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strike in spring, thereby adding at least a month to the miners hardship. In purely reformist terms the effective 'defense' against only technological unemployment is substantial cuts in working hours. It's not the plan For Coal that should be the aim of this strike but a 35 hour week, and not just for the miners. The governments long term strategy is to use investment as a weapon to reward docile workers and punish awkward ones. They successfully used this method to destroy the power of the London dockers. They're a long way down this road with the miners already, and the Plan helped them. The reason Scargill has shied away from this real reform is that he knows that there is no possibility of a real victory with 20 per cent of miners still working. The best that could be hoped for would be a sort of fudged defeat, dressedup to look like some sort of concessions had been won. This is the true Held now, a national ballot is Arthur is not a great revolution- likely to get about a 60% 'YES' ary hero as the leftists would have vote. It will increase both the us believe. He is a shallow cliche numbers on strike and the isolatridden bureaucratic demogogue who ion of those blacklegging. It will has split and isolated the miners to also encourage much-needed suppa degree that would have seemed ort from other workers, by increasand her best hope for victory. After peddle the leftist anti-ballot line, believes that all workers should take working class control sullying the Of course, as anarchists, we The Plan For Coal was, in itself, shouldn't be prattling on about the a defeat for the miners. It maintain- right to work at all. We should be support would not exist, let alone In THE MINER Arthur says: have to be 'defended' so why have

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editorial

inside

In the period between March 14th and May 31st there were 3,282 arrests connected with the miners' strike, in England Scotland and Wales. Over 80 per cent of the charges were 'breach of the peace' or 'obstruction'. The trivial nature of these charges has not prevented magistrates from setting draconian bail conditions, sometimes amounting to virtual house arrest.

This and the general level of police violence are hardly news to anarchists, but it does come as quite a blow to see how little fuss it has caused. Especially the genuinely 'new' aspects, the road blocks to prevent miners travelling to a picket maybe 100 miles away, and the creation of a 'de facto' national police organisation. Don't people care about their civil liberties?

Just how far things may go in 'merry England' can be seen from reports in the NUM paper THE MINER. The police have given up waiting for miners to actually do anything before they arrest them. Striking miners are now being arrested in their own homes and communities just for being miners. In Blidworth, a mining village in the heart of Notts, striking miners had 'guest miners' from Yorkshire staying with them. For this 'crime' they found 250 police (plus more in vans) marching up their street. A wife reported what miner's happened:

Kent miners occupying the Coal Board HQ at Hobart House in London.

MAKE MINE ANARCHY

The fundamental difference between an ordinary trade union and a syndicalist one is that the latter is supposed to be under the most direct possible control of its members, whereas the ordinary union is under the control of professional bureaucrats with occasional interference from the members. The various breeds of leftists, who usually use the nortoriously unrepresentative and corrupt delegate and official system in British TUs to inflate their egos, are all united against direct ballots for strike action. The reason is simple, they're all after personal power and control.

The reason that there has been a split in the miners ranks is simply that Arthur Scargill lost two previous ballots, so he manipulated the strike he wanted by 'using' the principle of not crossing picket lines against the principle that miners should control decisions, in the NUM. This appeal to 'higher' aims to justify bureaucratic control is standard statist practice. It was used to great effect in Spain to get the CNT to abandon the social revolution and join the government. Some syndicalists in Britain have clearly learnt nothing from the experience. It is not true that Scargill is 'tactically' correct. This is the first national NUM strike without a national ballot and it is also the first where blacklegging has been a serious problem. You have to be really rather stupid not to see the connection! But trying to override such workers democracy as exists in the NUM, Arthur has merely given the blacklegs a 'principled' position to defend. Nor is it true that solidarity is an over-riding principle for Arthur himself. In Poland, where solidarity with Polish miners required backing them against 'socialist' state power, Arthur sided with the state! Polish miners were subjected to nightly broadcasts of Arthur's 'wisdom' in favour of the CP's position, and they are in no doubt that Arthur Scargill

being made use of by other govern- role that The Plan For Coal will ments to limit international solidar- serve. ity with the miner's fight here.

impossible ten years ago. So far, ing the 'justification' for the strike. he has been Maggie's secret weapon This is no time for anarchists to all, he believes in the status quo. He which comes from a fear of real their orders from their very own purity of their party line. versions of the coal board. ed their status as mere employees. pushing the right to the works. From It contained not one ounce of our point of view, the authoritarian workers' control over production, state socialist bureaucrats are as investment or any other form of much part of the problem as the policy. It was, and still is, a plan government and the capitalist class. for state capitalism, a plan to Anarcho-syndicalists believe in a control workers and secure their Union controlled from below obedience. Yet Arthur sees this as through genuine solidarity not worth 'fighting for'. Truly state enforced Unity from above. In socialism is no more than an author- such a union, the possibility of itarian religion, a fantasy world for going on strike without majority bureaucrats. 'The original 'Plan For Coal' was some anarcho-syndicalists done just and is an exciting project. To that? betray it means betraying all those

'The policemen just turned up and threatened to arrest anyone who left the front garden pathway. They said they were searching for Yorkshire miners. We said where's your warrant.

We don't need an effing warrant, they said.

We felt completely overwhelmed and terrified. But the most frightening part what when we tried to dial out to alert solicitors or some sympathetic journalists. The phone went dead every time we dialled the third digit and we could actually hear voices - they must have been police - giggling on the phone in the background." For the next 72 hours, the village received what you might call 'high pressure policing', complete with road blocks to seal off areas, 2am 'knocks on the door' and arrests. This has been followed with further 'calls' days later. Similar street intimidation (mostly at the weekends) has taken place in Eckington, Derbyshire and in Maltby, South Yorks, where a miners delegate was even arrested at midnight in a Chinese takeaway (guilty of trading with foreign powers?). Only a 'political loony' could have predicted all this six months ago, says THE MINER. But we say only a loony state socialist could have ever expected to get socialism from this state and its coal board, or justice from its police.

Why then are some anarchists having problems with the call for a miners' ballot? Have the Notts miners made them ashamed of their federalist beliefs? Just as in Spain 1936 arguments about the practical and tactical are being used to cover up departures from principle.

For any anarchist worth his/her salt, there should be no problem about this whatsoever. Of course the Notts miners have a right to demand a national ballot for a national strike. This principle was built into the NUM to protect the autonomy of the local federations. In 1972 and 74, the Notts miners voted against strike action in the ballot and yet loyally supported the majority decision. There was no need to picket the mines in those

For a libertarian socialist there who have invested their lives in this can be no separation between means industry. The Coal Board and the and ends and no abandoning the Government must not fail to principle of control from below honour their commitment to it - for tactical reasons, however appeala commitment that will keep pits ing. Supporting the miners should open, jobs secure, and mining be done directly not via supporting the NUM bureaucracy, and their After all that has happened, he arguments. There can be no justifistill believes that the armed might cation for becoming 'anarchoof the state can be bound with leftists' out of fear of letting the chains of paper! It's staggering how side down. In reality anyone who powerful an ideology can be as a supports the Plan For Coal isn't on

strikes!

The point is a basic anarchist one. Where people control their own destiny genuine solidarity flowers. Where workers are merely the shock troops for TU bureaucrats to dispose of as they see fit, there grows resentment and me-first attitudes.

Knockabout Victory

Regular readers, if such is possible these days, will remember that in the last issue we gleefully reported the acquittal of Tony and Carol of Knockabout Comics on charges under the Obscene Publications Act. These related to an attempt to extend the Act to include drug related material, as well as the sex with which it is usually associated. We said that we hoped that this would also mean that related charges against Airlift Books would be Stu Stuart dropped and that Knockabout

is an International Blackleg himself, nor should we be.

That imports of Polish coal should figure highly in the governments plans to defeat 'Arthurs strike' is just the sort of poetic justice with which the history of state socialism abounds. It is Arthur's record on Poland that is

WE SPOKE TOO SOON

could have its stock returned. Unfortunately, the authorities are more vindictive than that.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has confirmed that the case against Airlift will go ahead on July 9th. This relates to six other titles other than those cleared at the Old Bailey last month.

The fifteen titles originally ontrial were supposedly a representative selection from the 62 different books and comics seized from Knockabout's warehouse in July communities safe.'

'shield against reality'. This is the the miners side anyway. sort of mind that starts a miners

Stu Stuart

1982. Ten titles were actually acquitted by the jury, unanimously. Two others were freed by the judge. Charges against three comics were separated at the beginning of the trial and later dropped.

The police still hold 6,300 copies of 47 assorted titles and three manuscripts. These are to be tried in a magistrates court under section 3 of the Obscene Publications Act. The procedure in this case throws the burden onto the defence, who have to show cause why the material

should not be forfeited and destroyed. Unlike the jury trial, they cannot call witnesses and have to rely on the opinion of one magistrate sitting alone.

This stock has been held by the police for two years. It cost £6,900. Loss of revenue in retail sales and lost turnover is estimated at about £25,000. This is a crippling burden for a small, 'alternative' enterprise. To lighten it, the Bumper Trial Special is still available (see review page).



Dear Freedom,

It seems to me that the author of 'Polly Golly' (June) failed to justify his position or indeed present a view that differs in any significant respect from that of the S.W.P. and the rest of the fascist 'left'.

We are told that decisions were taken by 'the collective body of students present'. How many students were present, what percentage of the total number at the Poly do they represent, and what would have been the fate of anyone who spoke up for free speech?

'We did not wish to be lectured with Harrington.' The fact is, comrades, you agreed to be lectured with him when you signed on for the same class. If meat-eating students had decided (collectively of course) that they did not wish to be lectured with the only vegetarian in the class, would they be entitled to use mob violence to ensure that he did not attend?

'Fascism cannot be tolerated anywhere.' Should they all be killed? And what about the Communists? Historically they have killed more people, and today they (being

larger in numbers and holding many speech and what publications may positions of real power) are a far be sold on campuses throughout greater danger to freedom than a this country. Now it seems the mob handful of fascist thugs who are must decide who may or may not hated by everyone.

As for the point about the press being responsible for the NF gaining publicity, was the media supposed to ignore these events?"

The truth of the matter is that what has been happening is simply a continuation of the trend that has offenceto something that was said developed over the past 10 - 15 or written. years whereby small unrepresentative groups of students have sought to decide who may or may not have

study.

Anarchists have no choice but to uphold the principle of freedom of speech. The same students would, it should be remembered, have no hesitation in banning anarchists and their publications if they took

Ed McArthur

This is a letter from up north, Keighley, West Yorks, to be precise. An article for the proposed discussion page follows shortly, but first here is my opinion of the latest FREEDOM (June issue): mostly pathetic! I'll work through it in case you are unsure which bits I mean. Poly-Golly article, I agree with the Eds on this one, that bloke is like an overgrown kid complaining because he does not agree with someones point of view, you should have tried to argue with him instead of turning your back on him and hoping the problem would disappear. Lear we go again article; Firstly who the fuck wants to know about government contrived plans to make northern Ireland a wasteland? We all know their plans for the Irish! Secondly, what a waste of space, a massive photo, similar sized article instead of some good bit of news of what other anarchists are doing around the country.

when I read what that guy was saying about the police action, what the hell does he expect, God help him and all of us if something. big happens!

come up with some solid universal bits of theory that we all had a part in writing.

The letter went on "... all that anarchists possess is a pathetic

was a good example; proposing changes with the very good personal touch - we need to get to know each other on a personal level as well as just a block, something which we are obviously not at all. Information does not need to pass just through FREEDOM or just through the national anarchist press, there is a list of addresses on the back of this paper and I'm sure you all know of others which could be circulated, produce leaflets and send them out, pass them out on the street, paste them up on walls where they won't be taken down. When you're thinking about what a hassle all this would be you think of the aforementioned situ criticisms and also of the dedication of the Afghani bloke who handwrote ten thousand leaflets. If you can produce things free or cheap let people know.

Stop the City (slight return); good bit of the article was good but then I could not believe my eyes

Plymouth anarchists article was the best thing in the whole paper, some good proposals and criticisms.

Let's get something done!!

I know there has been a lot of selfcriticising by anarchists and I hope that this does not end up as another slagging with no proposals.

I was reading the other day in a situationist pamphlet (please don't stop reading) a letter to some Japanese comrades which went as follows; ". . . We think that anarchism remains an abstract opponent of the system because of it's failure to seriously attempt to comprehend modern society . . . ' How true, I thought, however much we think we know as individuals this information is hardly put up for criticism so how can we learn from each other? If we put up this information and all had a playaround with it maybe we could

faith in the label 'anarchy'. They are allergic to rigor . . . " and have an "inability to accomplish the smallest practical task". True again, we revel in the smallest bit of a win and think we have done our bit for this month or this year. We must learn to attack on every level at every opportunity.

We must develop some theory or theories about what we are against, why we are against it and what we hope to replace it with. Again to start with, we can work on all sorts of levels from reworking old works to completely new bits of theory on completely new subjects.

We must look at all the subjects covered in the forthcoming years and see the links between them to come out on top with some kind of practical (by which I mean something we can put into practice now) theory.

The Plymouth anarchists letter

don't want to take up too much space waffling, I'm sure you've got the gist of my message.

> Mark Earnshaw Keighley

We're writing in support of the views expressed by Plymouth Anarchist Group in your June issue. In particular, we'd like to support the idea that the editorship of FREE-DOM be rotated around Britain given a couple of month's notice, we could easily fill an issue, and we're sure other groups could do the same.

Many of us outside London are thoroughly fed up with the bitching and backstabbing that takes place between London groups and finds its way into 'nationally' distributed publications like FREEDOM, Black Flag, and so forth. It seems to be little more than a battleground of egos, a parody of the ideological debate that is true health in a movement like ours. As a group, we cover a wide spectrum of viewpoints but have no problem in working together. None of us believe we have a monopoly of the truth - however, we wonder if some of the factions in our 'capital' feel the same, judging from what we've observed. We also resent the authoritarian line FREEDOM has itself taken editorially on past occasions - its censorship of contributors who employed 'unacceptable' language being a prime example. Hopefully, such high-handedness will become a thing of the past, especially if

editorship is rotated. FREEDOM has the potential to become a genuinely decentralised and comprehensive magazine, rather than the combination of quasi-religious tract and long-winded arts supplement it has often been.

Your central position gives you power. Why not use your anarchism and set about giving it up?

Leamington Anarchists

We should like to comment briefly on the unsigned article headed 'DAM - Wildcat' in your last issue. It appears to have been written by one of the two speakers at a DAM 'dayschool' held in Burnley last February, who was a member of the DAM. (The other was an invited speaker from Wildcat). As such it is a very biased summary of the meeting and represents the views of Wildcat only in caricature. We would not necessarily disassociate ourselves from the authors of 'bondage theory of trade unionism' if it were understood by this that workers are held in 'bondage' both by trade union forms of organisation trade unionist ideology. and

Unfortunately it was this ideology which the DAM speaker was His contribution defending. (delivered in theatrical style to an audience of no more than a dozen people!) was nothing more than trade union reformism, differing little from the sort of rank and file-ism of the Socialist Workers Party.

'Social Democracy' and trade unionism are two of the major (though by no means only) barriers to revolution and need to be ruthlessly exposed, a job the DAM generally, and their speaker on this occasion in particular, seem in capable of doing.

tion that we are 'pure theorists' in our group have also carried out contrast to the 'politicians' of the other related activities. All our DAM when we have consistently addressed ourselves to the practical issues, as well as the political importance, of the everyday class struggle. During the miners strike, for instance, we have regularly visited the picket lines in Lancashire and the north west, covered send copies of our pamphlets and several miners demonstrations and leaflets. public meetings, held a public meeting of our own on the issue, published and distributed four different leaflets on the strike and co-operated in the North West Anarchist Federation to produce and distribute a joint miners leaflet. Individuals in or close to

leaflets have addressed both political organisational problems and political issues.

Anyone who really wants to know about the politics of our group should write to us (enclosing 30p in postage stamps) and we will

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We particularly resent the accusa-

Wildcat

Dam Wildcat was very Eds... obviously not written by the DAM speaker - don't be paranoid pussies!

Coventry's CND march and rally was something of a letdown all round. CND officialdom put the crowd at 10,000, nothing like the amount expected by both them and the police. It was wet and dull and the whole thing felt like a waste of time, with the route of the march missing out the heart of Coventry altogether.

Originally the cops weren't going

to allow us on the march with our flags as we weren't CND people. This was obviously rubbish as every shade of political opinion was present on the march. The cops know anarcho's when they see them, and a close watch was kept on us at all times.

Along the march and at the rally we met anarcho's from Burnley, Gloucester and a dozen or

so from London, including people women from Greenham and from the LWG and Class War. We generally tried to get over the anarwere refused permission to sell our papers, (although a guy from aspect was the fact that several Freedom managed to sell his!). But we handed out our leaflets with no hassle.

The speeches at the rally were all the same boring dross, except for Alan Bleasdale's. We indulged in a little heckling and talked to some

chist message. One disappointing anarchists refused to join us, some giving the excuse that they wanted nowt to do with Class War, Sectarian or what? Anyhow, a boring CND rally in boring Coventry, so what else is new?

Dek

News and reports from various places - unions in Spain, antinuclear activities in Britain and a forthcoming meeting in Italy.

Spain

The break-away group within the CNT-AIT which is planning a reunification with the CNT-V (originally known as that 'aperturistas', or 'openists', now the 'opposition CNT' so I'll label them the CNT-O) has started its own paper, produced in Malaga, called 'Rojo Y Negro'. They have organised a congress with the CNT-V in Madrid this month (June) to start the process of reunification, though this! has effectively already happened in many industries.

After a visit to Barcelona in May, I believe the CNT-O in Catalunia to be about the same size as those who remain in the CNT-AIT, but to represent almost all those members. who work in large industries (eg the Metro, chemical factories, etc.), whilst the CNT-AIT contains the self-employed or workers in small' companies, generally speaking. The CNT-O also has close links with various factories whose members have left the CNT-AIT en masse over the years and groups such as the dockers, which together con' stitute a network of independent anarcho-syndicalist trade unions in the area. For example, the CNT-O's regional office is being lent to them by the independent dockers union, whose protection, they claim, is the only thing preventing further physical attacks from the CNT-AIT. So what does all this mean? The CNT-O's reasons for leaving the CNT-AIT are essentially the same as the CNT-V, or the independent factory unions mentioned above: a desire to be more flexible over tactics and rejection of the dogmatic attitudes which prevail in the CNT-AIT and which have, in Catalunia at least, recently resulted in Mafiatype intimidations of those who reject the accepted orthodoxies.

'pragmatic' as to even work within Franco's vertical unions to 'keep in touch with the workers' and whose willingness to over-ride the finer points of anarcho-syndicalist organisation in the name of realism and efficiency is sometimes a bit disturbing. (Bear in mind that the same thing happens in the CNT-AIT in the name of purity.)

In my opinion, this touches on the central question of the reunification: will it be from below or above, will it result in the replacement of personal abuse by analysis, and will it stimulate self-criticism instead of the hollow rhetoric which has lost the CNT so many members over the years?

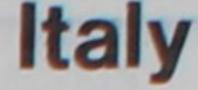
Initial indications are variable. That the June congress is seen as the start of a process which may take about a year and develop at the level of individual unions is hopeful, as is the standard of analysis in Rojo Y Negro so far, but on the other hand there is some talk of setting up a national committee to organise the reunification and talked to several ordinary militants who had an unfortunate 'Problems? What problems?' type of attitude. Unless a significant section of the CNT can drop the backward looking, 'we are the greatest' type of attitude which has dogged them since Franco's death and begin an

There have been three excellent demonstrations since 9th June. At dawn on 11th June Greenpeace UK organised a brilliant action at Big Ben in Westminster. Two men managed to climb the scaffolding, sling themselves from it, and hold across the clockface a huge banner reading TIME TO STOP NUCLEAR TESTING, which was seen by thousands of eye-witnesses before the two were arrested (and later fined for a breach of the peace!) and then printed in papers around the world. At dawn on 21st June, while assorted druids and hippies were celebrating the Summer Solstice at Stonehenge, thirty demonstrators (including members

NVDA

the event several thousand people took part, and despite the lastminute installation of a barbedwire fence and the presence of hundreds of soldiers and police, hundred demonstrators several managed to get inside (several dozen being hurt in the struggle). About 150 people were arrested, but following the current practice they were released a few hours later, almost all without any charge, though eleven were warned they might face charges later.

These recent demonstrations show that there is not only substantial support for non-violent direct action in the nuclear disarmament movement, but also a formidable fund of courage, initiative, flexibility and experience among the thousands of people involved. If there had been a single illegal demonstration in London on 9th June (and if CND had given more practical help to the NVDA it now accepts in theory), there could have been a much larger and more effective action against the Economic Summit. What is missing is any real co-ordination among the hundreds of radical groups all over the country. As the American singer Joan Baez said in an interview about her recent tour of the European movement, "One has the feeling that there is no movement; there are the groups, but there isn't any glue" (The Times, 22nd June).



1984 International Venice Anarchist Gathering is convened by the Libertarian Studies Centre of Milan (Centro Studi Libertari) with the sponsorship of other organisations.

The Milan Libertarian Studies Centre is a well established anarchist collective which has organized over the past few years a very interesting programme of seminars, lectures, and theoretical meetings. It has been a tribune for libertarian sociologists, psychoanalysts, ecologists, historians, etc. and has brought together thinkers and experts who are interested in meeting the demands of our times at a high level of ideological and theoretical development.

The Venice gathering will not be a congress, in the sense that decisions affecting the organization and policies of the international anarchist movement will not be proposed and made. It will be an unique opportunity to create a climate of dialogue and friendship among comrades of different tendencies. Space will be allowed for hard thinking but there will be music and fun too. Those comrades who want to find out more about this event and get some basic information regarding transport, accomodation, etc. can attend an open meeting to be held at Centro Iberico (439 - 441, Harrow Road, London) on July 14 at 6.30 pm.

adapt to the 1980's, it will continue its slide into marginalisation. I believe the emergence of the CNT-O is one of the most hopeful signs which has occurred to date, it could easily be the last opportunity they get.

open minded analysis of where

they've gone wrong and how

Anarcho-Syndicalism needs to

action at Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire. They broke into the American nuclear bomber base and painted slogans on the runway until they were arrested by American security guards. They were later interrogated by Ministry of Defence police officers and released without charge, though one demonstrator was bailed to return to Bicester police station on 12th July. One significant factor in these two demonstrations is that they were both second attempts, previous ones having failed because of security leaks warning the authorities - a reminder that effective illegal demonstrations depend on constant vigilance.

of Summit 84) organised a brilliant

The third demonstration took place last weekend at Chilwell, a British Army depot outside Nottingham which is being handed over to the United States Air Force to store American military vehicles. repeating the mistakes of the past. Demonstrations against this latest It is agreed that we must move American military base began last forwards to larger and better December, and local activists formed actions, but also that we must

What is needed isn't exactly glue, or any kind of formal split in the movement leading to the establishment of rival organisations. Serious discussions are now being held and significant attempts being made to locate all the groups and individuals in question and to develop an informal network which will provide efficient liason without



One advantage which the CNT-O has over the CNT-V is the absence of 'leading militants' who were so

Mick Larkin, Spanish Information Network, Durham.

the Reclaim Chilwell group in bring as many people as possible February. A non-violent direct with us. All this will be discussed at action demonstration involving a an open meeting called by Summit mass trespass on to the base which 84 to consider the future of NVDA was planned for 1st July was backed on Sunday, 8th July, from 2:00 to by Nottingham CND and given 6:00 at County Hall, London SE1. national publicity and support. In MH

A Spanish electrician hammered his car into a scrap rather than surrender it to police demanding a previous owners traffic fines. He kept the battery 'because it was new'.

In Brief

These two articles are from the Stonehenge Festival. The first is a report of the festival and the second the text of a leaflet given out there.

Stonehenge free festival 1984 was a colourful spectacle, a festival of freedom with the spirit of anarchism running deep in its roots. An event not bound by rules, authorities, police, and other forms of coercion and despotism. A Little Piece of Freedom

Stonehenge free festival 1984 was a colourful spectacle, a festival of freedom with the spirit of anarchism running deep in its roots. An event not bound by rules, authorities, police, and other forms of coercion and despotism.

ing to make a cleaner and safer environment.

The open dealing of heroin which We heard of busts in the local message!

over the parasitical hamburger and sional police helicopter circling hot dog stands who simply come above.

there were several large marquees for bands to play in, plus the many who turned up with their own generators and simply played where they were camped.

Along the main drags, stalls like some strange Eastern bazaar offered a wide range of goods - tea, coffee, food, wholefoods, hash and acid, clothes, massage, books. There were several free food stalls.

was rife last year was terminated town of Amesbury and along the with several dealers having their two mile stretch leading to the cars burnt out and run off site - the stones. Doubtless there were many other heroin dealers got the more; no reliable figures are available. The police generally kept well There was also a lot of discontent clear of the site except for the occaof a live television. Those pretty colours and patterns you see are your brain short-circuiting!

L.S.D. was developed and first used for mental hospitals to simulate total nervous breakdowns and induce schizophrenia, and was utilised by the C.I.A. and U.S. Army for brain-washing. Its use by troops in Vietnam led to many of the war atrocities and to urban massacres by psychotic veterans in the 70's.

Don't be fooled by the Hip-Acid-Culture that would have you believe that L.S.D. is good for you. Take a look at the 'sicko-delic philosophers for Love and Happiness. The ones who shout that bullshit the loudest are the dealers. Hard and behind all the dealers' lies about an 'awakened, magical society' they don't give a FUCK about anything except their bank accounts.

We are not trying to stop drugtaking, advocate moral puritanism, or add to the scaremongering rubbish that has been written about L.S.D. We merely wish to oppose the prevailing myth that Acid is harmless and the blatant LIES that taking Acid is subversive and a means of heightened, rather than just scrambled perception. Everyone is aware of the risks in taking speed, coke, smack, and the rest. No powers to 'save' or 'change' the world are attributed to them. Why should Acid be treated differently? Whatever the dealers may tell you, this leaflet is not produced by the government, police, Young Christians, Mary Whitehouse, or the National Front. We, the authors, have learnt the dangers of Acid from experience, both on ourselves and by witnessing the burnt out mental cripples scattered around London. Especially in places like the Anarchy Centre in its last months. Acid helped to destroy a positive political squat. We want to save others the misery we suffered and put forward a point of view about Acid everyone knows but seems afraid to say.

It began as a small gathering of 'freaks' and wanderers over ten years ago and has since grown into a massive celebration of freedom that runs for the whole of June. Over the main week, the height of the festival being reached on the solstice, 21st June, when the sun rises through the trilithon stones, an estimated 40,000 people visited. to camp out on Salisbury Plain, with the smell of woodsmoke, the painted faces and continual buzz of music giving it an almost magical quality. The various attempts by the authorities, the D.O.E., the National Trust, etc., to stop the festival have been derisory failures.

The organisation and atmosphere of the festival were far better than the previous two years I have experienced, with many people contibut-

down to make money and mar the spirit of the festival. Several were were prevented from entering into the field by the main stage.

The cutting down of live trees was another problem. There was general agreement against this prac-

tice, yet many continued.

Negative points apart, the essential amenities such as water were easily available with taps at various points around the site. Toilets consisted of pits dug in the ground or the world famous 'porta-loos' which were cleaned every morning. The St. John's Ambulance brigade were on site 24 hours a day out the main part of the festival, with several ambulances on permanent standby. They praised the organisation of this year's festival. Scores of bands played throughout the festival, encompassing all forms of music - rock, ethnic, punk, folk, etc. Apart from the main stage

Stonehenge '84 was a wonderful success, and though its meaning damaged and overturned and they tends often to get blurred because of the massive drug abuse, it is an incredible experience. Difficult to believe you are still living in the same society, in the same country, in the same world. A little piece of freedom in amongst all the shit.

STEVE.

For too long, L.S.D. has been revered as some wonderdrug to benefit humanity, even as a religious messiah. We say that Acid isn't psychedelic, it's psychiatric.

Prolonged use of Acid, even, in some cases, a single trip, can wreck your mind. The best description of tripping to date is likening it to throwing salt water over the back

nosed Money-merchants who don't give a shit what state they leave your mind in so long as you've paid. Don't be fooled into becoming a casualty. Don't risk delirium and madness just so Acid dealer and maker shitheads can live like pop stars and take holidays in the Third World six months of the year to laugh at the starving people.

The only way you'll find love is by loving others and respecting yourself, not by swallowing pills. What sort of 'profound enlightenment' has to be bought - off back street chemists at phenomenal price? (Would you pay £3 for an aspirin?) In this 'cheap' consumer junk-world even mysticism has now been imitated like a crisp flavouring, tested on people and animals and packaged up for sale with all the accompanying hype. Crude, plastic, and poisonous.

ACID IS HARD, ACID IS DANGEROUS,

STAY FREE - the most mystical experience is being straight.

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RECOGNISE ACID AS A HARD DRUG.....NOW. HELL.S.D.

1970

'Why should we live surrounded by filth, smells and noise? The roar of aeroplanes, the fumes from car exhausts, the stench from rivers used as open sewers, the tar-covered beaches, the slagheaps, the belching smoke, the great ugly pylons marching over open countryside - is all this bound to get worse?

world in which we live?

Quite suddenly these questions really know. are being asked with a new insist- The time has surely come to ence in Britain, America, and in stop talking about pollution and to Western Europe. Words like pollut- embark on a clearly defined cleanion and conservation are passing up campaign. As many young into everyday conversation. People people up and down the country are rebelling against living condit- have already shown, it's a job in ions that seem to be getting nastier, which volunteers can join. But the and Governments are being forced first essential is for Government to to listen. There is a yearning for set definite goals and target dates cleaner, healthier, surroundings, for the attainment of cleaner air and and there is a growing fear, too - a cleaner rivers, and for the clearance fear that we may in our inventive- of derelict land. ness, be unleashing forces that we Of course it will cost money and do not fully understand.

Irish Sea - perhaps from waste pro- which we start to restore England ducts of the plastics industry, but 'as a green and pleasand land'. nobody can be sure. Persistent pesticides pass from one living Mr Christopher Chataway, from an organism to another and concentrat- article in the News of the World, ions of DDT are found at the when he was the Conservative Party extremities of the world, even in Spokesperson on the Environment. the stomachs of pelicans in the Having made the right noises, and Antartic. Are these chemicals harm- also having been re-elected. Mr ful to man? There is no evidence of Chataway, in the classic political it yet, but nobody really knows.

waste from nuclear power stations, of Posts and Telecommunications, some of which will take more than well away from the shit he said a thousand years to decay, are he wanted to clean up.

Do we just have to accept these buried with care underground or at things as an inevitable part of 'pro- sea. But how safe are these arrangegress' in this technological wonder- ments - in the case of earthquakes, for example? Again no one can

take time. But if we have the will Thousands of sea birds die in the the 1970s can be the decade

version of the three card trick, was A growing volume of radiation made something in the department

Greenpeace is complicated by a an intellectual analysis of the division - in Britain there are two motivation which has produced on Greenpeace structures, one is a one hand some spectacular media liability company (an institution- events, and on the other a groundalised entity), and the other is swell of interest in ecology and the Greenpeace (Anywhere). The Ltd. environment. Co. is responsible for most of the Alas, disappointment. It may high profile media publicity activity, simply be that the pressure to the latter consists of ad hoc local respond is felt to be too urgent to groups formed around the ethos have allowed the development of a and interested in a wide range of concise philosophical statement, or environmental issues.

article comes from documents loan- reaction, or that what I was seeked by Greenpeace (London). I had ing is going on elsewhere - if so hoped to find an in-depth rationale I hope those involved will respond



CHR FIRM PIFG

From Clifford Harper 'The Education

of the philosphy behind Greenpeace,

that the issues involved are too wide Most of the information in this for anything but an emotional and produce the goods for a future edition of FREEDOM.

Meanwhile, from the archives. The London Greenpeace Group has existed for around fourteen years. It is an independent group of activists sharing a libertarian opposition to militarism and the exploitation of our ecosystem. Their emphasis is on everyone's personal responsibility for the environment, with a heavy anti-nuclear bias.

They have been involved in infra-structure initiatives with a variety of other groups, and have compaigned against the dangers of nuclear weapons tests and of nuclear power. They grapple with examples of the misuse of science for military and commercial ends in a simplistic way. Similarly most of their actions have been typified by adherence to the conventional means of propaganda and demonstration.

A series of fact sheets are available, covering such topics as chemical and biological warfare, pesticides, and pollution. Additionally they have background information on such obscure topics as the Sami struggle (oh no, I hoped to avoid struggle) in northern Scandinavia, and suggested anti-nuclear arguements, presumably for those too confused to think of any for themselves.

More hopefully the group sees its role as that of a catalyst taking imaginative action to confront people with their responsibilities at a personal level. Less hopefully, but perhaps more predictably, it believes the key to our planet's future lies in ordinary people joining together and taking control of their lives and futures, not leaving them in the hands of government and big business.

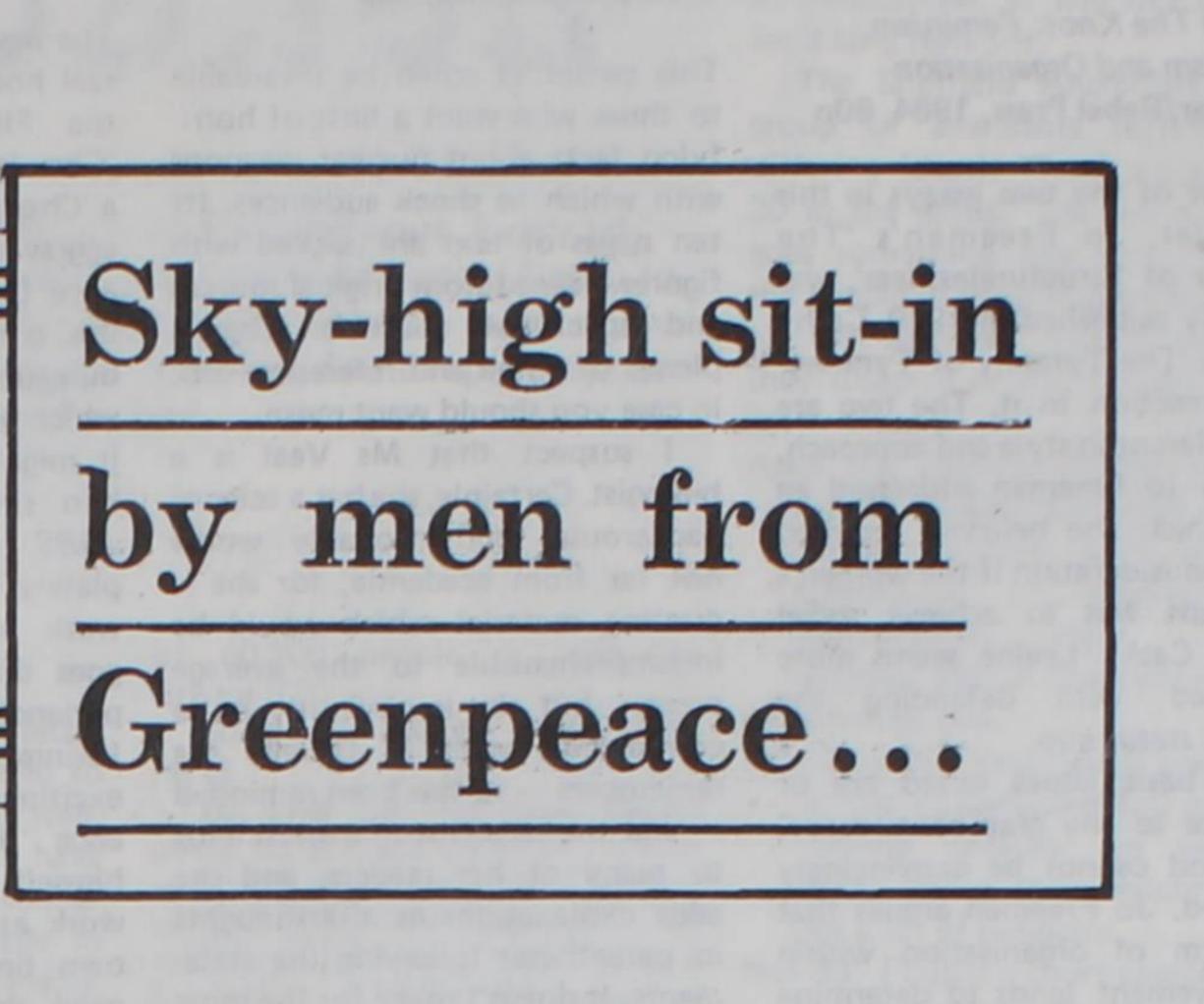
Over the years Greenpeace (Lonlon) has been involved in opposition to the shipment of Australian uranium ore to Europe, the 'Stop URENCO' Alliance which opposed the British-Dutch-West German uranium enrichment and marketing consortium, as well as actions at various nuclear sites, and opposition to Rio Tinto Zinc, who mine most of the West's uranium.

There are many 'Greenpeace' groups around Britain, reflecting a spreading green consciousness. And this is where the problem begins

THE 29th DAY

your pond.

From The Limits to Growth, a report for the Club of Rome's project on the predicament of humanity. Published by Pan, 1974. This book should replace the bible, it should be as widely read and absorbed into our culture if that culture is to have any chance of survival.



for anarchists; in the absence of any phisolophical model beh

green consciousness, we can easily we gian seal hunters had left the lurking feeling of despair that confind ourselves in bed with people Orkneys, while at the same time like Mr Chataway. Now, while I condemning the Hunt Saboteurs ional movement habitually leaves. would disagree with the senti- Association for trying to save the Each generation goes on its crusade that ain't right. The universal slaughtered by the local hunters. desirability of green ends must be It would be too easy for anaron the means of greening them.

which unless my memory fails emotional response to animal immutably on. had its roots in Pete Seegar on a deaths, of not understanding that can easily be adapted to suit the scattered protests that such activgenerality of the ends.

Thus, while Greenpeace (Lonfact that any group which is vaguely such a group, or were on all the ably the institutional, and multi- ecological principles, or even conser-Ltd would say exactly the same.

matter? The answer depends on but can anarchism, tell us why we future it is that is should produce bourgeoise slobs she has bankwhat you believe to be the precise nature of the catastrophy which confronts us.

branches in North America, and have we got acceptable answers? subsequently in Europe. They intro- Christopher Chataway and Phillip duced themselves to a London Windsor would no doubt claim to group meeting (so folklore has it) be conservationists. Are we in their as 'we are your leaders'.

This structure is Greenpeace Ltd. It is primarily concerned with animal conservation, that is saving some seals, and some whales, and some of other pressured species deem to have utility. Their corpor-'play the game' with courts in ADDRESSES accepting fines, and their literature they regard themselves as apolitical.

Conservationists see their role in pragmatic terms; concern for a in terms the benefits they can offer for fuure use by humans. Animal Liberationists, of whom there are many in Greenpeace groups, see the saving of creatures as something more philosophical and principled, as a part of a recognition of 'animal rights'.

The division beneath the surface confusion does not lay very deep. At the end of 1978 Greenpeace any philosophical model behind Ltd claimed victory once the Nor-

ists muster?

Very little, Indeed, anarchists ed in the same matrix we should do so?

It seems to be time for anarchists to ask, not what they can do for On the surface the division the green movement, but what the causes confusion. It originated when green movement can do for us. In another Greenpeace group arrived confronting the issues of ecology, in London to set up a 'branch'. In with their wide acceptability and the early 1970's various autonom- universal impact, it may be that we ous Greenpeace groups emerged will have to accept the limits of from a background of concern our philosophy. Either that, or with the relationship between war, accept the challenge of the questions peace, and ecology. Unfortunately, to inspire a further stage of growth and exceptionally, the Vancouver in that philosophy. The present Greenpeace Foundation adopted a limitations are obvious, and stating policy of expansion, setting up them only raises further questions,

company? Is this where anarchists

ate structure, their willingness to SHIPPING REGISTER AND

on conservation, makes it clear that Greenpeace Ltd owns the much publicised 'Rainbow Warrior'. They also the boats 'Sirius' and 'Cedarlea'. which have been used for active opposition to the dumping of radio-active waste species and its individuals is viewed at sea. Greenpeace Ltd may be contacted at 36 Graham Street, London N1.

Also on the alternative shipping register is the 'Sea Shepherd', used to save seals and whales. The floating fund can be reached c/o The British Union against Vivisection, 143 Charing Cross Road, London WC2. Fact sheets and other literature available from Greenpeace (London), 6 Endsleigh Street, London WC1. SAE and donations.

Suppose you own a pond on which a water lily is growing. The lily plant doubles in size each day. If the lily were allowed to grow unchecked, it would completely cover the pond in thirty days, choking off all the other life forms in the pond. For a long time the lily plant seems small, so you decide not to bother about cutting it back, well not until it covers half the pond. On what day will that be? On the twenty-ninth day you have only one day left to save

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end up, concerned with our eco- ECO-ACTION system, a sufficiently viable biosystem to support those things we deem desirable, but with little contribute?

Or are we a little more liberal, support. can anarchists support animal rights 2, All BNFL employees; together activists? But where does the logic of animal rights end? Surely we cannot accept such speciesism, - are we in the business of forming groups to decide arbitarily on which species will have 'rights' and which shall not?

Is it valid to criticise big business, science, and technology for ecomayhem? Without the institutional provision of the output of these entities very few of their critics benefit. idea that it would be less of an eco- a Fairy Liquid bottle. disaster simply because it was 5. People should be paid to ride still commit agriculture, mine re- linked, of course). sources, use other species? In what what would an anarchist society be better for the bio-sphere?

These questions remain to be considered. Meanwhile my dip into the Greenpieces left me with that sideration of any 'anti' or oppositments quoted on this page, I know remaining 2,000 seals from being of discovery and restitution, the 7. General traffic problem spoiling lessons of reality having to be your environment? Nail boards relearned anew. The cyclic oppos- might be the answer. Four 4" nails accepted, but there is little debate chists to criticise green activists. ition has existed as long as civilisat- through a piece of old pallet tends They could justly be accused of ion, yet the forces which generate to discourage them, and kids can do The original Greenpeace ethos, naivete, of producing an essentially that urge towards destruction roll it too!

small sailing boat indicating that eco-disaster is an integral part of old cry of 'ordinary people joining what the world needs. Make yours the American Great Lakes were capitalism. Far too easy, for what together, etc...' are an integral an eco-numerate family - kill two full of various sorts of useless shit, have we offered in place of the part of our culture, part of the relatives for every new baby you structure which also contains the have. problem. While we remain embedddon) claim that the ad hoc structure frequently quote with pride the increasingly become a part of that

For anarchy of any colour to ecological, or anti-militarist, and demonstrations. But to search anar- make impact upon those questions preferably libertarian, is in line chist thought and philosophy for which inspire the emotions of with the Greenpeace ethos, presum- reasoned arguement in favour of Greenpeace and its supporters we require a new theoretical model national, and presumably hier- vation in its more acceptable sense, which displaces that of our current 10. Support Margaret Thatcher. archical/authoritarian Greenpeace is to draw a blank. We may all culture. We are at the 29th day in Her record in getting rid of nasty support eco-green and furry-liberat- our planetary pond - if anarchist polluting industry can hardly be But does such a difference ionism because we are anarchists, thought has any validity for the criticised. Look at all the poor such a model.

POSITIVE COMMUNITY

1. All advocates of nuclear power and weapons should be housed no regard for anything which cannot within the immediate area of the facilities they so wholeheartedly

> with its political advocates should be re-housed (at public expense) on the Cumbria Coast - if necessary Sellafield should be provided for wives and children, ie leukemia investigation and victim support groups

> 3. Shareholders should live within the effluent discharge zone of the industry which is run for their

would be able to survive. Ah, but 4. All non-biodegradable wrapping anarchists have a different model and packaging should be returnable of society. True, but have we any to the originator for cash, eg 5p on

structurally different. Would we not bikes. About £1 per mile (index-

6. People using eco-inputs should be subject to the output, E.g. If a factory uses water its intake pipe should be downstream of its outflow. Similarly if your car is going to burn my air, the exhaust should go to atmosphere via the interior if it's good enough for me to breathe, why not you?

8. Worried about overpopulation? Opposition, struggle, the tired Quite right, no more people, that's

9. Shift disarmament talks, and any other such meetings requiring of the many local groups, and the fact that they started such-and- problem, not a part of any answer. crucial agreement, away from sophisticated Swiss and Scandinavian cities to international territory in Antarctica - delegates to be returned only on reaching sensible agreements.

> rupted, visit any industrial estate Colin Johnson to see her clean-up at work.

PLANET EARTH aged 4,600,000,000 YEARS C.O.d 4,600,000,000 PEOPLE

REVIEWS

As was seen in the last two issues, FREEDOM has changed its reviewing policy. Instead of one or two very long reviews, we want to do short reviews of everything recent that's of interest to anarchists. This will let readers know what's going on in anarchist publishing and will also give a bit of help to anyone who has brought out a new pamphlet or whatever. Unless otherwise stated everything reviewed is available from Freedom Press. Our address is 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1 and we are hidden away at the end of Angel Alley which leads off the High Street down by a Kentucky Fried Chicken. (Not recommended to people who like food). We're open 10 till 6, Tuesday to Saturday inclusive and for those unable to visit the shop there's a mail-order service. Add 10% for postage, minimum 20p, but orders of over £10 are post-free.

Knockabout Trial Special by Knockabout Comics, 64pp, h/b £4.95

This is an unashamed plug, our NVDA. It is tediously obsessed the form of organisation within in parentheses following the state-

Untying The Knot: Feminism, Anarchism and Organisation Dark Star/Rebel Press, 1984, 60p

The first of the two essays in this pamphlet, Jo Freeman's 'The Tyranny of Structurelessness', was originally published in 1970. Cathy Levine's 'The Tyranny of Tyranny' was a reaction to it. The two are very different in style and approach. Whereas Jo Freeman addressed an issue which she believed required urgent consideration if the women's movement was to achieve social change, Cathy Levine seems more concerned with defending the feminist status quo.

The basic issues raised are of relevance to any grass-roots movement and cannot be convincingly dismissed. Jo Freeman argues that Wildlife And The Atom by Lowana Veal for the London Greenpeace Group, 40p

This pamphlet could be invaluable to those who want a host of horrifying facts about nuclear weapons with which to shock audiences. Its ten pages of text are packed with figures gleaned from original sources and specialised journals. There's plenty of detail and references too, in case you should want more.

I suspect that Ms Veal is a biologist. Certainly, she has a science background and probably works not far from academia, for she is quoting material which would be incomprehensible to the average person, but she is obviously quite comfortable with it. Usually she remembers - or has been reminded - that the jargon won't mean a lot to many of her readers, and she adds explanations as afterthoughts

Ken Livingstone and the Flying Pickets – Jobs For A Change Single

The new Ken Livingstone single is a real hoot. Ken does voice overs to the Flying Pickets rendition of 'Give Us Jobs, Jobs, JOBS - For a Change'. Since the GLC has an aggravating habit of providing finance for its own supporters' pressure groups and setting up useless bureaucratic monitoring bodies which employ acceptable socialists, it might have been better to have him singing 'Give Us Jobs, Jobs, JOBS – For the Boys.' The Completely mindless glorification of work which the record suggests goes directly contrary to the experience of most people. Ken Livingstone might find work an exciting and stimulating experience through which he fulfills himself but most of us experience work as an unpleasant theft of our own time. We do it because we need the money it provides and are therefore prepared to put up with the pointlessness, the petty restrictions, and the general stultification of the talents which it produces. Of course it needn't be that way and socialists like William Morris have long since pointed out that work which we genuinely chose to do and which has some real worth would be a positive pleasure to undertake. Nevertheless, the way things are organised now turns almost all tasks be they housework, factory labour, office work or social work into an imposition. Obviously it's worse to be unemployed than to work when you need the income that work provides but surely the stress of the left's campaigning should not be 'the devil makes work for idle hands' but 'you can't enjoy life on 25 quid a week'. The puritan work ethic which lies at the heart of Livingstone's trite lyrics really does grate in the 80's and it is a tossup as to whether it is this or the boyish charm with which he attempts to project his own personality cult that is the most offensive feature of the record. wonder what his next release will be - a heavy dub version to appeal to the West Indian community or a team up with Boy George to capture the fashionable bi-sexual vote? I wait with fascination to see where his electioneering zeal will take him next.

friends need the money. The story behind the prosecution of Knockabout and Airlift has been covered in the news pages. Highlighting the issue of 'The Right To Read', this Bumper Special - contains contributions (various) from sympathisers (various). Actual publication may seem somewhat belated, the book appearing towards the end of the trial. It might have done more good in the warm-up period. However, the need to recover costs is still pressing (see front page).

As you might expect, most of the book is graphic. There are also a few prose pieces. I particularly enjoyed Alan Moore's analysis of his formative years, if that is what in detail, the account of the Wethersit is. Other 'outside' stars include Steve Bell, Biff, Dave Gibbons and some of the most important factors Brian Bolland, 'Inside' stars include in its relative failure, and the Cliff Harper, Hunt Emerson and account of the Torness demonstrat-Chris Welch.

vary greatly, though a thread of failure, and the account of the male-dominated socialism, lack of absurdism is throughout. Several of Torness demonstration in 1979 structure with anarchism - a naive the strips even deal directly with avoids some of the most import- dichotomy, for all that it may the issues of censorship and autho- ant issues in its political divisions.

with the current fashions for the movement tends to determine elaborate training and for small the nature of its end-product. A groups, both of which tend to mutually supportive group without become ends in themselves and to obstruct the development of seri- suggests, have significant impact on ous action and the broader move- outside reality. ment. The historical material is alarmingly unreliable. On a trivial level, the survey of direct action in the old movement is inaccurate and incomplete, and the translation of Gandi's term satyagraha as 'soul-force' is attributed to Martin Luther King when Gandhi was using it himself long before his American disciple was born. On a more serious level, of the five examples of past NVDA described field demonstration in 1961 omits ion in 1979 avoids some of the most men. She seems to equate the As you might also expect, styles important factors in its relative acknowledgement of structure with

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She proposes that every group develops a structure, whether or not formal structures exist within it, but that informal structures do not permit effective control over the actions of individuals who wield power. When the structure is formalised, the individuals to whom power and responsibility are allocated are more accountable to the group. This permits effective action by the group as a whole. Linking such groups would focus the power of the movement.

Cathy Levine's answer kicks out in many directions, with sexist and to my mind irrelevant attacks on reflect current practice. The secondary theme of the exchange concerns consciousnessraising: perhaps the archetypal unstructured group activity. Jo Freeman argued that it was limited, Cathy Levine that it held the key to progress. I believe that the past decade has shown that consciousness-raising is not enough. Like psycho-analysis, consciousnessraising can become an endless in-group obsession which leads nowhere. Women become too comfortable, closeted in this self-generated me-feminist, you-monster microcosm of a subculture. Jo Freeman's opening of this argument could have been taken further, to the next imaginative leap in the women's movement. It was not, perhaps because it was condemned as tainted with male concepts; and over the next decade, the sense of excitement in the movement died for many of us. But the argument is still worthy of consideration within the anarchist movement. The dilemmas of structure, organisation, and effectiveness

ments. It doesn't make for the most readable of pamphlets, but its authoritativeness comes through clearly.

Ms Veal has done the groundwork, the specialised search of the relevant journals that give the gruesome details of the effects of radiation on animal life. Ideally, London Greenpeace should produce another, more sophisticated, edition which would be more effective as propaganda. They would need to find a writer who could act as a bridge between the author and the general public: someone who would put all Ms Veal's painstakingly collected figures into context, mould them into an argument, highlight the pointlessness of these revolting experiments and the horror of their effects.

What a pity they didn't find such a person before going to press. But this is the problem with all home-produced, low-budget publications: however much we'd like to produce the perfect article, we don't have the resources to devote

rity, others are more oblique. In such a collection (various) it would very much as a starting-point for be invidious, not to say difficult, to air personal favourites. If you seek ice of NVDA rather than as an realism, it's here. If you don't, so is authoritative guide. There is an that.

The book also provides, abso- inferior illustrations. lutely free, a paradox. There is an understandable urge to parade the stars to appeal to the pockets of the widest possible audience. This is combined, at one and the same time, with an editorial approach which may cause confusion in a frenzy of rejection of personality cultism. There are no by-lines on the strips. Many are signed by the artists, some even identifiably so. Others nestle in gnomic anonymity. That said, the volume is handsomely produced.

Preparing for Non-Violent Direct Action by Howard Clark, Sheryl Crown, Angela McKee and Hugh MacPherson. Peace News & CND, £1.50.

DP

So the booklet should be used debate about the theory and practinadequate bibliography, and some

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Green Anarchist No 1, July/August 1984. 30p.

There is an obvious overlap between the anarchist and ecological movements, and Green Anarchist is new periodical intended to exа press the growing influence they are having on each other. The first issue which appeared in time for the CND Glastonbury Festival on 22nd - 24th JUne, is produced by a group including people previously involved both in Green Line (the periodical of the British Green movement) and in FREEDOM; it appropriately resembles Green Line in appearance but it is typed on one of our old machines and it contains material by several people well known in our

to the task. At least, given this pamphlet, ardent Greenpeace supporters have information with which to argue for the discontinuation of nuclear tests and associated animal experiments. If that's what they think they need when dealing with a totally irrational situation. Arabella Melville

Anarchism and Anarchy Bob Dent £6-00 plus 90p VAT

These two cassettes, totalling one hour in length, succeed in their intention of being an introduction to anarchism for school-children of 15 and over. There's a look at four of the most important anarchist thinkers - Kropotkin, Bakunin, Malatesta and Goldman ; a look at anarchist history culminating in the defeat in Spain in the 1930s ; a look at the way anarchist ideas have resurfaced in protest movements since the dissapearence of anarchism as a mass working class movement ; finally a run-down of criticisms of anarchism made from different points of view. It would be a waste of time pointing out omissions in the text. Any attempt to encompass anarchism in an hour of talk will have to miss things out. A more important criticism of the cassettes is that their success in being an introduction to anarchismmeans that they are of limited interest to anarchists, many of whom will already know much of what is said. The cassettes' main use will be as a teaching device. Australian scientists are working on Now, what happened to all those a complete rebuild of sheep genetics. anarchist teachers who used to They want to include a gene for bring out Libertarian Education ? the production of the essential from Freedom Press which for the having to include it in the feed. moment at least only sells the printed word. They are available directly from the publishers who are :-Sound Education 63 Garston Old Road Liverpool L199AD Brian Moseley

Andy Brown

In brief

A woman motorist has been awarded £2,000 damages and costs after police broke her arm. She was being restrained for double parking.

After the death of a 16 year old girl during a 90 mile per hour police chase in Manchester, a spokesperson said, 'Although safety is always a consideration, this must be balanced with the need to arrest people who have committed an offence'. It has been pointed out that the Home Office Manual on Police Driving Instruction says, 'No police call is so serious as to justify an accident. It is far better that a criminal should escape for the time being than that the crew of a police car or other road users should be exposed to risk or injury'. Similar commendable thoughts apply to other police equipment, such as firearms.

The revival of the anti-war movement during the past five years has been accompanied by a flood of publications on various aspects of the subject, most of which will disappear as quickly as they have appeared. The most significant aspect of the revival has been the dramatic growth of non-violent direct action against nuclear weapons and nuclear power on a much larger scale than in the old movement, and this 80-page booklet has been produced by the main organ and the main organisation of the movement to provide a summary of the present theory and practice of this tendency. It is full of ideas and information which will be found useful by both newcomers to and veterans of nonviolent direct action, and it is well worth reading and discussing, but it has many serious defects. It is altogether too brief in many places where more detail is

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columns -- Alan Albon, Dennis Gould, Dave Morris, Nicolas Walter, and Colin Ward.

After an editorial statement advocating a synthesis of the two ideologies of anarchism and ecology and also of the two generations of Council Communist Pamphlet No.1 hippies and punks, there are articles 60p on the divisions of the world, on A short, straight-forward account agricultural economics, on the ecological ideas of William Morris, Peter Kropotkin and Ebenezer Howard, on anarchic art and bookshops, on the Convoy and on London Greenpeace, and reports of the demonstrations against the Economic Summit and other recent events. There are signs of haste in the writing and production, but most of the contributions are lively and readable, and the paper is well worth supporting. The next issue is due in September, and the copy date is 10th August.

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will remain with us. Arabella Melville

The Hungarian Revolution 1956

of how the Hungarian people revolted against their Communist dictators and were crushed by the Russian Army, plus the conclusions to be drawn from one of the most important events of recent years. For example, 'The workers of Hungary proved once again that freedom comes from below, not from any leadership ("revolutionary" or otherwise) above acting on their behalf.' Reccomended, but, as the pamphlet concludes, 'The program of the Hungarian Revolution still remains for the working class to carry out.' Brian Moseley

The cassettes are not available amino acid, cysteine, to avoid They want to adapt techniques which can produce giant mice, in order to get faster growth. They also want to isolate a growth factor which will inhibit wool production for 24 hours and save the bother of shearing. The reactions of spokes-sheep are not recorded.

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This is the remainder of the contact list shake-out. Every address on the old contact list was written to and asked firstly to confirm that the address was correct and secondly to send in an account of themselves and their activities. Some reports appeared last month and these are the rest.

LEAMINGTON

We've just received your letter asking whether we still wished to appear on your Contacts page. Well, quite simply, we do — you'd have been sent a confirmation sooner only your letter took a week to arrive here. In fact, I remember writing to you a few weeks back on behalf of Leamington Anarchists asking that our address be re-inserted in the list.

of 60-100 people as with the Bristol STC.

So things can be lively down here!

We have had our Peace Centre going for the last Six/seven months – it drew a fairly wide cross-section of people at first and hence we could/can afford to print quite a few things (1,000/2,000 copies of the broadsheet) – but none of it has got stuck with the usual Punk Ghetto tag (daft, as we are not!) – but it makes it easy for people to ignore it if it's safely labelled! Still, we are planning to squat a bigger site and hopefully draw in a wider cross section of groups and hence have a larger pool of people-types

SHEFFIELD

We would like our address putting in FREEDOM. It will *not* change for a long time yet.

The Sheffield Anarchists are a group of anarchists (often with differing ideas). There are around 30 in the group. The group report goes something like this (not all the people in the group took part in all the activities, maybe because they disagree or don't want to do it).

April 83: General election – disrupted many meetings; antielection posters; hired car, got megaphone on polling day, 'Don't Vote ...' etc. Summer vol. of Sheffield Anarc-

hist mag, out.

July/Aug 83: Squatted 3 anarchist centres – disrupted full council meeting because we weren't happy about them evicting us. Got a lot of publicity.

Nov 83: Fought a court case (ha ha)

sixties, and the group in its present form was started in 1981. The group functions mainly as a discussion group holding regular meetings. However, many of those involved are very active outside the group in different things with both propaganda and action. There has been an attempt at setting up a 'Thames Valley Anarchist Federation' with contacts from Oxford, Slough, Maidenhead, Bracknell, Wokingham, Basingstoke, but this is an idea which exists mostly only on paper at the moment. Hopefully in the future we will send you reports on activities/news...

There is also a Reading University Libertarian Group which functions during term time.

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool Anarchist Group is a federation of Liverpool anarchists who have a mixture of views and are involved in a variety of things. They meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month to pass on news, share views and discuss. The meeting place is the Hare and Hounds pub, Commutation Row, in the back room at 8:00pm. (The Hare and Hounds is between the TGWU building and the Empire).

The Liverpool Direct Action Group has recently been formed and would describe itself as a class struggle group and meet weekly on Sundays. They are also involved in the Liverpool Anarchist Group. They are *not* part of, or a branch of, the Direct Action Movement.

As yet we've achieved little we've only been meeting regularly for 3-4 months. Ideas include a magazine called The Law (Learnington Anarchist World!), a food co-op, disruption at next years council elections and at earlier occasions as/when opportunities present themselves. We're mainly under 30, about two thirds male. Really, we're doing no more than getting to know each other as yet but in a non-hierarchical set-up that's bloody crucial! A lot of us feel that, in the next few years, we'll have to go underground in the wake of an impending police state - building up mutual trust may be essential if we are to provide resistence under such conditions. We may not really surface for a few months but we hope our preparation will pay off. A few new contacts . . . very, very welcome.

I think that mostly covers it – we make our own outlets for propaganda, and do seem to succeed every now and again (the bringing down of corrupt council types!)

WATFORD

to hold it together.

In reply to your 'Dear Whoever' letter this is our background. We sent in a contact address last year when we 'discovered' that there were six of us in the Watford area. The main aim of putting a contact

assress in FREEDOM was for

isolated individuals in the area to

get in touch and then maybe we

could function as a 'proper group'

. . . and basically we are still at that

stage. We have had several replys

from around the area and have met

them socially or at demo's in

London, but things tend to revolve

around college life as most of us are

students and at present either out

on industrial training or taking

exams. Also we have been doing a

good 'public relations' job within

the college amongst the students,

though Watford College is probably

one of the most unpolitical colleges

around, but is also one of the main

printing colleges in the country.

to try and stop the council rent the old 'Peace Centre' building to Mansfield Breweries.

Dec 83: Started weekly meetings in a pub.

Jan 84: Did a 3 minute spot on Radio Sheffield's 'alternative' programme about anarchism. Feb 84: Went to 'Campaign against the Police Bill' conference. Frank Stagg memorial demo in Wakefield to support all prisoners

Wakefield to support all prisoners and see if the NF would turn up. Late winter vol. of Sheffield i Anarchists mag out.

March 84: Helped to organise a 'Stop the City' benefit in Sheffield.

Went to the 'Irish Freedom Movement' march, the NF were marching on the same day.

April 84: Collected books from A Distribution for a book stall, mail order service and hopefully later a bookshop.

New Sheffield Anarchist paper out.

May 84: May Day bookstall in

HASTINGS

The group is still pretty small – two of us do most of the work. I suppose you could say there are five in the group as a whole but we do have quite a bit of support from people outside the group. *Poison Pen* is getting a bit irregular in its old age – it now comes out about once every two weeks.

We're mostly involved in animal rights stuff and have also been involved with Stop the City.

OXFORD

At the moment in Oxford there isn't really an anarchist group as such, merely a loose collection of people doing things (sometimes). It'd br good to keep the contact though as we get a lot of mail thru' it and keep in touch with a lot of people that way, as well as it being a good way for new (maybe even keen enough to put some energy into getting a group going) people to find out what's going on.

YORK

We are a university group, there is no group in the town. We are not functioning as a group but individually and even then little is occuring. The reasons for this are manifold :-

a : Inexperience of the members.b : Lack of enthusism.

c : Diverse views within the group without adequate discussion of ideas as a group.

d : Lack of direction, planning, reasoning behind activity, in short, strategy.

e : Being students we're only around 27 weeks a year and when we are we're cushioned from the outside world within an ivory tower of intellectualism and a toy-town campus that ought to be converted into a skate-board park.

f : Insufficient connections with the town and a lack of knowledge of what is occuring outside our

KINGSTON

We haven't yet done anything worthy of any note by revolutionaries — we really do need 'volunteers'. Also we would like students from Kingston Poly to come forward so that we can get enough people on paper to 'officially' form an anarchist group within the Poly.

BRISTOL

Your Contact is correct, as various groupings use the box – the Bristol Anarchist's Group, Drowned Rat

MID-WALES

In reply to your circular, anarchists in the Llandrindod Wells area are mainly involved in the anti-nuclear movement, which is the only political issue which attracts strong support around here. Being a small group in a small town, we prefer to work within the existing peace and ecology groups. We have a Direct Action Affinity Group which took part in the blockade of Upper Heyford last summer, the blockade of ROF Llanishen in Cardiff last December, and 'Stop the City' in March. We will be taking part in NUDA against Reagan in June, as well as the next 'Stop the City'. We also have a Street Theatre group called 'Thespionage', which has been performing in shopping precincts around Wales for the last year. We'll be performing our new show, 'Snow White and the seven Mutants', at the Glastonbury Festival this year.

Chesterfield.

NEAF conference.

Campaign against the police Bill demo in London

Interspersed with these were weekly (Sat.) Sheffield Anarchist sales. Plus the pub meeting every week and two formal meetings (organised when necessary).

READING

Our group (Bracknell Anarchists) started about a year ago, all the members are friends from before that time.

For some months we regularly attended meetings of the Reading Anarchists but have given this up after realising we had little in common with most of them.

We, incidently, are all young MANCHESTER vegetarians and all goddam Crass fans (though we don't all look it), most of us became interested in anarchism after first listening to Crass etc. Our group is divided 3:2 between semi-class warriorism and non-violence. Most of our activities recently have been concerned with animal liberation. We have picketed Boots Bentalls, graffitied some and butcher's shops and other places and some members are now trying to set up an animal rights group. One of our people has produced a small paper called Treason and three other members are slowly producing another paper.

Some of us in Oxford are involved in producing Between The Lines,

which although not exclusively an anarchist paper, is usually regarded as such.

Anyway, cheers for the contact and please stick our contact in the June (and subsequent) issues. If anything exciting happens in Oxford - one day it will I'm sure -we'll write something for FREEDOM about it.

campus.

g : Lack of discussion of our own limitations and possibilities.

Things are improving, the above is probably a critical overkill, we may just have had a bad year. In future we may get ourselves together.

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TOTTENHAM

You people must be psychic. I've just moved this weekend, and was about to write to you. I should like to retire from the Contacts page from now. Do I get the watch?

EXETER

Unfortunately the Devonshire House Anarchist Collective, which is always listed under Contacts in FREEDOM,

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Books, etc. – so anything sent to the address will reach 'us'. This Box is also the best contact for the Peace Centre at the moment, as we are currently looking for a new site – we have got to move from Picton Street by July.

We have been making contact with other groups via your Contact page – so it's been of use to us!

Our latest action was concentrated around Billy Graham's day visit we had a good turn out of about fifty people to try and talk to people going in/out. — which was fairly good. Billy is a dire speaker, it must be said! Anyhow we are going to do a write up of it, when it's over — this Saturday — and we have sent a few posters down the line of other groups he is going to visit.

As for action in general – there is a lot of overlapping with ALF activities as well as general turning up to see dull leftie events. Our own actions can draw about 200 people, as a recent action against our local 'Holiday Inn' did! Our average turnout is in the order

We are interested in making contact with other anarchists in the Mid-Wales area, so please keep us in your contacts column.

READING

There has been an anarchist group badges and distributing on and off in Reading since the mid well as holding meetings.

Since September, the Manchester Libertarian Socialist University Group has been involved in a number of activities. We have collaborated with student CND (who adopt a fairly libertarian approach) in trespassing onto Burtonwood USAF base, organising transport to 'Stop the City' in London. We also organised a 'Stop the City' in Manchester, in which about 50-70 people took part, creating quite an amount of interest among passers-by. On the day at number of buildings were occupied (South African Airlines, the Stock Exchange boardroom, a branch of Barclay's Bank and some fur departments in the large stores also a sex shop was stink bombed and super glued). At the moment we are planning to collaborate with Wildcat to produce leaflets about the miners' strike. We also have occasional stalls in the students' union selling books, magazines and badges and distributing leaflets as

hasn't existed for nearly two years. It was a group of students who moved on after graduating.

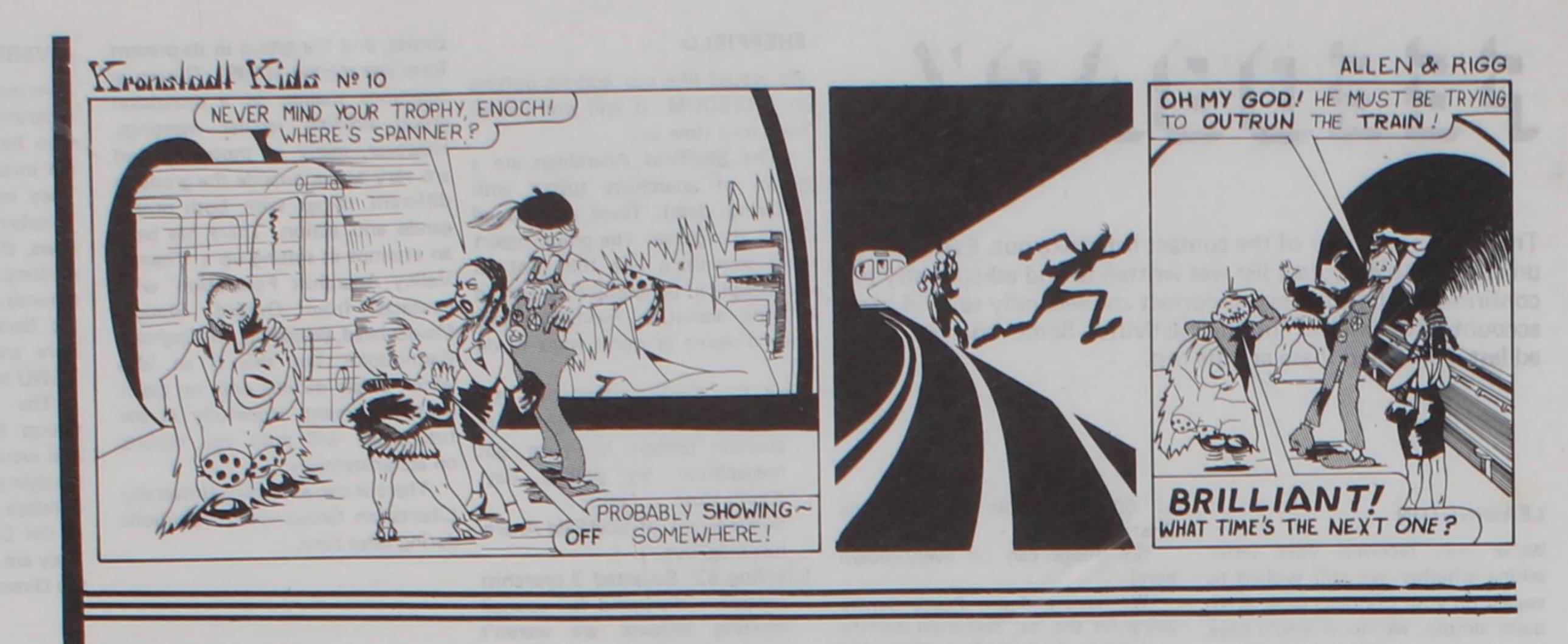
You can put my address under Contacts – I'd be overjoyed if some comrade did contact me; I haven't met any since I moved here.

Glad to see the last issue of FREEDOM. I hope you're working things out.

LANCASTER

Yes, we still exist (just about anyhow), so please keep our address on the Contacts page. No-one ever contacts us, but what the hell!

We are a group (a very, very loose group). I'm not sure how many. Most of the anarchists in Lancaster are of the armchair type. Can't send any report of what we have been engaged in as we have done very little recently. A few people are involved in peace sort of things.



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Nukes, Hamstead Heath, London. Sunday July 8 : LCC Weed, Brockwell Park, Brixton, London.

Saturday July 7 : Nudes versus

Events

Wednesday July 11 : Benefit gig for S. Wales miners at the 'Coliseum', Mount Pleasant St., Trecynon, near Aberdare. Start 6pm, admission £2, free for miners and their families. Bands are Crass, Flux of Pink Indians, Annic Anxiety.

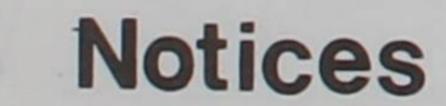
Friday July 13 : Windsor One Day Festival, Old Site.

Thursday July 26 : Meeting on Conscientious Objection in Europe with Gwyn Gwyntopher of At Ease 6 Endsleigh Street, London WC1, start 7pm.

Anarchists are holding a picnic. ember Meet from 12 noon at the Fox House Inn (272 bus from Central Bus Station, 15p fare - approx 8 miles). All comrades welcome bring food, drink, music, any other entertainment. We can give accomodation to comrades wishing to stay overnight Friday, Saturday, Sunday Further details of venue etc. from PO Box 217, Sheffield.

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