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RECOVERY? WHAT RECOVERY! ?

How many times during the last few years have we heard the Tories bleat on about the so-called "green Shoots of recovery"? Now, yet again, we are told that a "recovery" is once more under way, but what does this 'recovery' really mean to most of us?

What the government really means by 'recovery' is recovery for Capitalism, recovery for the rich and powerfull, recovery for the system of exploitation that THEY benefit from. It does NOT mean recovery for us. Indeed 'recovery' will mean that attacks by the Bosses against us will intensify as capitalism regains its power to kick us down and maintain its rising profits.

After the recession of '81 unemployment kept rising well into '86/'87, long after the 'recovery' - one of the reasons it fell was that Nigel Lawson overspent and "overheated" the economy in the late eighties, a mistake the system is unlikely to make again. Unemployment is not going to fall to any great extent with the coming of any new 'recovery' but is likely to continue to rise, pushed up as a deliberate part of any capitalist recovery, just as it was under the detestable Thatcher and her government of cheats, thieves and liars. The Bosses need there to be a mass of unemployed to use as a threat to those in work, and also to blame for a whole range of social ills that the government itself has caused but can be used to divide people and divert the blame from those really responsible for the economic situation. The unemployment statistics themselves will be massaged and covered up for whatever use the government need at any given time, as they have been fiddled since these con-artists took power- when the government need a social scapegoat, there will be "millions scrounging dole handouts" but come election time "unemployment" will be falling and the picture will suddenly look very rosy for everybody!

With even more people forced into poorly paid part time work, and with little or no employment rights to protect them* our only hope of a real "recovery" for our families and our communities is to forget the empty promises of the career politicians and union bureaucrats, as these people are the friends of no-one but themselves, and start to believe in ourselves. We have to work together in our communities and workplaces to build genuine trust and solidarity amongst ourselves, with our struggles fought and controlled by ourselves. If not we will always be at the tender mercies of our enemies and those who, while it suits their interests, pretend to be our friends and allies.

The "recovery" touted by our Rulers is only a recovery for the Bosses and their shareholders, recovery for those who exploit us to increase their already outrageous profits. Employed or unemployed, during boom time, recovery or slump, we will always be the ones who pay.

All we can be sure about from this "recovery" are even more vicious attacks upon our living standards, whether we are employed in the capitalist machine or not. We can look forward to more cuts in benefits and services, rising costs, VAT, TAX, TOLLS, etc, you name it and they'll try and screw it out of us one way or another... and more scapegoats for the wealthy to blame the ills that their corrupt, immoral and barbaric system creates.

* Even the Social Chapter section of Maastricht, so detested by John Major and Co, are only the least rights that they can get away with giving us anyway- the government just want employers to be able to shaft their workers anyway they please and sack any who don't like it, while the TUC and other assorted Labour bureaucrats have a long history of collaboration with the bosses- selling out workers in struggle while protecting their own cushy jobs within the system.

TIME FOR RESISTANCE!



Police and demonstrators clashing outside the Timex factory in Dundee

Direct Action Movement-International Workers Association

UNITY CARNIVAL

A good day out was had by many who went to the AFA Unity Carnival in Newcastle on 12th June. Despite poor weather thousands flocked to the Nuns Moor Park to enjoy live bands, poetry, comedy and loads of good food and drink. Among the bands playing 'Fun-da-mental' and 'Credit to the Nation' were widely praised for excellent sets, but the Shamen and the Blaggers spoilt their appearances to a certain extent by arguing with the Stewards and each other. The event was well stewarded and trouble free apart from a few drunk punks and the odd local racist youth. The fascists were noticeable by their absence from Newcastle.

The event was a good example of how black, white, asian and jewish youth can get on together and unite against the common enemy. This is particularly relevant at a time of increasingly vicious racist attacks - the previous few weeks seeing several racist murders such as that of Stephen Lawrence in London.

The theme of the Carnival was "Stop Racist Attacks!" Anti Fascist Action supports community self defence and self organisation against racist violence. A.F.A. also supports and acts on the policy of NO PLATFORM FOR FASCISTS - isolating the hard core of fascists and racists and where possible physically smashing them. The battle against racism and fascism is a battle to stop the class enemy dividing working class communities. Fascism doesn't start with concentration camps - that's where it leads. It must be nipped in the bud and this is why the ideas of class unity, self defence, self organisation and no platform are so important today.

NESTLE - Baby Killers! WAKE UP TO THE FACTS

WHY NESTLE?

Nestle is the market leader, with approximately 50% of the market share of the baby milk industry. As the largest multinational food company, it has annual sales of over 34,000 million US dollars - this is larger than the GNP of many African countries. As the oldest, largest and best known baby food company Nestle sets marketing trends and could influence a common industry policy with ethical standards.

WHY NESCAFE?

Nescafe is not fed to babies and it is not a product that can be blamed for the annual toll of 1,000,000 baby deaths due to artificial milk pushing. But NESCAFE is Nestle's highest profile product and one which is bought by millions of people in the UK. Nestle spends £30 per minute advertising Nescafe, while every minute another two babies die of 'bottle baby disease'. Focusing on Nescafe in your corner shop or on your supermarket shelf enables us to highlight Nestle's irresponsible marketing in the Third World.

WHY A BOYCOTT?

The first Nestle boycott (1977-1984) ended with Nestle signing an agreement to keep to the International Code. As a result they have stopped some of their most blatant practices. Now they are using more subtle methods of promotion. Yet again we must put pressure on Nestle to stop pushing baby milk. Boycotting Nestle products, particularly Nescafe, enables people to protest peacefully and hits this powerful multinational where it really - at its profits and its image.

For more information write to BABY MILK ACTION, 23 St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AX. with a SAE.

BURN BABY BURN
The Great Windsor Bonfire...
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No one but ardent Royal worshippers would have been surprised at the news that the National appeal to raise money to restore the fire ravaged Windsor Castle had, in the five months of its existence, only managed to raise the princely sum of £25,000 - a fortune to most of us, but not even enough to buy a new set of curtains for the Queens ostentatiously decorated abode!

Obviously the hard pressed people of this country had more important things to support than to donate any part of their hard earned wages in the support of this pampered and loaded millionairess and the rest of her parasitic brood. Most of the public are sick to the back teeth of the childish antics and endless holidays of these petulant, posturing inbreds, and rightly so!

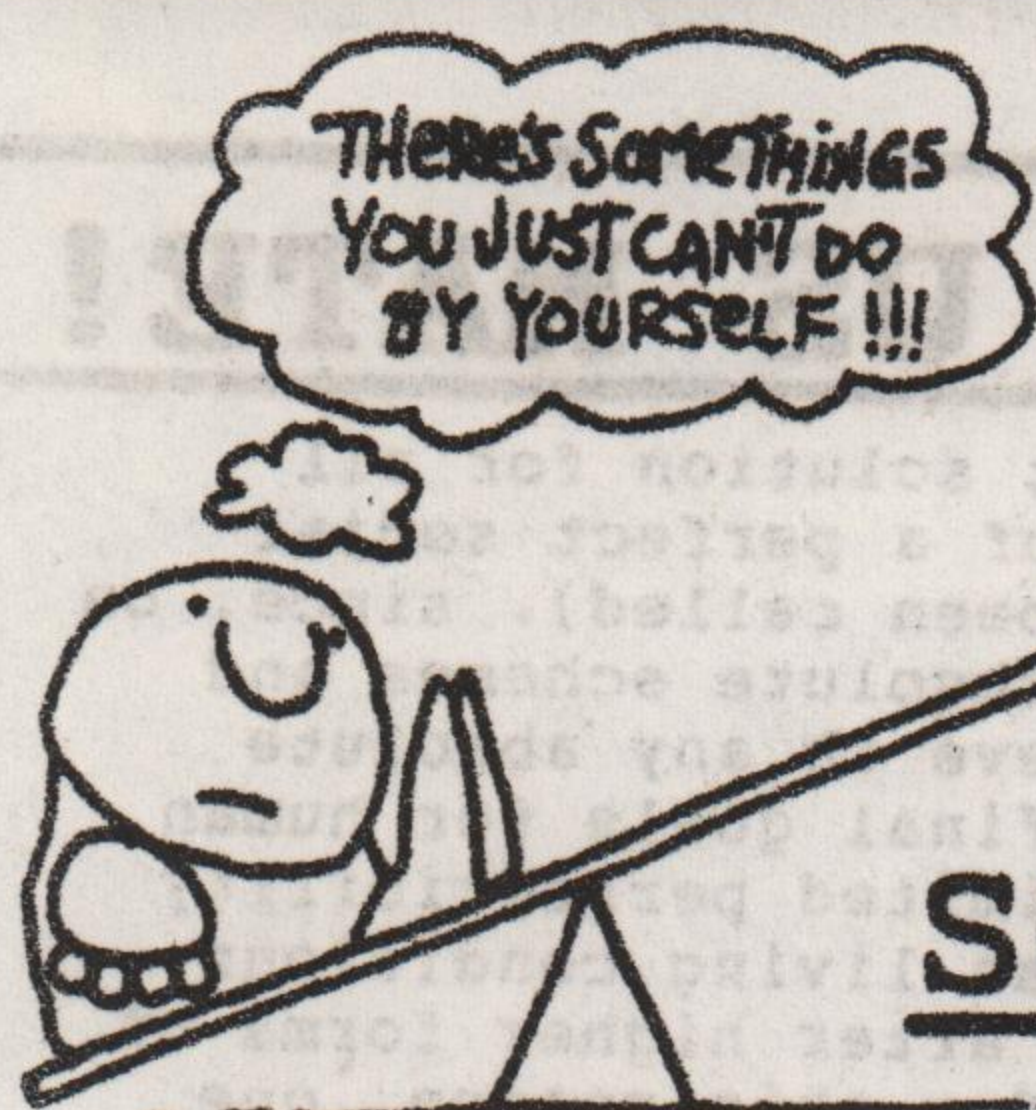
As if the farce of the Queens to-be-seen-to-pay-Tax scandal was not enough, just to show the governments complete contempt for the people of this country, they have stated that since we've not coughed up enough of our cash to re-build the castle voluntarily, the bulk of the £40 Million bill will be met through the "Heritage Departments" contingency fund" (Whose 'Heritage'?! ie, the taxpayer! So either way, as usual, it's the ordinary people who get to foot the bill for the luxury and excesses of our rulers, and just to make this farce even more laughable than it already is they are now saying that the Queen will be paying towards the costs by charging us ave stricken proles for the privilege of having a look around selected parts of Buckingham Palace, and to gaze upon the ruins of Windsor Castle they are actually going to charge more now than they did when it was intact! So, far from the Queen forking out from her vast fortune, she's just trying to get us to pay via another route while trying to dupe the public into thinking that the money is coming direct from her overflowing coffers! Whichever way you look at it the People get to pay out money for our useless and bloated Monarchy- money that is badly needed spent elsewhere on numerous underfunded services and public projects.

We are always being told that there isn't enough money in the Public Purse to pay for such necessities as health care, education and other public services but we CAN afford to squander £40 Million rebuilding one of the Queens many homes under the pretext that it really belongs to the public and anyway is a "National historical asset"! Funny how things suddenly "belong to the public" when the bills start rolling in isn't it!

If it really belongs to the public then perhaps the rebuilt castle could be put to some good use, as a hospice for the terminally ill or as a day school and community centre perhaps? There must be many useful purposes such a building could be put to, rather than house the delinquent family of this countries premier parasite, whose family have a long tradition of sponging from the poor...

We should look forward to a time when there are no more "Royal Families" wallowing in privilege and inherited wealth, leeching off the so-called common man and woman, nor the legions of flunkies and assorted hangers on they breed. Perhaps a more fitting use for Windsor castle would be to house a museum dedicated to the memory of the countless peoples the world over who have suffered at the hands of "monarchies" and their henchmen, to catalogue the many crimes and abominations perpetuated over the centuries by a long line of despotic rulers, a line whose end ours should represent, and to constantly remind us that never again should we allow such an archaic and barbaric form of despotism to lord it over our lives.

Down with all Monarchies! Down with blind obedience to any form of government! Up with common sense!



SOLIDARITY

MIDDLEBROOK MUSHROOMS - SHUT THEM DOWN!

Saturday 26th June saw a pitched battle in the Lane outside Middlebrook Mushrooms as the pickets and their supporters attempted to stop the scab bus and van from entering. It was clear from early in the morning that the Police were out to make nickings and give us a hard time. Gone were the "P.C. Friendlies" of earlier demos - now we were treated to the fists in the kidneys to clear the road and the horses ridden into crowds at speed. Nine people ended up in the clutches of the blue porky bastards and several were injured. The time has come to give this dispute the importance it deserves - the situation is very similar to the much more publicised dispute at Timex - 89 workers were sacked for refusing to take a pay cut. Middlebrook Farms are owned by the massive multinational Booker (of Booker Prize fame). The boss is the husband of Emma Nicholson M.P., Sir M. Caine.

The sacked women workers are urging people to boycott Middlebrook Mushrooms (sold through various supermarkets such as Sainsburys, M&S, etc) Workers, Socialists, anarchists, youth, students and the unemployed should also support the daily picket line and the mass pickets. The women cannot rely on the T&G bureaucrats.

A mass picket is scheduled for Saturday 10th July from 6.30am on. The Whitley factory can be found off the A19 South of where it crosses the M62. Coming South from the M62 junction pass the pub and turn right up the Lane next to the little green. Mass pickets will continue regularly.

Booker should be forced into submission and the Whitley farm closed down until they give in or give up!

ROLL BACK THE BOSSES ATTACKS!

Send donations to the sacked Mushroom Pickers Support Fund c/o The Regional Secretary.

SUPPORT THE SACKED 89 DON'T PICK MIDDLEBROOK MUSHROOMS

If there are any disputes in your area that you would like us to feature in News From Nowhere or any reports and info whether about crap bosses or corrupt councillors or cops, then feel free to send them in. We aim to encourage the fight back against all our oppressors and help support and highlight this fight and our struggles to build a better life for us all, not just the wealthy few who live off all our backs.

WHATS THE TIME? TIME FOR RESISTANCE!

Love your job?

If you work in a job where you serve the public - in the Health Service, local government, the Civil Service, one of the growing number of private sector offshoots or part funded voluntary organizations, you cannot fail to be aware of the direction our bosses and masters are travelling. So we won't harp on about the cuts, privatisation and redundancies that accompany the boss class strategy - a strategy to fragment, isolate and demoralize us! What we want to talk about is what we can do about it.

"PSWN"

This is from one of the first leaflets of the Public Sector Workers Network - a new grouping that wants to promote a unified fightback of all workers - public or private sector. We think that not only can workers turn back the current attacks, but we can begin to organize for a transformation of society.

Action!

Unlike some trade unionists, we don't think that strike action is the be all and end all of fighting back. We would like to see a growing CULTURE OF RESISTANCE amongst public service, and for that matter, all other workers. Resistance can be strikes, but it can also be small individual acts of sabotage; it can be go-slows, non-co operation or "good work" action (where workers follow every letter of rules and regulations to slow things down). It can be solidarity action like the postal workers in London who recently refused to take rent payments from council tenants in solidarity with striking housing workers. This is also an example which shows how the local community can be drawn into actions. Against the boss class attempts to isolate us, we should link with other workers, with clients and customers and local communities. Solidarity between communities and workers was seen in the struggle against the Poll Tax and during the miners strike.

Dare to dream!

The whole drift of the current attempt to introduce more competition, markets and business mentality into jobs which serve the public, is to build greed, authority, ambition and selfishness. If we are interested in a worthwhile future we should build alternatives based on friendship, community, solidarity and vision. Even in these dark times (especially in the dark times) we should not be afraid to dream of better ways of doing things. Without dreams we are robots. The PSWN will encourage people to plan how they would ideally like to work. In the '70's a group of workers at Lucas Aerospace developed a plan for converting from arms production to socially useful production. The Bosses were not amused.

Unite!

We should unite with workers in whatever sector - public, private or voluntary who want to fight back. Union and Trade divisions should not get in the way, nor should minor class differences (blue or white collar), though Class is not dead and we should be honest about where our class interests lie. All resistance to the Bosses "New Order" is welcome, but the more people get together and make common cause, the better. Their power lies in wealth and authority - our power lies in NUMBERS.

We want to build an industrial network of public services workers to produce propaganda for resistance and build positive links, structures and strategies. Other networks are being built in Education and Transport. Our inspiration is anarcho-syndicalism - an old tradition which we believe has real relevance today. What we mean by this will become clear from this and future leaflets. We are not interested in cliques who just want power for themselves. We want Freedom.

DO THE RIGHT THING

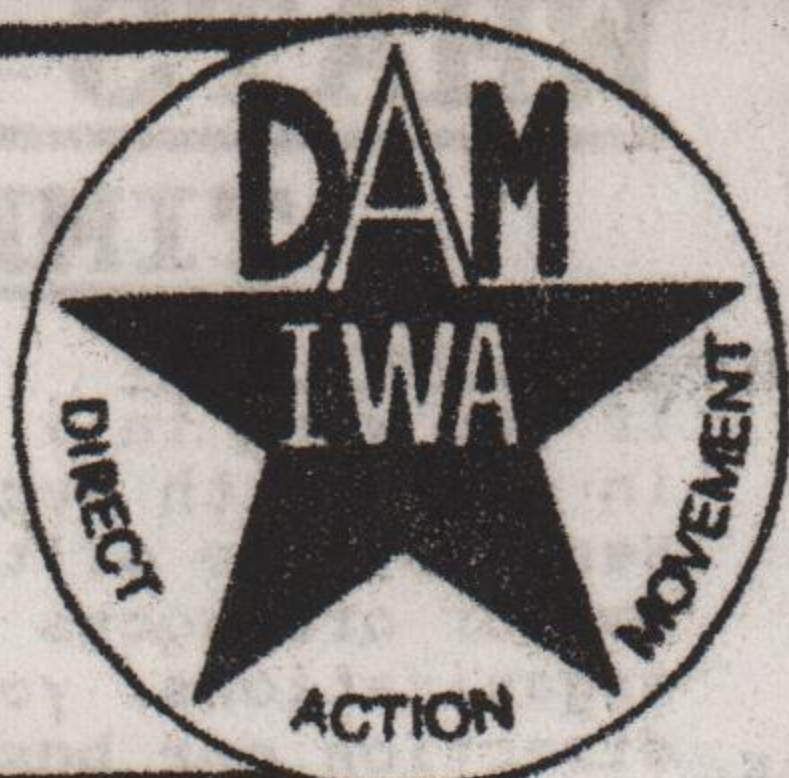
If you are interested in the PSWN contact us on the address below;

Public Service Workers Network, PO Box 29, SW PDO, Manchester. M15 5HW.

Members of the Public Service Network actively fight against racism, sexism, homophobia, nationalism and all other attitudes which divide and oppress working class people.

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL.

WHAT IS THE I.W.A.?



The International Workers Association or IWA is often referred to by its initials in Spanish or French- the A.I.T. The IWA was formed in December 1922 at an international convention held in Berlin attended by Anarcho-Syndicalists and Revolutionary Syndicalists from around the world. The founding followed the creation of the Red Trade Union International in 1920-21. From the start it was clear that the Red Trade Union International would be purely an organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and its international satellite groups. Those Unions, workers organizations and syndicalist propaganda groups that wanted to remain independent of communist control were becoming steadily more aware of the betrayal and perversion of revolutionary ideas represented by Lenin's Bolshevism. They decided to set up an alternative organization. The new IWA was named after the first international of Marx and Bakunin and united hundreds of thousands of workers in countries such as Argentina, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, France and Spain. Representatives from Mexico and the steadily more repressed Russian anarcho-syndicalists were also present at the founding conference.

During the 1920's the IWA grew and spread to many other parts of the world; Uruguay, Bulgaria, Poland, Japan, Australia, various parts of Africa and Paraguay... However, the growth of Fascist and Stalinist totalitarianism saw vicious and brutal attacks on the new workers organizations, accurately seen by the new dictatorships as a real threat to their power. The F.A.U.D. of Germany, the U.S.I. of Italy and the C.N.T. of Spain put up heroic resistance to the rise of fascism, but many thousands of their members were shot, imprisoned or ended their days in the camps at Sachsenhausen and Mattheusen. However these organizations survived in exile and now function again. After the second world war the recovery of the IWA was slow, but the decline of communism, the end of the Franco regime in Spain and the collapse of various dictatorships around the world have given space for the careful rebuilding of the IWA. In addition the organization has begun to expand in the English speaking world with organization in the USA, Britain and Australia. Our ideas are spreading in the former Eastern Bloc and we have the opportunity to profit from the dual failures of Leninism and "democratic" Capitalism. Anarcho-Syndicalists around the world present the working class with a clear alternative to a relapse into fascism and war.

The work of translating propaganda into foreign languages, the printing and distribution of information to countries without anarcho-syndicalist groups, the collection of funds to assist striking workers, arranging speaking tours for overseas comrades- these are just some of the many tasks undertaken by the IWA's elected Secretariat and its sections, so that we may live in a world without poverty, exploitation and fear.

**Direct Action Movement
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Association**

UTOPIAN?

NOT US MATE!

"Anarchism is no patent solution for all human problems, no utopia of a perfect social order (as it has so often been called), since, on principle, it rejects all absolute schemes and concepts. It does not believe in any absolute truth, or in any definite final goals for human development, but in an unlimited perfectibility of social patterns and human living conditions which are always straining after higher forms of expression, and to which, for this reason, one cannot assign any definite terminus nor set any fixed goal. The greatest evil of any form of power is just that it always tries to force the rich diversity of social life into definite forms and adjust it to particular norms."

Rudolf Rocker.

REBEL READS

A number of A.S.P. publications are available from the Yorkshire Region of the DAM-IWA. Please send a list of items required, a first class stamp for each item as postage and a cheque or postal order (payable to ASP) to P.O. Box 122, Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

"Red Years. Black Years"	£2.00
(Anarchist Resistance to Fascism in Italy)	
"Revolutionary Unionism in Latin America"	£1.50
"The Tragedy of Spain" by Rudolf Rocker	£1.50
"Anarchism in Action-The Spanish Revolution"	£1.00
"Methods of Anarcho-Syndicalism"	.50p
By Rudolf Rocker	
"Syndicalists in the Russian Revolution"	.45p
By G. Maximoff	
"The Hungarian Workers Revolution"	.45p
"Marxism and a Free Society" By Marcus Graham	.50p



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- * D.A.M Regional Secretary, P.O.Box 122, Doncaster.
- * Scunthorpe, c/o Regional Secretary.
- * Leeds D.A.M, Box DAM, 52 Call Lane, Leeds.
- * Middlesbrough D.A.M, P.O.Box 23, Middlesbrough. TS1 4YZ.
- * County Durham, c/o Regional Secretary.

D.A.M supporters in the Doncaster area take part in the activities of the local **SOLIDARITY GROUP** with other anarchists, socialists and libertarian Marxists. and hold meetings every month - for details write to the Regional Secretary.

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