WHOSE SIDE ARE THEY REALLY ON?

Given that this is supposed to be the radical'socialist republic', why then is this council such a hotbed (?) of reaction Of course one-party states are dictatorial but this council does not even try to put up a benign mask, they merely make appropriate platitudes at specific times, this council has a catalogue of authoritarian actions and inconsiderate/anti-social policies as long as your arm, and the past few months have been especially bad. First their is the issue of so called illegal bedsits, where pressure is being brought to bear and landlords will have to make alot of people, especiallyyoung ones, homeless. Of course we don't condone Rackmanism(?) but to make people homeless without providing an alternative is sick. What are people to do? Of course they can always go home to mum and dad, that way they can put Maggie's theories into practice, Victorian values for the united nuclear family.

you would think that with an obvious need for housing such as in the above case, areas which are at present not used could be areas for building. But no, the areas which have been laid waste by municipal vandalism grow almost daily. The area at Greyfriars would be excellent for homes but the council have designated the zone for business development, for cars we heard. The road is to be widen on East Laithe Gate, knocking down all the small shops which give an area character, and a multi-storey carpark is to be built where the Odeon used to be. It would seem that 'our' council care more for cars than people, strange coz cars don't have the vote.

Then there is the point that South Yorkshire is supposed to be a nuclear free zone and RAF Finningley has the freedom of the town. In the event of nuclear attack. don't worry, the lads'll protect us (sic). Of course there are flypasts which must make some councillors feel really important, like Maggie after the Falklands. giving presidential style waves. Hooray. But perhaps the most disturbing aspect of council attitudes over the past few months has been that about the travellers/ gypsies. The attitude of many members was so disgustingly racist that Hitler would have been happy to employ them in the concentration camps in charge of the gas cham bers. There they could exterminate all the gypsies, homosexuals and political radicals to their heartscontent.

No doubt we shall be attacked for this article on the grounds that we are condemning our political allies. These people are not our allies or friends if there was a revolution they would no doubt have us shot, our vision of the world we want is not the same as their's. We do not seek power in the same way they do, nor do we have the megolomaniac type illnessthat some of them seem to suffer from.

We are ANARCHISTS first. The means is the ends.

Sociatist Council
Tony Government
One State
One Struggle

Doncaster anarchist paper. No12

SHEFFIELD

On the first of July the old Coroners
Court in Sheffield was squatted by a
group of anarchists with the intention of
creating an anarchist centre. But due to
many things this has not happened.
The major reason being that Sheffield
Council has been quick to evict and although the evictions have been followed
by the instant squatting of another council owned building, (at the time of going
to press the occupiers are in their 3rd
building in 7 weeks), the time and energy
spent on moving leaves little energy for
developing the centre.

Secondly the buildings have become homes for many young and homeless people, and although there is a need for places for the young and homeless the needs of a social/political centre and a homeless centre are different and often conflicting.

But despite the problems and evictions the occupation still goes on. The present squat is down a side street next to the cathedral; look for the black flags hanging from the windows.

selby

Miners around Selby have been barred from joining a posh, £250 per year membership club, because as one of the directors of the club said "we aren't a ferret-racing or pigeon club... and thats the sort of thing they do". I suppose when you consider the fact that Miners Welfares and Workings Mens Clubs ban gypsys and travelers because of cultural differences it is in a sense poetical justice.

LADS ARMY

The government have introduced a 'Lads Army' in what can only be regarded as yet another step towares the Big Brother state The young recruit on this, as yet, voluntary scheme will be taught discipline (obedience), drill (more obedience), and killing. All good experience for the potential doctor, nurse or librarian. The armed forces top brass are confident that this cut priced recruiting will provide them with an inexhaustable pool of regulars and at £25 a week, less £10 living costs, they're laughing all the way to the bank. The money saved both in the training and salaries will no doubt be put to good use, more nuclear weapons? The MOD have given an assurance that the Lad's Army will not be sent on 'security duties' in Londonderry. Still, it's early days yet.

The anarchist centre has had some coverage in the press mainly in Sheffield but one artical, in the Sheffielder column was printed through out South Yorkshire. This artical although a pretty fair (by media standards) report of the squat and those involved makes some statements that need to be answered.

The first of these, which was the title of the article, 'Even anarchists sign on' is a standard comment made about anarchists. Nobody ever mentions that anarchists also pay taxes, national insurance. VAT, etc etc. If anarchists worked and paid no tax etc the headlines would be 'Anarchist tax dodgers', never will there be a report on those many anarchist who work and pay their taxes etc. Likewise there will never bereports of Tories who use the national health service or state education which they are opposed to. We all live in this society and however much we oppose it and fight against it, we are still part of it and we have to live, therefore we sign on the dole or do some stupid job that most probably wouldn't exist in a free society.

S. YORKS

A group of "super-snooper" hit squads are to become active in south york-shire soon. Their brief is to cut down on 'fraudulent' social security and unemployment benefits. Obviously we can't have these dastardly scroungers claiming too much, and who knows, it might put off a few genuine claimants. Think of the money we could save. The members of this type of squad can claim up to £467 a month expenses, considering that they are after people who claim more than £25 a week, there seems to be a little lacking in logic somewhere.

Civil servant unions are refusing to work with the scum squads, their lives should be made hell by the rest of us. A campaign against them should be launched by people active in the unemployed workers centre, though why they should become active know after munths of doing nothing I've no idea.. Of course they have been dogged with constraints because they have been funded by MSC, and you can't do anything that smacks of politics once you've got one of their grants. This is why any group of people must maintain their autonomy and not be sucked in by the capitalist methods of social control.

NUCLEAR NEWS & VIEWS

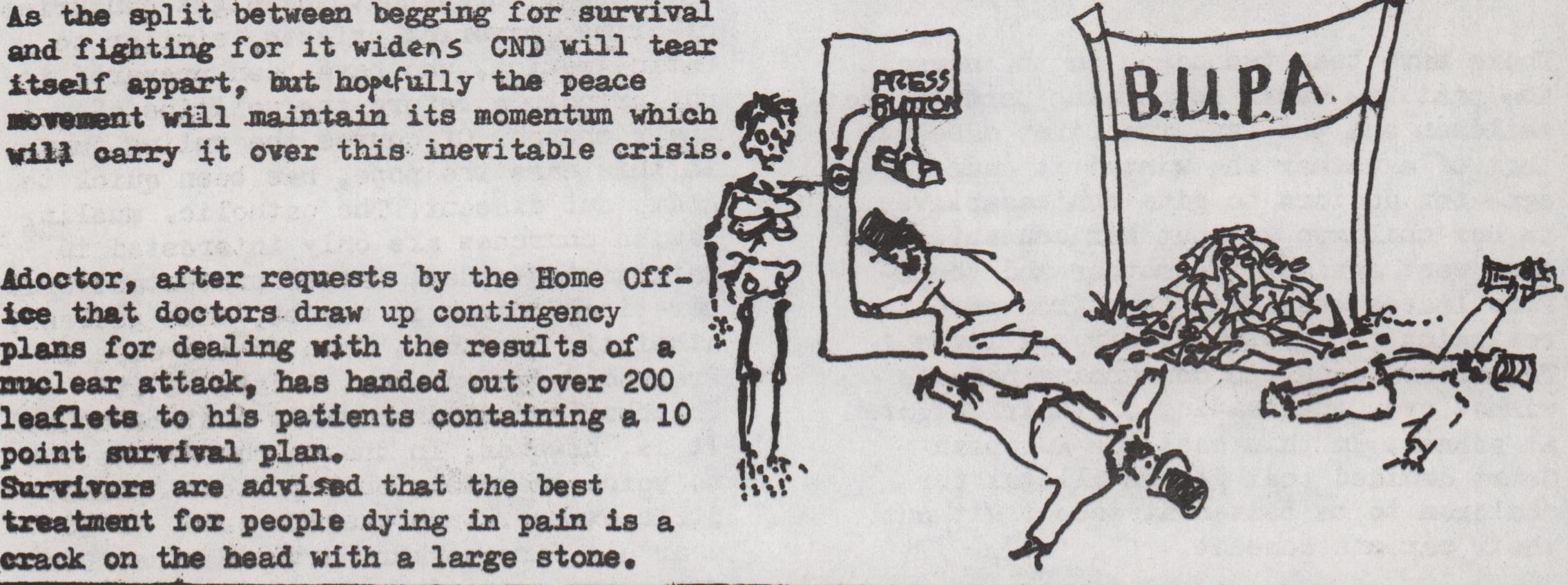
Has CND reached the top of the hill? Although CND never officially placed itself fully behind the Labore party at the last election its whole attitude and pola icy of 'putting pressure on parliament' meant that this was the ultimate weapon. to elect those who oppose nuclear arms. And since this 'failure' CND leaders have stepped onto the slippery slope of self destruction. Already peace camps and especially Greenham Common have become a subject to ignore and eventually to disown because of 'bad press' and a 'poor public image".

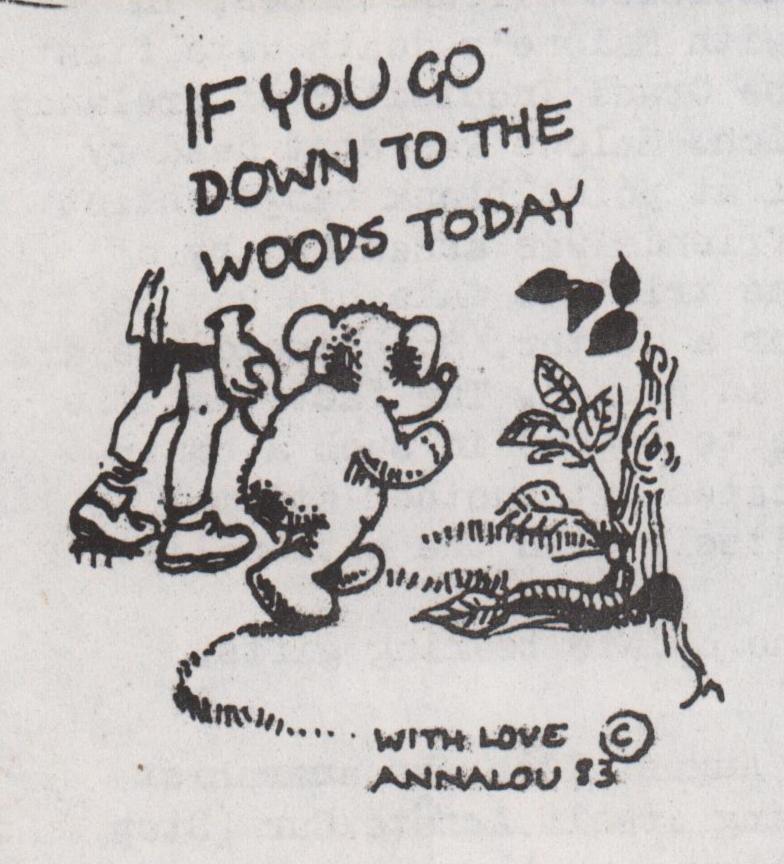
CND leadership has already given in to the fact that cruise missiles will be arriving at Greenham Common in December. because any demonstration organised there will be purely 'symbolic direct action'. Admittedly to halt cruise missiles at the last moment would take a massive occupation of the base, but this is not impossible with thousands of people dedicated to that aim. It would be better if CND did not organise a demonstration this December and left it up to those who are willing to confront the warfare state. As the split between begging for survival and fighting for it widens CND will tear itself appart, but hopefully the peace movement will maintain its momentum which

Adoctor, after requests by the Home Office that doctors draw up contingency plans for dealing with the results of a nuclear attack, has handed out over 200 leaflets to his patients containing a 10 point survival plan.

Survivors are advised that the best treatment for people dying in pain is a crack on the head with a large stone.

At Comiso, in Sicily where the Italian batch of cruise missiles are destined, things are begining to hot up. On July 17th two masked men broke into the co-ordinating centre and threatened the 20 activists with sub-machine guns. The 20 people were lined up against a wall. a shot was fired in the direction of Alfredo Bonnano (editor of 'Anarchismo') a bullet was found to have pierced his clothing. The two men made it clear that if they did not leave Comiso they would have to face the consequences. The two men are believed to be mafiosi. On July 23rd 500 people gathered at the base for sybolic protests and attempted invasions of the base. In the evening when half the demomstrators had dispersed several hundred armed police attacked those who were left. Using wooden staves, flares, tear gas and firing live ammunition over the heads of the demonstrators. Many people were hospitalised. After the attack the police entered the town, threat ened people on the streets, imposed an unofficial curfew and raided the anticruise co-ordinating centre.





YOU'RE IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE



IF YOU GO DOWN IN THE WOODS TODAY YOU'D BETTER BE IN DISGUISE



POLICE FILE

whilst driving through the Norfolk countryside a family of four was waved down by the police, in their hunt for a missing car. The driver was then ordered to line up his car in a road block. The next minute - crunch!! The chased car ploughed into them. Happily they escaped with only cuts and bruises. The Chief Inspector of Norfolk later admitted that the police haven't the legal powers to commandeer a car for a road block. Tut, tut.

Police ran amok at a demo outside Walton jail, in Liverpool. The protest was on behalf of Dennis Kelly, jailed for life for murder, was set upon when the police tried to transfer Kelly to a coach destined for Wakefield prison. A child was punched in the mouth by a Merseyside police officer, and a man was photographed trying to hit a pol-lice mans boot with his head.

children

There have been two cases in the news in the past few weeks concerning parents and children and the law. The first case was that of a mother who wanted it made illegal for doctors to give contraceptives to her children without her consent. This case went against the mother and therefore leaves teenagers free from parental restraint to develope their sex lives. The second case was concerning parents wishes over the beating of their children at school. In this case the European Court decided that it was illegal for children to be beaten at school without their parents consent.

The recent decision by the European Court that children can only be beaten while at school if the teachers have the parents consent just goes to prove that slavery is not dead. Which other set of people can give permission for another set of people to be beaten, usally it is the state that reserves for itself the right to decide which person shall be flogged, whipped or hung, but in this case children have been made chatels of their parents who can not only beat them at their will but give permission for others to do the same.

Religion is the took of the commupt, and the constch of the weak.

In November, when three po-lice men ordered drinkers to sup up and get out, at a Birkenhead pub, fighting started. Two men were arrested and charged with being drunk and disorderly. One man was also accused of smashing a glass into the face of a pc. Ever since, the two have protested their innocence claiming the po-lice had caused the trouble. As they were charged under the Po-lice Act they couldn't take their case to a jury. At the magistrates hearing 8 witnesses appeared for the defence. A po-lice photograph taken of the injured po soon after theraid showed that there was no ssign of injuriesfrom broken glass to his face. Furthermore their was no doctors statement to support such an injury. The magistrate found them not guilty on all counts.

IRELAND

The role of the church in Ireland, both Catholic and Protestant, has been one of compliance to the established order. There have been, throughout the eight centuries of crime, maverick priests, similar to Latin America, who have been prepared to put principle before the politics of their church. Of course the ruling junta, in this case the pope, has been quick to stamp out dissent. The catholic. muslim, jewish churches are only interested in maintaining order. Rather protestant order heretical though it may be, than godless, atheistic disorder. Such is the case in Ireland and elsewhere. Order, be it Thatcher's or Fitzgerald's must be upheld. It is, however, in the churches interest to voice the occasional protest against State excess. Such was the case of 18 year old farm worker Martin Malone. Doubts regarding suspicios circumstances, in connection with Malone's death were first mooted by the Grand Inquisitor of Ireland, Tomas O'Fiaich. Malone was shot dead by a UDR patrol at point blank range whilst one of his friends was assaulted by a soldier as he tried to make his way to telephone for a doctor. Such incidents are commonplace in Armagh. The fact that the church chose to become in such a controversy indicates yet another attempt to ingratiate itself with the nationalist community.

Beware of the opiate bearing gifts.

On Friday, August I2th, an anarchist group calling itself Arrête Cur (Stop. Priests), blew up a bronze statue of Pontius Pilate on the eve of the popes visit to Lourdes. No-one was hurt.

DISSIDENT MINERS

ALEXEI NIKITIN

Born in 1937. After his military service he started work at the Butovka mine Donetsk, as an electrical mechanic. He protested against unjust bonus payments and irregular practices by the management. He joined the Communist Party after 1965. Along with 129 others at the mine he addressed a letter to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soveit Union complaining about unpaid bonuses. The complaint was rejected and subsequently Mikitkin was expelled from the Communist Party. Shortly after he was fired from his job.

Nikitin was refused work and his appeal to the 1971 Party Congress was again turned down. An explosion at the Butovka mine, which Nikitin had warned of due to the poor safety standard, killed 7 miners. After this he was hounded by the KGB and finally arrested in 1972.

He was held in Dnepropetrovsk Special Psychiatric Hospital. After some 4 years he was discharged, but again he was refused work. In desperation he went to the Norwegian Embassy in Moscow in 1977 to ask for political asylum, but he was again arrested by the KGB and held in psychiatric hospitals until May 1980. Having no job, no money and nowhere to live Nikitin was forced to stay at his sisters. In December L980 he was visited by 2 western journalists and he spoke to them about conditions in the mines around Donetsk and the impact of the rise of Solidarity in Poland on Soviet workers. Three days later he was arrested and taken away in an ambulance.

Again he was held at Dnepropetrovsk and forcibly treated with behaviour modification drugs. Early in 1982 he was taken to another psychiatric hospital near Alma - Ata on the Soviet-China border, several thousands of miles from his family. He is still there.



VLADIMIR KLEBABOV

Born in 1932. From 1951 to 65 he worked underground at the Makeyevka mine near Donetsk. He began to speak out against violations of the Soviet Labour Code, bad management and poor safety standards. He rapidly became a figurehead for miners and increasingly came under pressure from the management and the KGB. On November 2nd 1959 Klebanov received a head injury at work and was put on lighter work, but in 1962 his invalid status was cancelled. In 1965, after complaining directly to Moscow he was fired. In 1968 he was taken back on and given a job as a design engineer working on the surface. In September 1968 there were disturbances at the mine over low pay and poor safety after which many miners were 'transferred. Klebanov was arrested by the KGB and charged with 'discrediting' the Soviet political system.

He was taken to Dneprepetrovsk Special Psychiatric Hospital. After several moves forced treatment with drug and a 20 day hunger strike he was released in 1973. but his troubles were not over. He did not receive the full amount of financial compensation. Eventually he was forced to go to Moscow to take his complaints in person to the highest authorities. While in Moscow Klebanov met hundreds of other workers, like himself seeking justice. Some of the banded together and Klebanov played a leading role in the setting up of the Association of Free Trade Unions of the Soviet Working People. In February after the Associations first press conference he was arrested. Again he was forcibly held in a special psychiatric hospital after a secret trial which neither he nor his wife wre allowed to attend. Since 1978 Klebanov has been detained in one hospital or another, he has forciblly been treated with behaviour modification drugs, which have a severe effect on his health. Unconfirmed reports suggest he is currently detained in Donetsk.

"Of course he's a lunatic, anyone who puts safety above productivity levels in the northers state is a danger to himself and the people."

For information on struggles in Soviet
Bloc countries read VOLYA:Send 25p or a couple of stamps to:T.Liddle,
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Eltham,
London, SE9 5RZ.
Well worth reading or subscribing to:
£2 or £5 for supporters subscribtion.

BY THEIR WORDS:

John Cunningham is a member of the NUM and the Labour Party who is campaigning for the release of the Soviet Free Trade Unionist miners Vladimir Klebanov and Alexei Nikitin. His home town of Sheffield is twinned with theirs of Donetsk in the Ukraine. In April he sent the following letter to NUM President Arthur Scargill.

"I am writing to you about the Ukrainian miner dissidents VladimirbKlebanov and Alexei Nikitin. It is sometime now since anything has been heard about their well being or whereabouts - certainly I have made enquiries and even Amnesty International don't know where they are. Would it not be possible for yourself to raise the question with the appropriate USSR body?

I know the issue has been discussed within the NUM in the past and I am aware that it was decided that enquiries could go no further, but that was over two years ago and I understand that Mr Effremenko who was then the Soviet miners' leader has since been expelled from his post. Would therefore you be good enough to make some enquiries afresh? It is a difficult issue to raise, I know, particularly when so many right—wingers are waiting to jump on any anti—Soviet bandwagon they can find (witness Bernard Levin and the recent antics of Mr Butler here in Sheffield) but I don't believe any service to socialism is rendered by ignoring the fact of repression within the USSR and particularly the abomination of consigning dissidents to so-called "psychiatric" hospitals. What's more, when all is said and done, Mr Nikitin and Mr Klebanov are miners — our people, if we can't speak out for them who can?

Please understand, I am not anti-Soviet, I am not a right-winger, nor do I ignore repression in other parts of the world (witness my recent article in the Yorkshire Miner on the repression of miners in Turkey) but these 2 men have suffered terribly for doing what basically myself, you and countless other NUM members do every day, that is, defend, to the best of our ability, the living standards and conditions of our members."

On May: 6, Arthur Scargill answered with a letter in which he stated:

"I have nothing further to add to the previous public statement made by the NUM apart from saying that I only wish that the people who constantly inundate this office with letters about the above two people (Klebanov & Nikitin) do not appear to show any concern or little about the tragedy in El Salvador and Nicaragua where more people are dying in a day than have been killed in the Soviet Union in the last ten years. (sic)

Could it be that there is some political bias and that attitudes and actions are directed on request of Nikitin and Klebanov because they are citizens of the Soviet Union or is: it that people have not heard of the American interventions, the terror they are striking at El Salvador and Nicaragua and indeed the whole of central and Latin America."

John replied to this dishonest, sub-literate abuse by saying:

"As well as totally ignoring my questions you suggest I am acting out of political bias and that I am either uncaring or ignorant of US intervention in Nicaragua and El Salvador - all of which is totally untrue.

I believe it to be a disgrace that a person in your position can treat a fellow NUM member in such an evasive, derogatory and insulting manner and I think I deserve an apology from you."

To date no such apology has been received. Undaunted, John continues to campaign for the release of Klebanov and Nikitin. Further details are available from: J. Cunmingham, 4 Barber Place, Sheffield S10 1EG.

A solidarity fund has bee set up to help the free union SMOT publish its information bulletin in the USSR and abroad. Donations to:- Odille Reynaud, 22 rue St Paul, 75004 Paris, France.

Anyone wishing to write to the Soviet Embassy complaining about the continued imprissonment of Nikitin and Klebanov, The address is:- 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

SOVIET BLOC

In Cuba groups of workers have been arrested for setting up a free trade union and going on strike.

Apparently five workers have been sentenced to death for trying to form a free
umion, but it is believed that these
sentences have been commuted to terms in
prison. Also the lawyers who defended
the five have been arrested. The official
worker's Central Office in Cuba have denied that the executions have taken place
but have stated the 33 people have been
given severe sentences for "carrying out
acts of sabotage and preparing assassination attempts against the country's leaders".

There has also been reports of arrests at a strike at a condensed milk plant, and peasants arrested for burning their crops.

In East Germany 9 people have been arrested for refusing to serve in the military (6 of these were refusing to be drafted into reserve units).

8 members of an unofficial peace group have been expelled to West Berlin.

The Soviet Union is to have a purge on drunks and idlers, at work. Punishments will include such things as cuts in wages up to a third, cutting holidays by up to a half and forcing the offenders to work for up to five months on reduced pay. Other workers will be encouraged to inform on their less productive colleagues.

Seditious Whispers has been accused of being biased against the Soviet Union and its empire and other 'workers states' in the ammount of coverage given to events there in comparision to similar events in western dictatorships such as Turkey, Chile, El Salvador.

This may be so, although looking back through the issues things are pretty bal-anced (especially when it is considered that over half the worlds population is under one form or another of marxist style dictatorship). This issue is of course an exception.

But although we support all people in their struggles for liberation, be they rioting in Chile, struggling against imperialism as in Tigray or fighting racial domination as in South Africa. We also support those fighting back against the hypocracy and tyrany of 'workers states' because it is these states and those who advocate them, be they marxists trotskyists, maoists or whatever, who suppress, not for their own good, but for the good of the suppressed, who have destroyed and pervert peoples attempts to free themselves in the name of dogmatic political bullship

Only by showing up the inevitable faults of taking over the state for the 'good of the workers' (faults predicted by anarchists long before the Russian revolution), that the mistakes of past revolutions can be avoided, and liberty finally attained, not just for the party backs but for all people.

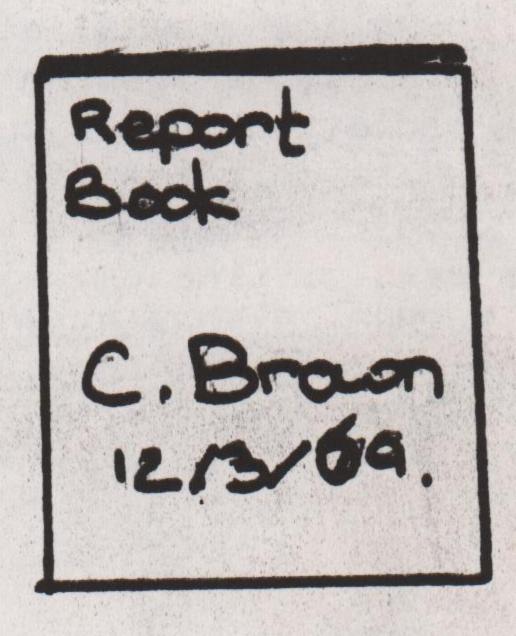
TEACHERS

They are bullies and we never get a choice about different things we want to do, and if we say anything we get lines for talking. Teachers are scared of us kids, if any of us are scraping, (fighting) a teacher won't come and sort it out they leave it to us, 'cause they're scared of us in case we gang up on them.

If we had a choice of what we wanted to do it would be better and we would be more interested in school. Teachers, if they don't like a kid, they bully them andthey show them up in front of the class. I think teachers favourite subject is shouting at us kids.

MY opinion about teachers is BAD.

TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS WRITING REPORTS ABOUT US. WE CAN'T WRITE ONE ON A TEACHER. THIS IS MY OPINION ABOUT TEACHERS - AND UNLIKE THEIRS, MY REPORT IS OPEN FOR ALL TO READ



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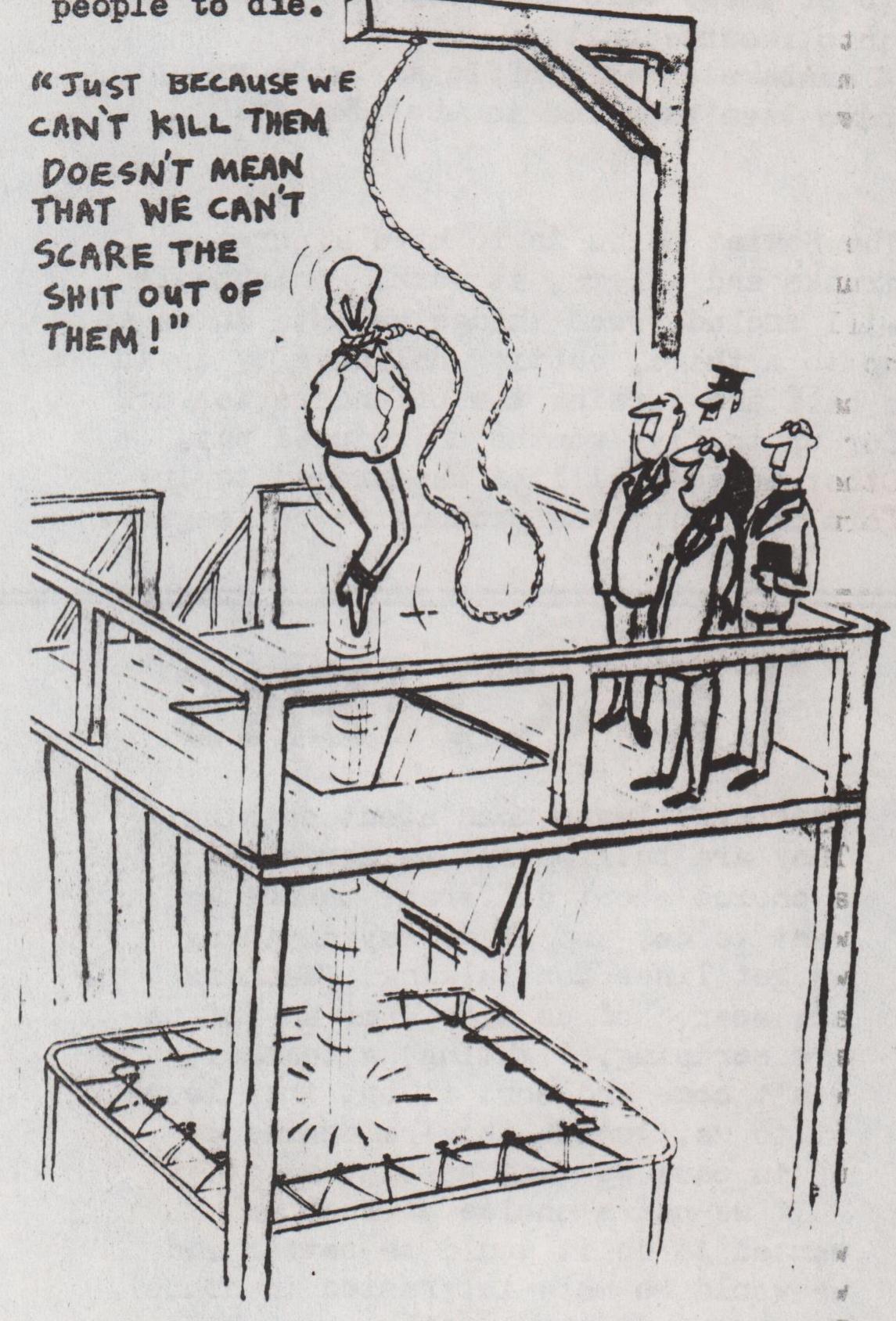
A lot of rubbish has been written about Thatcher's idiotic 'Victorian Values'. Critics have talked about Victorian conditions rather than values and hatchet has been able to get away with it. Although some Victorian conditions may have been a result of Victorian values most negative conditions were a result of a) a low level of Technology (and production typist) b) a low level of working class successes.

However it is the values themselves which Maggie praises, and these offer plenty of scope for attack. She talks about thrift (penny pinching meanness), morality (religous dogma and oppression) and the family (sexist authoritarian cells). The values which she does not mention but probably similarly adores are imperialism (the Falklands), privilege, snobbery, and (sexual, religous, racial and political) discrimination.

This is an interesting insight into the mind of the new reactionary, in reality it is much the same as the old reactionary mind, they want to go back to the mythical 'Good Old Days' when their forefathers held even more power than they do. Thatcher has a bright vision of her Brave New World. It is a world where the rich elite are once again heavily protected against the poor majority, where religion, sexual inhibition and political ignorance once again imobilise those who suffer under the capitalist yoke and where high technology makes the 'police state' a toytown of the past. In such conditions Thatcher and her ilk will thrive like plants in manure of their own making. It is up to everyone of us to fight this. The phony left offers no answer, they want to go back to the immediate post-war years - Thatchers vision tinged red. We must fight, together in solidarity, determined not to sell out to reformists, because the only way the capitalists can be defeated is by striving towards our own vision of a society which is both . . free and equal; where no person is oppressed in the name of equality or exploited in the name of freedom. THE WAY TO THE FUTURE IS FORWARD TO LIBERATION NOT BACKWARDS INTO CHAINS.

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Despite the recent vote in the House of Commons against bringing back hanging or what ever, the British state still maintains the judicial system for killing people. Besides the gallows at Wormwood Scrubs, which is kept oiled and waiting, and the legal right to kill for petty treasonous acts such as setting fire to naval dock yards, there is the Privy Council's Judicial Committee. The Privy Council is made up of 'eminent' people (all those with Right Hon. before their names) and the Judicial Committee of the P.C. is made up of the Lord Chancellor, the Lords of Appeal and other individuals of the P.C. This Judicial Committee is the final court of appeal for various countries in the commonwealth such as Trinida and Tobago. Most of these countries have the death penalty and the J.C. of the P.C. has often upheld the death penalty in these countries and sent people to die.



I WANT FREEDOM, THE RIGHT TO SELF-EXPRESSION, EVERYBODY'S RIGHT TO BEAUTIFUL, RADIANT THINGS"

- EMMA GOLDMAN (1869-1940)

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RELIGION & REVOLT

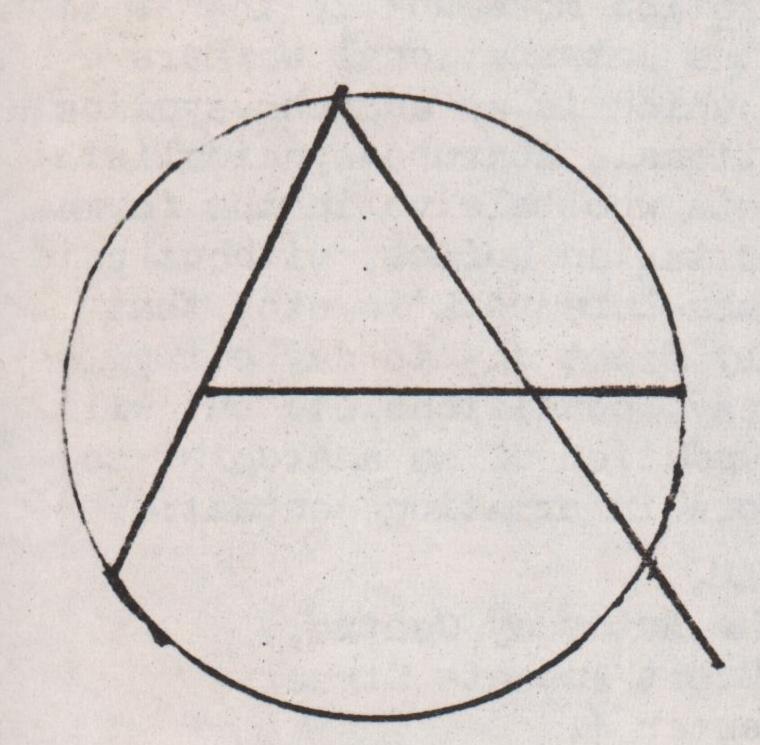
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Looking around the world today, you might be forgiven for thinking that religions are the worlds most potentially revolutionary beliefs. After all, the catholics are very proud of helping Polsi and central American workers, islam has toppled dictators (of one sort typist) in Iran & Libya and is fighting Russian Imperialism in Afghanistan. The peace movement in many European countries (i.e. Holland) is dominated by christains. Yet this picture is very deceptive, as many examples can be found of religion used by the state for repression or to justify reactionary or militaristic beliefs. Examples are Spain, the moral majority in the USA. In the arab countries the represeion im based on religion is almost unbelievable and the white south African and south American juntas in most cases would describe themselves as practising christains.

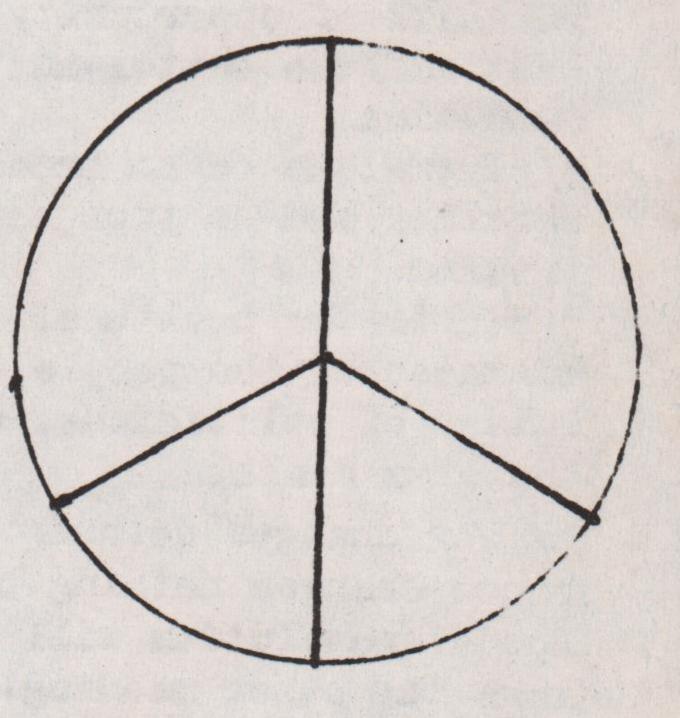
On looking closer at even those 'revolutionary areas we can see that the church is repressive or 'moderating'- where moderation is the last thing required. The harshness, brutality and discrimination in countries where islam is needs no comment. The catholic church as always been ready to compromise with dictators (i.e. the pope in world war 2) and no amount of

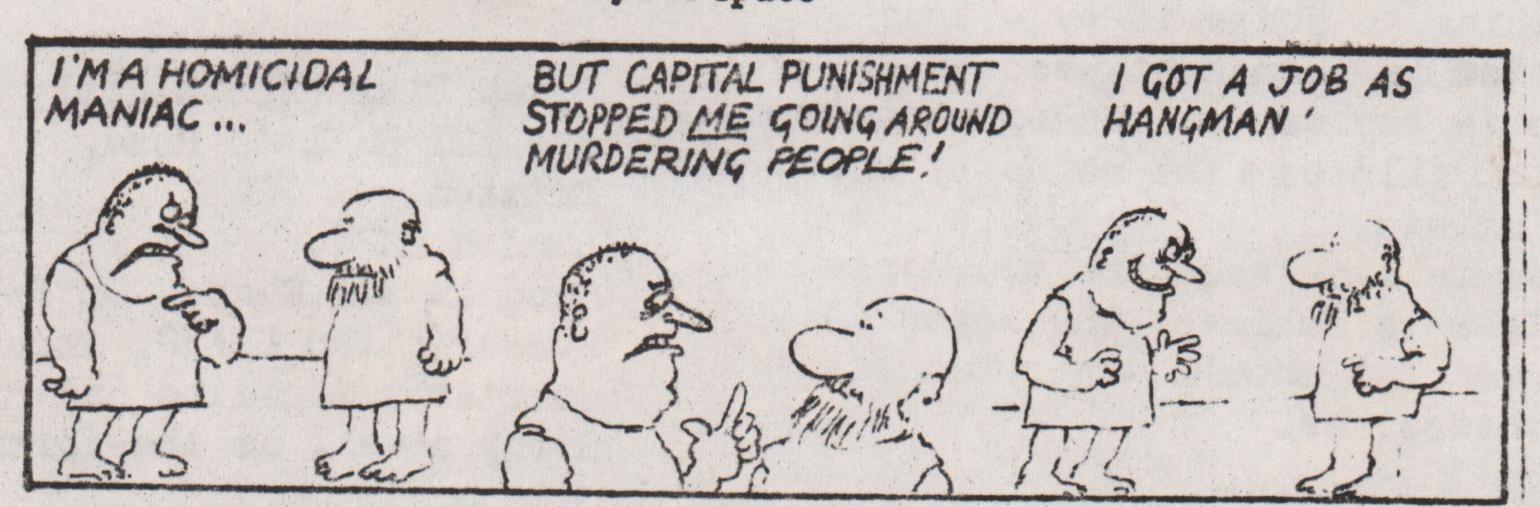
'wokerism' or eastern bloc can cover the fact that the church of Rome is a wolrdwide capitalist operation which does its best to subdue rev lts in countries which it likes. There are already signs that the church is selling out and compromisin in Poland, and what else can be expected from Glemp and his cronies. The bolshevik were right to warn against the 'black crows', though they did this for a more selfish reason than helping working class struggle. The catholic church's hypocracy is illustrated by S. American priests who aid guerillas - they will do anything to capture a few more minds. As for European protestants, their obsessive pacifism is becoming more of a handicap to movements which need action to sustain there growth It is all to evident that christains are all to often 'passivists' rather than just pacifists. We should also beawre that christianity is often the basis for anti-semintism, with the jewish people predicted as 'christ-killers' In fact religion is no more revolutionary than capitalism and communism, these three along with fascism, merely capture the peoples alliegence in order to enslave there bodies and minds. Only libertarian beliefs and actions, solidarity in liberty can bring true liberation.

POET'S MANIFESTO



Take back the land for our descendants Take back the earth for our poor souls Take back the Commons for our ancestors Take back the soil for our wholeselves Take back the empty property Take back the empty officeblocks Take back the empty factory floors Take back the empty homes & shops Take back the military training-grounds Take back the army camps and barracks Take back the airfields and shipyards Take back the food & ordnance depots Take back your roads and footpaths Take back your roots and birthplace Take back your time Take back your space





DON'T BE DECEIVED WHEN THEY TELL YOU THINGS ARE BETTER NOW. EVEN IF THERE'S NO POURRITY BECAUSE THE POVERTY'S BEEN HIDDEN. EVEN IF YOU EVER GOT MORE WAGES AND COULD AFFORD TO BUY MORE OF THESE NEW AND USELESS GOODS WHICH INDUSTRY FOIST ON YOU. NEVER HAD SO MUCH, THAT IS ONLY THE SLOGAN OF THOSE WHO STILL HAVE MUCH MORE THAN YOU. DON'T BE TAKEN IN WHEN THEY PAT YOU PATERNALLY ON THE SHOULDER AND SAY THAT THERE'S NO INEQUALITY WORTH SPEAKING OF AND NO MORE REASON TO FIGHT BACAUSE IF YOU BELIEVE THEM THEY WILL BE COMPLETELY IN CHARGE IN THEIR MARBLE HOMES AND GRANITE BANKS FROM WHICH THEY ROB THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNDER THE PRETENCE OF BRINGING THEM CULTURE. WATCH OUT, FOR AS SOON AS IT PLEASES THEM THEY'LL SEND YOU OUT TO PROTECT THEIR GOLD IN WARS WHOSE WEAPONS, RAPIDLY DEV-ELOPED BY SERVILE SCIENTISTS, WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE DEADLY UNTIL THEY CAN. WITH THE FLICK OF THE FINGER, TEAR A MILLION OF YOU TO PIECES.

JEAN PAUL MARAT. 1793.

REAL WEALTH CONSISTS IN THINGS OF UTILITY AND BEAUTY, IN THINGS THAT HELP TO STRONG BEAUTIFUL BODIES AND SURROUNDINGS INSPIRING TO LIVE IN. BUT IF MAN IS DOOMED TO WIND COTTON AROUND A SPOOL, OR DIG COAL, OR BUILD ROADS FOR THIRTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE THERE CAN BE NO TALK OF WEALTH. WHAT HE GIVES TO THE WORLD IS ONLY GRAY AND MIDEOUS THINGS REFLECTING A DULL AND HIDEOUS EXISTENCE, TOO WEAK TO LIVE, TOO COWARDLY TO DIE. STRANGE TO SAY, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO EXTOLL THIS DEADENING METHOD OF CENTRAL-IZED PRODUCTION AS THE PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR AGE. THEY FAIL UTTERLY TO REALISE THAT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE IN MACHINE SUBSERVIENCY OUR SLAVERY IS MORE COMPLETE THAN WAS OUR BONDAGE TO THE KING. Emma Goldman - 1910

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I/ The State preaches pacifism to its opponents, violence and jingoism to its supporters.

2/ The State praises non-violence within the law, but legalises genocide.

3/ Freedom lies not in INEQUALITY of opportunity to exploit others, but IN BOUALITY of opportunity for self fulfilment and the betterment of EVERYONES condition.

4/ There can be no freedom without equality and no true equality without freedom.

5/War is the health of the State, the sickness of the people, the bread and butter of politicians, and the wealth of the arms dealers.

b/ War changes nothing but peace and lives Peace changes nothing but war and lives. Social revolution will abolish one and make the other meaningless because there will be nothing to judge it by - true social justice is permanent peace. 7/ Violence is the cry of the oppressed, the syptom of illness + the means by which government exists.

8/ Means become ends when the true ends are impossible to achieve. The means determine the end but should never become an end in themselves.

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