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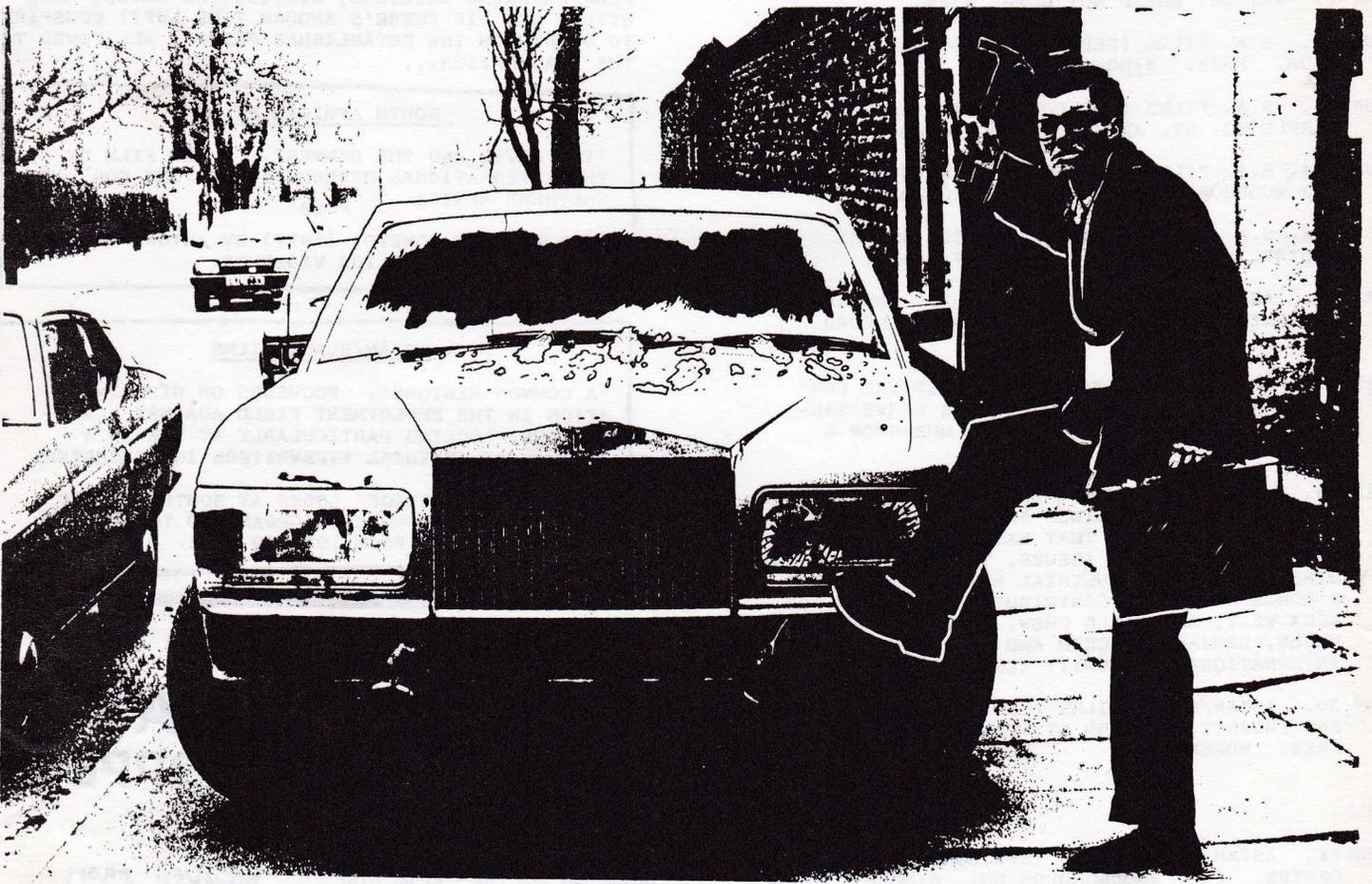
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How many Rolls Royce...how many Northern Irelands...how many anti-Trade Union bills will it take to demonstrate that in a crisis of Capitalism the ruling class can only react by attacking the people politically?

The Angry Brigade



Rich person, Barry Stard, realises the error of his ways.

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EVENTS

SAT 14. RECEPTION FOR THE ANTI-APARTHEID FREEDOM WALKERS. TO RAISE MONEY FOR ANC'S SOLOMON MALLANGU FREEDOM SCHOOL. MUSIC, BAR, BLUEBELL HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST. ANNS. 7:00 - LATE. £1.50/75p.

SAT 14. CND BENEFIT. RICKY AND THE RAVERS + SKEETA (WOMENS BAND). LATE BAR. BOULEVARD HOTEL, RADFORD BLVD. 8:30. £1.75/1.00.

TUES 17. NOTTINGHAM IRISH SOLIDARITY GROUP DISCUSSION MEETING. 7:30 CENTRAL LIBRARY.

MON 16 - SAT 28. LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE EXHIBITION. CITY'S FIRST. ON THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF NOTTINGHAM LOCAL GROUPS.

FRI 20. SOUTH AFRICAN FILMS (SEEBOX). INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, RAWSON ST. NEW BASFORD 7:00. FREE.

SAT 21. LEICESTER LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL.

SAT 21 - SAT 28. BREAD NOT BOMBS WEEK.

SUN 22. S.A. FILMS (SEE BOX) HYSOON GREEN BOYS CLUB. FREE. 3:00pm.

MON 23. S.A. FILMS (SEE BOX) UKAIDI CENTRE, MARPLE SQ. ST. ANNS. FREE, 7:00pm.

TUES 24. S.A. FILMS (SEE BOX) PAKISTAN CENTRE, 163 WOODBOROUGH RD. FREE. 6:00pm.

THUR 26. S.A. FILMS (SEE BOX) MARCUS GARVEY CENTRE, LENTON BLVD. FREE. 7:00pm.

FRI 27. ASIAN/BLACK FILMS (SEE BOX) INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, RAWSON ST, NEW BASFORD. FREE. 7:00pm.

SAT 28. LONDON. FREEDOM MARCH & FESTIVAL FOR SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA. COACHES LEAVE SALUTATION 8:00am. TICKETS FROM MUSHROOM & ANTI-APARTHEID. £5:00/2:50.

SAT 28. ANARCHO-FEMINIST HISTORY GROUP WILL GIVE A SELECTION OF READINGS FROM THE 'FREEWOMAN', A FEMINIST JOURNAL THAT WAS FIRST PRODUCED IN 1911. AMONG OTHER ISSUES, THE PAPER DISCUSSE DIRECT ACTION, INDUSTRIAL ACTION AND HETERO- & HOMOSEXUALITY. CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDED REBECCA WEST, ADA NIELD CHEW, STELLA BROWN, H.G. WELLS, BENJAMIN TUCKER AND GUY ALDRED. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE. 2:00pm.

MON 30. ASIAN/BLACK FILMS (SEE BOX) ASIAN WOMENS PROJECT, STURTON ST, FOREST FIELDS. 2:00 FREE. WOMEN ONLY.

JULY:

TUES 11. ASIAN/BLACK FILMS (SEE BOX) PAKISTAN CENTRE, 163, WOODBOROUGH RD. 6:00pm. FREE.

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FRI 4. MENWITH HILL PEACE CAMP (NEAR HARROGATE) 2nd BIRTHDAY PARTY. & INDEPENDENCE FROM AMERICA DAY. BANDS, STALLS, D-I-Y ACTION. ALL DAY.

SAT 5. CHILWELL FENCE-CUTTING DAY. SEE ARTICLE.

SAT 5. IN CONCERT FOR NICARAGUA: ZINICA (FROM NICARAGUAN EAST COAST) + DOGS DINNER (WOMENS BAND) + PATRICIA ROMERO (CHILEAN SINGER). TRENT POLY STUDENTS UNION. 8:00 - 12:00pm £3:00/2:50/2:00+ON DOOR. CHEAPER IN ADVANCE.

SAT 5. LONDON LESBIAN & GAY PARADE. COACH FROM NOTTINGHAM, DETAILS: RICHARD, 708063.

SUN 6. 4th ANNUAL ANARCHIST PICNIC. 1:00pm WOLLATON PARK, BY THE LAKE.

FRI 11. SETTING UP OF A CAMP FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION OUTSIDE HAZLETON LABORATORIES, OTLEY RD, HARROGATE, YORKSHIRE.

SAT 12. EVENING. SPOTZ ALTERNATIVE CABARET AT THE PEACE FESTIVAL SITE.

SUN 13. NCND'S ANNUAL PEACE FESTIVAL.

SUN 13. PICKET OUTSIDE GARTREE PRISON IN SOLIDARITY WITH IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS. THERE MAY BE TRANSPORT, CONTACT NOTTINGHAM IRISH SOLIDARITY GROUP, BOX 5, 118 WORKSHOP FOR DETAILS.

FRI 18. FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP PRESENTS... BALLISTIC BOOGIE. DISCO BY JAZZY SOUNDS. ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHERWOOD RISE. 8:00 til LATE. £1.75/1.25.

TUES 22. BRUCE KENT TALKING AND TALKING AND TALKING-SOMEWHERE IN NOTTINGHAM. CAN YOU WAIT?????

AND DON'T FORGET: SMASH MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30pm (OR THEREABOUTS) AT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, MANSFIELD RD. TO PLOT JUMBLE SALES, PLAN DRINKING SESSIONS, DISCUSS THE LATEST HAIRSTYLES AND (IF THERE'S ENOUGH TIME LEFT) CONSPIRE TO OVERTHROW THE ESTABLISHED ORDER. ALL POWER TO THE IMAGINATION...

SOUTH AFRICAN FILMS

'THE ANVIL AND THE HAMMER'. A NEW FILM BY THE INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE & AID FUND FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. PLUS

'SIX DAYS IN SOWETO' (1977) BY ANTONY THOMAS; A CHRONICAL OF POLICE VIOLENCE.

ASIAN/BLACK FILMS

'A COMMON HISTORY'. FOCUSSES ON DISCRIMINATION IN THE EMPLOYMENT FIELD AGAINST BLACK WORKERS, LOOKING PARTICULARLY AT THE 1974 DISPUTE AT IMPERIAL TYPEWRITERS IN LEICESTER.

'A TOWN UNDER SIEGE' LOOKS AT SOUTHALL, AND SHOWS HOW THE COMMUNITY ORGANISED TO RESIST FASCIST ATTACKS FROM 1976 TO 1981.

The offensive portrayal of women, fanatical nationalism, racism, the glorification of war, vicious attacks on strikers - these are just some of the obnoxious features of the Sun 'newspaper'. And increasingly they're features that other 'popular' papers are imitating, as they try and hit back in the circulation battle. More insidiously the Sun - along with all the mass media - censors most news of resistance to oppression.

During the miners strike the Sun's printers took industrial action at least three times to oppose the paper's slanders against the miners and its refusal to print the miners' case.

But if Murdoch wins this fight its highly unlikely that any similar action would ever be taken by his new tightly controlled scab workforce. Management would be able to guarantee a 101% obnoxious Sun.

Yet another reason to support the striking News International workers.

WHAT A WHOPPER!

RECEIVED FROM
COUNTER INFORMATION,
GLASGOW.

Hello - and - Welcome!

to issue 8, the new-look 2 colour front page N.A.N. (following in the footsteps of Eddie Shah!!!)

A lot has happened since the last issue...not least the bombing of Libya. But although that narrowly failed to get us all nuked, we had another opportunity to get irradiated from Chernobyl.... maybe we did!...so little has been said about local radiation levels it makes you wonder. Nottingham health shops and chemists were sold out of Kelp tablets within three days of the accident anyway...There's always someone who does well out of a disaster.

There's nothing about the Mushroom dispute in this issue. The Community Enquiry has read 400 pages of submissions on the subject, held interviews and made it's decisions. However, most of the Anarchist

Group have only just recieved their copies and making a considered Group comment on the matter won't be possible until we've all had time to mull it over.

Well, Summer is here, apparently, and we hope you'll all be out and about...maybe see you on our annual picnic; it is at Wollaton Park again on Sunday July 5th...Or maybe you'll be off to Stonehenge?...Festivals, picketing, fence cutting (and street selling the paper!) are all more fun in the sun...so read on for more details..... All letters, contributions, artwork, subscriptions (10p plus p&p per issue) to us at Box A, Mushroom Bookshop 10, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

Many thanks to Ramoth Prints for printing the front cover Oh...can anyone read Italian; we've got an important letter that we can't translate.

O.K, SO I USE MONEY NOW AND THEN

I'VE GOT THIS THING UNDER CONTROL... IT'S NO PROBLEM

MONEY'S NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. I COULD STOP ANYTIME ... COULDN'T I?

I'M ALRIGHT. I'VE JUST GOT A TOUCH OF ALIENATION TODAY, THAT'S ALL

YEAH, BUT AT LEAST I'M STILL ALIVE... I SUPPOSE

EVERYONE THINKS THEY CAN CONTROL MONEY UNTIL IT STARTS TO CONTROL THEM
Money Screws You Up

STONEHENGE: 'MEDIEVAL BRIGANDS' GO FOR IT!

Whether it's an imposed Government policy; or whether it's just plain typical of the media, little or no public attention is being paid to the thousands of people attempting to make the Stone Henge Free Festival happen this year.

What is getting a lot of attention is the small convoy of vehicles that the police are 'runnin' outa da county' like they were a band of Wild West outlaws, in Dorset and now in the New Forest. The effect of this is worse than ignoring the festival totally, it gives the impression that these people who don't even know where they're going to are the only festival goers in that part of the country.

Inspite of the Forestry Commission's assertion that they will "neutralize" the invasion (They've been watching too much Star Trek!) there doesn't

look as yet like being a confrontation as bad as last years. At the time of writing it was actually possible to get to the stones on foot in small groups, if you gave a name and address. However, whilst there are few police there, there are also very few people as yet around to start the festival.

But the vast bulk of people are due to arrive on the 14th June on the walks from London and other major towns. In this sort of circumstance there would seem to be a lot of sense in arriving as part of a large peaceful march. But it needs lots of people if it's going to work, so get down there! So...here's to a successful and peaceful festival..

LAURA BIDDING.

DON'T FIRE TILL YOU SEE THE LENGTH OF THEIR HAIR!



feeling on the matter very much in hand, and that if any further changes in the law are required beyond what we already propose we shall not hesitate to introduce them."

Some Tories were accused of displaying "dangerous fascist symptoms" in their attitude towards the peace convoy by the Opposition member, Mr Clive Soley.

He accused the Government of using the police as the "Tory Party's private army."

"This Government has not only caused riots in the inner cities and in relation to industrial disputes and now does it in the byways and lanes of England."

Replying, Mr Hurd called Mr Soley's speech "an extraordinary attempt to turn this into a political issue." His comments bore no relation to reality.



The time has come to sharpen the boltcutters and polish the hack-saws ready for July 5th. Use them as much or as little as you like (non-violently) on the perimeter fence at our local American base U.S.A.F. Chilwell.

Cutting the fence is both a symbol of our opposition to the base being used by the U.S.A.F. and an act of resistance. The demand will be U.S. BASES OUT OF BRITAIN and this will be one of many demos at American bases in the country.

Following so soon after the Feb 6th Molesworth action where over 300 Nottingham people took part in non-violent direct action (many for the first time), we hope to attract even more to a base only 6 miles out of Nottingham at a more respectable 1.00pm start.

There will be legal support on the day, and a legal briefing will be produced soon. There will be two 'training workshops' at Queens Walk Community Centre on Sunday June 1st and Saturday June 7th, 10.30 - 4.30. (Bring lunch. Creche available, please book a place.) If groups prefer a separate speaker/workshop please ask.

For more information, contact PEACE ACTION NETWORK at NCND, Queens Chambers, 3 King Street, Nottm Tel. 472556.

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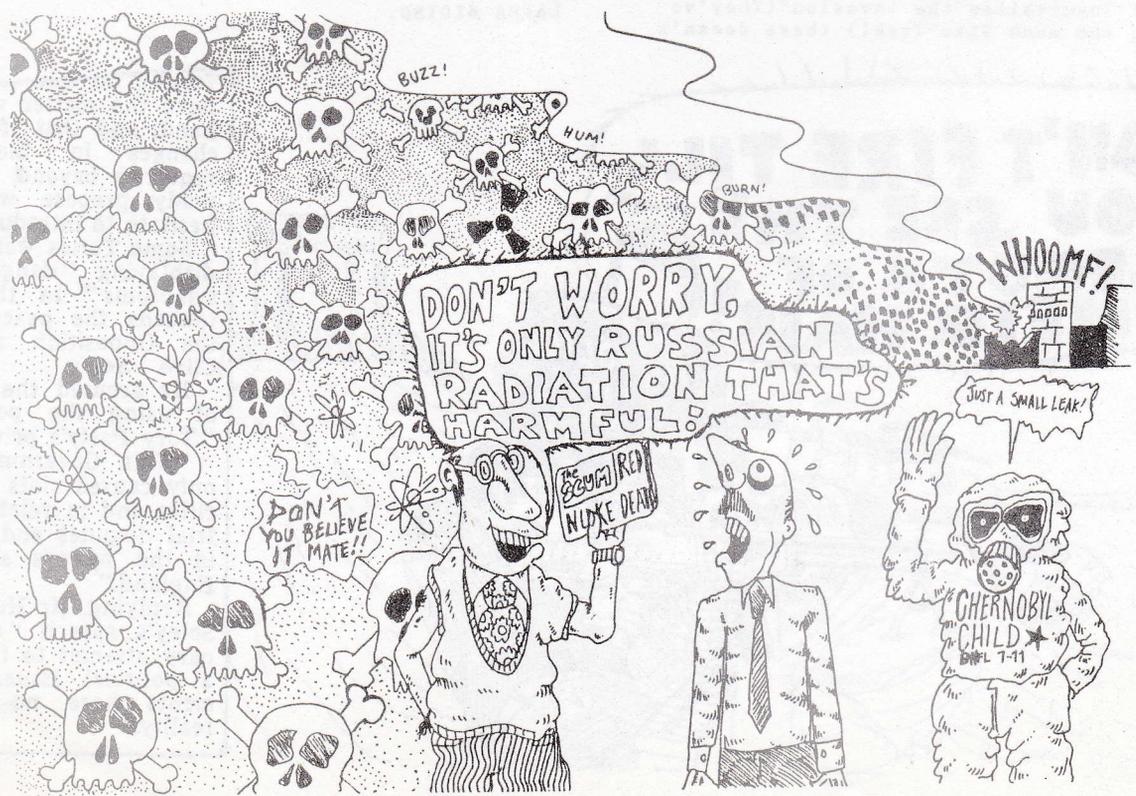
CHILWELL WYMMINS PEACE CAMP
Was set up on Saturday 24 May -to mark international Wymmins Disarmament day-on Nottingham road Attenborough, opposite the Blue Bell pub.

It is still going on despite continual harrasment from Ministry of defence police. Wymmin have been assaulted by MOD plods with dogs and evictions have been carried out at all times of the day and night. Also the disused gatehouse, which the camp is in front of, is being converted into a 24 hour surveillance unit to constantly watch the camp.

Officials will only admit to Chilwell base housing 20 Americans for the service of American support vehicles for cruise missiles, but 125 mechanics and 25 drivers (all American) have been staying in the area at bed and breakfast places keeping a low profile, and they are now being moved into the base. The ministry of Education has confirmed that 200 places have been allocated in local schools for American kids.

Convoys of tank transporters and support vehicles have been seen leaving the base weekly and going round Stapleford.

Wymmin have been going into the base every night to try and discover exactly what is going on in there. And all this with just 3 wymmin staying at the camp on a regular basis. Can wymmin please come and stay for a night or two if possible or just a few hours. Any support would be very welcome.



INDUSTRIAL ACTION AT CHILWELL.

Around 1983 it was announced that Chilwell Ordnance Depot as such was to be closed. It would be converted into a storage depot for spare parts/maintenance equipment for cruise missiles. A government minister/top bureaucrat came along to try to sell the idea to the workforce. He was not welcomed.

I'm informed that the workers were not happy on two issues. One was "Why our base and not the one in the country which is far more suitable?" and the other, "Why aren't we being given jobs elsewhere?". One answer to the first question could be that at a suburban site it is easier to control demo's.

Industrial action was commenced. An overtime ban was begun and a "go-slow" of sorts is also occurring. As a result the management is finding that work schedules are not being completed in time (the main work at the depot is tank repair and maintenance) and as a consequence the closure date seems almost as far away as on the day it was announced. It's just been put back from late 1988 to late 1989.

Although the closure of Chilwell as an ordnance depot is now not as certain as it was, what this means with regard to the use of the site as part of the cruise missile programme remains an open question.

G.



WHY, WHEN I LOOK OUT OF THE WINDOW IN THE LAYOUT ROOM, ARE THERE SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE ANARCHIST GROUP WANDERING UP AND DOWN MANSFIELD RD.

WELL, IT STOPS YOU FEELING LONELY I SUPPOSE, TO SEE SO MANY SOULS YOU KNOW, GAZING INTO GOOD VIBRATIONS RECORD SHOP WISHING THEY HAD SOME MONEY. EACH OF THEM, LITTLE KNOWING THAT, ONLY MOMENTS BEFORE, ONE OF THEIR BELOVED COMRADES WAS ALSO STANDING THERE, BEING WATCHED BY ME.....AND I WAS THINKING TO MYSELF

"WHY THE FUCK DOESN'T ONE THEM GET UP HERE WITH A CARTOON OR AN ARTICAL OR SOMETHING, JUST BIG ENOUGH TO PUT IN THIS SPACE I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING TO FILL?"

AH WELL, I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO CONTRIVE TO WRITE SOME MEANINGLESS LITTLE PARAGRAPH TO FILL UP THE GAP.

DIRECT ACTION AT WAPPING



In the last issue of the Anarchist News one contributor discussed some of the 'contradictions' she'd experienced on the picket line at Wapping. Specifically she referred to the racism and the sexism. The left-wing press all too often ignore such things in their uncritical accounts of trade union disputes. Uncritical that is except in terms

of left-right power disputes, where any problem is subsumed under that convenient catch all a "crisis of leadership".

The biggest 'contradiction' that has beset working class industrial struggle throughout is one that concerns potential and it's realisation. It shouldn't be seen in terms of any crisis of leadership, but in terms of it's opposite a crisis of follower-ship. Briefly stated, put your faith in instituted leadership and you put your faith in a strategy and a process that undermines grass roots

initiative, dissipates potential and inevitably ends up in compromise, which especially in this day and age is nothing more than a euphemism for defeat. Ms Dean has nothing at all to loose - certainly not her job. Her job is negotiation, and a negotiated 'agreement' would boost her credibility as a 'sensible' union leader - a status union bureaucrats crave. In any dispute the only people with anything to loose are those on the shop floor, it follows then that once they stand down in favour of the 'leadership' the result is fore-ordained.

Yet, potential there was. With more than 6,000 angry people at the gates, a mass that could have swept aside the filth and taken the damn place over. But apart from the few 'having a go' in the road the majority preferred to stand idly by and soak up the speeches.

How pitiful it was to see Tony Benn strut around like some Socialist monarch - 'He's been to see our wounded' said a voice from the rostrum, to hear another MP say that he wanted the police back in his constituency solving crime - hadn't he learned anything of the real role of the police, to be promised a Parliamentary enquiry and Questions in the House, and to hear good old Brenda Dean prattle on and on - "We shall win" - due to tenacious moral example, no doubt. Murdoch must have crapped himself and the Chief Constable quaked in his boots.

The good old days of pre-entry closed shop and shop floor control are over. And needs must, for to make British capitalism profitable again, necessitating the restoration of full managerial control, working class organisations have

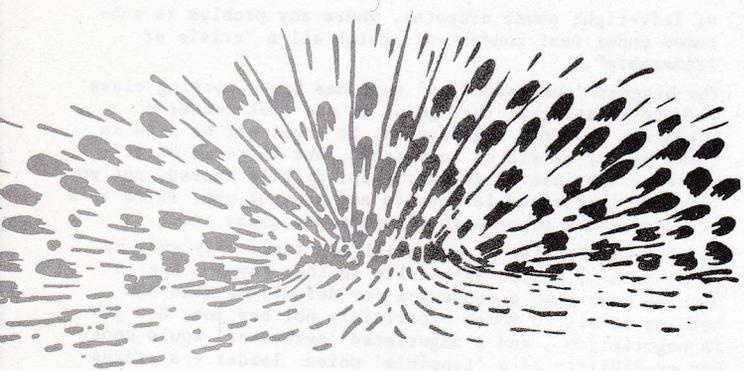
to be knocked once and for all. Negotiation? Come off it. There is a solution - Direct Action. Screw the legality and the respectability, be damned with the procedure and all the other nonsense the working class have saddled themselves with. "If you want something done, then do it yourself" it's elementary comrade.

Direct Action can take many forms from Sabotage to the Hit Squads of the miner's strike, to NVDA. The essential common factor uniting them all is that these are forms of activity controlled by the people involved themselves, there is no abdication of responsibility. Ideally the pickets should have occupied the place, and the filth were way outnumbered that night. But less dramatically wouldn't a CND style sit down blockade of the gates would have been far more effective than the perfunctory cries of 'Scab, Scab'. and listening to verbose speeches.

At Thermastron the following week some people did attempt a CND style blockade. About 30 or so, just under half those present, took part. Usually it takes 12 minutes for the lorry from London to arrive, for it to be unloaded and for the vans to be loaded up and on their way. This time they were delayed for around an hour. In the event the filth were able to push us aside and the vans streamed past half on - half off the pavement. Yet what if everyone there had joined in, what if all those who hadn't the imagination to do ought but sell papers had sat down too. Undoubtedly the vans would have eventually got out, but not without a much longer delay. The funny thing is these rival vanguard parties paper sellers havn't a fucking clue when it comes to confrontation, perhaps their nervous of arrest (for there was a little rough and tumble with the police), perhaps they're scared of courting party disapproval by getting the papers creased. But the fact is that in little ways like this we can see just how effective a determined policy of Direct Action could be. Just as at Wapping we saw all that potential wasted around the rostrum.

Let's not further shackle ourselves by standing off and allowing bureaucrats to lead us into that intractable web of compromise. If ever we want to win, then by God, WE have to make sure we win. If we want action, WE have to take action.

ROB



LIBYA

ALL
GOVERNMENT
IS
TERRORISM



The demonstration at the U.S. Embassy, Grosvenor Square in London, on April 19th, began as a total let down and ended in a near-brawl with the Metropolitan Police Force, hot from picket line duty at Wapping.

Far from finding an angry crowd, outraged by the bombing of Libya and eager to take the Embassy by storm, on entering Grosvenor Square we were met by Finchley C.N.D. and Christians for Peace, sat down eating their sandwiches and singing hymns! Anarchists and Peace Activists (as opposed to 'peace non-activists!') tried to raise interest in breaking through the police barrier round the building, but were told to sit down. After they tried to get through, and therer were a couple of very violent arrests, the nice C.N.D.-ers helped the Police put their barrier back up.

Word went round that there would be a sit-down in Oxford St. at 3 O'clock. C.N.D. decided to march defiantly to Hyde Park (Been there before!...) at the same time, so the two were combined.

The march sat down for an hour and got up to leave at 4, as decided. It would have been a great success, bringing the traffic in the area to a total standstill, wreaking havoc for an unprepared Met., ending as decisively as it had sat down and generating much publicity as a protest. But the Police weren't having that.

Rather than let the protest end peacefully on it's own terms, the police moved in in a wedge formation and began flinging people towards the pavement. Several people, including children, narrowly missed the wheels of busses that the police moved in behind them so that no-one could sit back in the road. Oxford St. was so crowded with shoppers and demonstrators could see that most people couldn't have got out of the way even if they'd wanted to. This gave them the excuse to clobber everyone within reach.

It's a wonder no-one was seriously hurt. If the Riot Police that were waiting round the corner had had room to get through, then they probably would have been. Fortunately, there was little room for Polive vans either, so many people who were arrested escaped again, as coppers tried to hold them at the side of the road.

After a time the bus drivers got sick of being comm- andiered by the police. Most abandoned their busses and they had to be driven by cops. One such bus got it's side windscreen broken by a well aimed missile, though it could more easily have hit one of the demonstrators. Witnesses to the event told of how it was in fact thrown by a fairly straight looking bloke who had just stepped out of a tailors shop.

Some of the socialists threw papers at the police, and some tried to sell them. Class War were as unhelpful and embarrassing as ever, but left early after bravely throwing bits of balsa wood at 20 cops. Many people with N.V.D.A. training found it harder than ever to resist laying into the police, not that there would have been much point. Oh, and Finchley C.N.D. got their thermos flask broken!..But joking apart...few people coped constructively with a situation that could become common place for the Peace Movement.

For those who have seen the Miner's Strike, the riots and Wapping as the reality of policing in Britain, the attack was not surprisingly brutal. However, it must be the hardest beating some of these 'outraged citizens' had recieved. Maybe it will have pointed out a few home truths to people who think the Police respect you more if you behave nicely.

LAURA BIDDING

NOTTINGHAM ACTS AGAINST THE LIBYAN BOMBINGS

Various groups in Nottingham spontaneously acted against the British and American governments' callous and brutal bombings of two Libyan cities. There were demonstrations throughout the following week all over the city.

Immediate anger and protest was voiced in a rally and demonstration in the city centre on the evening following the outrage. It was a hastily cobbled together affair drawing about 2 or 3 hundred people.

That same night four activists broke into the US base at Chilwell and occupied the roof of a disused signal box there. One of the protesters attracted much media attention by falling 20 feet from the roof, thankfully he was not hurt (but if you will play cricket on rooves!) The occupation lasted for 13 hours at a time when anti terrorist (Or anti peace protester) security was supposed to be at its highest. In fact all the American personnel stationed at Chilwell were notabaly absent from the base for the whole of the week following the bombings.

On Wednesday night (16 April) there was a road side demonstration on the roundabout at Gregory Boulevard/Mansfield Road. More than 200 people, carrying flags, banners and placards crammed themselves onto the traffic island to a chorus of supportive bleeps from passing rush hour traffic.

The following day, similar rush hour traffic was brought to a halt in the city centre by 40 women who blockaded Parliament Street (see report this issue)

Friday evening saw a march from the market square to the main gate of USAF Chilwell. This was a sullen affair, the repeated chants of 'Britain out of Nato... Nato out of Britain..' on a megaphone for 5 miles is a bit much really, but again it was a colourful protest and drew much support.

On the Saturday there was a demonstration in London outside the US embassy in Grosvenor Square. Five coaches full (and more) went from Nottingham. In the city itself that afternoon hundreds marched to the Market Square from the forest.

All through that week the politicians kept at their bleating, playing for political points, ignoring their part in these murders, drowning dead children with their dead words. In protest and opposition to the support that the three local Tory MPs gave to Thatchers murders, about twenty people occupied the roof of the conservative party headquarters for a day.

The only thing that the MPs had to say in response was that CND (who organised the demo) were terrorists because they had upset the people at the posh restaurant next door. The tory party were rewarded with yet another sit in this time outside building, with 30 people on the 15 May.

RAY ZISTER.

WOMEN AGAINST STATE TERRORISM

At 12.30pm on Friday 2 May, a small group of women met in Beeston bus station, and although we had hoped that more women would turn up we decided to go ahead with our plan.

Four of us climbed onto the roof of the shopping centre (we didn't need the ladder that one woman had lugged all the way from Forest Fields cos there were grills over the windows we could climb) We unfurled our banner and got out the megaphone and began to talk to the people shopping below.

Almost immediately a man followed us onto the roof and tried to wrestle the megaphone away from a woman on the edge of the roof. He gave up the struggle when his boss (the designer of the centre also joined us. They tried to persuade us to leave (whilst agreeing with our aims) and then left threatening to call the police.

Meanwhile back on the ground, a brave lone woman leafletted and talked to people and took photos.

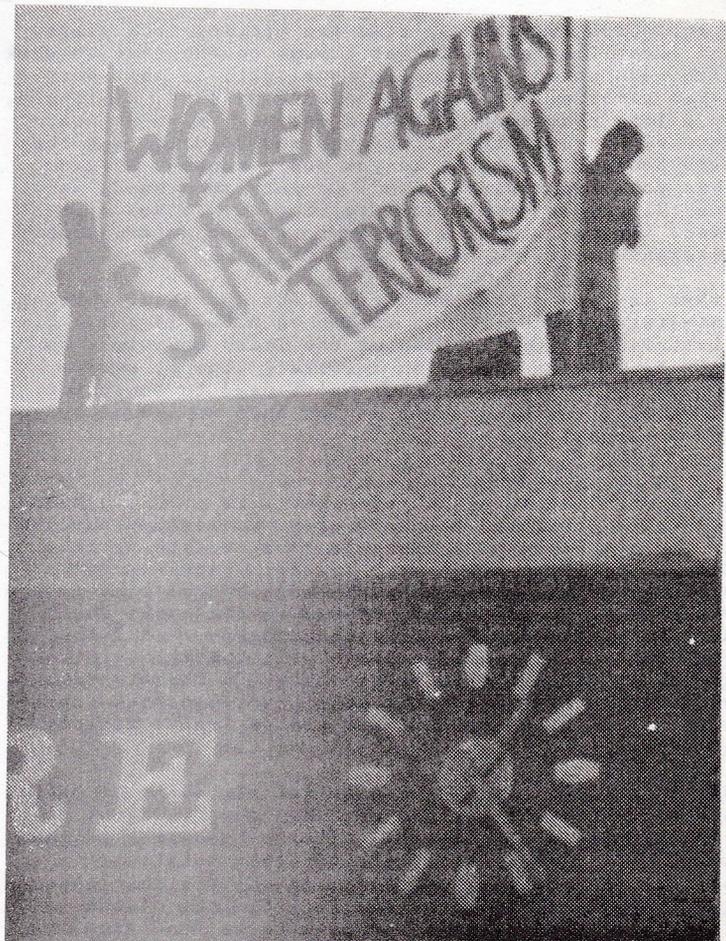
The police arrived and had a look round but didn't even bother to climb onto the roof (we did discover later that our much needed ladder had been moved though) and a suspicious looking character took photos of us.

Two women took turns talking about whats wrong with the world and what we should all do about it and Libya in particular. Lots of it was moving stuff and we got lots of good responses even if

most of the people who gathered to talk back to us were against us. Of course they were stupid obnoxious men mostly, who went on about lesbians vibrators etc, and when asked how they felt about the young children killed in Libya said 'Yeah, great' etc.

We climbed down after a couple of hours and went for a cup of tea in a nearby cafe (the women working there were dead friendly) and congratulated our selves.

JOAN DARK.



HANDS OFF LIBYA

The 'Hands Off Libya' rally at the Pakistani Community Centre, Woodborough rd., on Fri. 25th April, was not well attended. About 100 people showed up for what, given the amount of publicity it got and the timing of the event, should have been one of the largest 'broad left' and multi-cultural events in the town for some time.

The 'Hands Off Libya Campaign' is a bizarre mixture of representatives from the Moslem and Pakistani communities, various shades of Socialist, Anarchist and Peace Movement, so you can imagine some of the ideological conflicts that came up! Sensibly, those involved realised that the campaign could not push a 'line' on Libya, merely provide a focus for public reaction in outrage at the bombing. Of course this also set the seal on the Campaign being short lived, you cannot really mobilize without discussion on policy. However, Libya caused such horror and concern in people that do not always organise politically, that the best and most public way of getting people to express that outrage seemed to be in a large and 'accessible' protest like a rally.

But perhaps even by the time the meeting took place, the inability of different groups on the left to work with each other, was taking it's toll, in that very token numbers from each group were present. Obviously, in a long term sense, it's impossible, say, as Anarchists, to work with people who say "Gadaffi and the Arab people are right. If you don't support Reagan then you must support them". On the other hand, as Anarchists, we should be involving our selves with Black issues. Libya is not just another anti-Thatcher-Reagan-Nuke issue, it is a Black issue.

Libya is also a very hard issue for Anarchists, being anti-state, whether those states be U.S., Israeli, Palestinian or Libyan. Like on the Irish question, we will be seen as having an incorrect line by everyone else involved, but then we're used to that! But if we have anything worth saying then we should be in there saying it!

A meeting like this, in retrospect, is probably doomed. Quite probably, far from draw the maximum numbers to it, a meeting with speakers from everything from C.N.D. to the Union of Pakistani Organisations* probably keeps people away. There's bound to be groups who actually consider the others reactionary. The Moslem attitude to women is reactionary, and C.N.D. showed a basic lack of concern with the Palestinian question, at the heart of all this. On the other hand, when it was mentioned that Anarchists had been instrumental in the Campaign, some people looked visibly horrified.

Well, it seemed a good idea to get all sorts of people shook up about Libya, because when they're shook up they're more accessible to political thought. In the event most people were there to score political points, although for the Black communities the issue is perhaps a deeper one. The implications of the issue for them in their struggle to be free from imperialism, are too important to be ignored by a predominantly white Anarchist movement, because they don't fit in with an obviously Anarchist line of thought.

Laura Biding

*I think that's what the organisation is called, the name seems to have changed alot recently.

CAMERON EVANS IS CURRENTLY ON REMAND IN LINCOLN PRISON AND IS ALLEGED TO HAVE DONE £17,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO WINDOWS AT DEBENHAMS. DEBENHAMS HAS A LARGE FUR DEPARTMENT THAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION OF ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGNERS

HE HAS TWICE BEEN REFUSED BAIL AND THE COURT CASE LOOKS LIKE BEING A LONG WAY OFF YET. A DEFENCE FUND HAS BEEN SET UP TO HELP WITH LEGAL COSTS ETC. SO PLEASE SEND AS MUCH AS YOU CAN POSSIBLE AFFORD TO BOX. A.

IF YOU'VE BOUGHT THIS PAPER YOU EITHER CALL YOURSELF AN ANARCHIST OR YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WHAT ANARCHISTS IN YOU'RE AREA ARE UP TO.

WE'RE TWO ANARCHISTS FROM LOUGHBOROUGH WHO WANT TO START A LOUGHBOROUGH ANARCHISTS GROUP.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN SUCH A GROUP, WRITE TO LOUGHBOROUGH ANARCHISTS C/O NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST NEWS.



There was a street meeting held in Lister-gate on May the 1st. Even though we got the day right-unlike some comrades who for some reason celebrate May the 1st on May the 5th. We were however true to normal form, it began in the pub and were an hour late in starting. Full of dutch courage we wandered down to Listergate. A man talked, alot of leaflets were given out and people bought papers. There was a mixed reaction from people, some talked, discussed, argued, thought we should go back to Russia and many walked by.

Soon we were ousted- rather persuasively by the God Squad, To round the morning up you've guessed - we went back to the Pub.

THIS TIME CHERNOBYL

On Saturday April 26 at the nuclear reactor in Chernobyl a chemical explosion caused a fire which caused the worst ^{civil} nuclear disaster that the world's ever seen. It's difficult piecing together all the facts of what happened then but some things are apparent and the implications are frightening. At the moment the official death toll is at 22, with another 80 on the danger list. According to one account some 46,000 people evacuated from towns in the disaster area show the classic signs of radiation sickness- streaming eyes and sores around the mouth. Evacuation from around the reactor site did not start until 36 hours after the incident. The Russian media initially made little comment upon the incident, let alone do much to warn people. So much for the glorious communist state.

The effects of a disaster like that which occurred at Chernobyl appear enormous. The first deaths are only one consequence. 10 to 40 years on the number of cancer deaths of those who were in the area will rise dramatically. Hundreds, perhaps thousands will probably be dying from radiation exposure well into the next century. Of the two materials probably released from the plant Iodin-131 is the most dangerous in the short run but its radioactivity halves every 8 days so its relatively quick to disappear, however Caesium-137, whilst less active, takes 30 years to fall to half of its first level of radioactivity. According to the criteria employed by Britain's Atomic Energy Authority up to 150 square miles of farmland will probably have been effected badly enough to render bread, vegetables and milk from there dangerous. Only about a tenth of this will be dangerous a year later- still a tremendous amount- but would remain dangerous for decades unless stripped of its topsoil. The radiation levels near the plant seem fortunately to be lower than expected, but it is possible that the great heat of the plume from the explosion carried it high into the air which explains the high levels recorded so far away, all a matter of luck.

It's no use just blaming Russia's poor safety record for the disaster. The West's is far from perfect as well. Virtually every bit of a reactor that can go wrong, has gone wrong somewhere and at sometime. The American Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that of the 100 or so operable reactors there, ten suffered "significant events" last year. None apparently led to a radiation leak, but at least two closely approached what would have been major disasters. By all accounts Britain's record is worse than America's. (Would you go swimming near Sellafield?)

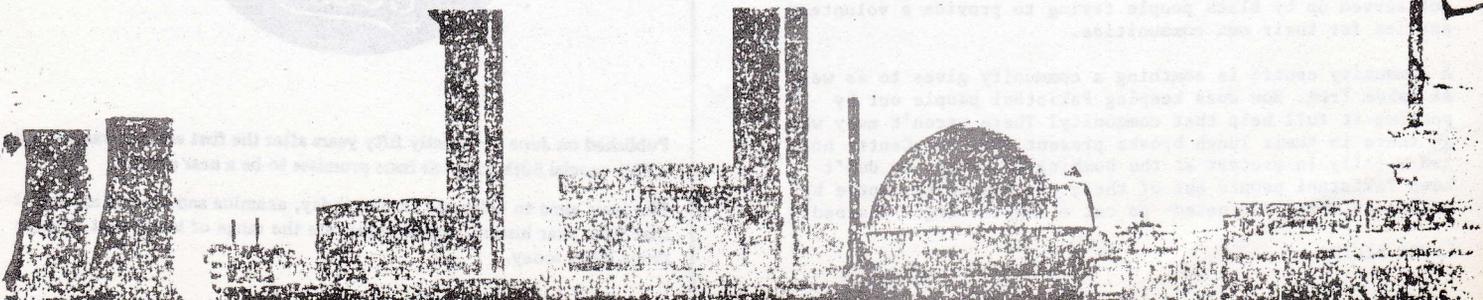
Is it possible to build safe nuclear reactors? Actually it has been suggested it is. There is a design of reactor

which if things do go wrong can't reach the temperature needed for the radioactive products to be released. It's "inherently" safe, such as West Germany's THTR-30; the Swedish ASEA-ATOM is supposed to be even safer, as are the American PRISM and SAFR. Why therefore aren't all reactors built upon these lines? One answer is of course, money. They cost more, and lives don't matter when money is at stake. However it's more than that, why should we be surprised that it could all be down to downright incompetence and confusion? It's in the nature of government, and this goes for both capitalist and communist states, that they rest upon power without responsibility and people taking decisions about things they just don't know about. Judging by what British politicians were saying after the Chernobyl disaster they just don't seem to understand radioactivity or what nuclear power is all about. Take your pick as to whether this is wilful misunderstanding or sheer incompetence. In terms of cost-effectiveness; when you take into account development, production and maintenance costs: nuclear power is apparently no cheaper than other sources of energy except in the long run. And the short working life of most reactors means that you don't get this long run. All this implies a much more frightening picture of what's happening. It looks like nuclear power has been taken up because of sheer incompetence and bureaucratic pressure.

But what about these inherently safe reactors? When you're dealing with something that has the potential to kill thousands and poison the land for decades, just how safe is safe? Accidents will happen. It is a lie to say that any piece of technology is absolutely safe. Safety only comes in degrees. History is littered with examples of supposedly safe technology which broke down. There can be no certainty that any piece of technology is one hundred percent safe. It is always a matter of odds. Dr. Openshaw of Newcastle University stated in The Observer "If we had an accident like Chernobyl in Britain we would have to evacuate people within 19 miles of a nuclear plant. That would simply be impossible. Around reactors like those at Berkeley, Oldbury and Hartlepool, there are almost a million inhabitants-in each case."

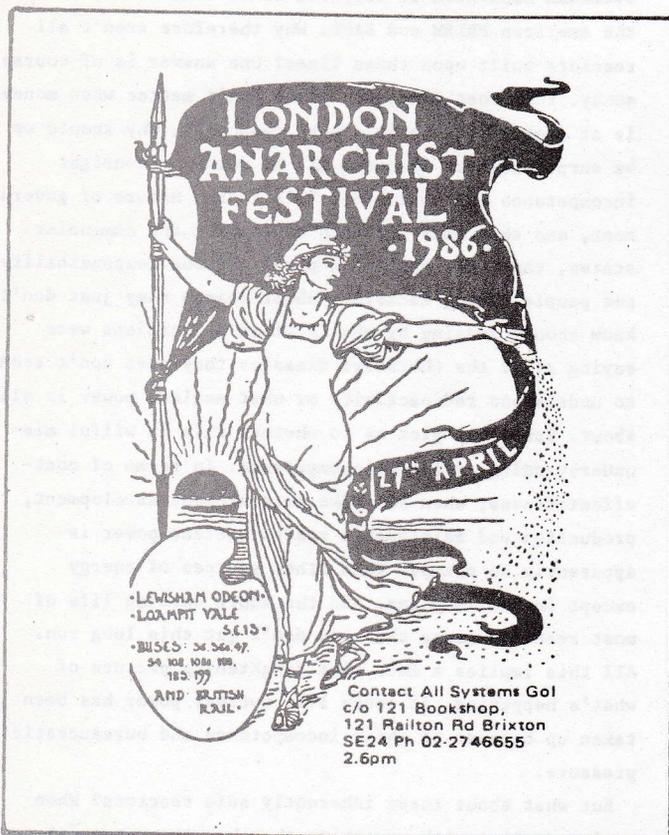
"The Government's plans are based on a gamble- a gamble that there won't be a major nuclear accident. I don't think that is viable." With something as dangerous as nuclear power it's all a matter of odds and time. Don't be fooled, it's in the odds that we'll see another major nuclear disaster, and it could be a lot worse next time around. And it could happen here.

Gareth



Anarchist Festival

LONDON



A very small contingent of Lincoln Anarchists(2), made their way down to London for what looked like a very promising weekend. We made our way through the decaying city to Lewis-

THE CULTURAL IMPERIALISM OF THE TRENDY WHITE LEFT.

Delicious vegan curries have been served at very cheap prices (60p if you're unemployed) at the Pakistani Community Centre on Woodborough rd. for some time. No real profit can be made at that price, the meals are a service to the community the Centre serves.

But who is this community? Not the white trendy politicians that fill the place on days when the food is 'right on'. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the curries are meat and the people eating there are the Pakistani community, who run and use the place all the time, not just to get cheap food.

Whilst they may often be low or unwaged, that's something that you have to resign yourself to very often, if you choose to do political work rather than 'pursue a career'. It doesn't really entitle you to anything that's going cheap, at least not served up by Black people trying to provide a volunteer service for their own communities.

A community centre is something a community gives to as well as takes from. How does keeping Pakistani people out by packing it full help that community? There weren't many who go there in their lunch breaks present when the Centre hosted a rally in protest at the Bombing of Libya. So don't keep Pakistani people out of their own Community Centre by making it white dominated- go eat a Veggie burger instead!

LAURA BIDING.

ham Odeon, the proposed venue for the event.

Upon arriving we found the Odeon Locked and deserted. A notice on the main door explained that the festival had moved to Greenwich Park. So along we trudged, stopping briefly to pick up the necessary supplies of beer. Soon we found the gathering which consisted of about 100 anarchists, sitting on the grass under a few trees. The affair was relatively low key, papers were being exchanged as was conversation, fags etc. The 121 Bookstall provided a small, but adequate, selection of books and other reading material for sale. The atmosphere was friendly and some passers by seemed interested in the literature and ideas.

Then the inevitable happened, the filth turned up. Two of the toe rags came over and told 121 to take down a small banner from a tree they were sitting under, which they did.

Ten minutes later they moved in in force, surrounded us and told us to get out of the park because they claimed it was owned by the crown, and we were provocative by our number. Several arguments and 2 arrests(as far as I know) took place.

Later we decided to move to Black Heath, some common land across the road from the park gates. The festival continued for another couple of hours, then it was decided that a party would be held at the 121 Bookshop on Railton rd.

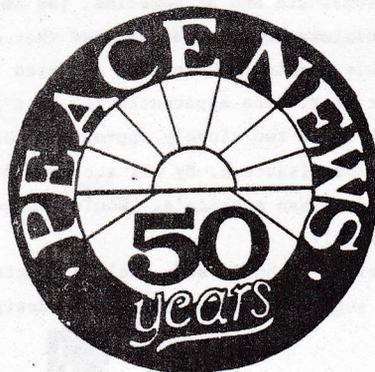
Sunday saw a slightly smaller crowd gather at the squatted Ambulance Station on the Old Kent rd. Group discussions were held on a variety of topics, mainly the formation of a resource centre in London and the Stone Henge Free Festival. Groups taking part were from all over e.g. Glasgow, Netherlands, Jersey, Bristol and Birmingham. Free beer was distributed, and although the discussion got heated at some points, the atmosphere was one of productivity.

Around 5 O'clock the discussions wound up and everyone made their way to an adjacent street where a party was being held. It was excellent. A stage had been set up, bands played, beer was drunk, joints were smoked and fun was had by all (except one guy who threatened to call the filth if we lit a fire after it got dark.

The London Anarchist Festival proves yet again that the state and the authorities don't like us or what we stand for (i.e. Freedom) and although they twice tried to stop the festival, by taking out injunctions against the Lewisham Odeon squatters and by ejecting us from the Park, they failed to crush our spirits or stop our celebrations. Next time there should be more of us, from Stone Henge to Lewisham, it's our turn to do the chucking out.

LINCOLN ANARCHISTS.

PEACE NEWS 50th BIRTHDAY



Published on June 6—exactly fifty years after the first edition was put out —PN's special 50th souvenir issue promises to be a near sell-out.

The issue aims to celebrate that birthday, examine and analyse aspects of that fifty year history, and demonstrate the range of issues that concern Peace News today.



HOMELOCATORS

ON THE
2ND FLOOR

"A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION"
WRONG

For young single people finding a home can prove to be a nightmare, often with unemployment adding to their problems, a lot of people have turned to accommodation agencies for a solution.

One such agency, Homelocators, were successfully prosecuted in Sheffield and Bradford recently, but but due to antiquated fines imposed, and a clever evasion of the Accommodation Agencies Act, 1953, business continues to boom for Homelocators.

The agency is a highly sophisticated organisation whose estimated income is £5 million a year.

Homelocators have opened 30 offices in the U.K. since around 1983. The organisation also has offices in Canada, the U.S.A. Australia and New Zealand approximately 80 in total.

Potential customers are attracted by the obvious simplicity of the adverts which they place extensively in the popular local press.

So how does the company work and what does a customer get once they use Homelocators?

Once a customer has visited the offices they will be told that the particular accommodation in the attracting advert is no longer available. They are then told that many more addresses of the sort of accommodation required are held by the office, but that an advance fee (£25 plus V.A.T. and £35 in London) is required first.

The company call themselves a 'Residential Accommodation Publishing Company' and state to the customer that this fee is to cover the cost of placing four consecutive adverts in their magazine which is said to go to many landlords in the area.

No guarantee is given as to how many landlords the magazine is sent to, but it is known to be as few as 25. The agency make no attempt to ensure that landlords contacted still have accommodation available. The effectiveness of this type of practice is obviously negligible.

Homelocators argue that the fee is to cover the adverts in order to avoid complications with the 1953 Act, which forbids an agency to secure a fee BEFORE securing accommodation.

After the fee is paid, Homelocators then say that there is a 'counselling service' available at their discretion. Customers are invited to look at the in-

Washington 4187430.

Bedsitters To Let

A BEDSIT for you, most areas from £18 weekly. Tel. 77876. Homelocators (fee), Suite 7, Central Building, West Bunnside.

Accommodation

LONG or short term stay. Ltd. breakfast.

CLAPHAM. Share, own kitchen, room, c/h., washing machine, telly, phone, television, 24 p.w. Many others.—57 2610. Home Locators.

COZY ROOM IN HOUSE suits male. £35 week. Streatham.

115 BRIDGE. Designer flat, 252 or Haymarket bedsit with own kitchen. £26. Others too. 031 557 767 Homelocators 075466.

VEGETARIAN FEMALE has own room in cottage 150 mins from central Edinburgh. £120 p.w. Tel 0453070824. 355946.

WEST END. 1 bed. £35 or well equipped bungalow. £190. 031 557 1767. Homelocators. 14445P.

ternal register of accommodation available, but not allowed to remove this from the office. They are also given a number to phone to see if any further accommodation has become available. People are often told to ring twice daily.

A FAIR BUSINESS?

Hardly. The companies sales techniques are highly sophisticated and the staff are trained thoroughly on 'counter pitch' and 'phone pitch'. This is done with a national training manual and tapes. Many customers pay believing that an accommodation list will be given them or that accommodation will be secured for them.

At a meeting recently there were reports from advisors and trading standards officers that the information on the accommodation register was incorrect and an army of the properties on the register had simply been culled from other adverts in the local press. Often the advertised properties were not available through Homelocators at all.

There is evidence to suggest that Homelocators operates on a racist basis. The register has an alphabetical coding system, if a black or asian person were to enquire about a property where the landlord had stated no blacks, the customer would be told it was no longer available.

A former employee of Homelocators said the prevailing attitude of most of the employees she had met was one of 'rob and lob'. They would see how long they could keep back what little service the agency did offer before the customer got irate.

The employees have quite a raw deal themselves, working long hours for poor pay. Trainees start with £65 for 45 hours work per week, with no right to sick pay. They also have to memorize memos on the sort of questions clients and potential clients are likely to ask, and they may be required at any time to answer questions accurately to a superior in their offices.

In several areas where a homelocators office has opened, other offices have appeared operating on a very similar basis. In Sheffield there is Rent-A-Home, and Swansea Homefinders and Homeseekers.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE LAW?

Unfortunately, recent cases in which Homelocators were defeated and fined have left but a blemish on their credibility. Business continues to boom as often very poor homeseekers hand over money in good faith as a last hope.

WHAT ACTION?

Shelter, the national campaign for the homeless, have been investigating Homelocators. As a worker for Shelter in Nottm. I would be interested if any experience anyone may have had with the agency. I can be contacted on the phone number at the bottom of the article.

My advice to people considering using an accommodation agency is to go to local advice centres first for advice on which agencies to avoid. I could save you at least £30 and more than a bit of disillusionment.

Here are the phone numbers of some local advice centres.

- BULWELL ADVICE AND RESCUE CENTRE.....756902
- BESTWOOD ADVICE CENTRE.....626519
- HYSON GREEN LAW CENTRE.....787813
- QUEEN'S WALK COMMUNITY CENTRE
- ADVICE CENTRE, THE MEADOWS.....864183
- CONTACT:
- SUE, SHELTER. 75 RALEIGH ST.....706662 or..705342

PASS ON THE WORD...HOMELOCATORS IS BAD NEWS FOR HOMESEKERS.

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STONEHENGE

At school, I was taught that the history of Britain started with the Romans. I was taught that the Romans civilised pagan Britain. My father told me that the Romans built a system of road through the country, the straightness of which was testimony to ruthless Roman efficiency. I was not taught about the painted savages who built the rude stone monuments of Britain.

In an official English Tourist Board publication dated 1983 we read that Stonehenge and Avebury were built by rich warlords and cattle barons led by a dynasty of kings who ruled through an elite priesthood.

Civilisation Paganism Savage Warlord Elite Priesthood
 These are very loaded words. Civilisation derives from the Latin Civis= City and Pagan from Pagus=the country. I wasn't taught that the civilisation Rome brought to Britain really meant slavery, economic control and patriarchal government. This form of civilising is going on even today, only now it is called third world aid and development.

Words like savage warlords and elite priesthood help to bolster up the idea that no society can function without hierarchical structures, rulers, leaders, and centralised government. We have to rid our minds of these patriarchal structures and concepts before we can understand anything about the culture of the people who built Stonehenge. I'm not trying to pretend that their society was some sort of golden age where everything was perfect, but it needs stating that these people had no need of some of the structures that are essential to western civilisation as we know it - things like prisons, lunatic asylums, armies, Rupert Murdoch Riot police.....



Stone henge is not the only prehistoric monument in Wiltshire there are 25 other sites listed in the official Wiltshire County Council publications including the cursus, Windmill Hill, Avebury, Durrington Walls, The west Kennet Long Barrow, Silbury Hill, The Sanctuary, The Barrows, and Woodhenge. Stonehenge needs to be considered in the context of these other monuments to appreciate the scale of construction work. The amount of work involved in building Stonehenge is comparable to the Entire Nasa space programme, and both Avebury and Silbury would have needed an equal amount of work.

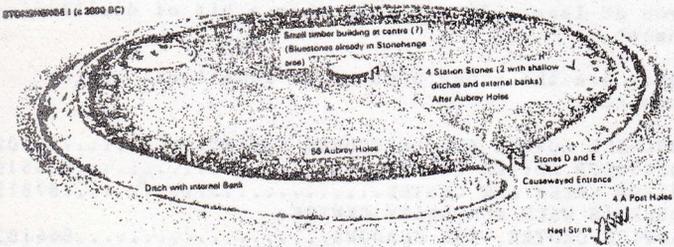
The conditions of the British Neolithic preclude the possibility that the work of building Stonehenge was enforced on an unwilling and uncomprehending population. It has to be an architecture which excited a real interest through a symbolism immediately comprehensible to the great majority of participants.

lets first look at how Stonehenge was built:-

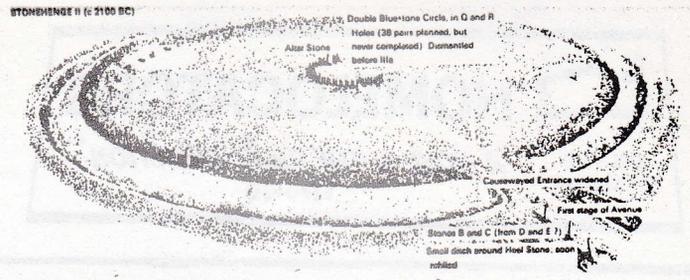
THE CONSTRUCTION OF STONEHENGE

At about 2,800 BC what is known as Phase I of Stonehenge was built. This consisted of a huge circular ditch with one entrance aligned to the summer solstice sunrise, four station stones which are aligned to the extreme positions of the moon during its 18.6 year cycle and 56 holes around the inside of the bank known as the aubrey holes after their discoverer

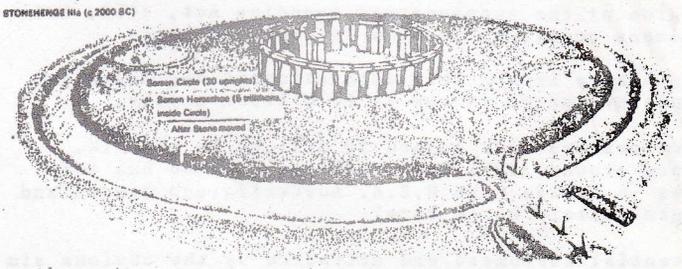
and the function of which has been described both as an eclipse predictor, and a menstrual calendar. There may have been a small timber building in the centre. The west Kennet long barrow and the cursus also date from this period, as does the first stage of Silbury Hill.



Around 2,100 BC Phase II of Stonehenge was started. The spotted dolerite bluestones were quarried in the Prescelly mountains and transported over 240 miles over mountain, valley, sea, river and plain, and were set up in a double circle in the centre of the circular banked enclosure. The avenue was built and the whole structure was re-aligned to the summer solstice sunrise - which had moved slightly in the 700 or so years since the first structure. But halfway through the construction work of this double circle it was abandoned and Phase III was commenced. Avebury Stone circle was built during this period.

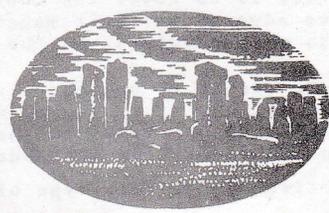


Phase III of Stonehenge c.2,000 BC began with 77 huge sarsen stones being dragged 20 miles from the Marlborough Downs. The uprights were set in position in the now famous circle and Horseshoe, and presumably allowed to settle into their chalky rubble packed foundations. After this their tops were dressed leaving tenons ready for the lintels to be raised and lowered directly, mortices to tenons, onto them. Also around this period the 460 barrows in the area of Stonehenge which the army now drives its tanks all over, were built.



Phase IIIb was an oval of bluestones set inside the horseshoe, and two more rings of holes were dug outside the circle to take the remaining bluestones from phase II, but this work was abandoned sometime after and c.1,550 BC in Phase IIIc the bluestones were erected in a circle of 60 inside the main linteled circle and a horseshoe of 19 stones inside the

horseshoe of trilithons. Phase IV of Stonehenge was a lengthening of the avenue towards the River Avon at about 1,100BC. This means that Stonehenge was in use for at least 17 centuries maybe more. The Stonehenge area has been left undeveloped by Roman or medieval societies. There is little evidence to suggest that the henge was ever knocked down, instead it seems likely that the present ruinous state is caused entirely by the ravages of time coupled with 17th to 19th century tourists chipping away small portions of the fallen stones for their alleged medicinal properties.



THE MEANING OF STONEHENGE

Stonehenge III, the remains of which we see today, is a completely new departure in megalithic architecture, no doubt influenced by the wooden structures of Woodhenge, The Sanctuary and Durrington Walls. Stonehenge copies woodworking techniques in stone. There is also the possibility that Stonehenge may have had a roof. An incense bowl from a nearby barrow shows a structure very much resembling a roofed Stonehenge - it would certainly have increased the dramatic possibilities of the ray of summer solstice sunlight entering a building in darkness. There is a definite change in attitude to building in Stonehenge III whilst previous structures merely re-sculpt the land slightly and re-arrange the positions of naturally occurring boulders, showing tremendous respect for to nature - Stonehenge is the first "man" - made piece of neolithic architecture, the first structure to "improve" the landscape.

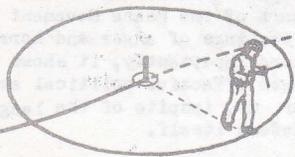


an incense bowl from the Normanton barrow

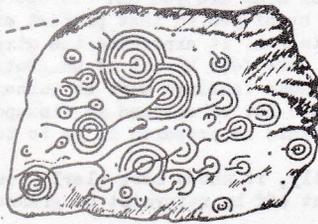
reconstruction of
The Sanctuary



at the summer solstice on the dawning of the longest day the rising sun throws a beam of light straight down the avenue between the heel stone and its now missing neighbour, to pass down the axis of the temple into its very centre. There is a current trend to overlay this basic act with strong heterosexual symbolism, to declare the sun to be male, the earth female and to describe the penetration of a shaft of light into the female orifice of the earth. As a gay man I don't feel comfortable with this kind of symbolism, there is plenty of evidence to show that the 'priesthood' of primitive religions were lesbian or gay. I doubt that they would feel at all fulfilled by anything less than a religion that encompassed every form of sexuality. There is a meeting of the sun with the earth at that point, and a transfer or exchange of energy of some kind, but I prefer to think that more subtle earth energies are being manipulated. A common phenomenon that dowzers report is that when they have discovered a current of earth energy they can change its shape from a line to a concentric circle by inserting a metal spike into that energy line, they cite neolithic rock carvings as graphic representations of that phenomenon.



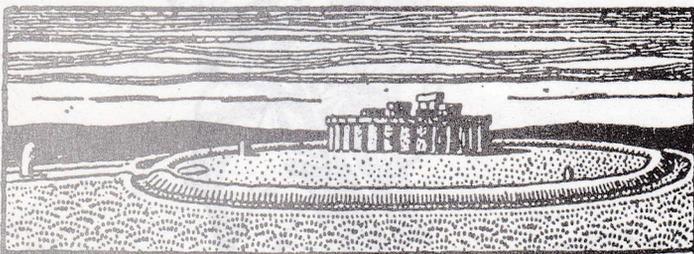
fixing earth energies with
with a metal spike



The north american indians, who had male homosexual priests who dressed as women called the berdache, are often cited in anthropological terms as being the closest documented culture to the neolithic people. This is what Black elk a sioux indian had to say about the symbolism of the circle, and if stonehenge can be said to be anything it is a circular structure.

YOU HAVE NOTICED THAT EVERYTHING AN INDIAN DOES IS IN A circle, and that is because the Power of the World always works in circles, and everything tries to be round: In the old days when we were a strong and happy people, all our power came to us from the sacred hoop of the nation and so long as the hoop was unbroken the people flourished. The flowering tree was the living center of the hoop, and the circle of the four quarters nourished it. The east gave peace and light, the south gave warmth, the west gave rain, and the north with its cold and mighty wind gave strength and endurance. This knowledge came to us from the outer world with our religion. Everything the Power of the World does is done in a circle. The Sky is round and I have heard that the earth is round like a ball and so are all the stars. The Wind, in its greatest power, whirls. Birds make their nests in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours. The sun comes forth and goes down again in a circle. The moon does the same, and both are round.

Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing, and always come back again to where they were. The life of a man is a circle from childhood to childhood and so it is in everything where power moves. Our tipis were round like the nests of birds and these were always set in a circle, the nation's hoop, a nest of many nests where the Great Spirit meant for us to hatch our children.



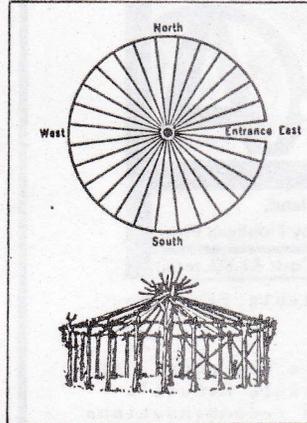
Stonehenge, Yesterday - Looking South East.

I believe that Stonehenge was built as the first symbol of a Nation, and is similar in concept to the sacred hoop of the nation described by Black Elk. Perhaps nation is the wrong

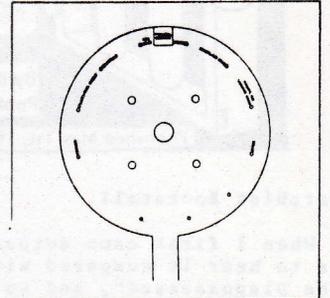
word here as it is as loaded a term as civilisation. But to it its builders and the participants in its ceremonies it would have symbolised the whole of the land of Britain and all her inhabitants. Perhaps Albion is a better word to use the country of the white goddess Albina, named by travellers to Britain as they caught their first glimpse of the white cliffs of Dover. Further comparisons of Stonehenge with the North American Indian medicine wheel and sundance lodges reinforces the idea that we are talking about two very similar cultures.



Medicine wheel, Medicine Mountain, Wyoming



Sioux sundance lodge



Arikara Medicine lodge

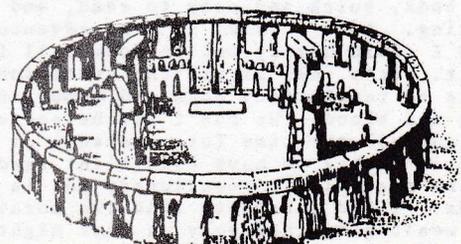
R.M. Twist has discovered many connections between Stonehenge and the Greek concept of the founding of a city. She states that Stonehenge represents a double crown, an outer circular crown and an inner tiara. She gives examples of many Greek and Roman coins representing the goddesses and gods that protect cities, wearing these crowns and some of the resemblances to Stonehenge are remarkable.

John Mitchell has also connected Stonehenge to the idea of a city, this time an ideal city derived from the relative dimensions of the sun and the moon.



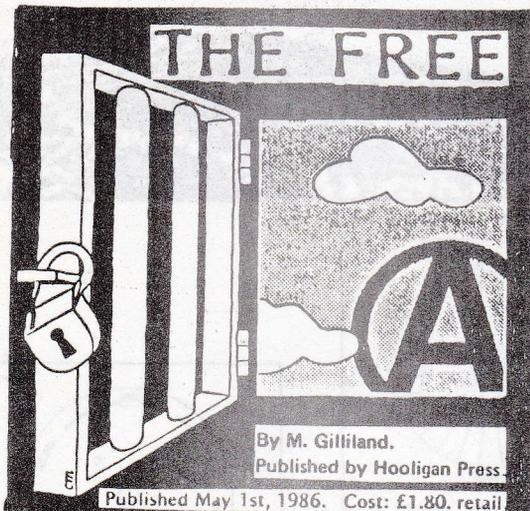
So we can see that Stonehenge stands at a crucial point in prehistory. A symbol of Albion, the very centre of Albion in fact, and the culmination of a long series of collectively built monuments to the neolithic great goddess,

and conversely, like it or not, it also embodies the first nationalistic symbol of Britain and the first downward step to "civilisation"



NEIL ETHIC

Reviews



Anarchist Bookstall.

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When I first came across this new novel, it was to hear it compared with Ursula LeGuin's "The Dispossessed", and to read recommendations from Colin MacInnes and Graham Greene. Aha, thought I, this is going to be an Important Book.

At first I was disappointed. It isn't a literary achievement, it doesn't contain the richness of ideas and many layers of LeGuin's work. Although "The Free" and "The Dispossessed" are both novels about anarchism, the similarity ends there.

"The Free" is an adventure story about a future anarchist revolution, set in Ireland. The plot and the adventure come foremost; characterisation is unconvincing. There are no characters painted strongly enough for the reader to be able to identify with them easily or to feel a lot for them. They are introduced in a rather curious and disconcerting way - different chapters are seen through the eyes of previously unknown characters, even towards the end of the book. This is a bit confusing and spoils the flow of the story.

The political and social scenario in which the revolution flowers is interesting. Whilst there is economic collapse in legal society, there is already support for revolutionary ideas in the community. Add to this good organisation, with established "free" areas (co-ops, representing the "drop out" current) and "free" trades unions (representing working-worthin-the-system with industrial struggles). The co-ops and free trades unions come together to draw the revolution out of the revolutionary situation. It is a plausible scenario, but I would have liked a bit more background detail on how the free co-ops and free trades unions managed to achieve their positions of numerical and organisational strength. Then maybe the book would have had some lessons for us.

So it's not great literature. So what? It is very good value at only £1.80 for a proper paperback book, quick and easy to read, and very, very exciting. Like I said, it's an adventure story, and I could hardly put it down till I'd finished it. It's full of all the traditional ingredients of revolution: guns and bombs and barricades and blood. We can't all be earnest theoreticians all the time (or even some of the time!) and it's nice to have some light reading that (unlike most) isn't reactionary but is even on our side. I did manage to find two morals in it, but I won't give them away as that might give away the ending.

I fully recommend "The Free" to anyone wanting a good read or an adrenalin buzz, and look forward to further novels from M. Gilliland.

Chris C

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

PEACE PROTEST IN THE WAKE OF THE LIBYAN BOMBING.

BY LES PARSONS.

In response to the Libyan crisis, the Peace Movement as a whole acted with inspiring rapidity and outrage. Whilst there was little analysis of the Middle Eastern question itself, the movement did what it does best; all over the world, thousands were mobilized in horror that was both of a gut reaction and a political alertness. It expressed to those in power that we do not trust them and are not prepared to stand powerless, whilst they carry out potentially apocalyptic actions like the bombing of Libya.

The shock and outrage that was felt at this country's part in that bombing, and refusal to bow down under a system that can carry out such an act, has not been expressed better than in this book.

"Which side are you on?" is one one person's account of the part he played in that protest as part of the Peace Movement in Nottingham. It expresses the mixed feelings of anger and horror that were felt by all of us. But, more importantly, it shows how those feelings must be turned into effective political action, and not be allowed to disempower us, inspite of the lengths the state is prepared to go to to defend itself.

Finally, it shows most clerly how the movement must never be bought off by reformist or gradualist politicising.

"More than any other form of protest, it (N.V.D.A.) has revealed that the intricately knitted and treasured garment of law has become no less than a staight jacket to contain and ensure hapless submission to a daedly politico-military machine quite prepared and able to to play with the really precious laws of life and morality as if they were expendable toys".

In being produced so quickly after the bombing of Libya, the book proves more than a document of protest at the time, but a current and ongoing inspiration against the present powerlessness felt about events like Libay and Chernobyl. So buy it quickly from the Black Raven Bookstall or most local shops, the C.N.D. stall. It's only 75p...

LAURA HIDING.





Dear Nan,

I am a second year student in Microbiology at the University of Redditch and I was so overcome with joy at reading your wonderful magazine that I wrote this poem to express my deepest feelings about it.....

BRAVE BOLD NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST

Oh,
Brave, bold, Nottingham Anarchist,
You stand so proud,
Like the clear brown waters,
of the River Trent,
which run freely,
like this boil on my chin.
Oh,
Inkiest paper and staples,
yes, like the staples in the heart of the oppressed
working classes of Britain,
ready to leap,
like the sleeping lion,
in Africa.
Which is quite near Nottingham,
Honest.

Digby V. Rougefoot (Age 12)

DEAR FRIENDS & COMRADES

FOR OVER A YEAR, JIM OAKES HAS BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE ANARCHIST CL PAPERS AND MAGAZINES IN NOTTINGHAM PRISON, WHERE HIS KENNAPERS HAVE LOCKED HIM. THESE PAPERS HAVE BECOME VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM. HOWEVER, EARLIER THIS MONTH HE WAS STOPPED FROM RECEIVING ANARCHIST MAGS AND PAPERS, ESPECIALLY CLASS WAR AND NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST NEWS. HE FEELS TOTALLY FRUSTRATED AND HELPLESS AND NEEDS STRONG SUPPORT.

PLEASE HELP

- * PLEASE WRITE LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY TO: JIM OAKES, L61864, H M PRISON, FERRY ROAD, SHEWOOD, NOTTINGHAM. REMEMBER, HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO REPLY.
- * PLEASE WRITE LETTERS OF PROTEST TO THE GOVERNOR AT H M PRISON, FERRY ROAD.
- * PLEASE DEMAND, OR CONTACT ME TO DISCUSS, ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN IN SUPPORT OF JIM. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE OF THIS ASPECT OF PRISON STRUGGLE?
- * PLEASE SPREAD THIS MESSAGE

ALL CRIME IS POLITICAL
ALL POLITICS IS CRIMINAL

CHRIS
(C/O N.A.C.)

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As we slept soundly on the night of Monday 14th April Reagan's bombers took off from airfields in Britain to drop bombs over Libya. By the time we sat down to breakfast on Tuesday morning

those bombs had destroyed many houses, schools and hospitals and killed innocent civilians. In our nuclear world it is just this sort of action that could finally push us over the brink.

Next time we might not be so lucky.

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GOVERNMENT IS POWER • GOVERNMENT IS TERRORISM

The power of governments and the use, misuse and abuse of that power ensures that the threat of war will always be with us.

For how much longer must we tolerate leaders like Reagan, Thatcher and Gadaffi endangering our lives for their own political

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AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE

DEMAND that all U.S. military bases are removed from British soil & that Reagan ends aggression towards Libya immediately.

RESIST all State oppression wherever it rears its ugly head.

UNITE against our common enemy: the rich • the powerful • the bosses • the warmongers.

ACT because next time you might not see Tuesday morning.

