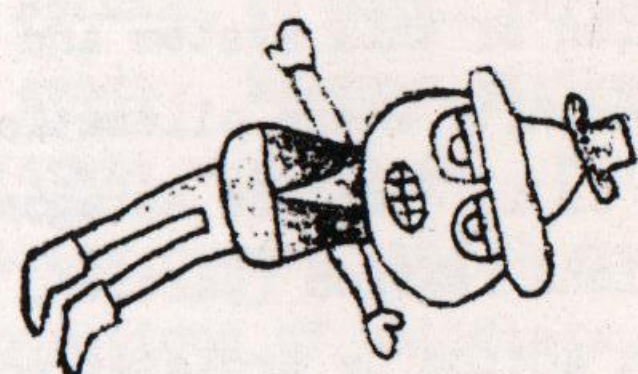


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AND THE RULE OF LAW

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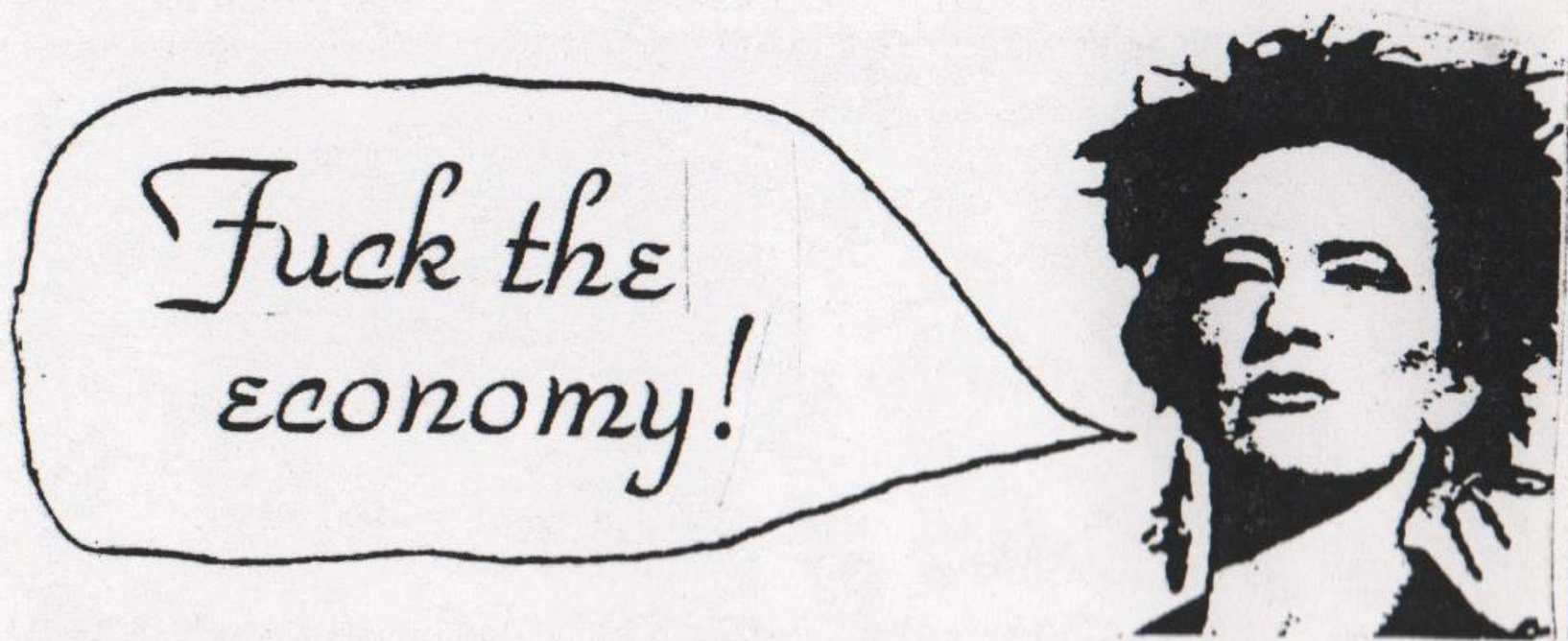


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1.

The real meaning of the collapse of state socialism is being buried under a big pile of smug, self satisfied, pro-Democracy, pro-capitalist propaganda churned out by politicians and the media.

2.

We are being told that despite a few minor problems, world capitalism reigns supreme and socialism is finished. We are being told that there is no alternative other than to grin and bear it and put up with all the poverty, attacks and austerity that are the reality of capitalism and Democracy throughout the world. We are being told that DEMOCRACY is the finest achievement, that it has all we could ever want and no other perspective is possible in the future. Capitalist Democracy will rule everywhere forever!

3.

The immediate reaction on the left is to criticise this Democracy as a "bourgeois" Democracy, unrepresentative, biased and under the control of the rich. This suggests that Democracy on its own is neutral and is not to blame and what we need instead is a "workers Democracy" or a "proletarian Democracy". But is modern Democracy only at fault because it is currently controlled by the rich or is Democracy itself in fact an inherently capitalistic political system that inevitably promotes the rule of the rich?

MISERABLE CITIZENS!!

4.

Democracy simply means the "rule of the People" and at first sight this appears to be innocent and harmless enough. But the rule of the People can only be as good as the People themselves. If the People happen to be a miserable bunch then the rule of the People will turn out to be a bit of a downer! The term "The People" in the political context does not just mean any people, anyone and everyone, as in the human population in general. The term "The People" is a loaded political term which has a specific meaning, in the political context "The People" means the..... "CITIZENS!". The CITIZENS are the affluent bourgeois middle class consumers, and all those workers and ordinary people who are forced by daily survival under capitalism to submit to a consumerist lifestyle and play a role in the capitalist scheme of things.

The role of the citizens is to compete as separated "individuals" in the market place, respecting private property, upholding the laws and serving the interests of money, profit and commodities. Democracy: the rule of the People as CITIZENS therefore represents the rule of money, the rule of profit and the rule of commodities..... modern citizenship is a specifically capitalist condition. Today "Democracy" is the political expression of the capitalist market economy: DEMOCRACY IS THE POLITICAL WING OF CAPITALISM!!

5.

With Democracy people make decisions as isolated individuals rather than in communion. Because liberal Democracy is based on the false assumption that human society always consists of lonely atomised individuals with separate competing interests in the first place, it always helps to reproduce such a capitalistic arrangement in society as a result. Capitalist Democracy enforces isolated struggle and competition instead of class struggle and solidarity, the People is the opposite of the Proletariat. "Individualism" is not the same as authentic individuality in real human community, where interests harmonise and complement each other (my freedom to tell a story increases your freedom to hear something different, the freedom of one person to drive a bus increases the freedom of others to travel etc.). To the contrary, "individualism" is the capitalist concept of society where there is a war of all against all that can only be curtailed by the liberal state, Democracy and the rule of law!

6.

Institutional elections give rise to the tyranny of majority dictatorship and the bullying of minorities. Voting becomes a form of consumerism: choosing tweedledum or tweedledee is like choosing tesco baked beans or sainsbury baked beans. Voting is based on individual isolation and alienates individuals from each other. Capitalist Democracy is the dictatorship of the consumers and as such it crushes everything and everyone that exists outside of consumerism. Under the rule of Democracy human beings can only ever be consumers, not doers, users, creators, communitarians, visionaries.... only consumers.... punters.... citizens!

7.

The problem is not simply that we only get to put a cross on a piece of paper once every five years or that the parliament sits in a stuffy victorian building a hundred miles away. The system can laugh at that sort of limited criticism while absorbing our opposition. We are urged to "have our say" and express our fractured atomised opinions on Democratic radio phone in shows, while the bullshit of primeminister's question time is broadcast into everyones' living room and injected into our subconscious by a television set a few inches away! With Democratization oppression is no longer centralized- it no longer has to be- because oppression is everywhere.

7a.

Democrats.... YUK!

8.

Critics often point to the way formal Democracy fails to allow full proper participation by its citizens and is unrepresentative. But such criticism is weak as it only tries to force Democracy to be "more democratic". The failure of this criticism is that it encourages the illusion of Democracy as a neutral universal ideal and not as a social construct that, even if it were perfectible, would still be an expression of capitalist ideology.

9.

Capitalist Democracy wants to see fuller participation by its citizens, reducing the state to relationships between individual citizens, backed by a "neutral" system of law and order. Democratism wants to preserve capitalism from communism by promoting a "communist" (classless,

ideology-free, participatory) capitalism!!

10.

"Democratic political liberty", what are we to understand by that? Perhaps that we are free from the state and its laws? No; on the contrary, the proletarian's subjugation under the capitalist state and its laws. Political liberty means that the Polis, the state, is free; freedom of religion that religion is free; freedom of ideologies that ideologies are free; freedom of trade that trade is free not therefore that we are free from the state, free from religion, free from ideology, free from trade or that we are rid of them. Their liberty is our slavery. The Democratic "free" world is the world where capital is free and everything must bow to its reign.

11.

A Democratic "free press"? But whose press is this free press? It is the ruling class which owns most of the means of dissemination of information and opinion. From the beginning they have used lies to encourage the exploited to accept their fate. But what distinguishes the times in which we live, is the extreme degree of state totalitarianism set up to control how we think. It does not just broadcast one, official "truth", but fifty competing "truths", so that everyone can make their choice as in a supermarket, and which in reality are nothing but fifty variations of the same lie. Never trust a journalist! Wherever a journalist treads state violence is sure to follow.

Democratic "freedom of assembly"?.... again it is the ruling class which owns and jealously guards all the magnificent places in which the proletariat might assemble. Until we can all lounge around in castles, palaces and stately homes rather than high rises or even cardboard boxes then the freedom of assembly is a hollow abstraction.

12.

"Representation": the maintenance of a submissive and servile constituency. "Consultation": intelligence gathering and time wasting negotiation tactics of the system. "Participation": getting us to help organise and impose exploitation and oppression on ourselves! Write your ideas for generalised global warfare on a piece of paper and place it in the suggestion box!

13.

A democratic community is a contradiction in terms. You either have Democracy or you have Community, you cannot have both at once.

14.

An early example of the conflict between democracy and communism was provided by the English revolution in 1649. The aim of leveller philosophy was to erect barriers against the incursion of bad government into private rights which they considered fundamental to human liberty. Hence their plan of reform included bills of rights embodied in a written constitution which parliament was forbidden to change. Among the disabilities that they proposed to lay on parliament was that of "abolishing propriety". In general the levellers thought of reform as equalizing civil and political liberties, abolishing monopoly and opening up opportunities to equal competition. In other words they were democrats. The philosophy of the likes of the diggers and the ranters, on the other hand, saw the earth as a common treasury for all—communally owned. They held a vision of a world based on mutual aid and cooperation, not one based on individualism, acquisitiveness and competition. It was a communistic vision.

15.

Democracy's claimed superiority over other oppressive arrangements remains, after centuries of philosophy and propaganda, obscure. That an abstract majority, which is one of the central mysteries of Democratist dogma, could ever claim more than the right to rule itself has always been a gross impertinence. Yet all politicians assure us with a straight face that those who participate in elections have a duty to abide by the outcome. Whereas those who abstain have no right to complain since, after all, they could have voted. This ritual, we are told, magically expands the scope of legitimate authority, i.e. taxation, police violence, the right to send us to war...



16.

Democrats, when they are not gushing slush about the wisdom of the People, when they're not promising succour to the downtrodden, with typical cynicism defame non-voters as stupid, uneducated and indifferent to their civic responsibilities. Most non-voters aren't conscious refuseniks, but their absence from the rolls today just may prefigure refusal of the roles tomorrow.

17.

Contrary to the anthill collectivists, it's stupid to say non-voting is merely personal "individualistic" gesturing. What could be more privatised, isolated and individualistic than casting a secretive ballot all by yourself which acknowledges your status as a replaceable part of polity you never asked to belong to? Proposals to reward voters with free drinking mugs or to enter them in a lottery to win a free holiday make more sense!

18.

There is no need to waste time with the populist reforms to democracy that liberals call for (proportional representation, People's charters, referendums, written constitutions etc.) contrived to outflank corporate control of the state. At best they never worked that way. At worst they become the vehicle for regressive "reforms". As with the ptolemaic system, the effort to rectify the electoral system with epicycles inevitably went awry. The crisis of Democracy transcends all gimmickry.

19.

Liberal "rights" are a con. They are a containment exercise that limit our physical freedom and reduce it to dependency on the dubious protection of the rule of laws of the capitalist state. We assert our own freedom with our own strength, we don't need to restrict it with the legal permission of the enemy's system of laws. Liberal reformers (attackers) say "equal rights" and "rights not charity"; we say revolution not rights! Never forget that for every so called right there is also a duty.

19a.

Liberals....URGH!

20.

Democracy has a loathing of spontaneity. It alienates thought and decision making from action and must formalise and ideologise every single action and event that occurs with "political justification" or legal and political "rights". Political correctness, a frankenstein monster originally promoted by the reformist left but now fully in the service of mainstream capitalism, is used to impose democratist ideology and law on every aspect of daily life from walking down the street to what clothes you wear to sitting on the toilet. In authentic community such daily actions do not need to be consciously and continuously thought about, the community creates its own pattern of living and pattern of conduct from day to day by spontaneously living it and reproducing it. Under atomised capitalism however, with the individual isolated from real community and separated from the product of their labour power, every action in daily life has to be given an individual justification and ideological armour plating.

21.

Spontaneity immediately disrupts formal commodity relations and the money economy. Even totally reactionary examples of spontaneity such as a lynch mob, a spontaneous pogrom or a crowd breaking through the police cordon to spontaneously worship the leader, has to be suppressed by Democracy and replaced with a commodity parody, a structured professional job or an institutionalised authorized event.

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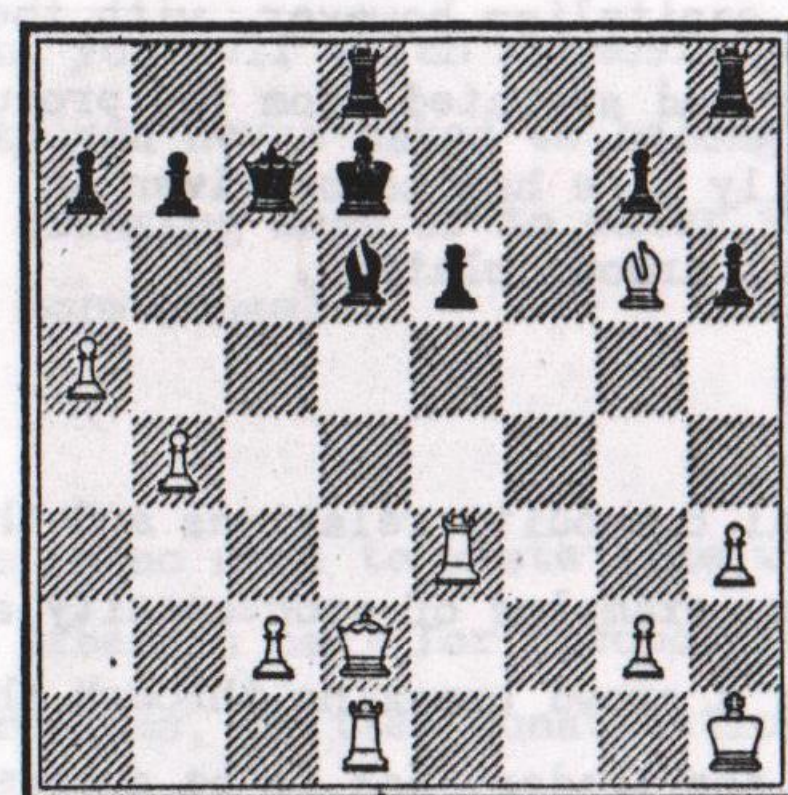
Democratic "pluralism" does not lead to genuine choice and diversity in society. To the contrary under the competitive market the process of market convergence will impose a competitive uniformity. There are more commodities, more outlets, more TV channels but everything ends up being uniformly bland! The same is true in the world of bourgeois politics, politicians all end up looking and sounding the same.

The position of "convergence", what is considered the Democratic "norm", can be manipulated by intelligent strategic bourgeois intervention, either directly by the state or subtly by private groups. One of the secrets of capitalist magic is the fact that in a relatively diffuse market of competing strangers a few billion units of currency can direct the market forces to attain planned ends without the institution of an overt monopoly. This trick is the essence of all stock manipulations, the control of large corporations by minority

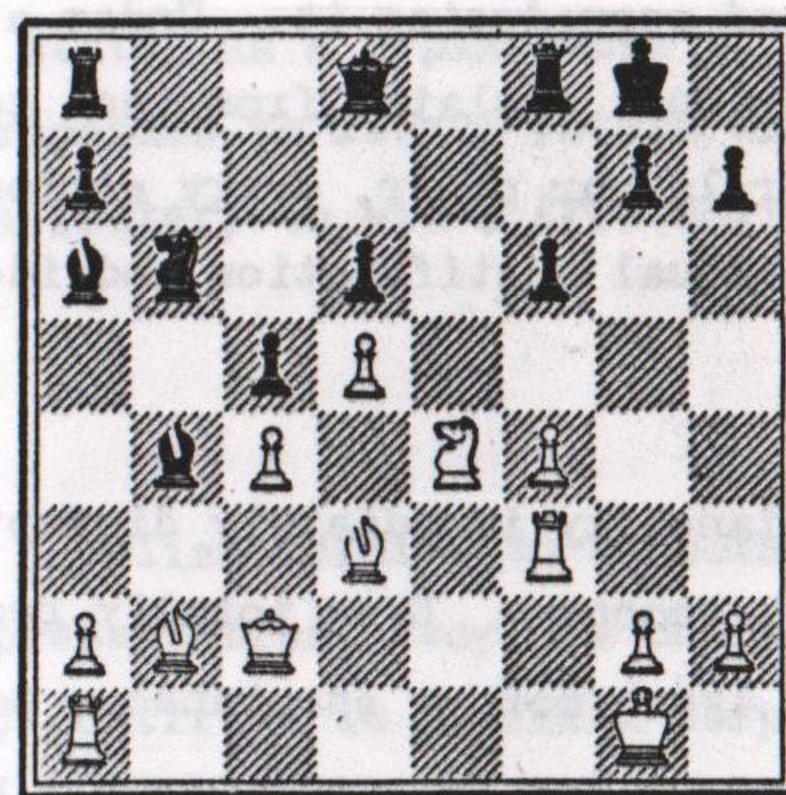
stockholders etc. Equal and random forces tend to cancel each other out while a small but well organised force can tip the balance and determine the situation. The rule of the popular capitalist "majority" of contented consumers, so called "essex man and woman" is at the same time a dictatorship of a small organised rich minority.

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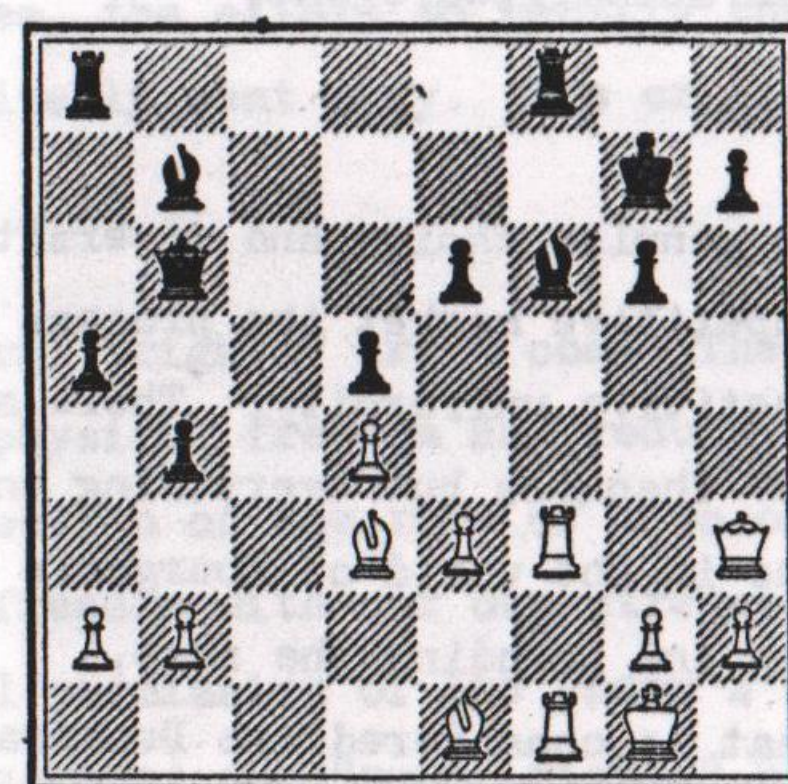
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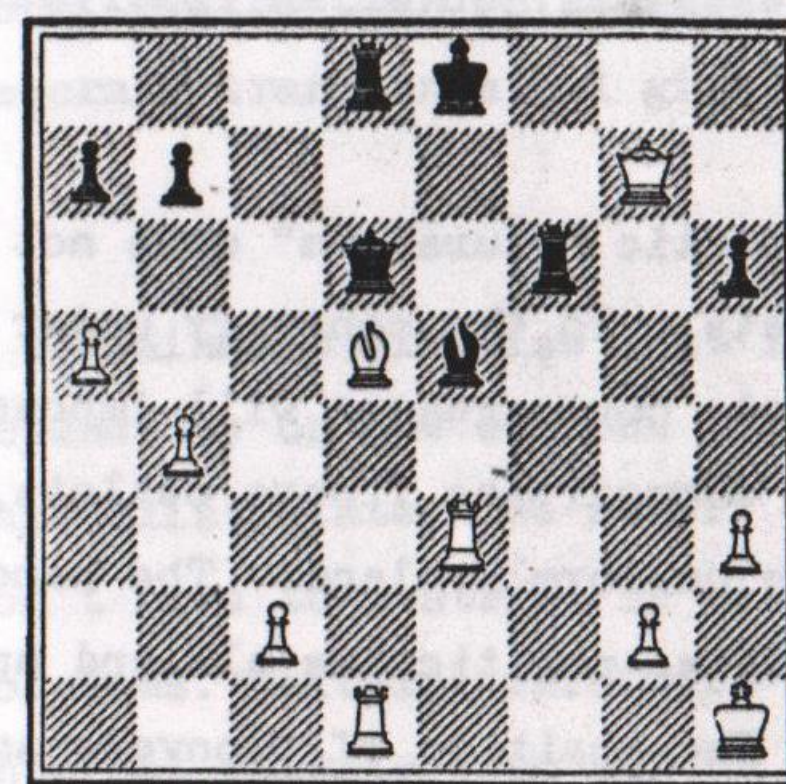
Democracy



consumers



citizens



commodities

Liberals ♗ ♘

24.

The supporters and apologists of liberal Democracy can't bear to admit that both Hitler and Mussolini came to power Democratically... they were both Democrats! Hitler and Mussolini did not seize power from Democracy, liberal Democracy voluntarily handed power over to them. It is no contradiction to talk in terms of a fascist Democracy or Democratic fascism!

25.

Liberals and Democrats dream of a "classless" capitalism with meritocracy and equal opportunities for all. Of course there is no such thing as a classless capitalism, Under a "classless" capitalism there is still the basic dictatorship of capital. If there is capital, some people will always accumulate more of it than others and the rest of society will live in their shadow. An equal opportunities meritocracy is still an Ocracy and under the ladder of Democratic capitalist opportunity there will be a hierarchy of upwardly mobile "winners" over noncompetitive "losers". An equal opportunity meritocracy discriminates more effectively against those who are noncompetitive and noncapitalist in their behaviour. You don't just have the opportunity to go up if you slave harder and are lucky, you also have the opportunity to go down if you don't slave harder! In fact because it is more efficiently competitive a Democratic meritocracy increases the economic divide in society and uses "equality of opportunity" under the rule of the market to increase inequality of wealth and economic power. The "classless society" that the government talks of creating is a society where the capitalist class dominate society to such an extent that we all end up living our lives in the image of the capitalists, even losing consciousness of our own existence as proletarians and falsely imagining that we are all capitalists too.

26.

It should be recognised that liberal demands for "equal opportunities" and "equal rights" under capitalism are recuperated demands that are now being used by the system to attack outdated rigidities in the market, make labour more mobile and exploitable, and make the market place more intense. Meritocracy is WORKocracy, an endless tyranny of soulless depressing work where nobody is allowed to rest or relax. A meritocratic Democracy means we all sweat more!

27.

Cor blimey guv, they're slagging off Democracy!

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28.

The rulers of the world are currently engaged in a global Democracy campaign. In the west the Democracy campaign takes the form of active citizenship, equal rights, supposedly wider property ownership, elections and manipulated debate. Elsewhere in the world this takes the form of bourgeois led "People power" movements to overthrow autocratic/bureaucratic regimes, install western style multiparty democracies and remove barriers to global market dictatorship. The overall aim of this Democracy campaign is to promote the move to a more integrated competitive global capitalist market with workers being encouraged to take part in the Democratic debate, to participate in the restructuring, and in self imposed austerity measures.

Democracy is today a powerful device for whacking the population on the head with and turning them into cretinized cabbages, ready to accept anything in the name of "freedom" or "saving the nation" and the lie of future wealth and prosperity for all. Throwing an election at a time of crisis is a well established machine for diverting workers' and unemployed struggles from material and revolutionary demands into supporting liberal political aims instead, such as supporting one bunch of capitalist leaders instead of another. The call for a general election is a declaration of political war by all factions of the bourgeois Democratic establishment against the growing threat of proletarian disillusionment.

29.

We are currently being told, whether we like it or not, that we must choose between painful tax rises or "big welfare cuts as a means to solve the growing debt crisis and government deficit, we are told there is no alternative. But either way the capitalist debt is imposed upon us, it rules unchallenged, its legitimacy is never questioned. They say there is no alternative, but revolt is the alternative. We will default on the debt and refuse to pay the cost of their system's crisis. If their economy, and it is their economy, chooses to fall to pieces we can only smile and rejoice.

30.

But it is not enough that workers and unemployed should just be cheap, submitted etc. for capital to be competitive. It is much more important that proles should want to work, should want to participate in the national effort, should want to be citizens in the Democratic state. The system wants to encourage workers to participate in the Democratic media debate, concern themselves actively with the questions and problems of running the capitalist economy from the system's point of view, and offer their ideas for the use of the system. The apolitical individualism and cynicism of the new atomised proletarians has lead to a rejection of the traditional unions and political parties (union membership down $\frac{1}{3}$ since 1979). This rejection has to be bypassed by the system with other links between the workers and the state. The bourgeoisie is coopting and recuperating reforms and campaigns that, since 1968, were only promoted and called for by more radical groups (leftists, disarmers, ecologists, greens...). The taking over by the state of reforms proposed for twenty years by more "radical" elements is designed to derail class based struggles. The aim of these campaigns is to obtain the Democratic Participation of the whole population as CITIZENS instead of proletarians, so as to develop productivity.

A campaign against pollution for instance can be coopted by the state and turned into a campaign against proletarian speech by removing graffiti and flyposting! or a campaign to help capitalist commerce move faster by removing litter and obstructions from highways so traffic can move faster, thus increasing traffic pollution! Or a campaign against free spaces enclosing and controlling open spaces, especially places where we might gather, in the name of "conservation".

31.

Faced with the obvious criticism that consumerism is passive, mindless, even the cause of global pollution, capitalism has been absorbing such simple criticism by inventing ways of making consumerism active, green, even "ethical"!! Now instead of engaging in alienated labour to earn the money to waste on corporate, shallow, mass produced, junk commodities, you can spend your wage slavery money on "green", "good", "politically correct" commodities instead. Consumerism has been politically Democratised: every commodity must be ideologically armed. We no longer just buy a particular choc bar because we are feeling peckish and it is cheaper than the next choc bar, we are now asked to buy it because it is "saving the earth" or doing "something for charity" or encouraging "safety for kids"...

32.

Although the capitalist state is sustained by the threat of violence, it always applauds non-violence in its opponents. It offers "reasonable", civilised Democratic negotiation because there it is fighting on a terrain where, if it cannot always win, it can at least postpone defeat indefinitely. The system will exploit moments of uncertainty in struggles to launch a counter offensive in the form of Democratic negotiations, inquiries, Democratic consultation, TV debates....

33.

Many people today have the appearance of being worn out and tired. Communication is dogged with suspicion and misunderstandings; repression maintains a state of permanent crisis. The failed cures, the alternatives that were no alternative, the broken promises, the sellouts all create a climate of cynicism and apathy. The daily struggle against capital is often silent and appears in daily antagonisms and fight backs but for this silence to be more than defensive it must become self aware. The apathy induced by Democracy is the half truth that the vote changes nothing, the vote does change nothing, but the hidden fact that the proletariat can Destroy Everything goes unheard, swamped as it is in its own silence.

34.

In the old days the final outcome of capitalism was supposed to be a choice of socialism or barbarism. Today however, now that "socialism" is officially supposed to be over, we are faced with a choice of barbarism or more barbarism! Any attempt to create a fully integrated, barrier-less, global free market is liable to trip itself up. An integrated global market with global free trade makes capitalism more viciously competitive. But the more vicious competition becomes the more it leads to faction fighting and break up into trade wars, and the more casualties drop out of the battle altogether.

THE WORKERS' DEMOCRACY SWINDLE

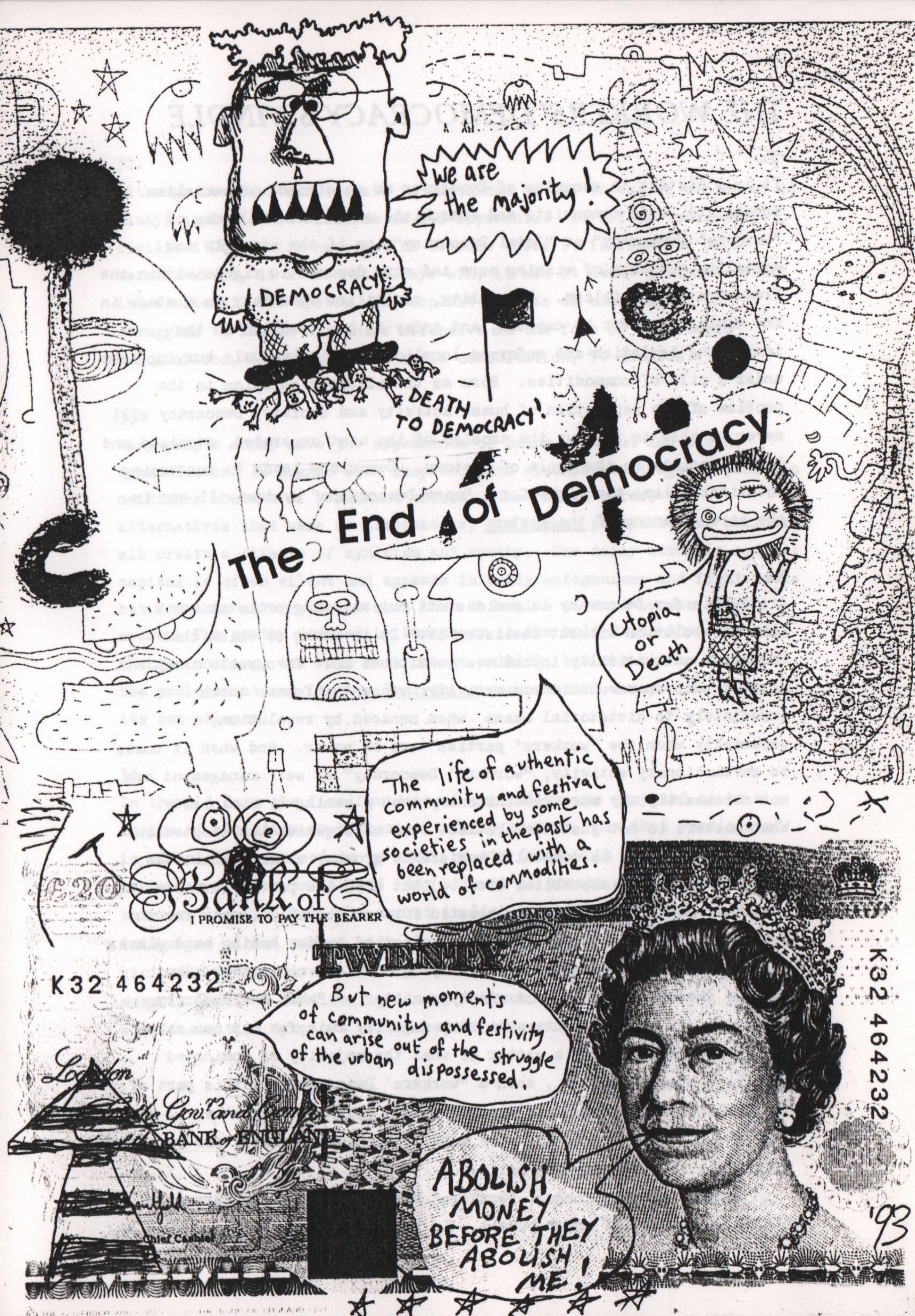
35.

It is a mistake to conceive of Democracy as an element of socialism. Socialists, even communists and anarchists often talk in terms of "workers' Democracy" or "total Democracy", as if the struggle for socialism consists of winning more and more democratic rights within the framework of capitalism. In reality, capitalist Democracy is a stage in the taking of power by capital, and today it has resulted in the increasing isolation and enforced loneliness of individuals burying them under a pile of commodities. Born as the illusory solution to the problem of the separation of human activity and society, Democracy will never be able to resolve the problem of the most separated, atomised and lonely society in the whole of history. Democracy leads to increasing totalitarianism; the fight for a "more Democratic" system will end in the strengthening of the system.

36.

A struggle for Democracy is not a short cut allowing proletarians to make a revolution without realising it. It is wrong to think that Democracy automatically introduces conditions more favourable than dictatorship to revolutionary activity, since the former turns immediately to dictatorial means when menaced by revolution; especially when the "workers' parties" are in power. And when it comes to revolutionary activity, "workers' Democracy" or self management are not necessarily any more revolutionary than planning by a minority. What matters is not just the abstract form of organisation adopted in the struggle (such as community resistance groups, strike committees, workers' councils, assemblies etc...) but also the particular material aims that such organisation is created for and actually fights for in practise (free homes, communal distribution of goods, ending wage slavery and so on). The communist material programme and content are what matter, the revolution is not simply a matter of "what the majority wants" at any given moment, arbitrary majority rule for its own sake. If revolution was just a matter of what the majority of dominated workers wanted right now, then a "workers' Democracy" in this part of the world would give us more discrimination against minorities ... more police less strikes and more work... the death penalty for suspected terrorists... more shopping malls...

In 1969 in east london, "workers' Democracy" meant dockers going on strike in support of enoch powell. In 1974 in northern ireland "workers



Democracy" meant a loyalist workers' strike in support of the orange state. In 1984 in Nottingham "workers' Democracy" meant scabbing during the miners strike and the formation of the union of Democratic (ha ha) mineworkers. If the majority of workers are temporarily given a token share in capitalism, are smothered with consumerism and are manipulated into supporting the system, then workers' Democracy leads straight back to capitalist Democracy. Meanwhile the minority of workers who consciously refuse and continue to resist and struggle are trodden under the heel of a conservative populism.

This indeed is the capitalist dream for the next century, a capitalist system which has solved its contradictions or at least covered them up with decentralised production in small self managed enterprises, coordinated by information technology and finance capital, wider share ownership and minimal bureaucracy. A system where bourgeois Democracy is workers' Democracy and vice versa!

37.

Workers Democracy must be seen as a false consciousness of how to act in struggle. It is how we often hold ourselves back by institutionalisation and majority dictatorship and through artificial separation of intellectual decision making and material action. The fetishising of the decision making process and postponement continually of action is of great use to the bosses as it makes action carried out without such delay seem illegitimate no matter how useful it may have been for the struggle. In practice major struggles always break out at first from a minority of workers and unemployed, although sometimes they may then quickly spread to the majority. The "Democracy of the class", much loved by trot groups like militant for instance, is a conservative wheelclamp on struggle. If we wait for the whole class we'll be waiting forever.

38.

The Democratization of the trade unions and fighting to put them into the hands of the rank and file is a red herring. Unions have never tended to become revolutionary, they have always gone the other way - incorporation into the state. In the workplace situation the ideology of trade unionism is one that accepts the legitimacy of the existence of workers and bosses. No kidding, the author of this text is currently employed in a job where their immediate superior in the work hierarchy is also shop steward!!!

39.

Democratic reformism used to be regarded as steps towards "socialism", but it is nothing more than the radical arm of capital, pushing capitalism forward. The word "reform" now means "attack", the system no longer even puts up a pretence of any genuine material concession. When they start talking about reforms we know we are about to be roughed up! Democratic reformism is everywhere, it is big business. It keeps many working class activists busy, it absorbs their energy and keeps things safe, and it is fixed like a bumper around our brain, dulling a clear perception of the real world.

It is not a question of workers' Democracy or the Democratization of work, it is a question of getting rid of the system of work and getting rid of Democracy!

40.

"People power" is not the same as proletarian power. To the contrary "People power" is mobilised deliberately to pre-empt and smother proletarian power. Bourgeois liberals, like politicians and journalists, love People power. They love a street full of national flag waving, hymn singing, middle class led Democracy demonstrators or a crowd of respectable concerned citizens demanding Democratic reforms or civil

rights. But the bourgeoisie in general always hate and fear proletarian power, they loath the proletarian crowd and the spirit of ludd and swing, they loath strikers and pickets and poll tax rebels and those who refuse austerity and undermine the economy. As long as workers and the unemployed can be mobilised to march under the banners of one particular bourgeois cause or another then the bourgeoisie can feel safe. But they cannot tolerate the working class marching under its own banners and fighting as a force for its own interests.

"The People" is an involuntary union of antagonistic classes- the various rulers and bosses on the one hand and the proletariat on the other- the former exploiting and oppressing the latter. The idea that they are a single homogenous unit with a single identity, a single interest, the idea that they are a single "self" which can have "self determination" is just a fraud. And this fraud is constantly being maintained by democratic ideologues to make us forget our own class interests and subordinate our interests to those of the class which oppresses us.

"People power" comes in several flavours; popular fronts, Democracy

movements, civil rights, national liberation movements... but they all taste vile and will send you to sleep!

41.

Democratic reform is capitalism armed with liberal lawyers, journalists, concerned media presenters, elections, Tv chat shows. But capitalism has not given up the weapons of oppression and terror. Instead violence is directed by legal argument, political persecution is organised by journalism, fascist attacks are psychologically rehearsed and prompted by newsreaders, social oppression is organised by phone in programmes and economic austerity is imposed by elections. In Italy the state led "Democratic revolution" is supposedly a revolution against corruption, the mafia and the "old political parties". But it is in fact a capitalist offensive against inefficiencies, against struggle and for social cutbacks. It is an attempt to divert proletarian resistance into a "people power" movement behind the liberal state.

In Germany the spurious People power revolution has tried to take the form of a popular mobilisation to "defend Democracy against the rise of fascist attacks". But it is the state itself which effectively directs and creates the conditions for these attacks to cover up for the institutional attacks of the capitalist state. But the Italian state and the German state both still have a problem with militant sectors of workers and unemployed who can see through such con tricks and continue to struggle against capitalism. And this is true of other capitalist economic centres in the world such as the UK, France, South Africa, where there has been a consistent history of conscious class struggle.

In the UK the Democratic People power fake revolution may take the form of "defend the health service and kick out the Tories" or "vicars against pit closures" or "civil rights and a written constitution" or "independence for Scotland, England and Wales"...

42.

"...Only Democracy can do this because Democracy numbs the parts of the brain that other ideologies can't reach!!"

43.

In bourgeois Democracies the political roles of Mr Hard and Mr Soft are played by the parties of the right and the parties of the left. The

worse the right behaves, the more attractive the left appears. This illusion is as dangerous in politics as it is in the police cell. When things get out of hand and provoke rebellion the labour party and its various arms will come to the rescue of capitalism while pretending to be socialist.

44.

The life of authentic community and festival experienced by some societies in the past has been replaced with a world of commodities. But new moments of community and festivity can arise out of the struggle of the urban dispossessed.



"THE NEGATION OF DEMOCRACY"

45.

Democracy has been more cunning than other ideologies for it is mostly invisible and seeks to show itself only as that which allows other ideologies their own freedom of expression. It is everything because we believe it is nothing (neutral). It is an all pervasive lie of the global Democracy campaign that the class struggle and the proletarian movement no longer exist. But there will always be discontent and alienation while capitalism, or any form of exploitation, lasts. It is for us to clearly identify that discontent and turn it into a conscious desire for revolution.

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Democracy is not having everything its own way. In those countries where full blown capitalist Democracy has only recently triumphed over bureaucratic regimes, disillusionment and discontent have already set in and the wave of euphoria has long since been forgotten.

In those countries that have long yawned under the Democratic comedy show, the consumerism and prosperity that has been used since world war 2 by the ruling class to buy a degree of social peace is no

longer working. Consumerism is running out of ideas, all it can do is regurgitate old commodities and recycle old stock. On top of this the class struggle has returned with a vengeance, there are serious economic problems that won't go away and for millions "prosperity" has given way to blatant austerity.

Democracy is becoming a victim of its own success. As Democracy extends its rule everywhere, then increasingly Democracy itself is brought into question when struggles rise up. When, for example, Mrs Thatcher described the historic poll tax uprising as the "negation of democracy" she was not wrong. The purist form of Democracy is its total political monopoly, the state free of all its enemies, with all parties fully integrated into the same system and all pushing the same basic policies of austerity.

Today, whenever serious struggles break out, whatever their initial cause or grievance, they soon come into conflict with and bring into question the whole system. If Democracy everywhere is the political instrument of austerity then any material confrontation proletarians have with austerity is immediately a confrontation with Democracy. From now on any serious outbreak of class struggle is immediately the negation of Democracy!

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Our story begins to end where it began, with the collapse of state socialism/capitalism: A sector of world capitalism that imploded! If one particular sector of world capitalism can implode through its own internal crisis then it is possible for the world capitalist economy as a whole to experience an even more profound implosion. The basic model is REFUSAL-STAGNATION-IMPLOSION. If refusal is unconscious and indifferent then implosion leads to a vacuum to be filled by nationalism and localised petty capitalism. But if refusal becomes conscious and communist then capitalist implosion is our opportunity!

One of the most important events of the post world war 2 period was the general strike of French workers in 1968, an action that nearly toppled the state in an advanced Democratic capitalist regime, and which was accompanied by uprisings around the world. 1968 seems to have ushered in a period of permanent open crisis and decomposition of consumer capitalist society and there have been periodic class revolts ever since; The wave of industrial revolt in Britain in the early 70s, Italy 77, the class struggle in South Africa, Poland 1980, the UK poll tax revolt, the Los Angeles uprising to name just a few.

48. In order to maintain their citizens standards of living and keep everyone consuming the economies of liberal Democracies, like Alice, must run very fast. But the society of commodity abundance is haunted by the return of chronic economic crisis. The real limit to growth is not really the limited size of the planet or the shortage of fuel or the depletion of resources, the real impediment to capitalist growth is the class struggle itself and the physical resistance inherent in a proletariat of nearly five billion humans!

49. We are fighting a continuous war to increase our social wage: Taking back what capitalism has stolen from us. Refusal to work, refusal to consume. Communal seizing and sharing of goods. Wildcat strikes and workplace resistance that cuts across different workplaces. Mortgage striking/ rent striking/ squatting/ reclaiming common land/Resisting bills, head taxes, VAT,... TV license! Occupations of buildings and streets, creating alternatives, fighting for free time and free space. Solidarity is the key. No one section exists in total isolation. Any positive outbreak of struggle should immediately attempt to cross over from one sector to another and draw in others.

50. As revolutionaries our influence lies in combining our message and our actions. This message must be clear and honest, not disguised, and it should stand for the utopian communist programme. It is not for us to waste our time setting up Democratic open forums which are open to anyone to take over for a totally different purpose, such as Democratic groups, organisations, publications... This mistake has been made too many times.

51. Precisely at the moment of its global victory capitalist Democracy is utterly bankrupt. After thousands of years of human civilisation, art and culture, all that capitalist Democracy finally has to offer is a hole in the ozone layer, pot noodles and so much consumerist shit. Politics is on its last legs, the opposition does not oppose, government is merely a puppet of capitalism which exerts its real control by

consumerism, fashion, culture, TV, mortgages and a parody of traditional moral values. The proletariat from Mexico to Russia, from Bracknell to Berlin is being suffocated with shoddy, boring, useless commodities, reform and Democracy

A strike, an uprising or a movement of struggle can see itself as a counter-power to the present system. Whenever proletarians can put forward the unity of these struggles against this state of things they are striking a blow to its power. Democracy is simultaneously the dictatorship and the opium of the consumers. The cure for this bourgeois capitalist addiction is a strong dose of revolutionary Community!

We live in a capitalist world based on the exploitation of our labour and ruled by money in the name of DEMOCRACY. We are for the destruction of this system and its replacement by a classless world human community where alienation and Democracy are no more. Our struggle is in complete antagonism to all forms of mediation and institutionalisation (parties, unions, leaders...). Only autonomous communist action by proletarians can demolish world capitalism.

Down with capitalism!... for social revolution!... Death to Democracy!!

69. The proletariat have got it licked.

100. For conscious revolutionary relaxation... victory to the global communist sofa... Shirkers of the world UNITE!

