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The Fowler Review is a vicious attack on the least well off sections of society, no doubt about it. This article attempts to answer the questions "why" and "what can we do about it?"

Why?

The class struggle in Britain never got to the stage of a successful revolution despite the action of many people in the first half of the 20th & most of the 19th centuries. What was gained was better wages and conditions and where industry could not afford this the State paid at the point of consumption, thus leaving the bosses in control of production.

This created contradictions for capital
1) Ideological, as the principle of production for profit is broken: e.g. buses are run because people need them not because they make a profit and 2) Economic. The economic does not reveal itself until capital starts to have difficulties attracting investment, -ue to low profit levels. It must find new profit making schemes (privatization) and increase its profits (which it does very well through tax cuts).

What can we do about it?

Well, you can accept that some people are going to have a hard time, that old people will die of hypothermia, children will be malnourished etc. etc. and vote Tory. You can vote Labour, but the problem is the State can only spend what it can get from capital which is very little at the moment without destroying investment.

So, is there "No Alternative"? There is, it means breaking the capitalist system once and for all, reorganizing production for what we want, not the whim of some rich parasite. This does not mean that we should ignore the Fowler Review, no we must vigorously attack it. We must make sure that our campaign is not sold out by our political leaders who have a vested interest in its failure, as if campaigns are won outside of parliament why should we bother to vote SDP, Labour or whatever?

SUPPORT THE MARCH IN BRIGHTON.
SUPPORT THE MARCH IN LONDON ON FEB. 22TH.
SUPPORT THE RENT STRIKE.

your future may depend on it.

Julian

WHAT IS ANARCHISM?

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I suppose for most people the word "anarchy" conjures up images of chaos and disorder - just think how many journalists have described the townships in South Africa of the riots in the inner cities as anarchy. In fact anarchy (from the Greek "An"=without + "archos"=ruler) means without any rulers or government. Thus anarchists strive for a society without coercion, hierarchy or manipulation - whether through wage-slavery, consumerism, patriarchy, exploitation and poverty of the capitalist economic system or through the obedience, social conditioning, hierarchy and abuse of power involved in the state and similar coercive organisations. The Anarchist alternative to capitalism or state-socialism is a society based on mutual aid and cooperation, work being organised on the basis of production for need rather than for profit. These aims have resulted in Anarchism being essentially revolutionary socialist in its aims for equality and the smashing of capitalism and libertarian in attacking the evils of hierarchy and the State. It has seemed to many people over the years as the only possible way of achieving socialism or communism as it is equality in practice not State control (e.g. Leninism or nationalization) which is merely workers control on paper.

Historically Anarchism has been strongest in times of overt class conflict e.g. in the 1930s, when millions of workers were members of Anarcho-syndicalist Unions. These unions were coordinated by, unpaid, delegated members who carried out a strict mandate from the various workplace assemblies - they were run by their members not not overpaid bureaucrats involved in institutionalized class collaboration (just look at the current reformist TUC) The CNT/FAI in Spain for example had a membership of 2.2 million and its followers took over fields and factories while also fighting a losing battle against Franco and eventually the pro-Moscow communists as well!

The Anarchist movement declined around the WWII years due partly to persecution by Fascism, and its revolutionary perspective seemed irrelevant in the 1950s&60s with jobs and welfare services at an all time high. Within the past 5 years, with capitalism in another crisis period and, Marxist-Leninism discredited, the movement has grown rapidly especially in Europe and especially in Britain.

At present Anarchism exists as a marginalised revolutionary in nearly all

countries of the world.

In Britain the Anarchist movement is, of course, tiny in comparison to the main bourgeois parties but the number of anarchist groups is growing, the number of local papers has doubled in 3 years and there is now an anarcho-syndicalist organization. The ideas of Anarchism still exist in many people's minds; ideas of personal freedom combined with a dislike of capitalist modes of production and disgust at its distribution which means great wealth for some and poverty, deprivation and mass starvation for others.

The organisation of anarchist groups in Britain also maximises direct action in small groups (such as the Class War "bash the rich" campaign or the bricking of every Barclays branch in Brighton a few months ago) as well as producing propaganda, discussing wimmins' issues pacifism, animal rights, ecology etc. and supporting various struggles locally (e.g. the miners' strike, the anti-apartheid movement).

Anarchist meetings on campus are at 4.30pm Mondays in Prak Village bar (at the university) there's also a group being set up at the Poly. Feel free to come along for a chat, to ask questions, get drunk etc.... Jim

BOOKS

YES - people do write books on anarchism The following selection is available in the university library, along with about a dozen others. Why not browse through?

THE POLITICAL THEORY OF ANARCHISM - Carter ref.no. JB 280 CAR.

This book explains how anarchism relates to other ideologies and philosophies. Not the best introduction to the subject but an interesting read.

ANARCHISM - GUERIN ref JB280 Gue

A good introduction to Anarchism, not too hard to understand but detailed nevertheless.

ANARCHISM AND OTHER ESSAYS - Goldman, JB280-Gol.

Goldman was a better speaker than writer, but her magnetism and vision are apparent in this book. A bit dated but gripping nonetheless - especially the chapter on "what anarchism really stands for".

ANARCHISM - George Woodcock, JB 280 Woo

Probably the best introduction to anarchism available. Worth reading for any socialist.

Other books are available through the collective library from Sam Daws, 14F park village.

FALMER ANARCHIST BULLETIN (FAB) is produced by the Sussex University Anarchist Collective - hopefully it'll become a regular production. To do this we need YOU to write letters, articles, criticism, parcel bombs or whatever. Also come to the meetings (Mon 4.30 PV bar)

HUNTING: SABOTAGE.. ..AND RETRIBUTION.

Sabotaging foxhunts is one of the easiest ways (and one of the most effective) of fighting animal abuse. It is also about the only legal form of real direct action. For these reasons the hunt saboteurs groups up and down the country have swelled in recent years, along with the growing concern for animal rights.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association has been going for twenty odd years and has changed its tactics many times as sabs find more effective methods. The basic idea is to use voices, horns, whistles and more recently whips as well to cause the hounds to divert their attention from hunting and do what the sabs want, and to use garlic and antimate sprays to cover up the scent trails of any foxes being hunted.

As well as doing this the hunt sabs often have to cope with violent situations. These usually arise when the hunts thugs decide they don't want people interfering and decide to teach the sabs a lesson, and are dealt with by the sabs accordingly.

Hunt saboteurs are in general effective in preventing kills and this is why it is so important. Hunting will take a long time before it is banned, if ever, because of the wealth and power of some of the people involved. So the animals are still being hunted and until this can be banned, the animals must be saved by actually going out in the fields and physically saving them.

The pleasure of seeing a fox escape due to your own doing is incredible. The disgust at seeing a fox ripped apart in front of your eyes on the few occasions you fail is also incredible. Until such a time as these beautiful creatures are left to live in peace help us to prevent their murder. Their lives are in your hands.

Saving foxes may not exactly be helping the "Class struggle" in any way but it will dispell any notions the wooly liberal may have about the responsible ruling class or a just state. It's all there like a massive socialist play; the actors are first, the hunters displaying their dominance by sitting feet above the plebs in their £300 jackets and abusing the sabs with the vilest of curses and references to poverty and shabby clothes. Then you've got the arselickers the cops who make no pretence at justice and simply work for the rich. Finally you've got us

The surprising thing is we usually win, totally wrecking their day. Hunting has sod all to do with keeping foxes down, its a matter of status, of flaunting wealth, their attitude to the foxes, the land, the cops, to everything is "it's ours, we can do what we like with it", so it's up to YOU to tell the them where to get off.

Dave & Julian

On Friday 6th December a local hunt was due to hold its annual Hunt Ball, the social event of the year for the top-notch hunting fraternity. As a protest against their obscene practices and the flaunting of their wealth in such a gross manner, we decided to try and disrupt their evening by our presence. To remind them of the people they tread underfoot and would rather not see at their social get togethers.

About 40 people turned up and we made our way to the Grand Hotel. People were going in so we gathered round the bottom of the steps to the front doors. A banner saying "behold your future executioners" was unfurled and as the scum turned up there was a lot of spitting on them and shouting. I think they got the message - none of them came out again; and when the manager told us to leave he got similar treatment.

Not long into the dema a mercedes sports car decided to show us his bravery and driving skill by trying to run us down. After some angry exchanges he tried to get out and got the door kicked shut on him. Someone was grabbed by plain-clothes coppers and dragged down the drive. A lot of people went to help and they let go of him and warned us about keeping it peaceful.

However when some more cops turned up they rearrested him, brave in numbers, and tried to put him in the car. Someone piled in to help and got nicked as well and for some time there was a bundle to prevent arrests. In the end the crowd dispersed, or tried to. The coppers picked on one person leaving and when he turned round nicked him as well.

The evening was not a total loss though, I believe there was some damage done to rich cars around the area and later on there was a bomb threat by the Hunt Retribution Squad which forced them to clear the hotel. It seems that the hunters' evening was thoroughly disrupted and it is quite likely that the Grand will think twice about hosting another Hunt Ball.

The three arrested have been charged variously with: criminal damage, assaulting a police officer and obstructing a police officer; all have had Breach of the peace added since their initial court appearance and are in court again on 31st January.

Siôn

On the 6th of March at Grovenor House, Park Lane at 8pm there is another Hunt Ball. This one is billed as "The Ball of the Year" and people from all over the South of England will be going along to voice their complaints that these bastards can spend one and half weeks dole money on one nights entertainment. Why not come??

ANIMAL RIGHTS MEETINGS are held at 6.30pm on wednesdays in (oops... venue to be advertised)

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 23rd Jan. "Why we don't need a revolutionary party", room 126 2.30-4.30 p.m.

Friday 24th: anarchist meeting at the poly (Falmer site) in union offices 5pm

And the FAMOUS FOWLER REVEIW MARCH

Saturday 25th: March Against Police Repression meet at 12 noon at Bethnal Green Tube Station.

Wednesday 29th Lesbian Line Disco in the Crypt ALL WELCOME!

Thursday 30th: Brighton Arms Fair Video & Call it sleep Video (with discussion of the latter) 1pm-4pm in Room 126

Sunday 2nd Feb. Bloody Sunday March in London.

Thursday 6th CND Demo at Molesworth

Saturday 15th Benefit PARTY in Essex House

ANTI-FASCIST ACTION meetings - next one is on Thursday 30th Jan, Debating Chamber, 12.30. There will be other meetings and benefits in the next few weeks but dates, speakers etc have still to be finalized so keep your eyes open for posters.

Regular business meetings are in Park Village Bar every Monday at 4.30pm after which we usually go to the Crypt and get drunk. We can be contacted at our pigeon hole in the Union Offices.

March Against Police Repression



Sat. January 25th 1986

Which Side Are You On?



CHARITY AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT

Live Aid hit the headlines (and thus raised lots of money) by showing T.V. film of starving Ethiopians. Closer to home, the miners are still getting a very raw deal, but nobody wants to help them - they're too political. People want charities they can give money to and then forget about, without disturbing their own lifestyle or asking WHY poverty exists.

We have been exploiting the Third World since before the 1500s, through slavery, multinationals, high-interest loans and so on.

Recently some charities (eg. Oxfam, War on Want, 3W1) have become more openly political. They're doing a good job. But what should WE be doing? The liberal answer is to give a bit of money, but keep working for RTZ or Racial as normal. But as we start understanding the role of capitalism and consumption in exploitation, it gets more and more obvious that a revolutionary answer is needed.

A good book to read is "HOW EUROPE UNDERDEVELOPED AFRICA" by Walter Rodney (in the collective library).

Hugh

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "As man seeks justice in equality, so society seeks order in Anarchy" - P.J. Proudhon.

COLLECTIVE LIBRARY

Sam Daws (14f P.V) has set up a COLLECTIVE LIBRARY, based on alternative/spirituality/individual development/anarchy rather than the more political side. The idea is lots of people give Sam lists of books they're willing to lend out, and Sam keeps the central index. So.. go along and browse some time!!!