries."

Pierre-Joseph Proudhon (1840ish)

## WHAT IS ANARCHY

As this paper has been written and produced by anarchists, it seems only appropriate that we give a brief description of what anarchism and anarchy mean to us. But first it might be better to explain to those new to the concept of anarchy, what it is not!

Anarchy is not, contrary to popular opinion, chaos and destruction. It doesn't mean smashing up gig halls, spitting at old ladies or wearing the "right" clothes and believe it or not it wasn't even invented by Malcolm McLaren in 1977. The misunderstanding about anarchy comes from the almost slanderous misuse of the word by the "popular" press and T.V. in its reportings of such events as riots, mass hysteria etc.. This is not anarchy. Anarchy is the rejection of all forms of authority. It is the radical restructuring of society where co-operation, sharing, and caring are the bywords not exploitation, greed and power. It is where the workers control the means of production and produce for need not the bosses, shareholders and entrepreneurs who produce solely for profit. It is where woman and men work side by side in harmony with the earth and its surroundings, where originality and individuality are the "norm" NOT uniformity and conformity. Anarchy is not just another political ideology it's a way of thinking, feeling and living, and it can work. The media describes anarchy as chaos and destruction but when you think about it that is what we have today, so the truth of the matter is that capitalism and statist communism are chaos and destruction not anarchy. People say that anarchy is a nice idea but that it would never work, but it has worked, during the Russian revolution, the Spanish civil war, the Italian factory councils, etc..

We have proved it can work and there is no reason why it couldn't happen here, it's up to us as individuals, as groups and as people to make it work, and if we want it badly enough, it will happen.

On Saturday, 15th June, a group of people went down to Dublin from Belfast for the Anti-Apartheid march. They arrived at Dunnes' Stores in Henry Street at about 1.30pm to do some direct action in the store while some other people were standing with the official picket outside. Stink bombs were dropped around the store, as well as that, stickers with things like "Boycott this Product. It exploits black people in South Africa" written on them were placed on South African goods. Also, bottles and tins of food etc. were turned upside down so that the food would pour out over the other tins, and one or two people filled a basket full of goods and then when they got to the counter, said that they had forgotten/lost their money, and left the shop assistants to put the food back on the shelves themselves! Nobody actually got caught "in the act" although three people were thrown out of the store.

From there, they headed to Parnell Square to where the march was to begin, but on the way there, one girl was arrested after an argument broke out between her and a woman selling "joke" books called "Blue Rag Mags". - she was released a few hours later, fortunately.

The march began at around 3.00pm, there was about 300 or so people on it, including representatives from "the Belfast Anarchist Group", the Workers' Solidarity Movement, and Sinn Féin amongst others. After a walk through Dublin's main streets, the march ended in a talk by various people, including Mary Manning, the woman who first refused to handle South African goods eleven months ago in Dunnes' Stores.

## WHY DUNNES?

The Anti-Apartheid strike at Dunnes stores is reaching its first anniversary in July. It began last year in Dublin's Henry St. store when a check-out operator refused to handle fruit from South Africa. The management suspended her, a dozen fellow workers walked out in sympathy with her. The strikers began, what is now a long battle, for their right not to handle South African products. During the year moral support has been given from small organisations and from sympathetic individuals, this has greatly helped to highlight the issues involved. The workers union, the IDATU, has expressed solidarity by producing leaflets for, and organising meetings and pickets at the work places of those involved in the supplying of apartheid goods to Dunnes. Workers in other Dunnes stores have given support to the Dublin strikers, but it will take the support and solidarity of ordinary people to build up more confidence in the other workers so that they will join the strike. If there is enough solidarity between the workers and ordinary people, then Ben Dunne will be under too much pressure not to concede and he will have to ban South African products from his stores. The reason he is so reluctant is because he and the management are capable of thinking only in "cash-flow" and "profit" terms. A victory here will not only be a step in the fight against apartheid, but will give the shopworkers the confidence to up against the management in order to fight for their rights.

Solidarity is needed for a victory for the Dunnes strikers.

## WHY WERE HERE

A small group recently got together with one aim in mind. That aim being to take direct action against a system which has been using and abusing us from the day we were born. We may not achieve very much against their might but we feel that it is better than doing nothing other than sitting on our arses, complaining and yet accepting the shit we are all shovelled. We are hoping to produce a news-sheet at least once a month to let you know what is happening here in N. Ireland and across the water. Also to outline a few ways that you can do something positive. You can help us by attending protests, gigs, etc...., and by sending us any ideas you might have.

We have to start working for a better life today; Tomorrow might never come.....

SAYING OF THE WEEK.....  
IN LIFE YOU ARE LIKE A PUBIC HAIR ON A TOILET SEAT....  
AFTER A WHILE YOU'RE BOUND TO GET PISSED OFF.

NEXT ISSUE: HOW WE FED THE WORLD WHILE LOOKING AFTER  
NUMBER ONE. BY BOB GELDOF AND CO.





# COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On May 15th 1985 in Northern Ireland we witnessed yet another local Government election. As was predictable both sets of bigoted bastards were re-elected in even more strength than before, which must prove that people in the North of Ireland are becoming increasingly won over by the sectarian policies that both sides are using as propaganda for their ongoing war. The Unionists and Nationalist voters have been brainwashed into accepting that 'peace' will only be brought about by violence and repression, their fears of either extremist sides gaining more of a foothold than the other in the councils turned many 'MODERATE BIGOTS' into practical terrorists. And yet once again we see the fucking stupidity of the whole thing, when there so called Democracy is applied the True Blue Orange Protectors Of the Crown, Faith and Democratic Process refuse to recognise Sinn Fien the political wing of the IRA as the duly elected representatives of the Nationalist population. So what will happen now, Civil war? More and more murders? A show of strength from the TURD FORCE? of course! That's how they keep the political pot on the boil. They will continue whipping up as much publicity as is possible. While more cops die for the system and more terrorists get stuck away for twenty years, everything is pretty easy for the politicians and churches. Something always to condemn in the media or pray about. Another hero for the cause or another decent citizen carved on a tombstone, and don't forget all this in the worse social climate we have seen for quite some time. It really looks like the same sickening shitheads have got it made or maybe it's about time WE started to hit back because one thing is for certain, peace is never going to come about either by the guns or the ballot box.

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## BISHOPSCOURT PEACECAMP FESTIVAL

R.A.F. Bishopscourt is 7 miles from Downpatrick and less than 30 miles from Belfast. It is an early warning nuclear radar station which means it would be a first strike target in the event of a nuclear war.

Opposition to Bishopscourt up, until now, has been on a small scale. The peace camp consists of a single caravan near the entrance of the base. Lack of mass opposition to the base could perhaps explain why work is already underway to extend the base. The new equipment being installed will update the existing radar and may also act as a decoy for soviet missiles intended for other targets.

Protests against the installation have mainly been token gestures such as lighting candles at the entrance to the base. However on one occasion when several protesters cut the fence and entered the base, both the R.A.F. and the R.U.C. KEPT the event quiet. The demonstrators were arrested by the RAF police who handed them over to the RUC who in turn released them without pressing charges. This is perhaps an indication of how the MOD wants as little publicity as regarding Bishopscourt. After all, too much publicity may mean that the public will find out about plans for a possible siting cruise missiles at the base.

From June 21st to 23rd a festival, which will hopefully will be the most effective protest ever staged at Bishopscourt, will take place.

People from all over Ireland and from Britain, as well as further afield, will be attending the festival which will include live music from several different bands on Sat. 22nd and a series of workshops on Sun. 23rd. However if the festival is going to be an effective protest, then it is clear that direct action is needed. It is up to each individual to decide what risks they are willing to take, but standing in a field listening to music all day is going to have little or no effect.

There are plenty of ways in which we can mess things up for them. Bring along a few kites made from aluminium kitchen foil (it confuses the radar) or perhaps a pair of wire cutters. Even smash the radar dish to pieces. Come to Bishopscourt but come prepared!

# WHY SQUAT? WHY NOT! ?!

Recently in Belfast a group of people have taken the initiative to squat a house. The reasons for this differ from person to person but they all have one thing in common; they are sick of being shit on by landlords and estate agents like P&R Properties who charge exorbitant fees for cold, damp slums. We've been conned into paying for houses which are rightfully ours. A house is built by workers who are given a meagre sum for building it, then they are made to pay for it and in a few years they have paid double of what they were paid to build it. Because of the situation in N.I. it is almost impossible to squat. The Housing Executive, private landlords, and courts have worked everything out so that squatters have very little or in some cases, no rights. Squatting in a Housing Executive house gives you more leeway than squatting in a private house, although you can still be done for illegal entry or breaking and entering, depending on the circumstances. The Housing Executive would be reluctant to send in the police whereas a private landlord would not hesitate to use the police, or their own heavies. If you decide to squat, the first thing to do is to secure the house, that means changing the locks back and front. As for electricity, check to see if the main fuse has been removed; if not it is usually just a matter of joining up the points with fuse wire, which should be done by an electrician and not attempted by someone who knows fuck all about it, dead squatters are no real threat. If the fuse has been removed, then it is a case of by-passing the meter which again needs an electrician. Either way make sure you know how to disconnect it again in a hurry, because you can also be done by the electricity board for fiddling their equipment. If you are doing it just for somewhere to live then it is best to lie low for a while, that means making sure too many people, or the police, don't see you using the house. But if you are doing it as a protest get as many people involved as possible, better still, if you can get the local people behind you before you make the move, but if you can't at least let them know. Next, let the papers know what you intend to do and why (Tell them that 50 mad Anarchists, or whatever, are going to squat a house; that's a bit of sensation for them right away...). Drape banners out of the windows with reasons why it is being done and generally make your presence felt. The pigs may get heavy, but if there are Press and plenty of people about this isn't very likely. Of course you have to be prepared to take whatever shit they may throw at you, but if we want to take back what is rightfully ours, we will have to come up against this shit sooner or later. We will be compiling a list of all the houses available that we know of, so if you want one or want any further information about squatting, let us know through the Newsheet address. We will try to give you as much support and advice as possible, the more of us there are, the more chance there is of breaking through their stupid laws.

People are living in tiny hovels, others are homeless, and all the time good houses are rotting away; let's change that. Together we can.

**DO YOU GET £25 A WEEK FROM THE D.H.S.S.? IF THE ANSWER IS YES YOU COULD BE ENTITLED TO AT LEAST DOUBLE THAT AMOUNT -**

All you need is some friends who will let you use their address and some false I.D. and a bit of imagination. First of all you need to make a fresh claim, go to an office where they don't know you. They will ask you about a national insurance no. and what you have done since leaving school. Just tell them that you have been working abroad from you've left school, or that you have rich parents, anything that can't be traced back, and that you don't remember ever having a N.I. no. They will just tell you to apply for one. You will need I.D. for cashing the Giro. This is easy, just look through the Births and Deaths register and pick out somebody about your own age who is dead then apply for their birth certificate this will cost about £5.00. with a birth certificate you could apply for a N.I. no. a driving licence, or a one year passport as well. Alternatively, open up a building society account; the Abbey National hand you a book over the counter if you deposit £20 or more. After a while they might stop your money for not having a N.I. no. You could try bluffing your way through interviews, but if you are caught on the fiddle it could mean up to 2 years in jail. So you may be best off starting again with a different name, or just go to a different office using the same name and address.

There are people claiming in three different names and getting £75 a week, and there are others claiming for bed and breakfast accommodation they aren't staying in. So it's up to you now to go out and claim what is yours by right.

LATE NEWS.....  
 SINCE WE STARTED WORK ON THE NEWSHEET THE SQUAT HAS BEEN BUSTED. LAST SATURDAY THE PIGS WERE GOING PAST WHEN THEY NOTICED THE FRONT DOOR LYING OPEN (NO THANKS TO SOME ASSHOLE, HE KNOWS WHO HE IS). BEING THE NOSEY BASTARDS THAT THEY ARE THEY WENT UP TO QUEENS AND TOLD THEM. QUEENS SENT THEIR SECURITY GUARDS ROUND AND THE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE WERE ARRESTED. AFTER A FEW HOURS AND MORE THAN A FEW QUESTIONS THEY WERE RELEASED BUT TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE CHARGED FOR ANY DAMAGE DONE TO THE HOUSE. AT PRESENT WE ARE TRYING TO SUSS OUT A NEW PLACE, WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.

# WRECK THE RADAR

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