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INTRODUCTION

So far here in Britain 1992 has seen a continuation of economic slump and, improbably enough, an election won by the Conservative Party whose greed and incompetence had caused the slump. Even Labour couldn't have done worse than this lot (not that I'm asking anyone to vote, of course). Looking behind the parliamentary smokescreen we see a corrupt ruling class who are no longer willing to invest, only to take profits out. The idea that their future profits depend on investment now is beyond them. This leaves us working for low wages in companies with low productivity (compared to West Germany, for example), or even not working at all. This is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. The return of a Labour government would mean some improvement in unemployment and housing (by government investment in public housing, for example) but wouldn't change the second rate nature of British capitalism. But so what? The choice between living in a successful capitalist society and living in an unsuccessful one is a lousy one. We do all the work, anyway, why do it on their terms? This only states the problem, of course, it doesn't solve it.

This is the third edition of the Anarchist Yearbook. Its purpose is to be an introduction to anarchism in Britain today. Because it is trying to give an overview of the movement, rather than promote one of the differing viewpoints within the movement, the intention is to let people speak for themselves and to refrain from any comments on them. For example, the entries in the lists of publishers and magazines are written by the publishers themselves. If you spot any omissions from the lists, or have any suggestions for improving the Yearbook, write to Phoenix Press at:-
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ANARCHISM (BRIEFLY)

Anarchism is revolutionary anti-state socialism. In practical terms, anarchists aim for the destruction of the power of the ruling class and of all relationships based on domination and submission. This means taking over our industries and communities and changing them to meet the needs of all, as well as the ecological needs of the environment. Without this takeover we can struggle within capitalism but never replace it.

Anarchism will be created by millions of people, not a dictatorial elite (we are not Marxist Leninists) and all will have their part to play in shaping it. Power will lie with the organisations thrown up by and for the revolution, not with the political parties who will try to dominate and destroy them.

The new society will not be born through abstract ideas, but will come out of the realities of struggle and the need for working class people to unite. Such struggle doesn't just involve resistance to ruling class power (strikes, mass protests and other forms of direct action), but also construction - the building of the new, locally based federal organisations (examples of which go from grass roots anti-poll tax groups to the miners' support groups of the 1984-85 strike), plus the forging of solidarity and the willingness to go further.

There is no truce in the class war. The answer to ruling class power is continual and widening struggle for social revolution and anarchism.

THE ECONOMIC LEAGUE

The previous edition of the Yearbook included an article on the anarchist movement in Britain. This had been published by the Economic League, a bosses organisation which compiles a blacklist of supposed subversives. Employers who subscribe to the League can then vet potential or existing employees. The philosophy behind the League is that a subversive threat (to use their terminology) exists and that the League is able to identify that threat. Clearly the League has a vested interest in the existence of such a threat and an examination of what they said about the anarchist movement highlights the obvious dangers of this.

The League article gives lots of facts but fails to explain their significance. Mentioning the names of anarchist papers and quoting some of the juicier bits does not reveal that the papers have tiny circulations and correspondingly tiny influence. Only *Class War* has a circulation over 10,000 (which is small enough anyway) and hardly any of the others come near even that. Nor is all well in the world of anarchist publishing, even in its own restricted terms. *Black Flag*, described as a bi-monthly paper, hadn't appeared for months when the League article was published and since then has produced one issue (in a year). It now seems to have disappeared for good. The publisher Hooligan Press, one of whose booklets is quoted by the League, don't exist any more. It's just that some of their old stock is still available. The international anarchist news letter mentioned by the League folded after one issue because of lack of interest. *Hackney Heckler*, the free paper given out in Hackney, hasn't appeared in a year. And so on. Our current insignificance is obvious both to us and to any unbiased observer. I only wish we were the threat the League pretends we are.

The only important quantified fact given by the League is that the Direct Action Movement has a membership of about 400. If this is true, and the League call their figure an "estimate" and do not say how they arrived at it, then the employers of Britain can rest easy in their beds. Class War is "probably the biggest anarchist group of all" but how big, and how the League arrive at their conclusion, is not stated. Why not? No figures, not even the vaguest, are given for the memberships of the other two national organisations, the Anarchist Communist Federation and the Anarchist Workers Group. This is very sensible since these two measure their members in dozens, not hundreds, and this doesn't fit the misleading picture the League wish to give.

It is boring to list all the misleading information and downright untruths put out by the League. For a start, Class War did not organise the Stop the City demonstrations. "The vast majority of present-day anarchists support militant animal liberation activity." Codswallop. The vast majority of anarchists think animal rights are an unimportant distraction from the class struggle. "In its militancy and commitment to violence in the name of revolutionary struggle, the ACF is second only to Class War." To anyone who knows the rather quiet individuals in the ACF this is a ludicrous nonsense, but subscribers to the Economic League will not be aware of this. And so on.

Forty years ago it was easy for the League to point to an apparent threat to Britain's employers. Despite the low level of support for Communist Party policies the Party controlled several major unions at national level (not just the Electricians.) But did this pose a threat to Britain's employers? Bob Darke's 1952 book *The Communist Technique in Britain* certainly shows that Communist control of unions was against the interest of the union members with, for example, union

funds being wasted on Communist causes which few union members supported. But that doesn't hurt the employers. (In fact it weakens the unions and so helps the employers.) Today, with the collapse of the Communist Party, the Economic League are forced to find another imaginary threat to frighten Britain's employers with. Hence their sensationalist, misleading and inaccurate article on Britain's anarchists. Blaming dissidents for the problems faced by the ruling class is an attempt to divert attention from the incompetence of that class. The appalling state of British society, poverty, slums, unemployment, crime, all in what ought to be a prosperous (in capitalist terms) country, is the direct result of the inability of the British ruling class to run an advanced industrial economy. The existence of organisations like the Economic League is a symptom of the incompetence of British capitalists. And what credence can be given to an organisation whose secret reports are openly published by those it spies on? Any management unable to run its business without the dubious assistance of the Economic League couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery.

THE COMMUNIST TECHNIQUE IN BRITAIN

Bob Darke's *The Communist Technique in Britain* is an essential text of the British working class. Like so many others it is an attack on the Communist Party by an ex-member. Unlike most of the others it is written from a working class point of view, not a middle-class one. Darke shows the Hackney branch of the CP as it was when he left it in 1951 after 18 years membership. Hackney was the most successful branch in the country with 900 members, 2 local councillors and, at one time or another, control of most of the union offices in the borough. On the face of it, a successful organisation. The inside story shows the true picture.

The CP would be elected to the key posts in a local office of a union despite the fact that most union members were not Communists. The two reasons for this were apathy and the erroneous belief that the Communists fought for the workers. Having won control the Communists would then sack all the non-Communists working in the office and replace them by Communists, pass Communist resolutions in the name of the union branch, and spend union funds on Communist causes. Darke gives one example when the CP called off a strike which had full support from the workers because they thought they could get the General Secretary of the union to join the CP! All of this is clearly against the interests of the working class. The immorality and futility of 'capturing' unions for a cause the union members don't believe in is equally obvious.

Internally the CP was just as unpleasant. Members of the Party had to devote their lives to it, whatever the personal cost. All their spare time and money went to the Party and if their marriages broke up, too bad. The Party ran partly on patronage, the CP could dispose of lots of union

offices, but mostly on the willingness of the ordinary Party members to be bullied and pushed around by the higher ranking members. (See what Darke has to say about the Party's Disciplinary Committees.) This willingness was in turn based partly on the twin beliefs that the revolution was just around the corner and that the CP embodied the revolution. Both false, of course.

A selection of extracts from *The Communist Technique in Britain* is being published by Pirate Press under the title *Poor Lenin*. It's probably ready by the time you read this. Most of the extracts that follow are not included in *Poor Lenin*.

I was a good Party member as the Party would see it. They received twenty-four hours' service a day from me. Three hundred and sixty-five days a year. For eighteen years I never took a holiday at all, let alone with my wife. My spare time was the Party's, my home, my income, my happiness, and that of my family, was placed in pawn to the Party. And if ever I grew impatient with this, why the Revolution was around the corner, wasn't it?

The democratic nature of the branch is written in the scriptures. Theoretically all members of the Secretariat are elected by the body of the branch once a year at an aggregate meeting. They are subject, once more theoretically, to a majority vote, to the approval of the rank and file, and must be re-elected or rejected annually.

You cannot quarrel with that, can you? Then how does it work in practice?

Each year the existing Secretariat draws up its own panel of names for the new Secretariat. It does this after it has consulted with the London District Committee (which is the co-ordinating authority of all branches in the London area). The Secretariat is often so satisfied with its work during the past year that it suggests that it should be re-elected *en bloc*. Of course, the London District may not agree, in which case

changes will be made in the list.

The panel is then placed before the aggregate meeting and comrades are invited to vote on it. They have absolute freedom of choice. They may vote Yes or No. Of course No would be a wasted vote, for there is no alternative to the panel.

They are entitled to reject the suggested panel out of hand and suggest an entirely new one. I say that they are at liberty to do this - but I have never known of it being done. It would indicate a lack of faith in the wisdom of the branch and district leadership. It would smack of 'fractionizing', a heresy punishable by expulsion. A panel of names set up in opposition to the resigning Secretariat's suggestions would have no more hope than Sir Waldron Smithers would have of sitting in the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Basically then, the resigning Secretariat is re-elected every year.

Generally a fanatic expects no reward other than the opportunity to work hard for what he believes. But the Party is not all fanatics. It is a Party of strong vested interests. Many top-line Communists hold good jobs in the unions, salaries up to a thousand a year, a house, sometimes a car. They hold these jobs by virtue of the Party's backing. And in return for these jobs they will be dishonest, treacherous, amoral.

The Communist Party had a new recruit in me. I was twenty-five, the son of a glass-blower, and I was chairman of the local branch of the National Unemployed Workers' Movement. I had joined that organization without realizing that it was Communist-controlled. I became a branch chairman without realizing that I would never have got the position had not the Communists thought I would be easily malleable and that I would eventually be recruited.

Because my brother John was a Communist (he left in disgust long ago) I was half-way toward joining the Party. When I agreed I was introduced to a local gathering of the people Comrade Dutt had said were the only representatives of the working-class.

It was a cell meeting, held in a bare attic, which one of the comrades, had he been decadent enough, would have called his home. I was probably the only working-class man among them. The cell-leader was a man who hated the capitalist

system so much that he refused to pay his debts and moved when they became too heavy.

The rest of the members had no regular work. They had no homes either, so far as I could judge, and if one had had the time it would have been an amusing exercise to work out who was living with whom. Most of them were unshaven, most of them were dirty, and all of them talked. They talked and talked.

But I was hot for the cause. I and my family had felt the rough edge of capitalism. I hated it for its exploitation, its bitter cruelty and its relentless persecution of the unfortunate. In face of this hatred I did not stop to ask myself whether this little society of café-revolutionaries had either the wit or ability to change the face of the earth.

I mention this to contrast the present-day character of the Hackney Communist Party. I have seen it grow from a loose-gathering of two dozen intellectual wastrels into a storm-troop of men and women drawn from all branches of working-class life.

I suppose, in a way, I helped to change the character of the Hackney Party. It is hard to believe that its members to-day have any connexion with the long-haired men and short-haired women, the corduroys and plus fours that made up the Cell I joined.

On demonstrations the Party organized I resented these people; they were a paradox in what was supposed to be a spontaneous outburst of working-class indignation. They seemed as unreal as I would be collecting fares in carpet slippers and pyjamas. There was little or no activity within Hackney's trade unions for the very simple reason that few trade unionists then were Communists. We just talked.

Harry Pollitt is a shrewd psychologist and he was the first among the Party's leaders to urge that the Party should exist on a broad front, that it should go all out to enrol electricians, dockers, factory workers, housewives. The intellectuals should be kept in cages for demonstration purposes.

After a few years the oddities who had initiated me disappeared. They had fire and they had fanaticism. Quite a few died in Spain, up along the Jarama, perhaps a little surprised to find what a political discussion over a coffee-cup could bring them to.

The Party didn't mind them dying in Spain. Some Communists had to go there and get shot, and it was best that they should be the expendable ones.

The NIPC meetings are generally held in one of those dull, green rooms at the Party's headquarters in King Street, Covent Garden. In a room where a portrait of Marx or a bust of Lenin keeps a cold and watchful eye on the proceedings. There is no laughter, no mutual good feeling, no real tolerant comradeship. Each man is watching for another's weakness. It is on the weakness of others that the Party comrade rises.

I remember that when I attended my first NIPC meeting I felt that I had wandered into an emotional desert. I was without a match for a cigarette, and when I began asking for a light I got the same answer all along the line: 'I don't smoke, comrade.'

I subsequently found that most of them didn't drink either. They were like elders of the kirk in conclave.

At the end of the meetings there was never the pleasant half-an-hour's chat over a pint you naturally expect from a band of working men. Each comrade left the building hurriedly, walking away on his own with barely a good night. We never left the building together but at irregularly spaced intervals. We never looked over our shoulders. We never stopped until we got on a bus.

The Party likes to be in strong control of the union's offices, but if it loses its grip on the rank and file it knows that it can be voted down. The big Ford strike in 1952 was an example. Party shop stewards whipped up feeling among non-Communists and got the strike they wanted, but after the rank and file of the union had had time to think they voted down the shop stewards and went back to work.

Communist discipline is not just a simple matter of allegiance to the Party's decisions and loyalty to its policy. It is an inherent feature of a comrade's personal and public life. It is an unquestioning reflex of his behaviour. After a period of time as a Party member, a month, a year, two years according to the degree of his work, a Communist is expected to become 'self-disciplined'.

There's a sad irony in that phrase. One might just as well talk of a ventriloquist's dummy as being self-disciplined. The self-disciplined Communist is one who purges himself of all genuine self-criticism, all honest and refreshing doubt, all tolerance and independence of thought.

Let it be understood that he is ready enough to do this when he joins the Party. This serious step is generally undertaken by a man who believes that the Party has some wonder-

ful answer to his or the world's troubles, some magic formula that explains everything and will solve everything. This mystical feeling is encouraged among recruits. They are reverently introduced to Marxist-Leninist theory, so tortuous a philosophy that few Communists ever follow it beyond a few catch-phrases and a few quotations from Lenin or Stalin. If they are told that such-and-such an action is strictly within the logic and dialectic of Marxism-Leninism they will follow it blindly.

I've often witnessed a disciplinary committee telling an offender that perfectly honest and decent statements made by him are, in terms of Marxist thought, rank heresy, and I have seen him accepting that interpretation because his faith in the Marxism he does not understand is stronger than reason.

The central figure in this great wave of disciplinary action was Peter Kerrigan, six feet of tough Scots-Irish, uncontaminated by the kindly emotion of bourgeois decadence. That man lives the Party. He serves it with a singleness of mind that is frightening.

Yet I believe, even if he does not, that what satisfies him most is the feeling of power which his position gives him. He deals with recalcitrant Party members with brutality and unrelenting determination.

On another occasion my wife said to me bitterly: 'Other men belong to political parties, but they're not like you. They make something out of their wives and families. Look at you; you're getting older every day and you're never at home with us, you never go out with us. You'll regret it some day. All you think of is the Party, nothing else counts with you, Bob; not your family, not your home, not me.'

At the time I believe I took that as a compliment, thinking it gave a true picture of a self-sacrificing Bolshevik hero.

ORGANISATIONS

There are three national groupings of anarchists or libertarians in Britain. They have slightly different views on things, see the list of Aims and Principles or similar that each of them has in their paper. The address given is that of the group's national secretary or similar.

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST FEDERATION

c/o 84 Whitechapel High Street
London
E1 7QX

Publish the quarterly magazine ORGANISE and do a short guide to themselves called MAKING PROGRESS.

CLASS WAR

PO Box 467
London
E8 3QX

(Membership secretary). The paper is CLASS WAR (every six weeks or so?) and their introduction to themselves is THIS IS CLASS WAR. Their book UNFINISHED BUSINESS is published by AK Press.

DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT

PO Box 29
SW PDO
Manchester
M15 5HN

Their monthly paper is DIRECT ACTION and the pamphlet WINNING THE CLASS WAR - An Anarcho-Syndicalist Strategy sets out their ideas.

In addition to the national groups there are various organisations, plus all the magazines and publishers listed elsewhere in the Yearbook. The Anarchist Black Cross are also described elsewhere in the Yearbook. There are several shops in London

which should be mentioned. Freedom Press Bookshop are covered in the list of publishers. 121 Bookshop is at 121 Raiton Road, Brixton, London SE24 (Tel 071 274 6655) and is open 1 - 5 Wednesday and Thursday, 2 - 5 Friday, 1 - 5 Saturday and 3 - 5 Sunday. The 56a Infoshop is at 56 Crampton Street, Elephant and Castle, London SE17 and is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 3 - 7. "Alongside the usual Anarchist publications, books, T shirts, badges plus some unusual ones, we offer loads of free stuff and information, and a reading rack of International papers, plus tea if you ask us nicely. The Infoshop is connected by computer to E.C.N. and A.P.S., two radical networks in Italy and Holland, We put out a regular News Bulletin, distributed in the UK by the Anarchist Distribution Service and by us, elsewhere."

London Greenpeace can be written to at 5 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, London N1 9DX and their phone number is 071 837 7557. They are a anarchist ecological collective, two of whose members are being sued by MacDonalds. They have a Fayre in Central London every autumn and are no relation to Greenpeace UK. Another annual event held in Central London in the autumn is the Anarchist Book Fair. Write for details to the *New Anarchist Review* (see the MAGAZINES listing).

Moving outside the anarchist ghetto there are the Anti-Nuclear Network, a direct action group whose address is c/o 265 Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London N4 2DE. Another direct action group is Anti-Fascist Action whose address is BM Box 1734, London WC1N 3XX.

Finally there is the Anarchist Distribution Service. This sends out free material to class struggle groups around the country once a month or so. Send them a hundred copies of the leaflet you want sent out, plus a fiver for the postage. Class

struggle stuff only. Their address is PO Box 446, Sheffield, S1 1NY

If you know of any additions to the above, please write to Phoenix Press.

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

The Anarchist Black Cross aims at practical solidarity with prisoners. We support anarchist and revolutionary prisoners and those incarcerated for their political actions or beliefs. We support people framed up by the police. We support prisoners organising and resisting on the inside. We welcome contact from prisoners, their relatives and anyone interested in getting involved in our work. We actively support people with letters, contact, material aid, pickets and publicity. Ultimately we work for a class-based movement that will destroy prisons along with capitalism, in a revolution to create a real classless society. People working together without exploitation, hatred or terror, for a world community based on co-operation.

This is a list of ABC groups around the country. An introductory leaflet to the ABC is available from the London address.

- BIRMINGHAM ABC c/o Box 3, 190 Alum Rock Road, Saltley, Birmingham 8
- BOLTON ABC PO Box 47, Bolton BL2 1QA
- BRADFORD ABC c/o 1 in 12 Club, 31 Manor Row, Bradford BD1
- ESSEX ABC c/o Neil, Dept N, PO Box 1327, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
- LAEMINGTON SPA ABC Box 1, 22 High Street, Leamington Spa CV31
- LEEDS ABC Box JAG, 52 Call Lane, Leeds LS1
- LONDON ABC c/o 121 Bookshop, 121 Railton Road, Brixton, London SE24
- MANCHESTER ABC, Box 8, 1 Newton Street, Manchester M1
- NORWICH ABC PO Box 73, Norwich NR1 2EB
- OXFORD ABC Box ZZ, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford
- PRESTON ABC PO Box 172, Preston, Lancs.
- SHEFFIELD ABC, Black Star, PO Box 446, Sheffield, S1 1NY

SOUTH WALES ABC PO Box 368, Cardiff, CF2 1SQ

SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH ABC c/o Shrinking, PO Box 610, Edinburgh, EH15 1UG

IRELAND

DERRY ABC c/o Organise, PO Box 5, Derry, BT48 6PD

LIST OF PUBLISHERS

The entries are written by the publishers themselves. If you have difficulty in getting any titles you're interested in from local shops then try going direct to the publisher in question or write to AK PRESS, details in the section on NEW TITLES and also below.

ACE EDITIONS

c/o 84b Whitechapel High Street

LONDON E1 7QX

Anarchist Communist Editions are published by the Anarchist Communist Federation. Each pamphlet discusses and extends anarchist-communist ideas, using accessible yet in-depth argument and analysis. All this and good value too! Present titles are: Anarchism - As We See It; Making Progress; Manifesto of Libertarian Communism; Myth of Labour's Socialism; The Role of the Revolutionary Organisation.

AK PRESS

3 Balmoral Place

STIRLING

FK8 2RD

Tel 031 667 1507

AK Press publishes books. And pamphlets. On a wide variety of anarchist, situationist, libertarian and related themes. Everything from poetry to parapolitics. Other active service units of the AK empire include AK Distribution (to the trade) and AK Press mail order for individuals, with around 4,000 titles. Recent titles have included new work by Class War, Noam Chomsky, and James Kelman. Please do send for the latest catalogues.

APORIA PRESS
308 Camberwell New Road
London
SE5 ORW
Tel 071 274 9009

Aporia publishes the series of 17th century "Tracts & Rants", the bedrock of most libertarian and progressive political thought. Works by Winstanley, Coppe, the Diggers and more extreme sectarians are complemented by contemporary anarchic essays by John Moore and others. All titles distributed by Counter-Productions, PO Box 556, London SE5 ORL (send SAE for free descriptive mail-order catalogue of home-grown and imported publications).

ASP
BCM 3714
LONDON
WC1N 3XX
No information received.

ATTACK INTERNATIONAL
BM 6577
LONDON
WC1N 3XX

A small revolutionary propaganda group. Aims to spread ideas and information that help support and develop struggle by the working class against capitalism and the state. Wants to undermine the lies and illusions of capitalism and show that revolutionary change is not only possible, but both necessary and desirable.

C. G. H. SERVICES
Cwm Gwen Hall
Pencader, Dyfed
Cymru SA39 9HA
Tel 0559 384574

Besides Black Chip, C.G.H. Services publish libertarian and vegetarian pamphlets. Currently available: Anti-Mass; Kropotkin's Place of Anarch-

ism in Socialist Evolution; Reclus' Anarchy by an Anarchist, On Vegetarianism, The Great Kinship. More titles welcome. We do photocopying and sell computer software and hardware (ST/Amiga/PC/QL.)

B.M. CLAUDIA
LONDON
WC1N 3XX

Latest title is The Rebel's New Clothes, an individual critique of Marxism, Anarchism, the politically correct and pompous 'revolutionaries'. Available direct from Claudia for £2.50 (includes p&p). The two previous titles, I, Claudia, and Love Lies Bleeding, are out of print. Correspondence welcomed.

CLYDESIDE PRESS LTD.
37 High Street
Glasgow Cross
GLASGOW
G1 1LX
No information received.

DERRICK A. PIKE
1 Market Place
GLASTONBURY
BA6 9HD
Tel 0458 83164
Self publisher. Subjects anarchism and pacifism. 3 titles in print.

ELEPHANT EDITIONS
BM Elephant
LONDON
WC1N 3XX
New stuff on the way, promise.

EXITSTENCIL PRESS
PO Box 279
LONDON N22
The press came into being in the early 70's publishing small handouts on personal observations

until it became part of Crass Records in 1977. Although little has been published in the last few years, Exitstencil Press retains its spirit and facility as a publisher and will continue to do so.

FREEDOM PRESS

84b Whitechapel High Street

LONDON

E1 7QX

Tel 071 247 9249

Founded 1886. Anarchist classics and new anarchist works at affordable prices. Distributor for other anarchist publishers in the English language. Bookshop open 10 till 6 Monday to Friday, 10 till 5 Saturday. Write or call for list of over 400 anarchist books and pamphlets, mostly post-free in UK.

LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION

See the Lib ED entry in the magazines list.

BM MAKHNO

London

WC1N 3XX

No information received.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Box 14

136 Kingsland High Street

LONDON E8

No information received.

PHOENIX PRESS

PO Box 824

LONDON

N1 9DL

Bored with unrealistic talk about the revolution happening next week? Phoenix is. What we need is a new (and realistic) manifesto. Existing titles include Valerie Solanas' "Scum Manifesto" and works by Fredy Perlman. You can help Phoenix bring

out more books through a loan system, write and ask for details.

PIRATE PRESS

PO Box 446

SHEFFIELD

S1 1NY

Produces anarchist pamphlets cheaply. Recently published the centenary celebration of the "Sheffield Anarchist". Now publishing about 3 new titles a year, mixture of class struggle serious stuff and more situationist, but we print whatever takes our fancy.

REBEL PRESS

Box R

84b Whitechapel High Street

LONDON

E1 7QX

Anarchism, situationism. 9 titles in print.

SOLIDARITY

c/o 123 Lathom Road

LONDON

E6 2EA

The most important libertarian publisher of the 60s and 70s, Solidarity Publications is the imprint of a series of pamphlets and books on diverse political issues which now numbers more than sixty titles (and which have been variously translated into over fifteen foreign languages). Many titles remain in print. (See also listing under magazines).

SPECTACULAR TIMES

Box 99

84b Whitechapel High Street

LONDON

E1 7QX

Pocketbooks of populist situationism. Small, cheap and very popular. All 14 will eventually be brought back into print.

UNPOPULAR BOOKS

Box 15
136 Kingsland High Street
LONDON E8 2NS

Purveyors of proletarian literature since 1983. Cute communist classics that combine careful and concise characterisations of the consequences of community construction and conveyance with willful workers wreaking rageful remonstrance against baleful bosses in Britain and beyond, and shaking shamans smashing the shibboleths of lying leftists and renegade rightwingers worldwide.

year minus one press

PO Box 71

Hastings

E Sussex

Publishes occasional pamphlets, leaflets, posters etc including 'a day in the life of the car - 24 damning facts'. Correspondence welcome.

BM NAKHM

London

XXC NIX

The most important libertarian publications in the 80s and 70s, Solidarity Publications is the imprint of a series of pamphlets and books with diverse political issues which now numbers more than sixty titles (and which have been translated into over fifteen foreign languages). Many titles remain in print (see also Solidarity under magazines).

PHOENIX PRESS

PO Box 424

LONDON

W1 9DL

84 Whitechapel High Street
London E1 1RN
Phoenix Press has been publishing since 1974. It has published a wide range of books, pamphlets, leaflets and posters. Its main focus is on the working class and the struggle against capitalism. It has published a number of important books on the history of the working class movement in Britain and other countries. It has also published a number of books on the theory and practice of socialism. Its publications are available in English and in other languages.

LIST OF MAGAZINES

The following descriptions are written by the magazines themselves. Where no information has been sent, this is recorded. If we think that a magazine no longer exists we don't just put "no information received", we delete the entry.

BAD ATTITUDE

121 Railton Road

Brixton

London SE24 0LR

071 978 9057

Bad Attitude. Got it? Be positive about negativity girlz! From some of the people who brought you Shocking Pink and Feminaxe, here is the only radically national womens newspaper about to lash back at the backlash. First one out in December. Bimonthly. Subscription £5 (£10 boys). The unacceptable face of feminism.

BLACK CHIP

C. G. H. Services

Cwm Gwen Hall

Pencader, Dyfed

Cymru, SA39 9HA

Tel 0559 384574

Occasional critical journal of new technology. Issue #3 due out by the 1992 bookfair. Input for future issues very welcome. No set ideological stance/line. Copies £1.50 each for issues 1, 2, 3.

CLASS WAR

PO Box 772

Bristol

BS99 1EG

No information received.

COUNTER INFORMATION

Pigeon Hole CI
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