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## editorial

This is the first issue of FREEDOM for six weeks. Two issues have been missed. We have missed an occasional one in the last few years and have sometimes been late in appearing, however, this is our most serious lapse for some time. The underlying causes are also more serious.

As you know, we operate a voluntary, shoe-string operation here in Angel Alley. The paper is produced by a small collective. This has been largely separate from the running of the Bookshop and of Freedom Press, the publishing arm, although, obviously, there has been some overlap. More recently, Aldgate Press was set up on the ground floor, replacing the defunct Express Printers. The printing operation was launched and run by people who were members of the Editorial collective. With A Distribution also sited here, bringing in members of other publishing groups, the building has never been so busy.

Aldgate Press is now firmly established. The original, shabby machinery was run to death. Eventually, too much time was being spent fixing stray bits back on and it has been replaced. Any small business has immense problems (which must steadily erode support for the Tory Party, as people notice that it is only their friends in large concerns who get any benefits), and new work is always needed. However, avoiding complacency, things look alright. The expansion of this has, obviously, taken much work and drawn comrades away from the paper.

In the past the paper was printed outside, most recently by our sadly missed friend Ian King. The responsibility of the collective was to get camera-ready artwork onto the train to Margate in time for the finished product to be back in Angel Alley by Thursday. With somewhat erratic reliability we managed this, despite the collective being down to three members for some time. And then we did our own setting. Now, paradoxically, with material being professionally set for us by Aldgate Press and with all the equipment on the premises, we have problems.

The old production schedules were crippling. Then we found ourselves with more leeway. Instead of the scramble to Red Star Parcels on Tuesday, things could be drawn out sometimes until Thursday. With people dropping in at odd times the group began to lose cohesion.

The cohesion of the Freedom collective has been based on mutual tolerance and pressing work. Such

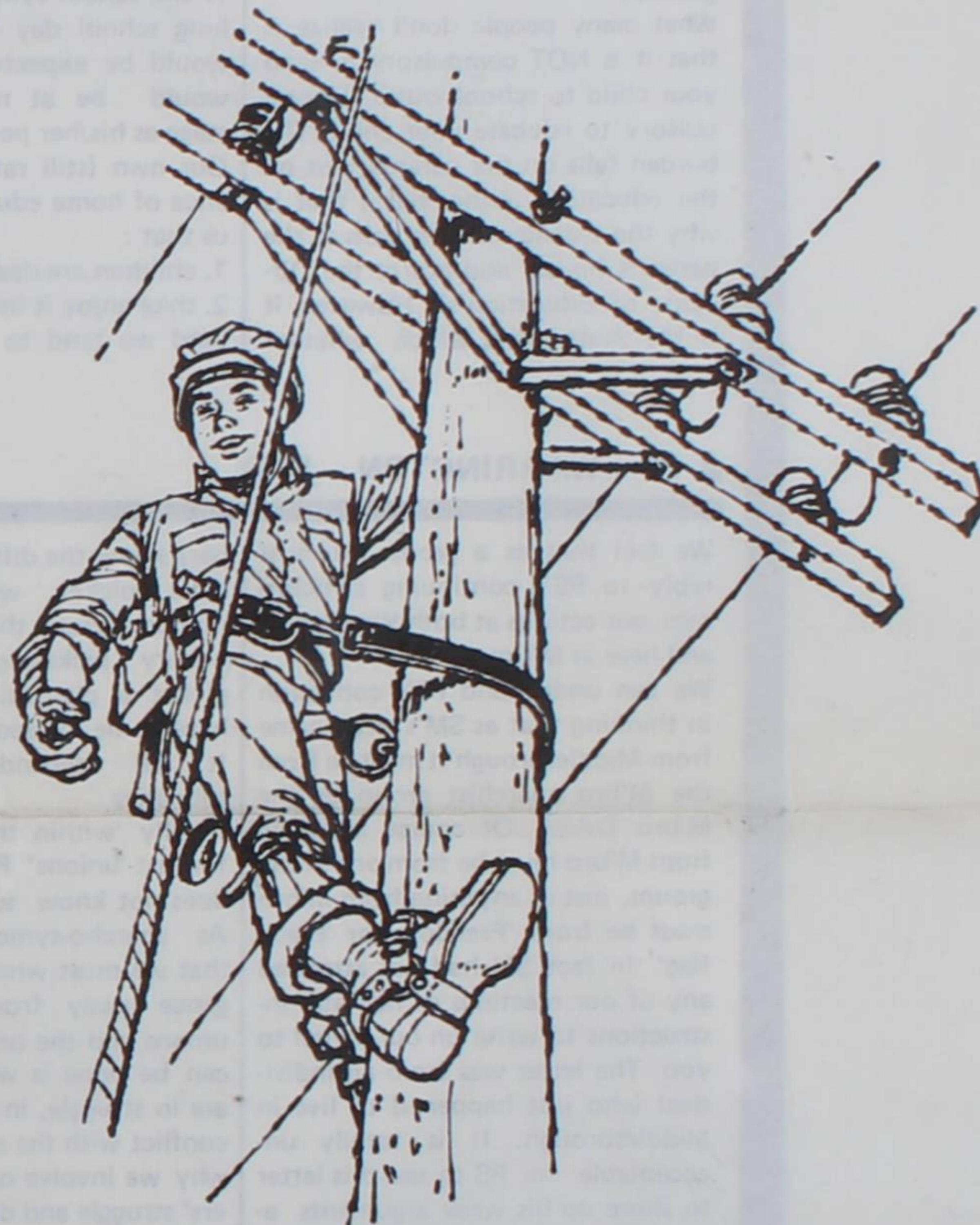
tolerance of diverse opinions has been reflected in the contents of the paper. Some see this broad approach as a weakness making for bittiness. Others see it as the paper's special role. Either way, it is only fine while it is working. The paper collective was smaller, some people were fully occupied with Aldgate Press, others went abroad, outside interests intruded. We were back on our shoe-string again and without fixed production deadlines to give a focus, we didn't realise it. Then the crunch hit us from several directions.

What happens to an 'affinity group' when the affinity has gone? There was a disagreement over technical details, specifically a misunderstanding about responsibility for lay-out and paste-up. When things settled, we discovered that we had polarised into two camps, with a few diplomats hovering in the middle. Anarchists tend to be strong minded and several of us have sarcastic tongues, but a new edge crept in. Uncomradely things were said. There were petty manoeuvres that wouldn't have shocked Trotskyists, whose politics seem based on such, but were disgraceful for anarchists.

The basis of anarchism is free co-operation. This is the principle on which we intend to organise society. How does this breakdown reflect on this? It is deeply saddening, we are all hurt by it. There are lessons to be learnt. It re-emphasises the need to have everything open and clear, structures are needed which implement this. It is very easy to allow tasks to devolve onto specialists, at its crudest, concentrations of power. It is all too easy to brew an unhealthy mixture of ideological, tactical policy and personality disagreements. Platitudes, perhaps, which may be why they hurt when you let them creep up on you.

So what is our present position? Messy. There are still eddies swirling in corners of the collective. We don't yet know how things will settle. Meanwhile, a couple of us have become exasperated with it all and decided to put out this issue. Our readers and subscribers deserve to know the reason for the vacuum that has replaced their old friend. We shall do our best until a reliable structure is re-established. However, there are obvious difficulties, physical endurance amongst them. We cannot guarantee definite fortnightly appearance at the moment. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

## DANGER - Government at work



The government, as is the nature of such things, indulges in spectacular public displays. Behind these and the media froth and personalisation ('Maggie slams Neil') and triviality, the real work of governing goes on. It is doubtful whether anything on the scale of the Falklands Crusade can be conjured up at the moment but drafting thousands of police into military camps in Nottinghamshire will do for now.

The real work of governing is in administration. The more theatrical coups will only be revoked when some other party is in power, but the rules, the regulations, the guidelines, the codes of practice, these are lasting. At this level of hack functioning there is a steady tightening up on the loyalty of the hired help. Lack of team spirit will not do. There was a lot of media attention to GCHQ Cheltenham, which only a few years ago during the Aubrey Berry Campbell trial, we weren't even supposed to know existed. Much play was made of the government's clumsiness - the cliché of the day, banana skin, was constantly invoked. Yet, you'll notice, the government got its own way.

Since then we hear that the Ministry of Defence is investigating ways of vetting and dealing with civil servants and members of the armed forces who disagree with government policy. Heseltine, the Defence Minister, confirmed this, although Thatcher, the Prime Minister, was quick to point out that

it wouldn't include 'party political beliefs', which seems to be some sort of confirmation that it doesn't matter which political party is which. Only a couple of days later, the MOD announced that Queen's Regulations would be altered. Service men and women will be prohibited from joining in political marches or demonstrations, whether in uniform or not. In addition, they will be banned from participating in political 'movements'.

The implications are obvious. Civil servants in 'sensitive' areas cannot join unions. Now they cannot disagree. Anyone for paranoia? All public employees? Everyone?

The other side of sensible control is secrecy. They can't disagree if they know nothing about it. It is now a cliché that the British government is one of the most secretive amongst western democracies. This tendency is being consolidated. Following the charging of a civil servant for leaking a memo to the *Guardian* (who in a frenzy of liberal breast-beating handed over the incriminating evidence), the Prime Minister has decreed that Scotland Yard should be called in to deal with all such matters. The *Guardian* has again come under scrutiny, its Budget forecasts were too accurate.

New legislation is proposed which tightens things down further. The Data Protection Bill is supposed to safeguard privacy. In fact, police and security services files are excluded. The Telecommunications

Bill greatly extends powers of phone tapping, at the moment there's a rearguard action in the European Court of Justice. A statute is being drafted which will make it a criminal offence to name a member of MI6. By the time you've added Police & Criminal Evidence and Prevention of Terrorism to existing measures like Official Secrets and Conspiracy, you have a formidable array of weapons.

None of this is particularly startling, it is in the nature of power groups to consolidate their positions. The point is that the power group is not the Tory party. It is the establishment with its attitude of superiority and authority and its expert servants, who are only doing their job. The Labour party has made a fuss for years about revoking the Official Secrets Act, it's just that they always seem to be too busy once they are in power. David Steel, Liberal leader, has leapt onto the Freedom of Information bandwagon. There may be ebbs and flows in the *tone* with which these things are presented, but underneath there is a steady strengthening of authority, a tightening around individuals. Only when these individuals, all of us, stop democratically and reasonably discussing the size of the links and the composition of the metal which makes them and whether it's fair that some should be heavier than others, only then when the chains are refused at all, shall we be free.

■ DON'T PAY FOR POWER

Did you know that 11% of your electricity bill goes towards nuclear power which is:

**Dangerous**, as recent correlations between nuclear power plants and leukemia have shown. The high levels of radiation around Windscale have not been explained, the problem of the permanent disposal of high-level waste (half-life 24,000 years) has not been solved and, of course, there is always the possibility of an accident. Did you see the China Syndrome on TV?

**Expensive**, 30-40% more expensive than coal.

**Unnecessary**, England and Wales had an over-generation capacity of 28% last year (Scotland 70%), 41 non-nuclear power stations are to be closed down.

**Supporting Apartheid**, much uranium come from Namibia where Rio Tinto Zinc employ a private army to control the black workforce. The mine is jointly owned by South Africa, it made a profit of £22 million for RTZ in 1982.

**Encouraging nuclear weapons**, plutonium is a by-product of nuclear power. This is used to fuel nuclear weapons and is traded freely around

the world giving many countries nuclear weapon technology.

**What can we do????** Of course nuclear power, like so many other of the world's problems, boils down to money and profits. In 1981 the CEGB spent £170 million on nuclear research and development, so they are not going to be discouraged easily.

As a start we are suggesting that as many people as possible withhold 11% of any electricity bill that they receive between now and May 19th. Just pay 89% and enclose a letter explaining why. Disconnection can be avoided at any time by paying

back the arrears and the Area Board cannot carry out disconnection without first obtaining a magistrate's warrant.

On Saturday May 19th, at 11am there will be a demonstration outside the MEB offices in Merrial Street, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffs., when outstanding 11% can be paid on 'awkward' cheques. For more details contact Rob (0782-722560) or Gary (0782-637240). If you have not got a withholding still come and demonstrate. Please spread the word.

**Gary Lock**  
Newcastle-Under-Lyme

■ SCHOOLING

The issue of schooling raises its head every now and then in the Anarchist press, and I see that in 'Education for What?' Paul Hope raises some interesting questions about the direction of education in general.

What many people don't realize is that it is NOT compulsory to send your child to school, but it IS compulsory to educate your child. The burden falls on the parents, not on the education authorities (that is why the truancy officer calls at the parent's house, and not at the Director of Education's). However, it is the Authorities which whether

or not the education you are giving is adequate.

It is unlikely that you would be left to 'do your own thing' and although you do not have to be qualified, follow a syllabus similar to the school syllabus, or keep to a long school day of instruction, it would be expected that the child would be at roughly the same stage as his/her peers at school.

Our own (still rather brief) experience of home education has shown us that:

1. children are desperate to learn
2. they enjoy it immensely (and we tend to stick to a fairly

traditional syllabus)

3. it does involve a lot of work by the parents - don't underestimate it.

It can be done: so rather than complaining about school and its biases, you can help your child towards a realisation that they need not be the 95% who fail - or think they do because of the 'cooling out' of the non-academic or even the average academic child. Your child may be an academic success but more importantly, they can also have the confidence to succeed in their own way.

**Chris Korycinski**

■ PS - WARRINGTON - END

We feel that as a group we must reply to PS's continuing criticism over our actions at both Warrington and here at M'bro

We can understand PS's confusion in thinking that as SM's letter came from Middlesbrough it must be from the M'bro anarchist group or the M'bro DAM ..Of course anything from M'bro must be from one of the groups, just as anything from M'bro must be from 'Freedom' or 'Black flag'. In fact SM had not attended any of our meetings or had any instructions to write on our behalf to you. The letter was from an individual who just happened to live in Middlesbrough. It is totally unacceptable for PS to use this letter to shore up his weak arguments against us. His reply insinuates (but does not actually state), that we are all morons who can only write 'fuck'/'bullshit'. Surely this is the tactics of our enemies; when they take things completely out of context and as a result attempt to misrepresent us. Freedom and PS should know better.

But back to things that matter PS asked us to re-read his original article. We did. This is what we found: 'And the first thing to do is to get them (the workers) to think for themselves'. Stupid, unthinking workers, eh PS. 'If my soldiers were to start thinking there would not be a man left in the ranks'. How much more can be said of the industrial worker'. Is PS urging that the workers should leave their places of work forever. Mice sentiments, but who is to make the bricks for PS's house, who is to produce his electricity, etc. And what, in the meantime, is to happen to the worker-starve! ...then we can talk about the workers becoming responsible and their struggle worthy of anarchist support.'

Anarchist like PS can't support workers in struggle until the workers become 'responsible'. In the meantime they will live off their labour. Isn't this elitist and patronising?

PS accuses us of rugged thinking, yet the example he gives shows only his own confusion on the subject; he is so confused that he even admits that he might be wrong. Most workers (unthinking remem-

ber) know the difference between a mass picket, where weight of numbers close the plant, and secondary picketing where people picket a plant/picketing does not have to be massed to be successful. It all depends on workers solidarity.

Finally 'within the context of reformist unions' PS admits that he does not know what the answer is. As anarcho-synicalists we know that we must wrench workers' allegiance away from the reformist unions and the only place that that can be done is where the workers are in struggle, in the workplace, in conflict with the employers. That is why we involve ourselves in workers' struggle and do not stand on the side-lines like cartum comrades.

**Middlesbrough DAM**

*This correspondance is now closed.*

■ ANIMALS

In reply to MU Diboll letter that appeared in the last Freedom. The most important point I must first bring to MU Diboll attention is that all 'Animal rights activists' whether they be black or white act as individuals. Sometimes together in a group or at other times by their selfs. There is no power base that select which hell-hole to attack next. The Animal Liberation Front is and I hope always will be an anarchist organisation. This is why as anyone see it has been so successful.

The Norwood action was meant to directly attack the meat trade. Animals and humans have waited to long for liberation. All cultures, ancient or modern must become free of all Animal and human exploitation. My only real message to MU Diboll id 'Human Freedom, animal rights - one struggle, one fight.

**Liberty**

In court

There are new developments in two areas of the nuclear disarmament movement which were reported a couple of issues ago (28th January). Action 84 held an open meeting in London on 19th February, and it was agreed to circulate the whole movement with two suggestions for mass demonstrations of non-violent direct action in central London during the visit of President Reagan and many other heads of state for the economic summit conference - one at Parliament on Friday afternoon, 8th June, and one at Lancaster House on Saturday morning, 9th June. The CND national officials and committees are trying hard either to prevent the demonstrations or else pre-empt them by holding a legal march on the Saturday; but the local and regional branches and many other groups are giving overwhelming support. There is another open meeting in Birmingham on 24th March, and further developments may be expected soon. Meanwhile the second batch of sixteen demonstrators arrested at the Cenotaph die-in on Remembrance Sunday

appeared at Bow Street magistrates court last week. Two magistrates complained strongly about the police arrests and the charges of insulting behaviour, and after one case was dismissed ten others were adjourned for the papers to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions, and presumably withdrawn. Meanwhile three demonstrators charged with other offences before and after the die-in were found not guilty. The appeals of some of the nine found guilty of insulting behaviour at Highbury Corner in December and January should be heard at Knightsbridge Crown Court next month. For once the police seem to have gone too far for the courts.

**MH**

Spain

Since Jan 9th, 1984, Fidel Manrique Garrido, serving 32 years in Segovia Prison, has been on a hunger strike, to demand the application of Article 70, Regulation 2 of the Penal Code to his case. The Valladolid Provincial Court has continually ignored written petitions to this effect. Article 70, Regulation 2 Specifies that a prisoner may not

serve more than three times the longest sentence received for any single crime among several tried separately, if all infractions could have been tried together. Fidel Manriques's sentence would be reduced to 18 years if the letter of the law is observed. Readers of *Black Flag*, *CNT* or *Solidaridad Obrera* will remember Fidel Manrique's contributions to these papers. He has spent nine years in jail since 1973 and deserves our support. Messages of solidarity may be sent to the nearest Spanish representative or telegraphed to the following Socialist authorities responsible for his case: Excmo Sr Martinez Zato, Director General de Prisiones, Ministerio de Justicia, Madrid, Spain, or Sr Director, Penal de Segovia, Apartado Correos 113, Segovia, Spain.

S Africa

South African police shot and killed 211 suspects last year, according to the Law and Order Minister. He said that 111 of them were armed. Meanwhile, less officially, two men were hanged after having been found guilty by a 'witchdoctor' of causing lightning in order to kill someone.

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# STOP THE CITY

[Assembly points Finsbury Square (we have licence for day), St Pauls and Tower Hill]

On 29th March there will be the second 'Stop the City' day of protest. Following last September's successful protest against the International Arms Trade this event has been widened to encompass all the forms of repression, poverty, ecological destruction and animal exploitation caused and profited from by the financial institutions represented in the City of London.

People from all social movements are invited to protest against the appropriate companies and institutions in the City. Groups coming on the day are encouraged to plan beforehand what they would like to do, ie, leafleting, picketing or direct action, in order to decentralise the days protests.

There will be a number of services available on the day, including:

**Legal:** briefing will be available at the three assembly points; Finsbury Square, Tower Hill and St Pauls. For those arrested and who want legal help or want to tell us of their arrest - PACE on 263 1075. Also for those who are released from police custody - 348 2761. Give name and address.

**Creches:** There will be a creche at the East-West Centre, 188 Old Street from 8:00am - 6:00pm. Also at Finsbury Square the Islington Creche bus will be available as back-up.

**First aid:** There is no first aid post confirmed at this time, but there will be roaming first aiders who will be carrying bags with red crosses.

**Events:** Groups involved: claimants, gays, women, cyclists, animal rights, peace groups, anti-apartheid etc. All day: picketing, leafleting all over the City. Green CND will be outside CEGB with an alternative energy exhibition.

8:00am - 9:00 - Cyclists from Tower Hamlets meeting at Finsbury Square.

9:00 - Womens Action at the Bank of England and Threadneedle Street to protest about their exploitation. Bring nappies, cleaning and cooking stuff.

9:00 - Leafleting and picketing in the fur trade area (Garlic Hill,

Skinner's Lane). Also Street singers meet at St Pauls Monument or London Wall/Moorgate.

10:00 - Reclaiming the streets. Also leafleting Fleet Street starting outside the Sun offices.  
10:00 - 2:00 - There will be a communal food store of vegan food to be used for a lunchtime picnic with the City workers.

11:00 - Gathering in fur trade area for protest. Bring fur coats etc. Also noise making all over the City so bring your own noise.

12:00 - 'Die-in' outside suitable buildings followed by a picnic and food sharing.

12:00 - 2:00 - the City Apartheid Group are picketing Barclays Bank in Lombard Street.

1:00 - Women meeting at the steps of St Pauls to discuss further actions.  
1:00, 2:00, 3:00 - more noise making plus carnival and street events.

3:30 - assembly at Royal Exchange (Bank).

Afterwards people will be going to the Guildhall and police stations to support those kidnapped by the police.

For those arrested there will be a defendants meeting to be publicised and a follow-up meeting to assess the day and discuss future actions. These are fixed for the 14th and 15th April.

As there are no leaders, organisers or spokespeople the shape of the day will be up to those who take part. Hopefully we will be able to communicate to the workers that there is an alternative to the evils perpetrated in the name of profit and that we can demonstrate this by taking control of our own lives in a positive manner rather than by being lead like sheep to our death.

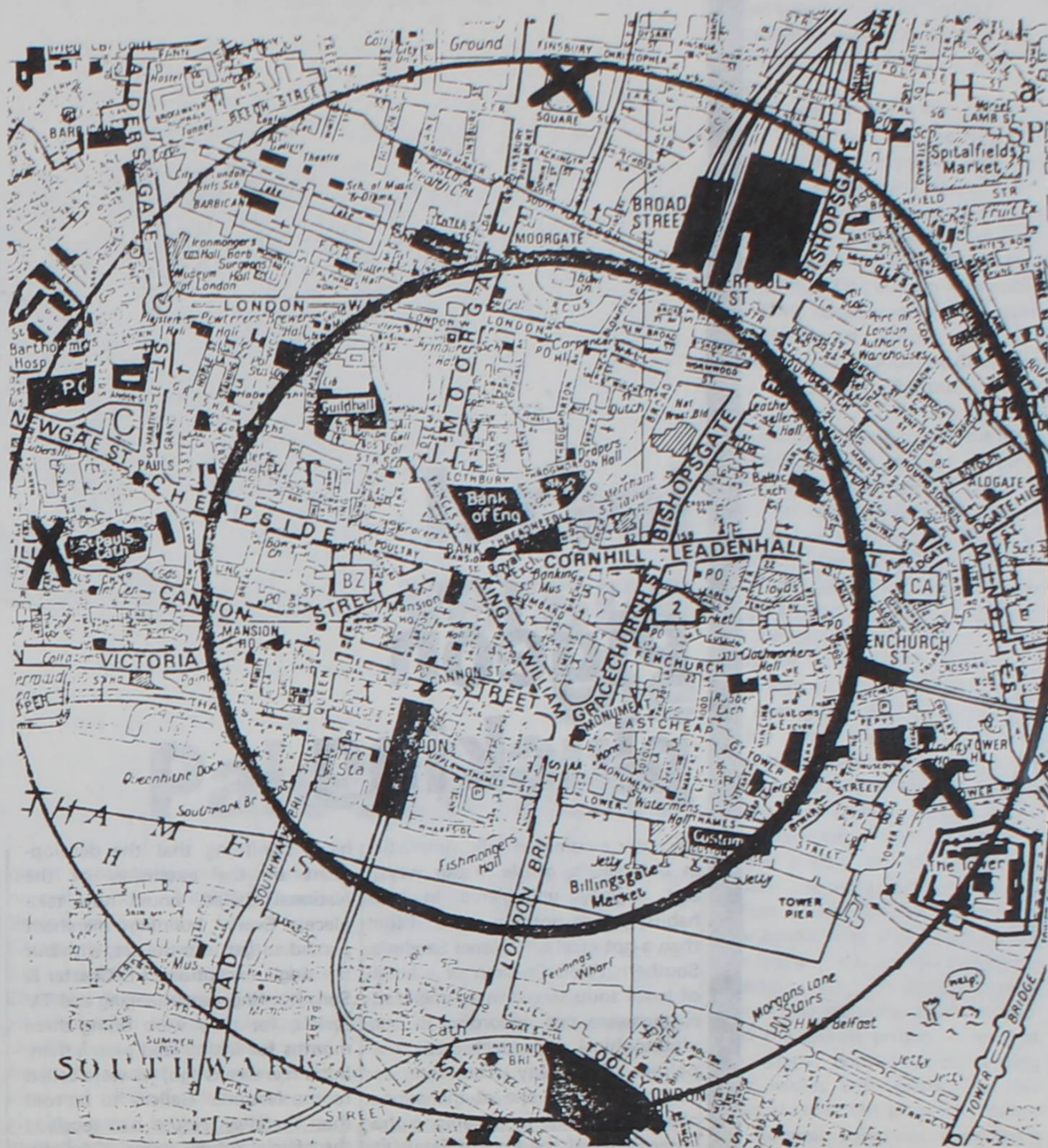
For those who cannot take part on the day there will be a phone blockade. And for those who want to become more involved beforehand or on the day, volunteers are needed for help in co-ordination, legal support and observers, first aid, accommodation, etc.

For info and details phone Ron 281 0719 or Nik 886 2157. For local contact see contact list.

Those who want to help with publicity - we can supply leaflets, stickers, posters and stencils for use with a duplicator.

400,000 people, mostly office and counter workers, commute in and out of this area each day. Only about 6000 live here. It used to house most of the population of London up to the middle ages. The area is now packed with thousands of international banks, companies and financial concerns - 'concerned' that is with making profits through exploitation.

Let's reclaim 'the City' streets with bicycles, discussions, pickets of buildings, music... our world belongs to us, not these institutions.



## Invitation to all

Invitation to all women who are sick of their chains and their unpaid contribution to the profit system. Who are fed up with being sold useless expensive crap which benefits only those who make money out of it; and who have had enough of working for nothing for the sake of the family, the economy and powerful men's luxuries.

We don't want wedding dresses, scented tampons and household gadgets. We don't want to be tied to the kitchen sink or the profit machine; not with chains and not with ribbons.

And on March 29th, the day when the City of London reckons up how well it has exploited women, children and men over the last year, we will return the symbols of our oppression to their source. We will dump the unwanted 'tools of our trade' back in the City of London, right on the steps of the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, the Bank of England.

Please join us. Please bring your

brooms, dusters, electric toasters, contraceptives - whatever you want to be rid of - and dump them at the Bank of England at 9am, (or later if you can't make it then). Show that we know who profits from our unpaid domestic work - big business and high finance, systems run by and for rich men, which oppress us all and have their base (in this country) in the City of London. Let's show up the Bank of England as the heap of rubbish it really is.

You are invited to join in the dumping / pass on this invitation / come prepared with leaflets and songs to explain what we are doing and why. Are there any women performers who want to entertain us while we dump?

And then there's the rest of Stop the City to enjoy...

**March 29th - 9am onwards - Steps of the Bank of England - Stop the City Womens Action.**

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## Chicago

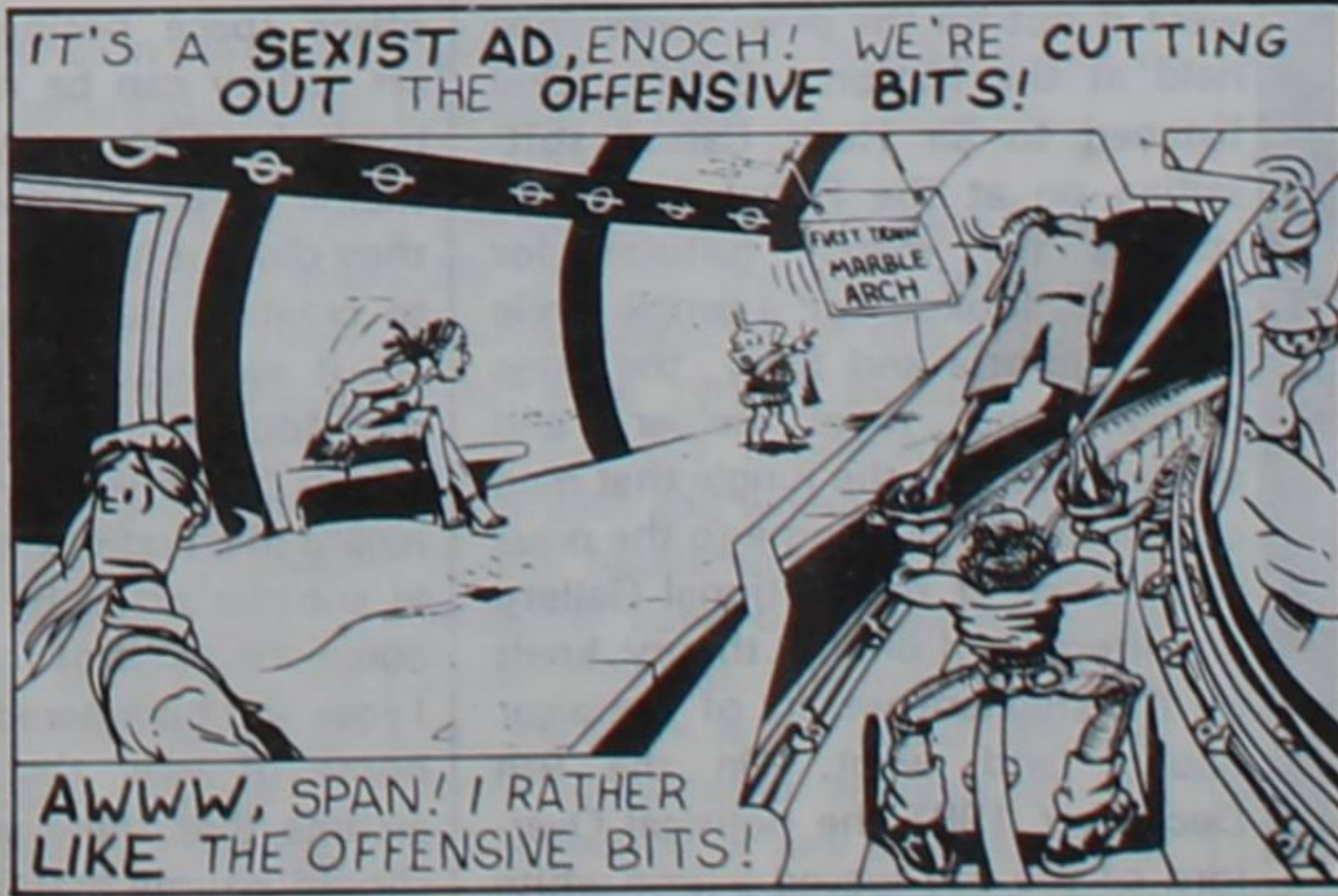
Comrades in the USA are making plans for the 100th Anniversary of the Haymarket events which fall in May of 1986. This will also be the 50th Anniversary of the Spanish revolution. American comrades would like to make this a gathering of comrades from throughout the world. Anyone who is interested, would like to be kept informed or would like to take part in the organisation should contact Fred at the Autonomy Center, 3951 N Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613, USA.

## The Law

It has occurred to the Law Society that there is a 'loophole' in the safeguards proposed in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill. This would allow detention without charge for up to 36 hours, and for up to 96 on court authority. The loophole is, hardly new, people who are 'helping police with their enquiries' are not officially detained and so can be held indefinitely.

### In Brief

There have been elections in Haiti. There were no anti-government candidates. As President-for-life Duvalier said, it was 'free, honest and democratic'. US Secretary of State, George Schultz was so moved that he said that President Duvalier had made a 'concerted and significant effort' to improve human rights 'by implementing political reforms'.



## Pigeon plucking

We are the common folk, simplistic in our beliefs, gentle in our ways, and slightly unhygienic in our habits, asking nothing more of life than a hot meal of Colonel Sander's Southern Fried Chicken or a bowl of lentil soup served in an unglazed earthenware pot, according to our philosophical approach to the politics of the day. Therefore we can count it as one of the minor pleasures of life to sit among the lesser lights of the Fourth Estate at the yearly press conferences within the great State art galleries, with the pale winter lighting straining through the windows contributing the expected chiaroscuro to the ordered ranks of empty waiting wine glasses. Though we are dealing with millions of pounds of our money the whole thing is usually played for laughs with that slightly self depreciating wit that floats to the surface when money is mentioned among the sophisticated cosmopolitans, but when names such as Giotto, Nolan, the 14th century St Cecilia Master, Michelangelo, Hockney, Chao Po-chu or the bust of Nefertiti lard the intimate oration with the hint that with the right dealer and a million here, a million there we might get them, then we few know that we are not only privy to history in the making but we are shaping it. And it is over and Polish George, and Mollie, and Harry, and the critic from the *Financial Times* and 'her over there' move with the herd over to the wine table to tank up for the journey to the King of Corsia pub in the Berwick market for the Guinness (Ann Gen 28.2.84) and the directors and their henchers slip away to their private room whispering 'Thank Christ we got through that one'. All this would be but a matter of urchin indifference were it not for the press conference held at the National Gallery. One listened to Sir Hugh Casson soft-selling on at the Royal Academy, studied the match fixtures for 1984-85, looked for a gentle smile from Victoria and Mary, the Press Officer and loyal helper, and drifted out into the jungle that men call Piccadilly but come to the press conference at the National Gallery one literally, if only in theory, knelt by the stagnant waters of Trafalgar Square and wept. On the 9th December 1981 the political Overlord of the day waved a limp white

hand signifying that the development of the extension of the National Gallery could now take place. Every building merchant panted to get into the act, with but the single exception of D Chester & Son, Roofing, paperhanging and TV aerials, for they were doing three months for lifting lead piping then, but a few weeks ago, we were called to the National Gallery to be told that Trafalgar House had received the official rubber stamp of government approval from Heseltine in his funny hat as Secretary of State for the Environment. Edward Heath once spoke of the unacceptable face of capitalism, yet in this morass of private profit why should any major or minor company be called upon not to participate in the rape of our towns, our cities and our countryside. A million here, a million there for the painting of an ancient master with fat cats in grey suits getting fatter on the hyped-up commissions, and we can shrug, because despite Melina Mercouri blowing her Grecian marbles, it is merely an art work surviving and moving around the world, but the property developers destroy, they destroy. Roman and Saxon foundation, Georgian houses, Tudor halls are destroyed for ever, and there at the table within the National Gallery sat Sir Michael Levey, Lord Annan and others and The Man from Trafalgar House, and one had to accept that in the world of brute capitalism backed up by political muscle, the pigeons out in Trafalgar Square were Hells Angels compared to our representatives 'controlling' our National Gallery. The Man from Trafalgar House, middle aged and tough, controlled the meeting and there was no reason why he should not, for in the billion dollar empire of Trafalgar House this souped up office space posing as a national art gallery can be no more than a book keeping entry. It is to the shame of all the press present that they did not hammer out the failure to create a building worthy of the art it warehouses, for in a slip of the tongue the MFTH said, in effect, 'there will be those who will regard this Trafalgar House extension as another office block rip off', and come the close of the press meeting I rose and hammered that one point home of why the MFTH should assume that there were those who should assume that, and the meeting



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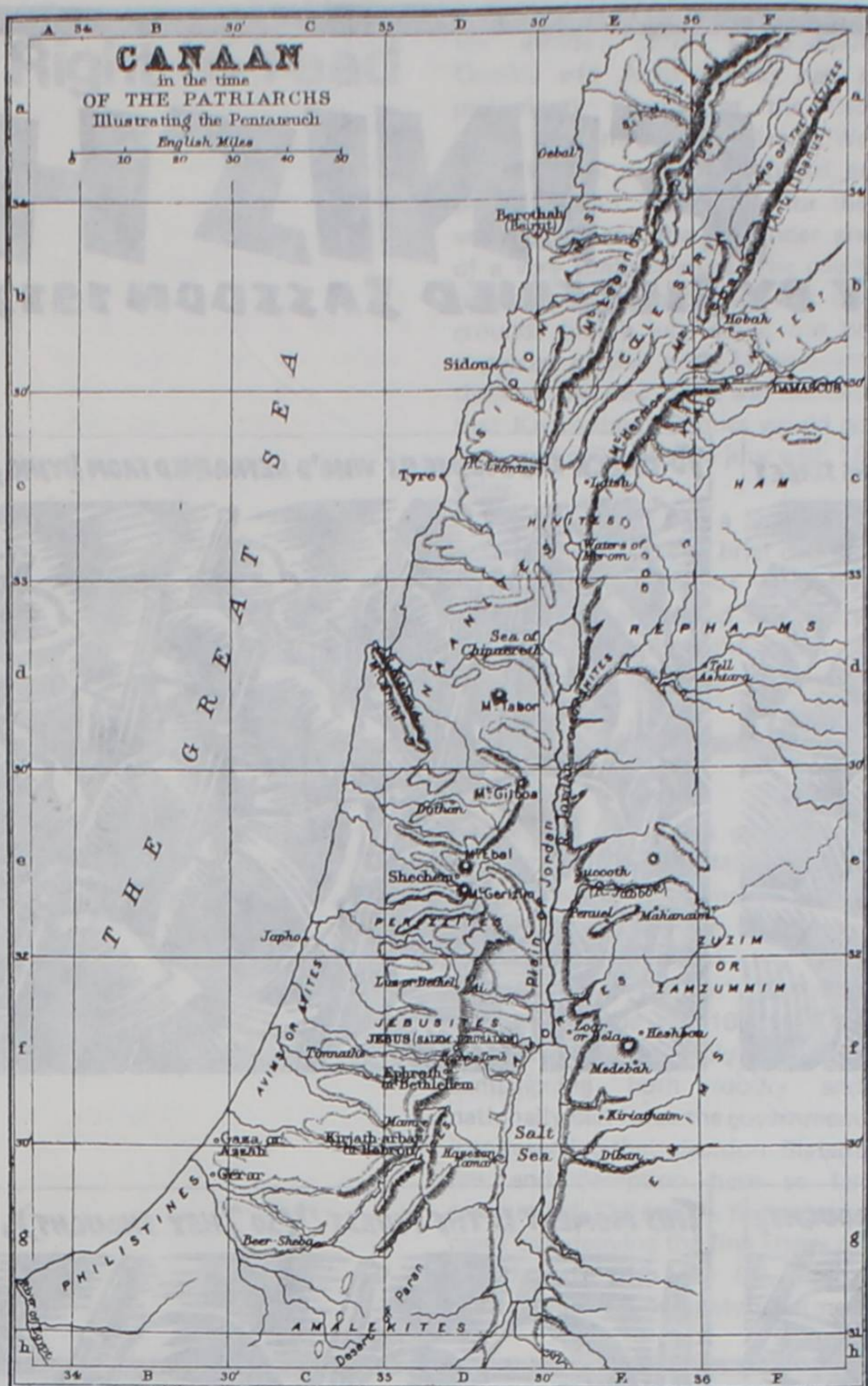
ARTHUR MOYSES

was closed, 'No more questions', on an air of embarrassment at the High Table. The main part of your National Gallery extension is to be an office block rented by...? Guess. Trafalgar House, and in 125 years this tragic heap will be given to the people of these small and overcrowded islands, but D Chester & Son and I will take £1 bet that come the year 2000, that extension and all the other office and working class high rises will not even exist as foundation rubble. Trafalgar House are one of these multinational, mindless financial corporations that suck the soul out of the universal society, for when starvation is the order of the hour and men and women plead for permission to grow their daily food from the fertile soil, these mindless financial organisations point to their company books and grin. It is Trafalgar House who own the Ritz and the Cunard Shipping line, who have moved in to take over the Scott Lithgow shipyard, disclaiming any responsibility for those men and women who will be sacked. Oil in the North Sea, newspapers and publishing hived off to Fleet Holdings, construction via Trollope & Colls and Dorman Long the steel fabricators as a bargain from British Steel. You name it and they will buy it and use it moneywise if the price is right. Trafalgar House, that sent in the bulldozers the day before the Firestones factory had a preservation order placed on it as an historic Art Nouveau building of international worth, and one day before its preservation in went the bulldozers. Heaven forbid but I could be wrong, as 'Jaybird' of London cried, but I went to Trafalgar House to check my statements, but there at 1 Berkeley Street W1, but three minutes walk from Bond Street or the Ritz Hotel, in a world wherein the nightingale no longer sings, was a world as closed and as silent as a Becket stage set. One small room, from off the street, empty and chairless except for one elderly uniformed man and the information that the PR had just left. One phone call to the top floor to ask about the destruction of Firestones building and a female voice giving a flat acknowledgement that what I asked was correct, and then a flat statement of no more questions and a silent phone, and I am alone with

the old man in the small silent room. It is a moral, and I assume, a legal offence to kill and pluck a pigeon within our great cities, but strip bare our cultural or historical heritage in the interest of corporate profit and the State will sanctify bloody murder in the name of the common good. And I sat at the press conference within the National Gallery gazing up at the men on the raised dais, and my mind played with the image of Luis Bunel's mockery of the Last Supper. But I watched the MFTH and the gentle, inoffensive major and minor employees of the nation's greatest art gallery reading out their spiel from their literate notes, and I felt that if Christ had informed the disciples that they would have to pay VAT and service charge for the bread and wine would the shock, horror to one single member of the audience be that much worse. But the deed is done and Trafalgar House moves on to greater wealth and we, my friends, are left with another fucking office block. But I should praise The Genius of Venice at the Royal Academy, but I cannot, for it is painting by numbers. Glowing burning reds and hell's black. Swirling draperies, pot bellies and muscles. Magnificent wallpaper for the age to be ordered, literally, by the square yard for church or palace. Veronese, Tintoretto, Giorgione or Titian of their genius set the style and the fashion and the craftsman moved in. Tom Keating, the master forger, is dead but, Tom, you lived too late.

The City of London that cannot save its heritage exposes its coloured clutter at the Barbican, with an occasional worthwhile work among the dead Victorian craftsmanship. Meanwhile, the rebuilding goes on at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, with the National Portrait Gallery fleeing to the South Bank, but the Zero One Gallery, having been completely overhauled and redecorated, is moving towards its opening of what can only be described as one of the major avant garde galleries to open up in the free world. Not for nothing did those ol' stick-in-the-muds at the tory-times *City Limits* blow their uniformed heads with rage at the news.

Arthur Moyses



In an essay in *American Power and the New Mandarins* (1969), his critique of American imperial criminality in Vietnam, Noam Chomsky quoted the radical pacifist AJ Muste on the fundamental problem of State violence: 'The problem after a war is with the Victory. He thinks he has just proved that war and violence pay. Who will now teach him a lesson?' In the years since 1969, who knows how many millions of people have suffered or died in unimaginable conditions from Indochina to southern Africa, Central and South America to East Timor, because of the so far unopposed efforts of the United States and her client-partner Israel to prove that war and violence pay? (See for example Chomsky and *The Political Economy of Human Rights* (1969); Chomsky, *Towards A New Cold War* (1982). But it is in the Middle East that the truth of Muste's words regarding the criminal violence of Israel and the United States towards their victims — the Palestinian people above all — is particularly tragic.

This latest work by Chomsky, like Isaac Deutscher a 'non-Jewish Jew' and leading radical critic of American and Israeli imperial policies, is an impressive, incisive, work of historical scholarship, ideology-critique, analysis and argument. As a libertarian, Chomsky is necessarily opposed to State violence, irrespective of professed ideology or ends. (See his *Radical Priorities* (1982). Thus he has consistently opposed the Zionist Israeli State's 'solution' to the 'Jewish' and 'Palestinian' problem in Palestine, arguing for the radical alternative of a single 'bi-nationalist socialist state'. (See

eg. his *Peace In The Middle East?* (1974).

Near the beginning of *The Fateful Triangle*, Chomsky states the basic assumptions which underly his critique of past and present American and Palestinian people in particular: *I will simply state certain assumptions that I will adopt as a framework for discussion. The first of these is the principle that Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs are human beings with human rights, equal rights; more specifically, they have essentially equal rights within the territory of the former Palestine. Each group has a valid right to national self-determination in this territory. Furthermore, I will assume that the State of Israel within its pre-June 1967 borders had, and retains, whatever one regards as the valid rights of any state within the existing international system.* (39)

These principles, Chomsky acknowledges, admit of various interpretations, 'but let us take them to be clear enough to serve at least as a point of departure.' (ibid)

It is in terms, and on the basis, of this framework that Chomsky's history and analysis of the United States' role as senior imperial partner in the rejection by Zionist Jews of these principles as applied to the Palestinian/nonArab population, proceeds. Chomsky's time-frame essentially covers the periods from the British Balfour Declaration of November 1917, ostensibly promising a 'national home' in British mandatory Palestine for 'the Jewish people' and 'existing non-Jewish communities alike', though to the Begin-Sharon invasion of Lebanon and the 1982-3 period of Israeli slaughter and terror. (The subse-

Noam Chomsky, *The Fateful Triangle: The United States, Israel and the Palestinians* Pluto Press, London/South End Press, Boston, 1983. US 10. 481pp.

# Israel versus the Palestinians

quent continuation of 'business as normal' under Yitzhak Shamir, Begin's successor and fellow (stern group) terrorist leader, falls outside.) Chomsky demonstrates with detailed scholarship and documentation, chiefly from Zionist sources, that, from the outset, the rejectionist aims and methods of the successive Zionist Jewish leaderships have remained constant: the displacement of the indigenous Palestinian population and their replacement by Jews committed to a 'Greater State of Israel' in the Middle East, essentially by armed terror. At each stage, only the timing and tactics varied, in accordance with the needs of the moment. From Weizmann to Begin, Chomsky shows how each 'successor' not merely confirmed British and American imperial interests in backing their Zionist partner. Each laid foundations for the intellectual and moral degeneration process in accordance with 'Muste's law', which has made the policies of the State of Israel and its Zionist supporters the horror and shame of whatever is Israel and the occupied territories — Greater Israel — are treated with a racist hatred and will to extermination which continues that of the Nazis against European Jewry and other 'subhuman species', and enjoys the support of the large majority of the Israeli population. The *Fateful Triangle* shows how this degeneration-accumulation process is reinforced by the active economic-military and ideological support of Israeli's US-led imperial backers, the passive indifference and active collaboration of surrounding conservative-reactionary Arabs and the crime of silence or active sup-

port in the western media. Those wishing to trace the stages of the degeneration process and its atrocious effects for Arab victims, will find Chomsky's book an invaluable-true horror — must. When Zionist Jews deliberately use the concepts, language and increasing methods of their former Nazi oppressors, when young Jewish supporters of Greater Israel matter-of-factly wish to ship critics off to Auschwitz, one sees not just Muste's law at work, but the final *reductio ad absurdum* of any Zionist-state 'obscenitas' to 'the Jewish problem'. It is not possible to review the details of Chomsky's critique of Israeli-American 'rejectionism' concerning 'the Palestinian problem'. The 1983-4 merely serve to confirm, were confirmation necessary, the essential value and validity of that critique. What I do want to do in the space remaining, however, is to question that above quoted principle in which Chomsky bases his critique of 'rejectionism' and his case for 'accommodation': 'By 'accommodation' I will mean the position that accepts the basic assumptions of the preceding paragraph.' (40) There are a number of things one would want to say in other contexts about Chomsky's second principle. But it is his first principle which is my concern now. Chomsky in fact confuses two quite distinct principles into his 'first principle'. The first is uncontroversial; the second, highly controversial and, to me, untenable. The first — call it (A) — is that Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs are human beings with equal human rights. The second controversial assumption — (B) — is that each

group has essentially equal rights within the territory of the former Palestine. It is not necessary to review the extant literature on the demographic distribution of Jews and Palestinians in Palestine (to go back no further), to question the basis in fact for Chomsky's normative assumption (B). Chapter 4 of Chomsky's own text is itself quite explicit concerning the essential facts.

At the end of World War One there were approximately 56,000 Jews and anywhere between 700,000-900,000 Palestinian Arabs in Palestine. The population contrived 90% of the population and occupied 90% of the land. Then came the Balfour Declaration — in reality the first, decisive stage of western imperial-Zionist rejectionism. In a memorandum (quoted by Chomsky) two years later, Balfour was explicit:

*The contradiction between the letter of the Covenant and the policy of the Alliees is even more flagrant in the cases of the independent nation of Palestine than in that of the independent nation of Syria. For in Palestine we do not propose even to go through the form of consulting the wishes of the present inhabitants of the country, though the American (King-Crane) Commission has been going through the form of asking what they are. The four great powers are committed, be it right or wrong, good or bad, is rooted in age-long tradition, in present needs, in future hopes, of far profounder import than the desires and prejudices of the 700,000 Arabs who now inhabit that ancient land.* (p 90)

The fact that neither the indigenous Palestinian Arab nor Jewish population — the majority of whom opposed the Zionist project — were at any stage consulted concerning their wishes with respect to this imperial-racist fait accompli, makes the factual basis for Chomsky's normative assumption (B) even less tenable. To be sure, the libertarian's commitment to freedom, equality be caricatured or reduced to quantitative calculi and head-counts. But Chomsky's endorsement of (B) in apparent ahistorical abstraction from the documentary record of pre- and post-Zionist rejectionism in Palestine, smacks of untenable 'liberalism'. Chomsky cannot invoke the religious ideology of Zionism and other apologists for Zionism in support of (B). In commenting on his definitions of 'rejectionism' and 'accommodation', Chomsky writes that 'Each position can take various forms, as regards the manner in which national rights are realized, boundaries, etc.' (p40). But this abstract truth is insufficient to justify this apparent libertarianism into abstract liberalism. Genuine libertarianism, to this reviewer at least, must reject (B). The tragedy is that Muste's law its concomitant moral-intellectual degeneration processes and the existing systems of nation-states have made the conditions for any just realization of human rights for Palestinian Arabs and Jews in the Middle East impossible.

Barcelona.

Pat Flanagan

Corruption and Misconduct in Contemporary British Politics. By Alan Doig. Penguin. £3-50.

It should surprise nobody that the capitalist system, with its central ethos being to make money, should be susceptible to corruption. It may be that corruption is an essential element of a range of fiddles from expense accounts to inflated commissions and bribes in the world of commerce is well known and only rarely produces any critical comment. Significantly Mark Thatcher's recent business deals only attracted criticism because his mother, an alleged public servant, appeared to be using her influence in his interest. Alan Doig's study of corruption

deals with its occurrence in the public sector and this is where it appears to give cause for most general concern. It should do so in view of the numerous examples he describes from the past 25 years, from councillors giving contracts for publicly funded work to their own companies and fiddling the paper work so that payments are made for goods not supplied and work not done, to the operation of organised and general corruption in the Metropolitan Police and Obscene Widespread distribution of bribes, retainers and

presents to anyone who might be helpful to him.

The occurrence of corruption in public life is too frequent. Alan Doig spends nearly all of this long book describing various examples, both where it has happened and been dealt with and where it is fairly clear it was happening but no counter-measure have been taken against those involved. The main weakness of the book is the lack of any properly considered analysis of the phenomenon or any suggestions for controlling it. Which may be due to

the author agreeing with my opening observation that the incidence of corruption is inevitable in a society based, as ours is, on the cash nexus and the accumulation of wealth and consumption as a means of self-fulfillment. The book is of interest in the amount of ground it covers and the incidences of corruption it recounts. It is an interesting compilation, even a valuable one for those wishing to learn about corruption in recent British history. But it will surprise only the wilfully naive.

Peter Miller.

# FIGHT TO A FINISH

DRAWINGS BY CLIFFORD HARPER © 1982

POETRY BY SIEGFRIED JASSOON 1917

THE BOYS CAME BACK, BANDS PLAYED AND FLAGS WERE FLYING



AND CROWDS OF YELLOW-PRESSMEN THROUGED THE STREET



TO CHEER THE SOLDIERS WHO'D REFRAINED FROM DYING,



AND HEAR THE MUSIC OF RETURNING FEET.



"OF ALL THE THRILLS AND ADORS WAR HAS BROUGHT,



THIS MOMENT IS THE FINEST" (SO THEY THOUGHT).



SNAPPING THEIR BAYONETS ON TO CHARGE THE MOB,



GRIM FUSILIERS BROKE RANKS WITH GLINT OF STEEL.



AT LAST THE BOYS HAD FOUND A CUSHY JOB.



I HEARD THE YELLOW-PRESSMEN GRUNT AND SQUEAL;



AND WITH MY TRUSTY BOMBERS TURNED AND WENT



TO CLEAR THE BUTCHERS OUT OF PARLIAMENT.



C.H.

## Right to read

On January 27th Knockabout Comics and Airlift Books had a preliminary hearing at the Old Bailey in front of Judge Argyll. We asked for our cases to be joined, as several of our charges are for the same titles, and the remainder are of a very similar nature. The court ruled that a jury could not be expected to deal with 21 different titles in one case. So it was decided that Knockabout Comics would go first, and still leave the jury with 15 titles.

We also asked for a September date to give us time to brief counsel and prepare our expert witnesses. The prosecution argued that every day of delay caused the youth of this country to experiment with

dangerous drugs, with dire consequences, through reading our books. Since we have not traded in any of the titles charged since July 1982, as it is a condition of our bail, it would not matter if the trial was delayed by a year. However that sort of defence submission carries no weight with Judge Argyll, and he has set the date of Knockabout Comics trial for May 8th. (It will last from 3 to 4 weeks).

Knockabout Comics are charged as a trading company (Toskanex Ltd.) and as such have to find all our legal and defence costs. Paying expert witnesses to read the titles charged costs money — leading counsel costs money, and of course if we lose we can expect large fines on each of the 17 counts on

the indictment. (15 charges under the Obscene Publications Act and 2 charges of conspiring to contravene the Misuse of Drugs Act). As well as the possibility of prison sentences. Even if we win on all counts and get our books back, we have no recourse for loss of business for the 2 years it will have taken to decide on the merits of the books. So we lose if we win; it is mainly a question of how badly we lose.

We still need your donations for our defence fund — please make cheques payable to Right to Read.

*Remember the trial is about books and not drugs.*  
Right to Read, 249 Kensal Road, London W10. Tel: 01 969 2945.

## Reclaim Chilwell

In view of the recent government decision to lease the MOD base at Chilwell in Nottinghamshire to the Americans (we believe for storing Cruise missile parts) we have decided to 'reclaim' Chilwell. Chilwell will be the 103rd USAF base in Britain. Only intensive campaigning both locally and nationally can force the government into reversing their decision. Blatant lies and deception have so far surrounded Chilwell — the government still denying the first stages of negotiations with the US, whilst Lord Treggaron privately informed

the Tories at the University that Cruise back-up systems would certainly be maintained at Chilwell.

June 1st will see a mass occupation of the base by peace groups, local residents, Trade Unions, Anarchists etc. — in fact anyone nationally who is concerned about the gradual and sly take-over by the US of military bases around Britain (or indeed the very existence of the base, where, as in the case of Chilwell, housing, health and community facilities are so badly lacking).

We envisage that each group/

individual taking part in the event will be self-contained and responsible for themselves — details of the base can be got from us so you can plan your own action once inside the base.

Land like Chilwell should be ours to take, though surrounded by fencing the only real barrier is in our minds.

Contact: 'Reclaim Chilwell', c/o Environmental Fact Shop, Goosegate, Nottingham. Please enclose SAE.

## Peoples Squat

Recently the group of individuals and anarchists who are the Peoples Squat for Life occupied the Ivanhoe Road Waldo Centre in Bradford. With generous support from anarchist groups within Bradford and in Leeds the old building was cleaned up and a gig held at which 300 people turned up. This was very successful and we were able to hold a collection which was generously donated to. We would like to thank FREEDOM, *Black Flag*, *Crowbar*, the anarchists at 121 Bookshop, Chumbawumba, One in Twelve Club, Yorkshire Arts Resources and all those who supported us. Now, the time has come to move on and open up a

new squat!!

Due to increasing pressure from the police and the Council we are leaving Ivanhoe Road for pastures new. The new building is much more suitable for the types of activities we wish to pursue. We have learned a lot and have been preparing in depth for the new squat. Once again we ask for your support and help.

Activities planned immediately include a Stop the City planning meeting, a benefit gig for the strikers at Hindles here in Bradford and Crass have arranged to play here as well.

We would be very grateful if comrades with old anarchist

pamphlets or books could forward these to us as we are setting up a bookshop.

You will notice the new contact address and we intend to use this address from now until the squat is secured as a Peace Centre — last time we had some difficulties with our mail.

The Bradford branch of the Direct Action Movement is now in operation and they can also be contacted at the address below. *Peoples Squat for Life, c/o Starry Plough Bookshop, 6 Edmund Street Bradford, West Yorks.*

Keith Campbell  
Bradford

## ANS — Wales

The ANS is an attempt to bring news of importance to anarchists throughout Wales and to relay news of events and happenings in Wales to anarchists in the wider world.

Obviously we are not, nor do we aspire to be, professionals. It is going to be a project of trial and error, so we hope comrades will bear with us and participate through any help they can give us.

The ANS will cater for the spectrum of anarchism from individual anarchism to anarchist communism.

Write to: ANS, Box 150, 108 Bookshop, 108 Salisbury Road, Cathays, Cardiff.

An anarchist centre is being set up in the bottom of Trade Street of the two houses in Trade Street.

Over the next couple of weeks it will be fixed up and made cosy enough for a cafe, library, advice place, music club and whatever else people would like to see it used as.

The Welsh Anarchist will use 1 Trade Street for the conference on 25th/26th February.

If people want to come and participate feel welcome to try to bring a sleeping bag.

## In brief

India is to build a barbed-wire fence along its 1,365 mile border with Bangladesh, to keep out illegal immigrants.

Police have given Hoddeston Town football club a special plaque for raising £1,700 for victims of the Christmas bomb at Harrods.

A survey carried out for Walls Ice Cream shows that children's average pocket money has fallen by 14% to £1.05.

The Tory party worker who is accused of forging six votes in the general election says that she did not know it was wrong.

An American living in Japan is taking a principled stand and refusing to submit to fingerprinting. The law requires foreigners to undergo printing every few years. She could face a years hard labour.

A fine distinction, the *Daily Mirror* has won its Appeal to keep secret the name of the person who bugged the telephone of John Francome. As the recordings were obtained unlawfully they are not allowed to publish the contents. However, the Master of the Rolls says that they are free to make comments which, on the face of it, would be defamatory, presumably backed by the information on the tapes.

Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has presented six London Vigilante Awards to people 'whose quick thinking and courage helped defeat or detect crime'.

The Home Office is to reduce fees for naturalisation as a British citizen. This follows criticism after the process made £6 million profit last year.

President Marcos of the Philippines has said that he will not allow family 'political dynasties' to be formed 'unless there is no alternative'. However, reality being essentially shoddy, such an undesirable alternatives are forced on him. His wife is Governor of Manila and his son is Governor of a province.

The Chinese *Peoples Daily* has urged Communist Party members to express their views freely rather than adhere rigidly to the official line. However, any disagreement must be communicated to superiors 'according to set procedures'.

The East German Deputy Culture Minister has said that about the book of the year, 1984, 'The grotesque images in the book apply to the characteristic features of capitalist reality', rather than communism. The book is banned in East Germany.

NATIONAL

**ABERDEEN**  
Subversive Graffiti Collective, c/o 163 King Street, Aberdeen (Includes the ex-members of Aberdeen Solidarity). Activities include production of a local free news-sheet.

**BASILDON**  
Mark, 27 Little Lullaway, Basildon, Essex.

**BEDFORDSHIRE**  
Bedfordshire and Isolated Anarchists, write to: John 81F Bromham Road, Bradford, MK40 2AH.

**BELFAST**  
Just Books, 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast.

**BIRMINGHAM**  
Birmingham DAM, c/o Peace Centre, 18 Moor Street, Ringway, Birmingham.

**BOLTON**  
'New World in our Hearts' - ten weekly meetings on aspects of libertarian thought and action. Bolton Metropolitan College, Manchester Road Centre - Thursdays 7pm, from 26th January. Details: ring Bolton 42869.

**BRACKNELL**  
Bracknell Anarchists, Box 21, 17 Chatham Street, Reading, Berks.

**BRADFORD**  
'Peoples Squat for Life', Peace Centre, The Waldo Centre, Ivanhoe Road, Bradford 7, West Yorkshire.

**BRISTOL**  
Box 010, Full Marks Bookshop, 197 Cheltenham Road, Bristol 6. The Peace Centre, 1 Picton Street, Montpellier, Bristol BS6. Open 11am-5pm Monday to Friday, 11am-4pm on Saturday, some Sundays and late nights.

**BURNLEY**  
BAG, c/o 2 Quarrybank

**CAMBRIDGE**  
Cambridge Anarchist Group and East Anglian Anarchist Federation, Box A, c/o Cambridge Free Press, 25 Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

**CARDIFF**  
COI, Box 999, c/o 108 Bookshop, 108 Salisbury Road, Cardiff 2.

**CLEVELAND**  
c/o Liverton Crescent, Thornby. Also produces 'Common Cause', local anarchist paper. Box A, c/o 120 Victoria Road, Middlesborough.

**CRAWLEY**  
Libertarian Group, Ray Cowper, 1 Bluebell Close, Crawley, W Sussex.

**CUMBRIA**  
2 Forestry Cottages, Millfield, Hutton Roof, Penrith, Cumbria.

**DONCASTER**  
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**ESSEX**  
DAM, Martyn Everett, 11 Gibson Gardens, Saffron Walden, Essex. Oral Abortions, The Catskills, Maldon Road, Gay Bowers, Danbury.

**EXETER**  
Anarchist Collective, c/o Community Association, Devonshire House, Stocker Road, Exeter.

**FALKIRK**  
Black Bairn, c/o Box 3, 488 Great Western Road, Glasgow.

**GLASGOW**  
'Practical Anarchy' (monthly free broadsheet, send large SAE), c/o Box 3 Calderwood. 15/GPP pamphlets c/o Box V2 At Glasgow Bookshop Collective, 488 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12. (Kilwinbridge subway).

**HUDDERSFIELD**  
Huddersfield Anarchist Group & DAM, c/o Peaceworks, 58 Wakefield Road, Huddersfield.

**HULL**  
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**KEELE**  
Keele University A Group, R Knight, c/o Students Union, The University, Keele, Staffs.

**KEIGHLEY**  
Anarchists, c/o Simon Saxton, 1 Selbourne Grove, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD21 2SL.

**LANCASTER and MORECAMBE**  
CARGO CULT, 38 Bradshaw Street Lancaster. This is the ONLY address for the area!

**LEEDS**  
Leeds Anarchist Group, Box LAP A, 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds, LS2 3AW. Leeds Direct Action Movement, Box DAM, 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 3AW.

**LEICESTER**  
Blackthorn Books, 70 High Street, Leicester.

Libertarian Education, 6 Beaconsfield Road, Leicester. Tel: 552085  
The Anarchist Society, Societies Room, Students Union Building, University of Leicester, University Road, LE1 7RH.

**LONDON**  
Anarchy Magazine, Box A, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1.  
FREEDOM Collective, Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1. Tel: 01-247 9249. (Aldgate East tube).

Greenpeace, 6 Endsleigh Street, London WC1. Meet Thursdays, 7pm.  
London Workers Group, c/o Little A, C1 Metropolitan Wharf, Wapping Wall, London E1.

121 Books/Anarchist Centre, 121 Raiton Road, London SE24. Tel: 01-274 6655. Contact address for: Anarchist-Feminist Magazine; Pigs for Slaughter; South London Anarchist Group (SLAG); South London DAM; also London Anarchist Youth Group meet every Friday at 121, 7:30pm.

Martin Nicholas, 111 Reed Road, Tottenham, London N17.  
K Potkin, Student Mail, Polytechnic of Central London, 32-38 Wells Street, London WC1.  
Solidarity, (London Group and editorial group), c/o 123 Latham Road, London E6.

**NORTH LONDON POLY ANARCHISTS**  
C/o The Student's Union, Ladbroke House, Highbury Grove, London N5.

**MACCLESFIELD**  
Brandon Spivey, 37 Fallibroome Road, Broken Cross, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

**MANCHESTER**  
DAM, Wildcat, Aware Multimedia and South Manchester A Group, 8-10 Great Ancoats Street, Manchester M4 5AD. Black & Red Society (Anarchist Group), c/o The Students Union, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester.

**MIDDLESBOROUGH**  
Strike Back, Box A, 120 Victoria Road, Middlesborough.

**NORTH STAFFS.**  
Careless Talk Collective, R Knight, c/o Students Union, The University, Keele, Staffs.

**NORWICH**  
Norwich Anarchist Group, c/o Box 6, Freewheel, 52-54 King Street, Norwich.

**NOTTINGHAM**  
Nottingham Anarchist Group, Box A, Mushroom Bookshop, 10 Heathcote Street, Nottingham. Tel: 582506.

**OLDHAM**  
Nigel Broadbent, 14 Westminster Road, Fallsworth.

**ORPINGTON**  
Rik Fuller, 60 Ramsden Road, Orpington, Kent.

**OXFORD**  
Oxford Anarchists, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford.

**PLYMOUTH**  
Anarchists, 115 St Pancras Avenue, Penncross, Plymouth.

**PORTSMOUTH**  
Portsmouth area Anarchists Group, c/o Gerry Richardson, 25 Beresford Close, Waterlooville, Hants.

**READING**  
Reading Anarchists, Box 19, Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham Street, Reading, Berks.

**RHONDDA**  
Rhondda and mid Glamorgan, Henning Anderson, 'Smiths Arms', Treherbert, Mid Glamorgan, Wales.

**SHEFFIELD**  
Libertarian Society, PO Box 168, Sheffield 1.

**SHEFFIELD**  
Sheffield Anarchists, PO Box 217, Sheffield. Also Sheffield University Anarchists Sheffield Peace Action, 69 Rustlings Road, Sheffield 11.  
NEAF Secretariat, Box 168, Sheffield 11.

**SOUTHAMPTON**  
Southern Stress, c/o October Books, 4 Onslow Road, Southampton.

**SOUTH WALES**  
DAM, c/o Smiths Arms, Baglan Road, Treherbert, Mid Glamorgan. Write for anarcho-syndicalist contacts in Treherbert, Rhondda, Pontypridd, Penarth, Barry and Cardiff areas.

**SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE/NORTH GLUCESTERSHIRE**  
Deb, 41 Southcourt Close, Leckhampton, Cheltenham. OR c/o 30 Ashdale Avenue, Pershore, Worcs.

**STAFFORD**  
Anarchist Communists, c/o R Black, Students Union, North Staffs Polytechnic, Beaconsfield, Stafford.

**STOKE**  
Contact point for North West Anarchist Federation, Careless Talk Collective, R Knight, c/o Students' Union, The University, Keele, Staffs.

**SUSSEX**  
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Hastings Anarchists & Poison Pen, 92 London Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

Sussex Anarchist Society, c/o Hastings Anarchist Group.  
Libertarian Group, Ray Cowper, 1 Bluebell Close, Crawley, W Sussex.

**SWANSEA**  
Anarchist Group, Box 5, Neges, 31 Alexandra Road, Swansea.  
Billy, 63 Clynymaes Place, Bhyonmaes, Swansea.

**TAYSIDE**  
Josh Cowan, 3/R, 17 Cheviot Crescent, Dundee, DD4 9QJ.

**TYNE-AND-WEAR**  
Newcastle Anarchist Group, c/o 2 Priory Court, High Street, Gateshead, Tyne-and-Wear NE8 3JL.

**WAKEFIELD**  
Anarchist and Peace Group, c/o Fazackerley, 36 Bowan Street, Agbrigg, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

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Terry Phillips, 7 Heol Nant, Felinfoel, Llanelli, Dyfed, SA14 8EL.

**WATFORD**  
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**YORK**  
Shell 22, 73 Walmgate, York.

To Richard who was at Pliton and sent FREEDOM an article on the convoy that they didn't print. Can you get in touch with me care of FREEDOM? Mo.

Could Brian Stratton and Mike Diboll contact A Distribution (address as FREEDOM) as we want to give them money.

Has anyone got any information on the Workers Councils of Hungary 1956, books, pamphlets or even titles of the same. I am doing a project on the Councils and would appreciate any help. All articles will be returned and the completed work will be made available to the Anarchist Press to use as it wishes. Many thanks. Bill Wells, 45 Argyle street, Cambridge, CB1 3LR.

Anarchist Presence at 1984 Festivals. Books, papers, food, social contact, propaganda. Those interested in getting it together, contact Alan, Mo, Dennis at FREEDOM, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1. A good opportunity to contact many already on the way.

LONDON

**CENTRAL LONDON**  
DISCUSSION MEETINGS: Every Friday at Mary Ward Centre, 42 Queens Square, WC1, at 8pm sharp:

March 23 : Gillian Fleming on Anarchism and Justice

March 30 : John Griffin on Anarchism and the Anti - Nuclear Struggle

April 6 : Frederick James on Anarchism, Psychology and Education  
Questions and discussion open to all. Meetings will begin again on May 4, after the Easter break

There was a break-in at Freedom Press in late January and some of our post seems to have gone missing. So if you wrote to us then and haven't had a reply, please write again.

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Part of anarchist propaganda is setting out criticisms of non-anarchist thought, especially Marxism, the authoritarian fallacy in whose name half the people of the world are repressed. The bookshop currently has four titles dealing with aspects of Marxism (They're all post free).

The struggle against Fascism begins with the struggle against Bolshevism by Otto Ruhle (20pp) 50p, is a council-communist pamphlet from 1939 showing the similarities between the Bolshevik dictatorships in Russia and the Fascist dictatorships in Italy and Germany.

Marxism versus Reality by Brian Mosely (46pp) £1, is a detailed exposition of and attack on Karl Marx's thought, plus a few odds and ends.

The Poverty of Statism by Bukharin/Fabbri/Rocker (93pp) £2, is a collection of articles by various authors, including an attack on anarchism by the Russian Bolshevik Bukharin who was executed by Stalin in 1938. Fabbri's piece replies to Bukharin, and Rocker's two articles are largely about the origins of anarchist and Marxist ideas.

Freedom Bookshop will be having a sale on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th of March. There are several reasons for this. One is to advertise the place. Hidden away at the bottom of Angel Alley we're difficult to find and the sale will help bring us to people's attention. Another reason is that the bookshop has had a change of policy. In future we will concentrate on selling anarchist titles and will therefore carry fewer titles. So existing stock by authors like EH Carr, Erich Fromm and Arthur Koestler will be reduced for the sale in order to get rid of it. But anarchist titles will be reduced too. All the Freedom Press titles will be reduced by either one quarter or one third of the cover price and so will the Cienfuegos Press titles that we carry. Expensive (and therefore slow-moving) titles will also be reduced. For example, Rudolf Rocker's 600 page *Nationalism and Culture* will be exactly half its current price of £18. The third and final reason for the sale is to try and shift back copies of *Anarchy* magazine that have been discovered in the store-room. We only have a few of the 118 issues of the first series but for some of those few we have several hundred copies. These will be on sale at 10p each and the 12 issues for 1970, the last year of the first series, will be priced at £1. In addition we have bound volumes for each of the last four years, 1967 to 1970. These will be £3 each and £10 for the four. Those who remember the first series of *Anarchy* are warned that supplies of the bound volumes and complete unbound issues for 1970 are limited. Next week there will be more details of the sale including directions on how to find the bookshop and postal offers to those FREEDOM readers who are unable to get to the sale. In the meantime here are the usual bookshop notes.

There are mixed views on Situationism. Some see it as the breakthrough political analysis had been looking for but others just find it incomprehensible. Since I've never managed to read any major Situationist work I'll refrain from giving my own view. In the meantime, the bookshop has copies of all the four major Situationist works. *The Book of Pleasures* by Raoul Vaneigem is £3.95 and Vaneigem's other work, *The Revolution of Everyday Life* is £3.30. There are also a few copies of Guy Debord's *Society of the Spectacle* and these are £3. *The Right to be Greedy*, no author's name, is £4. If ordering by post, these are not Freedom Press titles and so postage of 20% of the price is required.

**Chairperson Mo**  
The non-appearance of the last two issues of FREEDOM has meant that the sale in the Freedom Bookshop will already have occurred by the time most people get their copy of FREEDOM. The only thing that can be done is to extend the sale insofar as it relates to the bound volumes and individual issues of *Anarchy* magazine. These stay at £3 per bound volume (we only have the years 1967 to 1970) and £10 for the set of four. Individual issues stay at 10p, we have about 40 different ones. Please add postage at 20% if ordering through the post.

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