

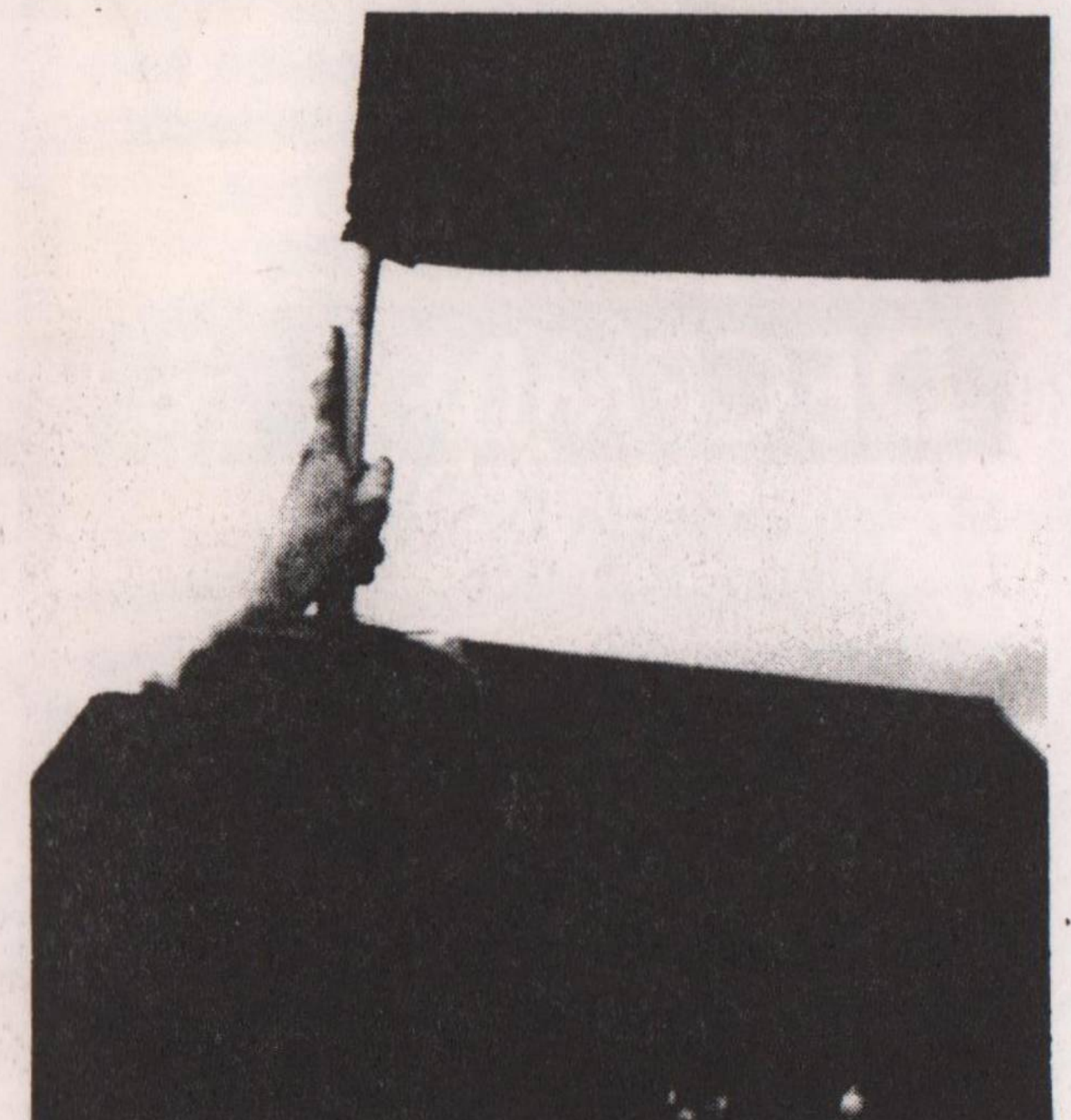
MOLESWORTH

We were a little disappointed to find that, basically, we were the Anarchist Gathering together with small groups from Lincoln and Norwich. After a bit of running about, always with the pigs hot on our tails, we realized that any attempt at something a little more positive would have been futile, and as the police were obviously not in the mood to play kiss-chase up and down the bridge way in the pouring rain, we decided to retire to the communal caravan at the peace camp, where we pondered upon the meaning of life over a veggie stew.

Not being a group of people that would get downhearted over a complete failure like this, we'd like to appeal for support for this and all the other peace camps, material support - firewood etc, spiritual support - letters etc.

Dave - Luton Collective.

'JUSTICE' IS NOT INTERESTED IN A LITTLE THING LIKE EVIDENCE.



In the photo Graeme Hall is holding the black flag. In the background, well out of reach, a skip is being overturned. Graeme was accused of causing criminal damage by pushing the skip over onto the fence. The photo showed he couldn't have done. The police agreed that it was Graeme holding the flag. Seven witnesses said he didn't do it. Nevertheless the judge, on appeal,

pronounced him guilty and fined him £457. Don't expect any sort of logic in a court of law. The object of 'Justice' is injustice.

HIROSHIMA DAY.

The coffins are labelled. There is one for every year since the bomb and each has the number killed that year in wars, killed by governments, not terrorists, 20,000,000 in 40 years of nuclear 'peace'.

The action begins. We carry the 40 coffins along the fence watched by about a thousand people and lots of TV cameras. Everyone attaches the message on the fence: "Molesworth, a thousand times Hiroshima; NO." A well organised (East Anglia CND) and effective demo.

SNOWBALL TRIAL.

After one defendant pleaded 'not guilty', a funny discussion ensued as to whether the wirecutters should be confiscated as he said he wanted to use them again. He was fined. At this point 10 to 15 people stood up and asked to be arrested for the same offence, committed at the same time as the convicted. They said that they had photographs etc but the police had refused to listen. It was gross discrimination to arrest a few. After a brief and ineffectual attempt to proceed the magistrates and clerk ordered the court to be cleared and retired to their refuge. The policeman on duty asked the protesters to leave and they asked him to take details of their offences. He retired 'to summon assistance'.

A policeman with a different hat arrived and ordered everyone to leave. They asked him why the police were uninterested in their crimes. He said that if they were dragged out they might be hurt. This attempt at intimidation had no effect so he reverted to the 'reasonable' policeman and offered to see all who came to the police station. An impressive and worthwhile action.

Norman.

SIZWELL.

Although the Inspector has not yet presented his report, contracts for the new PRW nuke have already been signed with contractors such as Babcock power to make the steam generators. So it looks as though the inquiry was exactly the farce we thought.

NO WATER CANNONS.

The Thames Valley Police asked the Fire Brigades to provide fire tenders and hoses for water cannons to be used against the anarchists at the Henley demo. The Fire Brigades told them to get stuffed, threatening a national fireman's strike.



C.A.L.L. RAID

7 of the 'rabid' pet dogs released by the Central Animal Liberation League (CALL) were seized by police in a raid on a safe house. In a second action CALL has reliberated 4 of them. One, a sheepdog, has been reunited with its owners.

There have been several arrests but all but one made absolutely no statement except giving their names and addresses. That 'one' was conned into talking because the police told him that his mate had been taken to hospital with rabid convulsions, a lie, and said they would not allow him preventative treatment until he made a statement.

LIVERPOOL.

LDAG supported the Miners throughout the strike, and have been active in other struggles. Many members are very involved in other campaigns such as Animal Rights, CND, NVDA etc and most cannot devote a lot of time to purely anarchist activities. However, we carry on regardless.

This group is open to anyone, but is almost exclusively anarchist as most lefties have moved on to other, trendier issues.

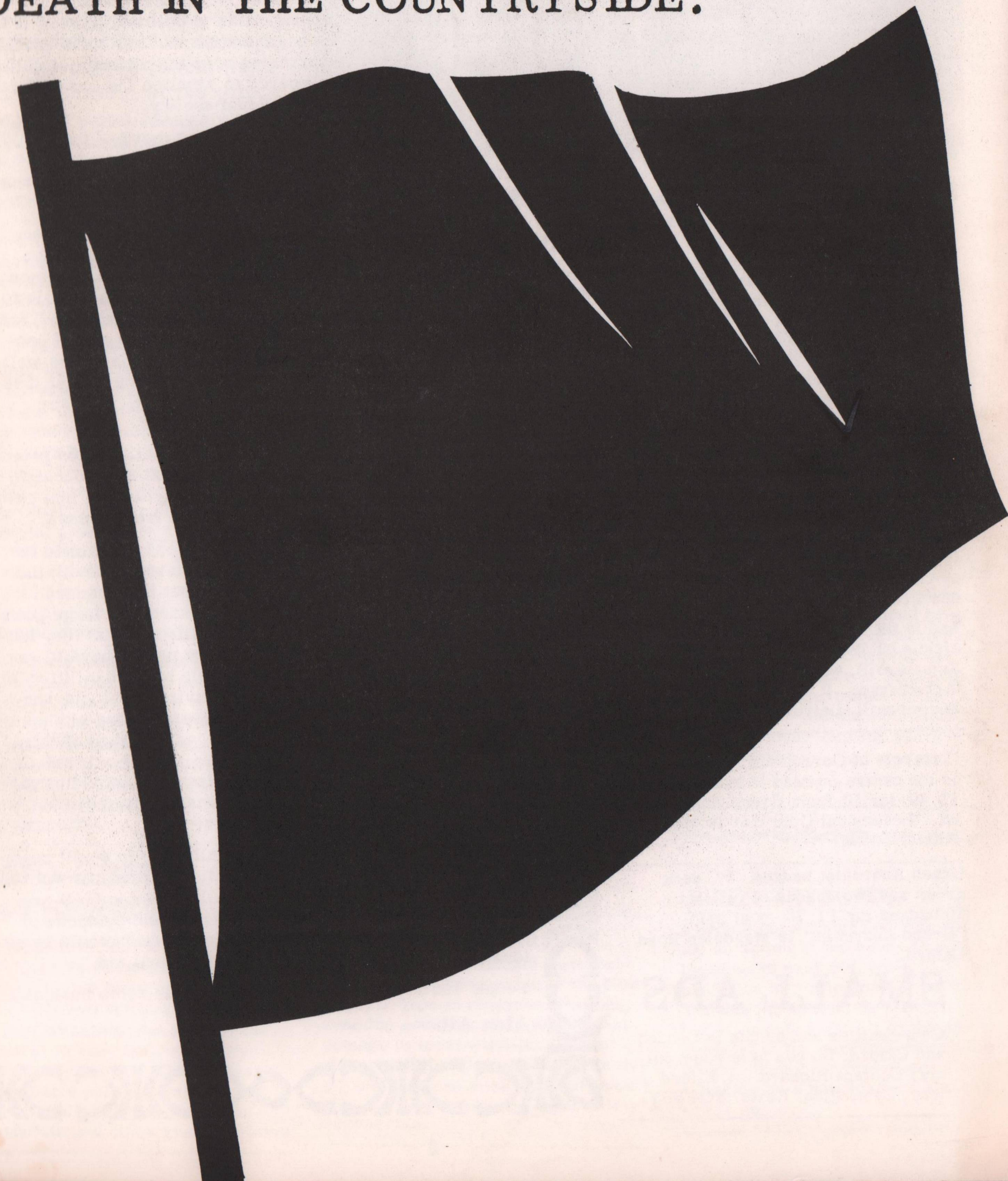
Under the name of 'the Black and Red', a group of us are putting on benefits in Liverpool. The first is for the Merseyside Hunt Saboteurs on Sept 7th (Christian St. Community Centre). These gigs have brought us together with anarchists who would not normally attend LDAG meetings. They also give us the chance to reach a wide audience of young and underprivileged people to whom the present system offers nothing.

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CLANGERS AND BOOBS.

In issue no. 6 we reviewed a book
under the heading NHS Cold Turkey.
But we omitted the title of the Book!
It was "Women and Tranquillisers"
by Celia Haddon, published by Shel-
don Press.

And in the last issue at the end of the
article on 'Better Schools' about
Summerhill, we missed off the con-
tact address. It is: David Stephens,
Summerhill, Leiston, Suffolk.

'Triangle of Corruption', the poster
on the centre-spread is available @
£1.40. for 10. from Green Anarch-
ist. 'Fraudulent Cold War' is also
still available.

Green Anarchist badges, 1", dark
green and two shades of yellow:
10 badges for £1.70. post paid.
"Green Anarchist", 19 Magdalen Road,
Oxford.

SMALL ADS.

Communities and people in London
and Oxford: Do you have room for
me? Contact Richard, 54, Efford
Way, Lymington, Hants. SO4 8BY.

THE INDIVISIBLE WAR

THE PROBLEM with all single issue movements is that
they divide the consequences from the causes. The prob-
lem of mass movements like CND is that its political
clout is used as a stepping stone to political power. It is
this system of society organisation that has to be chall-
enged. It is no good agonising over the ultimate in polit-
ical force if we are prepared to sanction the use of force
to prop up an unjust and unequal society.

If we occupy more space or consume more of the world's
wealth than is necessary, we contribute to the state of
affairs that has produced the bomb because that state of
affairs has ultimately to be enforced.

When those at the bottom of the pile ultimately explode,
there is a plethora of outrage from various sources and
they send people like Scarman to tell us why. Common
sense should tell us why. All that these experts do is to
try and eradicate the symptoms and not the cause. Those
in political power will do everything except get off peo-
ples' backs and by this I mean economic control as well.
The bomb is a symptom; the only difference is that it is
likely to destroy the rulers with the ruled. Is power
seeking a sort of paranoia, I ask myself?

Certainly, education of the sort that is inflicted on people
in this society and the specialisation that this education
produces has resulted in a sort of tunnel vision that en-
ables people to separate consequences from causes.

Green Anarchists believe that ecological dangers to the
human environment are ultimately intertwined with the
political-industrial power complex that has produced the
ultimate in total destruction. We believe that large power
structures are dangerous to human life and that they have
to be dismantled forthwith. Ordinary people have to re-
cover their understanding that people had for millions of
years of the place we have in the environment, the know-
ledge of growing food, building houses, making clothes
where the environment demands it, taking care of the
sick, the old and the young, directly. These are simple
things that all of us should know about and should be di-
rectly controlled in small communities where each has
direct control over the environment.

This is beginning to happen in small ways in small co-ops
in the black economy, in direct action against the warfare
state, the sort of action that the politicians in CND are
not happy with because they also are in the business of
people control. The business of direct action could be ex-
tended to much more collective and mutual aid.

People control is necessary to the whole bomb business.

Alan Albon.

HANDSWORTH BURNS

Discarded by politicians,
bullied by police, ignored by
employers, denigrated by the
middle classes and teased by
the advertisers, their self-
esteem demanded violence to
shout their deep resentment
from the bottom of the pile.

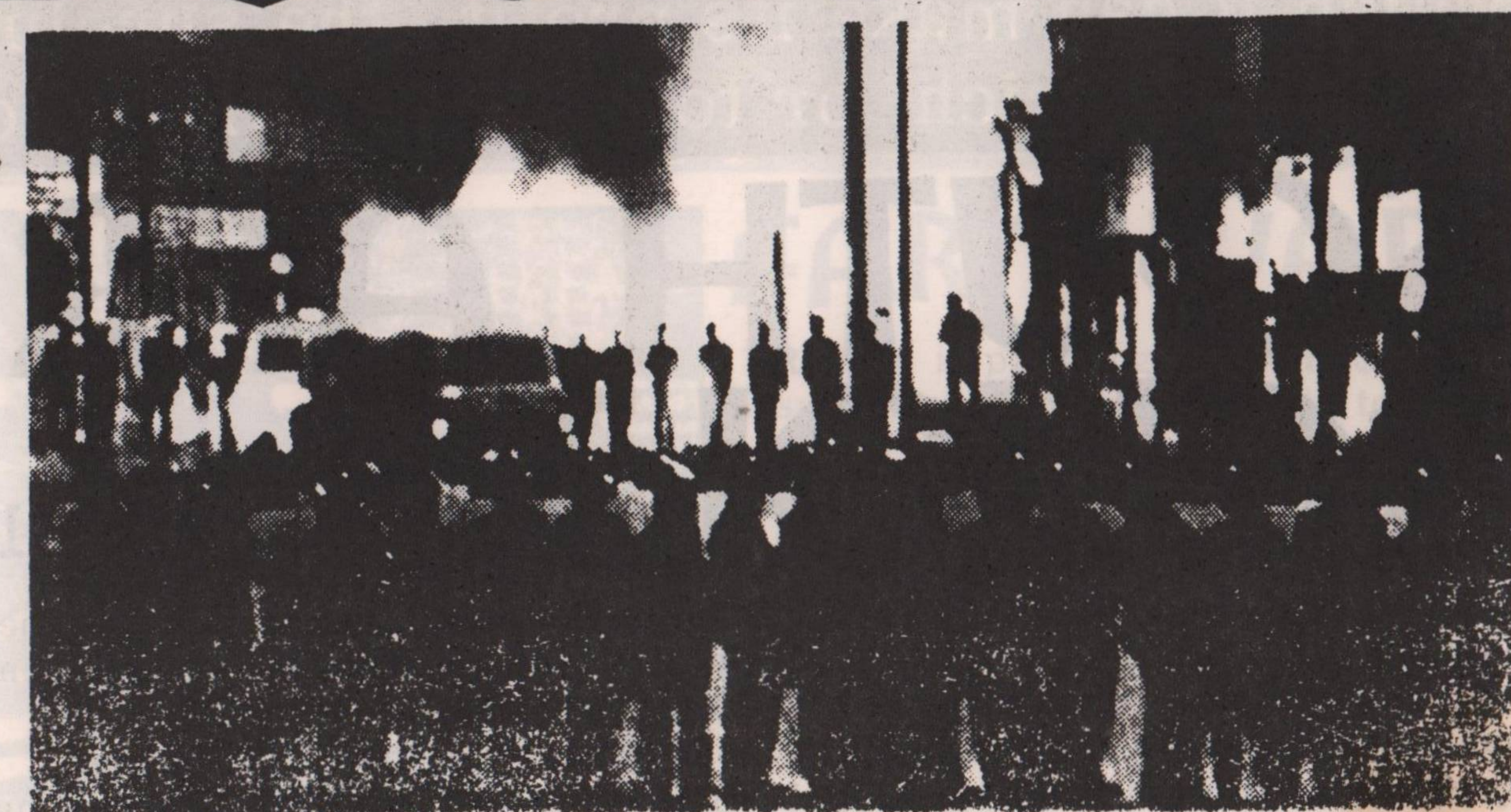
David Webb, police advocate of
community policing, a soft approach
and blind eyes to soft drugs, had al-
ready resigned after differences ab-
out police tactics. New senior police
officers were changing tactics. A
community worker 3 weeks before
had warned the council about grow-
ing tension from police harassment.
'Community policing' was getting
very heavy. Handsworth was waiting
for a riot to happen.

The fine weather brought them out
onto the streets; rough action by the
police got their adrenalin going. The
police, after the successful carnival
of two days before, were taken by
surprise. Outnumbered, they retrea-
ted and it was a no go area. Empty
office blocks, symbols of the blind
industrial system, went up in smoke.
After an hour the plate glass wind-
ows of the local shops went and be-
hind them were the goods which
measured others' success. the loot-
ing emptied every shop.

Two Indians died in their burnt-out
Post Office. But it was not a race
riot. The stones thrown at Douglas
Hurd, the new Home Secretary show
how political the riot was. They
know perfectly well, as they knew in
the 1840s, that the only thing the
Establishment fears is threats to
their property.

EURO-GREEN GATHERING.

A proposal to hold a European Green
Gathering in Sussex next year to be
policed by the local rugby club has
been declared unacceptable by those
Green Collective who were at the
Festival Forum at Glastonbury.
They thought that a middle class
green party political rally would
cause a split between the green
anarchists and other green factions.



Riot gear policemen block off blazing Lozells Road

BRAMBLES. RAID AID

ANARCHY comes to south Hampshire
Bureaucracy tried to beat us. Bad
weather tried to beat us. The council
even refused us water. But Brambles
Shambles was not stopped. Two skip
loads of gravel had been dumped at
the entrance to the site to prevent
access. The first arrivals managed
to shift these and block the entrance
with one of their vehicles, and the
third skip load had to turn away.
Kept going by Ricardos hot food,
and the slow arrival of more vehicles
and tents, the site was well and truly
liberated. A collective effort to get
stage and P.A. together ensured
live music from the Poison Girls,
Roy Harper, and many local bands.
Vi Subversa cried out "Anarchy is
what we want". Many would agree
that at Brambles Farm '85, Anarchy
is what we got!

ANIMAL LIB WITH KNIVES

ALF has repudiated an action at
Tring when butchers were held at
knife-point while carcasses were
sprayed with caustic soda.

MINK FREED.

1000 mink worth £10,000 were re-
leased from a farm close to the New
Forest. This is controversial be-
cause the mink are said to do great
damage to local wildlife. On the
other hand the European mink is dy-
ing out so these mink probably won't
survive. And mink farming is fairly
degenerate.

RAID AID
In the early hours of Sunday, Aug 11
a group of 10 entered a 'Midlands
Storage' warehouse at West Hallam
near Nottingham where 39,000 tons
of surplus grain are stored, and took
away bags of grain. Before leaving
slogans were sprayed on the outside
walls of the building. The following
day the local media were contacted
and later grain was 'delivered' to
the offices of the Min, of Ag. in Not-
tingham. Envelopes of grain were
also posted to the local 'representa-
tives at Westminster. A massive
food mountain is maintained by gov-
ernment. Under EEC agreements,
excess (ie. to the profitable market
agricultural produce is bought up by
government to guarantee farmers
profit levels - and then stockpiled,
left and wasted. And the Third World
starves.

Rob

UPPER HEYFORD.

5 people got arrested on Aug. 5 dur-
ing an action at the base. One of
these, a 20 year old, got a care ord-
er placed on him after saying he was
and was put in a home straight awa-
but managed to escape to the embas-
sment of the care officer and the
police. Upper Heyford Peace Camp
is taking on a new lease of life and
needs support.

A nation's economic power is not its supply of natural resources, but its CHEAP supply of natural resources, on which it can make its profit, the surplus value, to make individuals rich, or to build libraries, or prisons. The natural resources are burnt (fuel), turned into sewage (food), turned into rags (cloth), or turned into scrap. They create no wealth. The economic power lies only in the difference between the buying price to the producer and the selling price to the consumer

SOUTH AFRICA IN REVOLT

The rats are leaving the sinking ship.

Big increases in rents and the cost of living and growing unemployment (and no dole) have brought the blacks out onto the streets, fighting. The apartheid regime is using brutal police repression to terrorize them into submission. The object of the exercise is to keep wages low to keep capital's profit high.

The rent increases are the government's way of funding the increased military and police repression. Up til now President Botha has been pursuing Keynesian policies of high government spending financed by printing money and borrowing, short term, mainly from American banks. But these loans are drying up because of anti-apartheid actions (a major success of the 'alternative' movement). Barclays Bank, suffering from too many glued locks, has reduced its percentage holding in their South African 'Barclays National Bank' (but they haven't withdrawn any investment. Barclays National has invited more investment (a rights issue). Barclays hasn't bought any more shares so its percentage of the total shares issued has gone down, to below 50%.)

The crisis has blown up because the world-wide anti-apartheid movement through its pressure on banks and businesses has forced President Botha to make some reforms, giving the black Africans confidence to demand more, and underlining these demands with street violence. The violence has caused the Emergency which has not contained but increased the violence. The Black tactics are to pin down as many police and soldiers as possible, until they are too thinly spread to maintain their suppression.

Because of the same anti-apartheid pressure all the ambassadors of the EEC and Canada, US, and Australia to SA have been withdrawn. This world disapproval, increasing the possibilities of a change in the regime has frightened owners of the SA currency, the rand, so it dropped in value from \$45 to \$38 overnight increasing the SA cost of living and reducing government income from exports.

The black opposition is divided. Chief Buthelezi, the leader of the largest black opposition group, the

Zulus, has condemned the other major group, the African National Congress (ANC, led by the imprisoned Mandela for condoning violence. As in Zimbabwe the tribal make-up is the key to who gets power after this present regime collapses. Mandela is Xhoso from Ciskei. Transkei is also Xhosa, but a different branch.

International capital is putting pressure on President Botha to talk to the African leaders. It would much rather replace him with a more acceptable Buthelezi or Mandela whom it can corrupt and continue getting its cheap raw materials. International capital doesn't care who rules South Africa as long as it gets its profits.

The South African financial crisis will force Botha to announce the reforms which he was recently expected and failed to do. The run on the rand has meant that South Africa can't pay back its short term loans to American banks. The strong anti-apartheid movement in America will force Reagan to demand specific promises of reform in South Africa before America bails it out.

The Saudi Arabian Royal Family is kept in power with US. arms in return for its cheap oil. America might soon be getting its oil even cheaper and even more profitably... which will make our North Sea oil uneconomic, unprofitable.

NORWEGIAN SECRETS TRIAL

8 members of a Norwegian pacifist mag face sentences of up to 20 years for divulging that the Norwegian naval station at Andoya is in fact (against Norwegian law) an American listening post of their SOSUS chain of undersea 'ears'. The listening post in Britain is at US. Brawdy.

OIL WAR

There is a world glut of oil (as of all commodities). Saudi Arabia, capable of lifting 10 million barrels per day (bd) is only lifting 2½ million bp. in order to keep up the world price. But others, like Nigeria, deeply in debt, are lifting more than they agreed, negating Saudi Arabia's efforts. So Saudi Arabia, as a threatening salvo, has contracted to supply Aramco with 300,000 bp. at 3 dollars per barrel below the cartel price. This is a warning to both OPEC and non-OPEC producers like Britain to cut production. Saudi Arabia thinks it is taking too much of the stress.

US. BANK LEAVES SOUTH AMERICA.

The Bank of America, the world's third largest bank, has announced major cuts in its South American operation. It has already withdrawn from Curacao, Dominic and Anguilla, is pulling out of Bolivia, El Salvador and Nicaragua, and is now looking closely at Paraguay and Peru, which all produce the cheap raw materials and high profits from which America derives its wealth. These may not seem very important countries; but that's how empires collapse, from the edges.

FARM WAR

Reagan is planning to spend \$2bn subsidising American grain to sell in world markets, undercutting EEC grain. Both groups have grain mountains because of high farm subsidies given to win votes.

Reagan's arms spending, using money borrowed from abroad, has meant high interest rates to attract the foreign funds. Because everyone wants to buy dollars to invest in America, the dollar's price increases. The high dollar means that US. grain is too expensive to sell. The US. share of the world grain market has fallen from 48% to 38% since 1981. America's grain, because it is not cheap enough, by its subsidies is not increasing but reducing America's economic power.

CANADIAN SPENT FUEL TO U.S.

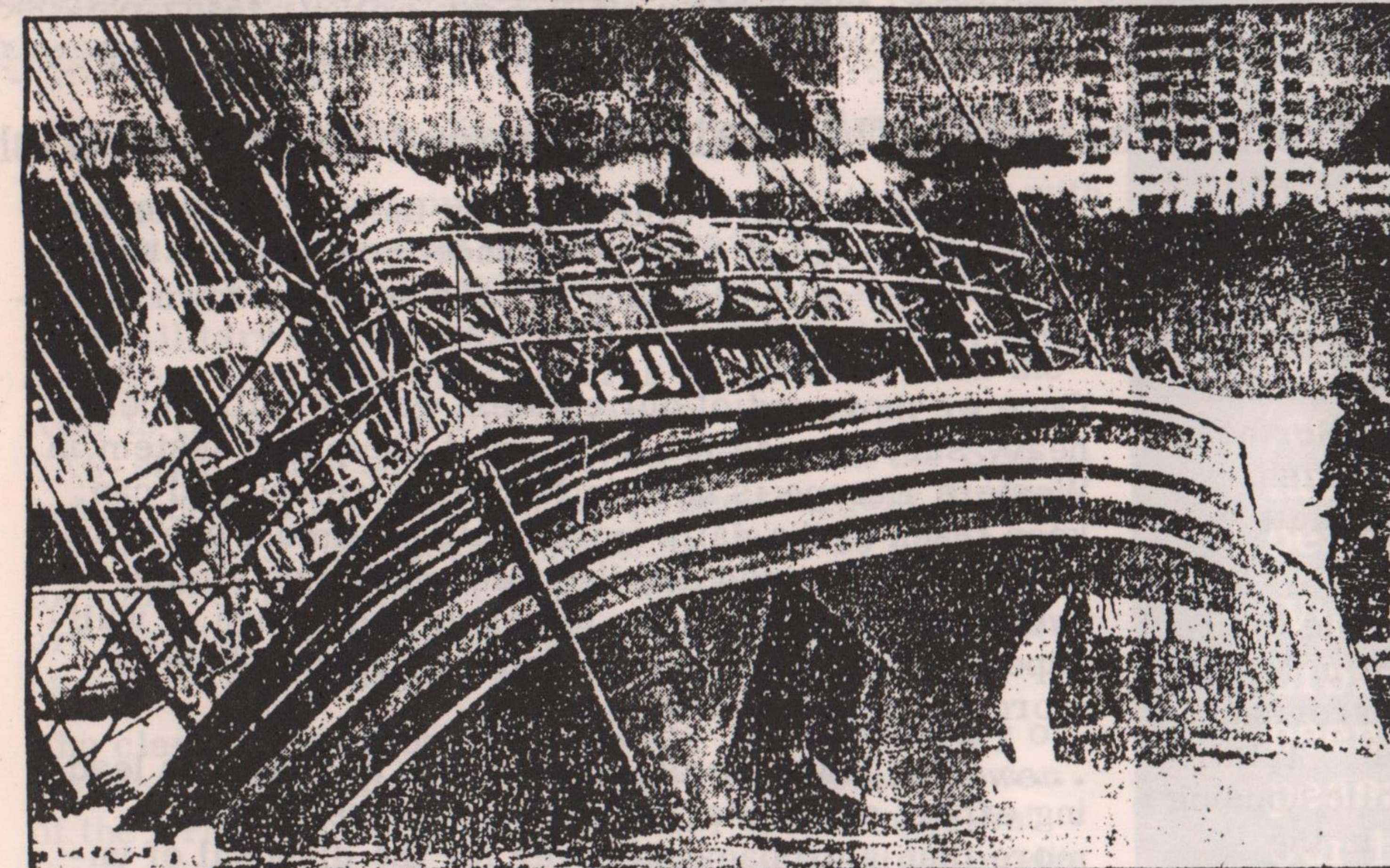
Canada has a law banning spent fuels from nuclear power stations being used for US. explosive devices. But what's a little thing like a law? Six shipment a year go from the Canadian Chalk River Plant near Ottawa to the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina, for bombs. Info- Ekonomia Canada.

BERLIN

"In an ironic fun parade 3,600 people marched through Berlin to 'celebrate' the allies and the military. It was a great theatre with a lot of disguised people celebrating Ronald Reagan, dancing to the German national anthem and asking for more military and cruise missiles. The fun parade was against the big military show of the allies every year." (Ekonomia Berlin)

Copenhagen

A campaign has started against the police state. For example: "at 2.30. in the night about ten targets were attacked with stones and paint bombs, a small police station, an IBM computer shop, the Parliament, an investment company bank, a prison, another police station and a court got their windows broken and their walls painted." (Ekonomia Arhus)



The Greenpeace flagship, Rainbow Warrior, half-submerged in Auckland harbour after the bombing.

GOVERNMENT TERRORISM

French agents sink 'Rainbow Warrior'.

To a chorus of hilarious disbelief, a secret that two French army swimmers attached the mines. Mitterand has been caught covering up. French government inquiry has announced that the French secret service (DGSE) did not sink 'Rainbow Warrior'.

'Rainbow Warrior' was waiting in New Zealand to lead, and act as supply ship for, a flotilla of smaller boats going to Mururoa Atoll to protest at French nuclear testing. It was sunk in Auckland harbour by two limpet mines, killing one of the crew. Two French agents are now in custody in New Zealand. Three others left New Zealand for Konaki (New Caledonia) where they had hired their boat, but never arrived. They have since turned up in France having scuttled the boat.

The French government carried out this bombing to try to prevent the anti-nuclear demo at Mururoa Atoll. Another boat is on its way to replace 'Rainbow Warrior'.

'Le Monde' and 'Le Canard Enchaîné' are now both saying that it is an open

TAHITIAN JAILED. Charlie Ching, leader of the Tahitian independence party has been arrested on an anti-nuclear demo in Papeete, probably to prevent his involvement in the 'Greenpeace' protests at Mururoa. Sigrid Shayer. Bristol.

NUCLEAR-FREE SOUTH PACIFIC

Lange is the first to sign the treaty agreed between Australia, New Zealand and six small Pacific island states, agreeing to a nuclear-free zone over a vast area of the South Pacific. It is now trying to get the nuclear states to agree not to use the area as a dumping ground and test area and to exclude nuclear ships. Fat chance!

TECHNIQUES OF REPRESSION

For 17 years now Northern Ireland has been the training ground for the British

ON A RECENT VISIT to Ireland Arthur Scargill told an audience of Irish people that the miners' strike of 1984 had shown Britain for what it really is, a vicious police state. Roars of laughter greeted the spectacle of an Englishperson coming to Ireland to tell the Irish that they live in a police state. For 17 years now Northern Ireland has been the training ground and the Irish working class the guinea pigs for the British state's counter-insurgency techniques.

..... Since 1972 the British state has been able to erect the full apparatus of a totalitarian state here in Northern Ireland in the name of "a war against terrorism", ie. a war against the catholic working class). 'Totalitarian' is no exaggeration. The typical catholic housing estate here has an army barracks/fortress in the middle of it, keeping a close surveillance of everyone on the estate with close circuit TV cameras, infra red cameras for night vision and a radar system which can detect anyone moving out of sight of electronic eyes in cameras. Helicopters hover overhead for most of the day with zoom-in cameras, and the telephone of anyone 'discontented' is tapped and their mail opened.

New working class housing estates are built according to a British army architect's specification. They are designed to give minimum room for civil disobedience and maximum room for the British army to step in to crush any outbreaks. Housing estates are built with only one exit/entrance so anyone causing trouble can be easily trapped inside; each block is a different colour or shade and army helicopters have a special colour code of the estate so that any block or single house can be quickly and easily pin-pointed from the air. The pavements of the new estates are tarmac so they can't be ripped up for bricks for a riot; the roads leading into the estates are specially reinforced (some are fly-overs) to take large convoys of armoured cars and saracens moving into the estate at first signs of a disturbance. This is not paranoia. This is fact - this housing policy has been part of British colonial rule for decades. Estates on the mainland may even now be designed in this way in case of future unrest.

Daily, the estates old and new are patrolled by British soldiers and the Royal Ulster Constabulary. But more threatening than that, the undercover SAS, totally ruthless legal assassins walk our streets. They strike the most fear into people here. They work alongside the loyalist protestant paramilitaries, the UDA and the UVF, to assassinate suspects, mainly at sight. By day they walk catholic housing estates, dressed like ordinary working class catholics speaking with a N.I. accent. I have had several SAS men pointed out to me. Otherwise I wouldn't have known. They look just like us and speak just like us. The one difference is that they are primed to blow our heads off if we do anything suspicious. People have been shot dead here for painting graffiti on a wall. A lot of the police and local

army here are part-timers and in their other jobs as milkmen, breadmen and insurance men etc they keep a close watch on the housing estates and note down everything they see.

Once we move out of our estates, we are still under heavy surveillance for the biggest computer system in Western Europe is here in Northern Ireland and can; keep track of the daily movements of almost every car in N.I. and carried detailed information on almost every citizen (right down to colour and design of wall-paper). There is a special driving licence which is more or less an identity card.

..... The law here is (in the words of Britain's leading expert on counter-insurgency himself), "little more than a propaganda cover for the disposal of unwanted members of the public". Permanent emergency laws have been the norm here since 1922, giving the police unlimited powers of arrest and detention, and like everything else these laws have been used indiscriminately to intimidate and frighten anyone engaged in any form of protest. The courts in N.I. are juryless with one judge who can pass sentence on the word of a cop alone, or a confession that was beaten out of you, or on the word of a highly paid informer who is schooled by the police with all the information they have in their computers.

The army barracks and police stations here are modern torture chambers where every form of torture has been used to get confessions and produce informers (informers are deadly to any cause). In 1971 an experiment was carried out here on twelve men to see how quickly a man can be broken psychologically. Hoods were placed over their heads by the British army, they were dressed in boiler suits and made to stand spread-eagled against a wall balancing on their fingertips till they collapsed from exhaustion (to be repeated again as soon as they recovered). While they stood in this position for hours, they were bombarded with white noise and beaten and kicked if they moved at all. This went on for 4 or 5 days. The human guinea-pigs weren't given any food or drink or allowed to sleep or go to the bog. At intervals they were taken up in a helicopter and told they were going to be chucked out hundreds of feet up. They were thrown out, but only when the helicopter was a few feet off the ground (but with hoods on they weren't to know this). After 5 days of this barbarity most of the 12 were psychologically destroyed for life, made into nervous wrecks. In less than a week. The 12 were not IRA men. They were randomly chosen by the British government for this experiment in what is known as "sensory deprivation", a modern torture which leaves not physical but mental scars.

..... The prototype English Bobby has never been seen here. The RUC has been a military style colonial police force since N.I. was set up in 1921. They have been

state's counter-insurgency techniques.

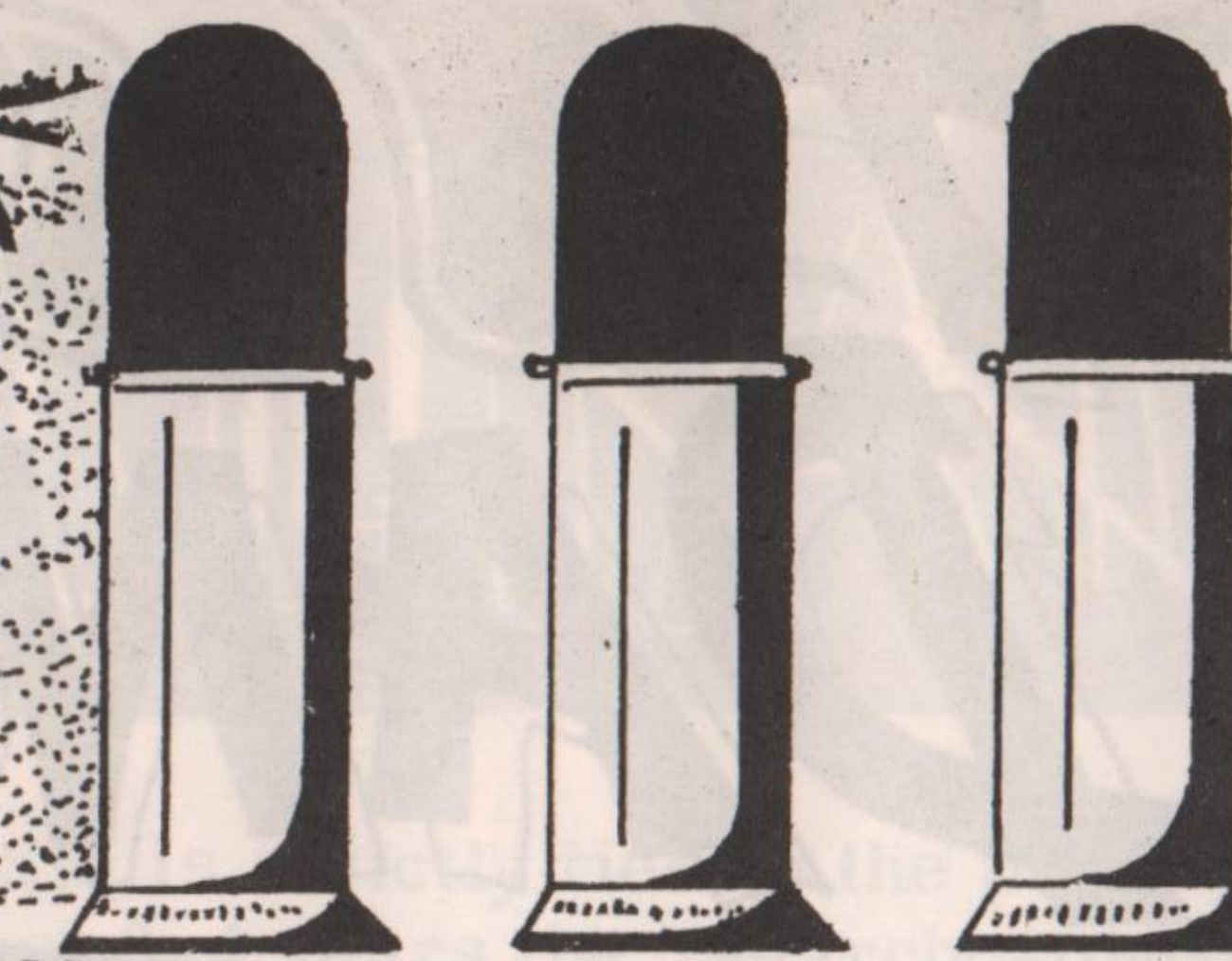
driving round in armoured cars, armed to the teeth with the latest machine guns and other weaponry since that date. Since 1969 the RUC have been ruling N.I. in a joint military dictatorship with the British army. The only thing that tells them apart is the uniform, for the RUC is trained by the British army, have their own SAS-style killer squads, and now work with the SAS independent of the army. If the police tuggery during the miners' strike looked menacing, then be prepared for more of the same in larger amounts, for the RUC are training your British police - every superintendent has to do a tour of duty here with the RUC.....

The cleverest weapon of all though, in the armoury of the British state is not the massive repressive power of the army, the SAS and computer technology, but the most subtle form of repression that exists - media brainwashing. If you thought that media distortion during the miners' strike was powerful, then you still have only seen the tip of the iceberg.

There is strict censorship in the media on Ireland, it must present the British states version of the war here or else. Just a few of the myths that the British media daily regurgitates about Ireland is that there isn't a war going on here at all, its an age old religious feud between rival religious maniacs ("The Troubles"); the army are here doing the best job they can keeping the peace and preventing a bloodbath; and the IRA are a relatively small gang of pathological killers and mafia godfathers holding a whole society in a vice grip of terror. All of these myths are total rubbish but are widely believed on the mainland (and therefore responsible for most of the deaths here). The truth can't get through because the media gives very little space to Ireland, the only news it will report is the same daily catalogue of shootings and bombings. It deliberately does not report the reasons for or background to each incident and avoids giving any historical information on Ireland.

I hope, then, we have given you some warning of what the British state will throw at you if you succeed in creating a mass movement of civil disobedience like the one here. It should be clear now that during the miners strike, the British state only revealed a little of its hand. Maybe you knew this already..... If however, after all this you still think that the British state will never turn its guns on you as it did (and is still doing) on us, then you are trully fucked. For the British army will have to leave, or be driven out, of here someday, and guess where the next stop is?

This is a shortened version of a paper presented to the 'Class War' rally in London in July.



THE 'CLASS STRUGGLE'

THEORY AND TACTICS.

The British working class, without land, depends for its necessities of life on the exploitation of the peasants of the Third World, who are dying of starvation because their land is being used to grow crops for the workers of the industrial countries, (cotton, one fifth of the world's entire farmland, jute, rubber, vegetable oil, fruit, beans, soya, meat etc.).

While the bosses have always exploited the urban artisans, those artisans have always been dependant on the exploitation of the peasants of the city's hinterland. Today our hinterland is the Third World.

To recognise that the artisan exploits the peasant is to undermine the whole theory and strategy of those who concentrate on 'The Class Struggle'. Since the exploited British working class is also the exploited of the Third World, it is unlikely that the working class will take any revolutionary initiative. Theoretically we must expect, and support, Third World revolution before a British revolution..

Tactically it is a mistake to try to find revolutionaries in the British working class. Any revolutionaries will be found amongst the unemployed, not at the workplace.

Because it disproves the conventional 'Class Struggle' theories and strategies, every effort is made to marginalise Green Anarchism by harping on about our odder aspects like hair dos and brown rice and our unsounder, holier-than-thou aspects like 'lifestyle'. For the same reasons they underplay world pollution and resource depletion which also falsify their theories of industrialism.

They'll try to ignore the awkward basic issues. It's up to you to bring them to their attention.

GREEN ANARCHIST.

FUCK ART LET'S DANCE

WE ARE ALL UNDER PRESSURE. Pressure from an oppressive government. Pressure from an apathetic culture. As the axe of authority swings above our heads, the time to repossess our freedom is running out.

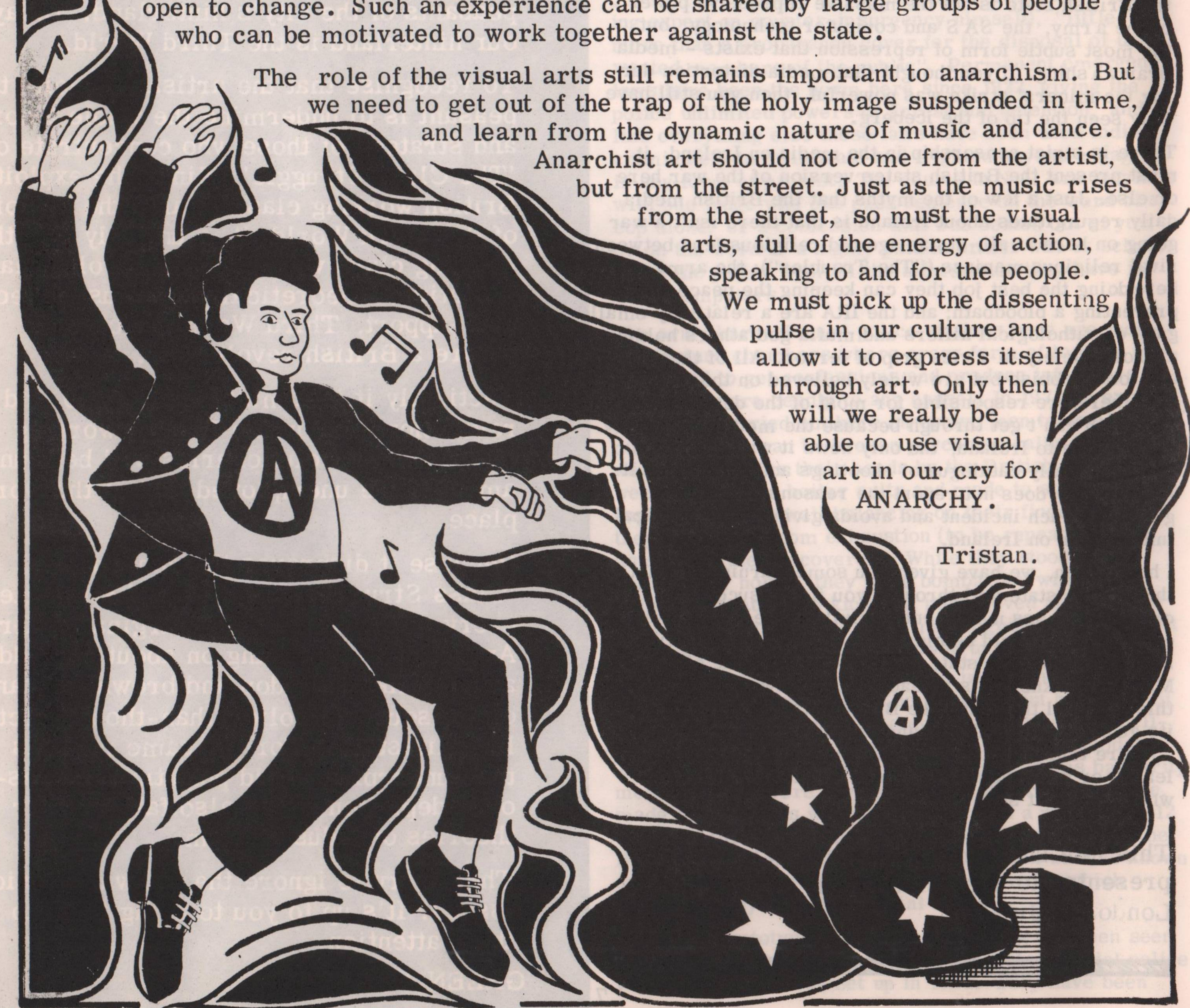
It is this time pressure, despite my belief in the power of visual art, which is shouting out "Fuck Art Lets Dance". We have got to reach out to people, we have got to spread Anarchy through ideas and actions, and the visual arts seem to be too limiting and too slow. Once a poster has been printed it ceases to change, and cannot respond to comment or criticism. Compare this approach to music and dance and you get a totally different response. Through dance and live music there is space for self-expression, but at the same time there is a collective expression. Feeding Anarchist ideas into music the information can be immediately responded to through dance. Music, by encouraging immediate feedback, remains always open to change. Such an experience can be shared by large groups of people who can be motivated to work together against the state.

The role of the visual arts still remains important to anarchism. But we need to get out of the trap of the holy image suspended in time, and learn from the dynamic nature of music and dance.

Anarchist art should not come from the artist, but from the street. Just as the music rises from the street, so must the visual arts, full of the energy of action, speaking to and for the people.

We must pick up the dissenting pulse in our culture and allow it to express itself through art. Only then will we really be able to use visual art in our cry for ANARCHY.

Tristan.



ITALIAN

ITALIAN ANARCHISM is strictly tied to the punk movement. In the last 3-4 years the "anarcho-punk" situation has evolved very much. Around 1979 the first self managed, self produced Italian punk record was produced by 'Raf Punk', 'Stalag 17', and another two groups who don't exist anymore. It had a bad quality recording but was an example of a complete independance from the music business, who, in Italy, don't give any space to alternative bands. It was the beginnings of a movement that today reaches huge dimensions. A lot of kids followed Raf's example self managing and producing their own groups records and cassettes. Three years ago American and British bands were seen as something special. Today, after our growth, we realise that there is only a difference between the Italian and British punk situation: in Italy there aren't groups who sell themselves to the music business exploitation like G.B.H., Exploited, Honey Bane, in England. For 80% of Italian punks, punk is not a fashion, not a movement to show of your mohican or your studs, but a way to live. In Italy punk has a strong politicised background. Groups formed under the "Collectivi", with Anarchist or extreme left motives, have aquired centres either by squatting or from the "Municipe". The Collective is the centre of punk life. There, kids can see concerts, theatre, videos, films, paying really low ticket prices. In these places the official media have been cut out. In every collective there is someone producing a fanzine, booklets and every kind of paper. In a few words, the collective is the base to combat the system. The choice of combating the system from outside was taken because in the past people (some of the 60's movements) who worked inside, gradually became absorbed into the thing they were fighting.

The biggest collectives in Italy are: The Virus in Milano, Diavleria Prod/Com/Sovv in Bologna, Victor Charlie in Pisa, Kollettivo in Torino, and Wir Baven Kollettivo in Valine.

Anarchist Action of Spaghetti Punk:

The anarchist action of the Italian groups and Collectives is only at the beginning. There were some Collectives before 1980 but their function was only to amuse people after work. Actually nobody has made long term programmes. We are attempting to build a solid base from which we can start a stronger action. The collective is the base but we have a lot of problems.

- The municipal administration, the town council rarely gives spaces, even if there's a very strong request for them.

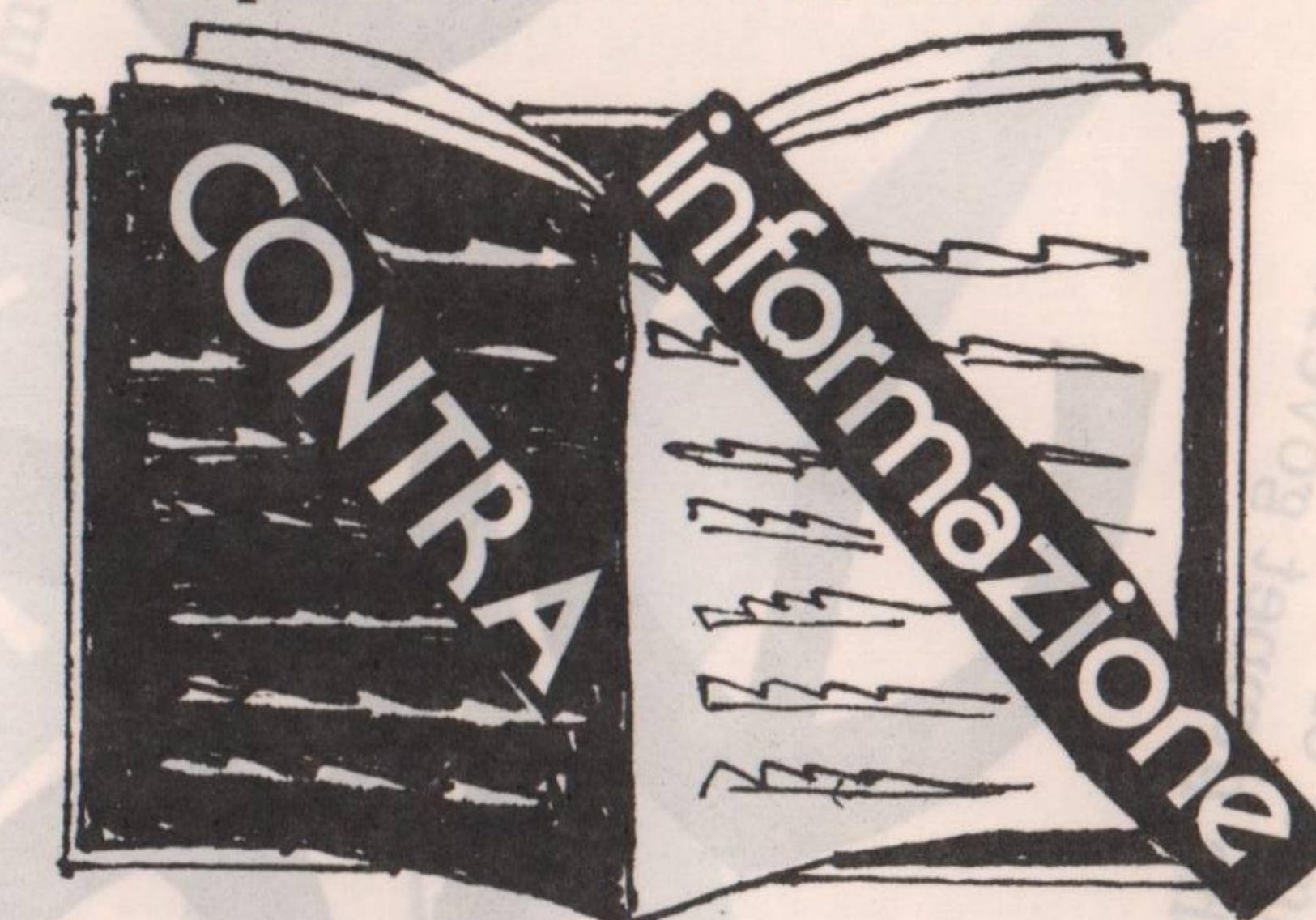
- Squatting is not a really safe way to obtain spaces because very often squatters can be prosecuted.

- The state doesn't like people who try to live independently for the state, so there are often police actions to evacuate this or that collective.

- Sometimes young ones go into squats or collectives just to use drugs. This gives the police a chance to cause problems for the collective.

Milano, Bologna, Udine and Pisa are places where a lot of fights happened between police and punks. Every collective is independant from the others, but there

are a lot of contacts between them, whether big or small. Especially, there is a 'zine called 'Punkaminazine' which is a national issue made by all the collectives together and it contains news from every region of Italy. Everything is based on mutual support to reach a complete independance and autonomy from the system. Italian punks have first to destroy the false image that TV and newspapers give out: the new barbarians, criminals, nazis etc. This is important because the middle class have a mistaken idea of the Italian punk movement. So they live in predjudice and don't listen to the healthy message we are sending. We are doing a lot to make people understand how everyday they are fucked by business, mass-media and religion, to wake them up to build a collective consciousness. This kind of waking up is what we call CONTRA-INFORMAZIONE (counter-information). In the collectives we are trying to solve the problems of how to do this:



- Heroin. Some detoxification centres were set up in Udine (by anarchist punks) with a lot of anti-heroin action throughout Italy. Heroin is seen as one of the silent weapons that the system uses to destroy the energy of the young!

- Unemployment: in some collectives young people produce craft works which are sold in flea markets; some others (Libera Università di Alcatraz for example) live on agriculture, and this needs a lot of work. Many collectives have a bar or restaurant (normally health food or vegetarian).

- Homes. Houses have been squatted to give people homes but the police have often evacuated the squat and left people on the streets. Also, the squatters closed themselves off in a kind of middle class family isolation, but today a lot of squats are opening to the community.

- Free time; Collectives set up concerts of Italian, American, British and German bands, theatre, films and parties. Very often these events are connected with some political action.

Giacomo Oliva.



Giacomo has also sent us names and addresses of bands, mags and collectives which we'll be pleased to send to anyone.

One of the first multinationals, the Hudson Bay Trading Company in the 1680s set the pattern. For beaver skins (used for expensive London hats), it traded cheap glass beads with Canadian Indian trappers. The trappers, having enough to King Charles II (our government): "Supply us with guns and military chiefs (the puppet government) on condition that they forced the trappers to produce the skins. The Triangle of Corruption delivered. The multinational got the skins and the profits: our government got its cut: and the puppet government got its guns. We got our hats. The Indians got exploited.

TRIANGLE OF CORRUPTION

OUR PUPPET GOVERNMENT

to our elites supply guns to Third World elites to suppress their people and sell their crops to multinationals to sell to us.

The unpalatable fact is that our government connives with the multinationals to keep tyrannical Third World governments in power expressly to remove the crops and let their people starve. The multinational must have the military cover and transport infrastructure supplied by the home government. It must also have the licences to mine and the leases of land from the puppet government, and the arms supply to keep the puppet in power.

MULTINATIONAL



Our government has supplied President Marcos, (the puppet government) of the Philippines with military equipment (for example, personnel carriers from GKN-Sankey). In return Marcos has driven 2000 peasants and tribespeople off 4000 acres for our Commonwealth Development Corporation with Guthrie Inc. (the multinational) to grow palm oil for our margarine etc. Our government keeps Marcos in power with our guns. In return he hands over his people's land for multinationals to make its profits on crops grown for us. 55% of the Philippines now grows crops for export. But this time the Triangle of Corruption was foiled. The New Peoples Army, fighting a guerilla war against the UK/USA supported Marcos, has burned down our palm oil processing mill, making the whole project uneconomic.



ON A DREAMY SUMMER DAY, when the air feels soft and warm, isn't it lovely to get out of the city, into the country? We thought so when we set out for a stroll along the River Waveney in rural Suffolk. The sun caressed our backs, a gentle breeze ruffled our hair. It was the sort of day that makes you feel like making love in the long grass.

Then the air changed. The perfume of wild flowers was displaced by a foul chemical smell, reminiscent of a vet's surgery. Our ears caught the first clue to its source as the grumbling tractor approached over the ridge in the field upwind of us, a fine mist drifting from its sprayers towards the wild river bank.

We turned our faces away and moved at a brisk pace to avoid as much of the drifting poison as we could. The smell was nasty and we knew its effects could be even nastier. We carried on, but no sooner was that tractor behind us when another, spraying some pesticide that stung the eyes and nostrils, appeared a couple of fields away.

To go back, we thought, would expose us again to the hazard of pesticide-laden air; so we escaped along a narrow path bordered with stinging nettles. Gradually the soporific feeling of the lovely afternoon returned, soothing our spirits.

But too many things were wrong. What had become of the dragonflies that should have been whirling in the warm air, the herons on the river, the tadpoles in the ponds? There were none.

Around us a bleak green desert stretched as far as the eye could see in every direction. The chemical cultivation of winter wheat, industrialised monoculture destined for next autumn's profitable grain mountain, made it impossible to enjoy the countryside. No hedges, rich with varied shrubs and weeds, divided these fields; no bright poppies or ox-eye daisies grew in the rippling wheat. The farmers had single-mindedly exterminated all life except that which pleases accountants and bank managers. The very soil is dying under their unnaturally green fields.

In despair we looked to the remnants of wilderness that remained on the uncultivated bank of the river. Then, ahead, we saw the workman. Wearing a back-



pack chemical reservoir with a hand-held sprayer, he was casually poisoning the path we would shortly tread.

I froze. Through my mind flashed a cruel vision of our trusting dog, Shuki, vomiting and wasting, poisoned with paraquat. Too many dogs have already died after walking along paths sprayed with weed-killer; they absorb the pesticides through the soles of their feet. So I picked her up, told her she was a parrot and should sit on my shoulder, where no drop of foul liquid could touch her.

Watching the workman from a safe vantage-point where the breeze could keep us clear of his poison, we discussed his potential fate. How long before he died of cancer? He was not wearing any protective clothing and most pesticides are known to be capable of causing cancer. Or would he have children, deformed, as a dis-

proportionate number of agricultural employees' offspring are, with spina bifida or cleft palate? Perhaps he would suffer multiple allergies, triggered by toxic overload. He was shortening his own life as surely as those of the plants and insects he poisoned.

Illnesses that result from excessive exposure to the hideous range of new and vicious chemicals are becoming increasingly difficult to avoid. The food we eat is heavily contaminated with pesticide residues, The air we breathe carries poisons. They are assumed to be 'safe' - yet the rising incidence of allergies, birth deformities and cancers prove that they are not.

The complacency of government and farmers alike stems from a lack of imagination that we find staggering. The tests carried out are inadequate and inappropriate; the precautions employed are minimal. Our

pleasant country walk had already exposed us to three different types of pesticide - yet no test even considers the effects on people or animals exposed to more than one chemical. The potential risks of interaction between them are ignored.

Short-term profit for industry and farmers is the only consideration to decision-making about pesticides.

Pesticides are just one aspect of a problem that involves all the products of a chemical industry, from drugs to plastics. These artificial substances overload our detoxifying capacity, damage the immune systems that protect us from disease of all types, poison every cell of our bodies.

Few outside the vested interests who profit by the use of chemicals can now seriously doubt that illness is the inevitable consequence of living in a world that is increasingly polluted by ever-larger quantities of such substances. And it isn't just the green deserts of East Anglia that are the problem. In almost every household people thoughtlessly use more and more sprays of death and destruction.

If we allow the world to continue headlong on this path of chemical contamination, we shall find ourselves dying in a dying landscape.

America inflicted a hint of this fate on Vietnam with Agent Orange. Now the chemical multinationals make a battleground of the rest of the world, causing sickness and death to a whole range of life forms. People will not escape undamaged. The energy crisis of the 70s and the unemployment crisis of the 80s will become the survival crisis of the 90s.

Everywhere in the environment we create, people are in retreat. Before us we drive to extinction growing numbers of species. Soon we will have been pushed too near the edge to draw back. We have to fight now, in every way, by all means we can imagine, for the future of this once-lovely planet.

It makes us feel like reaching for an old-fashioned, ecologically-sound machine gun.

Arabella Melville and Colin Johnson.

AMERICAN PLANS FOR DOMINATION

THE GRAND AREA PLAN was thought of in 1942 to prevent any other country forming an economic empire after World War II.

When World War II began the U.S. government reacted by forming a committee to study the situation. This committee did not, and was not expected to, comment on the ideology of Nazism or Fascism but rather to consider possible roles for America in the war. American factories producing military hardware in Germany worked unhindered. The committee which included State Department planners and representatives of the Council on Foreign Relations continued to consider the fate of the Earth.

By 1942 America had entered the war militarily and the U.S. State Dept knew for certain that America

would emerge from the war in a position of world dominance, all that was needed was a plan to consolidate this power. Thus the "Grand Area Planning" came into being.

The Grand Area is defined as that which is "strategically necessary for world control". This area would repatriate profits for the U.S. as well as provide access to resources and investment opportunities. The minimum area considered necessary to control for American dominance "...includes the entire western hemisphere, the former British empire and the Far East."

The capitalist system is structured in such a way that it requires two basic, vital components in order to function -- the client, or consumer and the supplier,

or producer. The Grand Area was planned to secure certain markets or client states. The American Marshall Plan of 1948 rebuilt Europe in order to consolidate these countries as valid and valuable clients. This meant reconstructing European capitalism in a very specific way -- by preventing it from becoming national capitalism -- for the Grand Area Plan will not work if various parts within the system follow an independent course.

The Marshall Plan is the best illustration of America's understanding of the inseparability of political, economic and military power. In Europe the U.S. flexes its political muscle under the auspices of NATO, the stock exchange is overshadowed by American multinationals while 300,000 American troops are

based in West Germany and the U.S. has 135 bases in Britain.

The U.S. has, since entering World War II, asserted their military force under the guise of collective security. American forces reside in Europe under NATO, and they spent several years securing the cheap labour of South Korea under the flag of the United Nations. "Collective Security" as it is sold by the western countries is merely the justification for American world dominance.

DISMANTLE NATO NOW.

Randy.

ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM

ONE THING that all types of anarchism have in common is respect for the individual, and the ultimate goal of the creation of a free, classless society in which people have direct control of their own lives. Anarcho-syndicalism believes that, in order to replace the state and capitalism with self-managed production for need, rather than profit, the workers themselves must take over the means of production and distribution. There is no room in anarcho-syndicalism for the authoritarian-socialist notion of taking over "on behalf of the working class", or of a "revolutionary vanguard" - history is littered with examples of where these ideas lead, eg. post-revolutionary Soviet Union.

How, then, do anarcho-syndicalists see the way to work towards a free society, faced with existing conditions? In the first place, the workers' control, which is the means towards the anarcho-syndicalist goal, must be fought for by a united movement, organised on a libertarian, anarchist basis. To achieve consensus in a large group anarcho-syndicalism favours a structured organisation. There are no leaders and no full-time officials or bureaucrats. Those people, chosen to act or speak on behalf of the working class, should do so as delegates, not representatives. As such they should carry out their function according to the will of the movement as a whole, and not have the power to take action or make decisions themselves without consultation. This means the delegates must be subject to instant recall, or if they do the dirty on their fellow workers, they can be replaced at once. Organisation of workers will be by industry, rather than by trade - the existing craft union system being divisive and counter-productive.

Anarcho-synicalists, in common with other anarchists, have no use for the political parties, parliamentary processes or out-of-touch trade union bureaucrats. The potential collective power of the working class lies in the workplace more than anywhere else, and this is what has to be recognised in the struggle towards an anarchist society. Direct action at the point of production is the major means of achieving this goal. This action can take several forms - everybody knows about strikes, but there are other methods, such as the "good work" stike (eg. bus workers refusing to take fares, catering workers giving out large helpings of food), and "open mouth" tactics (where workers make public facts which are embarrassing to the bosses - such as abuses of

health and safety regulations). There is plenty of scope for direct action which will win the support of other working class people.

As 'working class' is a phrase which seems to cause difficulty for some people, it should be made clear what anarcho-syndicalists mean by it. It includes everybody in the lower part of the economic scale - unpaid workers such as people who manage households and look after children, old people, disabled people and unemployed people dependent on benefits, as well as working people. It is vital for all these people with a common interest in changing society to be united, and to co-operate in trying to achieve the ultimate goal of a free, anarchist society. One of the most powerful weapons of the state is divide and rule - the more that different groups among the oppressed sections of society go their separate ways and refuse to adopt ideas of mutual aid and overall co-operation, the more those with a vested interest in maintaining the system like it. This is where the traditional trade union movement fails miserably, as, apart from its reactionary attitudes, it divides the working class, both between different sections of production, and between those in and out of paid employment.

It should be remembered that anarcho-syndicalists are also involved in other activities, such as unemployed groups, anti-racist, anti-sexist and anti-militarist campaigns, opposition to nuclear power etc.

For more information about anarcho-syndicalism there are a number of pamphlets published by the Direct Action Movement (DAM) which is the organisation of anarcho-syndicalism in Britain, and is the British section of the International Workers Association (IWA). For details contact: DAM/IWA Publications, c/o Box DAM, 121 Railton Road, London SE24. Read 'Direct Action', 20p a copy from: Direct Action, Dept. DA, PO Box 102, Hull, North Humberside.

George.

In a follow-up article George will describe how anarcho-syndicalism works out in practice - how national decisions are arrived at, delegation of decision-making, local organisation, and tactics derived from the theory - how we get from here to there!

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GODWIN

One of the first writers to offer a consistent outline of anarchist thought.

"Hidden away in some old library", writes one biographer of William Godwin, "you might one day come across the weighty volumes of 'Political Justice', a work as obscure now as its author". But there was a time, he continues, when Godwin was the most famous and notorious writer in the land. Times change: yet Godwin in spite of his obscurity is still not forgotten. Godwin was born in 1756 near Kings Lynn. Early on he became a non-conformist minister like his father. But he soon abandoned the Church, adopted atheism, and after trying his hand as a tutor, eventually became a free-lance journalist. His main interests were education and politics. In 1789 came the outbreak of the French revolution, an event that was to change the face of Europe. Godwin sympathized with the aims of the revolution, though he recoiled from the violence of the subsequent 'terror' for he was always to argue against the violent overthrow of governments. But while political reaction set in all over Europe Godwin always remained true to the radical spirit of the revolution, to its cry for liberty, equality and fraternity. It was during the tense atmosphere of this revolution that Godwin wrote his philosophical treatise on 'Political Justice'. It was published in 1793.

Its message was even more radical than Tom Paine's famous 'Rights of Man' published two years earlier. It is said that the Cabinet considered prosecution, but the Prime Minister William Pitt declared that as it cost 3 guineas it was hardly likely to reach the labouring classes and thus foment revolution. Nevertheless Godwin's study was widely read and discussed, and his outspoken enthusiasm for truth and liberty made him famous, or rather infamous. Many attempts were made to ridicule the study, or as Godwin put it, "bring into disrepute the truths I have endeavoured to propagate". Godwin's 'Enquiry Concerning Political Justice' is a complex book. In his excellent study of its underlying philosophy John Clark describes Godwin as a consistent exponent of "hedonistic utilitarianism". This means that Godwin set himself the problem of trying to determine by rational argument what kind of society was most useful and most conducive to the promotion of human pleasure and happiness. He was no dreamer, and was well aware of the fact that history was little more than a "record of crimes". He argued in the book five essential themes:

- 1) That human beings are not by nature either good or bad. There is no 'original sin' in us. We are what we are largely because of our circumstances.
- 2) To attain a happy and free life we must be honest and truthful. How do we know what is true? By

following the dictates of reason which is common to all people. This means discussion; relying on proof not on power, on argument not on authority, on openness not on deception.

3) In a world where reason prevailed Godwin felt that justice too would be promoted. Justice was not just a matter of equality or fairness, but the attainment of an ethical society in which disinterested benevolence was widely practised. If you followed reason, Godwin argued, you would do good to all people equally, as befits their needs, aspirations and abilities. 4) These premises led Godwin to argue that in a society private property will no longer exist, nor wealth for these only foster vice, envy, robbery and war. Nor will there be any coercive government, along with their laws, courts and prisons - for all these are contrary to justice. He makes a critique of all existing forms of government, as well as the bases of political authority - whether it be sheer force, social contract or divine right. All governments, he wrote, correspond in some degree to what the Greeks called 'tyranny'. Thus the only rational form of government for Godwin was no government at all - ANARCHY.

5) Godwin argues that just as there had been progress in scientific understanding so there could be improvement in human society, and in the moral status of individuals. But true progress would come about not by violent means but only by through education, moral persuasion and political reforms. Godwin rejected the use of force and violence: rather than promoting progress, he said, they actually hindered it.

Reason: truth: liberty: justice: progress: happiness - all these are intimately connected in Godwin's thought. Many have described his philosophy as 'utopian' and Godwin has been labelled an "armchair anarchist" whose 'political justice', while providing a blueprint of an ideal society, offers no viable political strategy. There is no doubt some truth in these criticisms. But importantly, though Godwin never called himself an anarchist, he was one of the first writers to offer a consistent outline of anarchist thought, to argue through the need for a decentralized, libertarian society. This vision still has contemporary relevance and it was a vision taken - up by later anarchists who as George Woodcock wrote, added the 'dimension of action' to his philosophical arguments.

Brian Morris.



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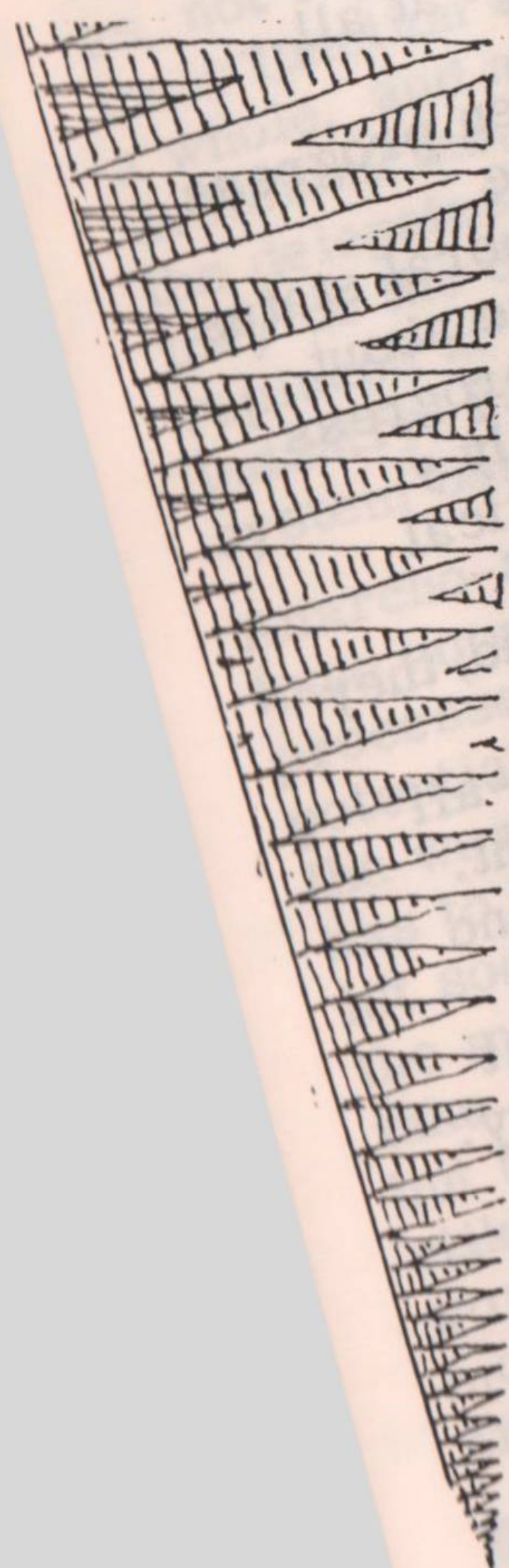
"THE ART OF AROMA THERAPY"
Robert Tisserand. C.W. Daniel.
Price £5.95.

More 'in depth' than herbalism, it makes use of the whole plant to make oils, perfumes, lotions, drinks and burning the oils for their fragrance, all to cure ailments ranging from rheumatic pains to skin diseases. (It should be noted that, unlike herbalism, it can be dangerous to use without knowing what you are doing, as they are pure and highly concentrated.)

This book is a must for anyone interested in alternative medicine - the history of aromatherapy, the basic principles of the art, yin and yang, diet and how it can cause illness, the Odours, the Body, the Mind, massage, skin care, recipes, useful hints and the essential oils themselves.

Aromatherapy is rewarding and smells good.

Marcus.



"HAY FEVER. No need to suffer".
Colin Johnson and Dr. Arabella Melville. Corgi. £2.50.

I found this book interesting although not myself afflicted by hayfever because of my own research on biological membranes. The general purpose of the authors is to provide information so that individuals can learn about their health, which deserves support.

The causes and the remedies are clearly described with an emphasis on the dietary causes. There is a list of books and useful appendices with information about known allergies. Natural protective mechanisms become too active but it is dangerous to use any treatment which inhibits their normal response. The authors explain that for sustained relief a carefully considered long term of action is needed, there are no magic remedies. This is partly based on the experience of one author.

Relative merits of conventional and alternative medicine are soundly discussed. Since many aspects of biological systems are still mysterious; no one is infallible.

Norman.

"THE SLOW BURNING FUSE"
The lost history of British Anarchists. John Quail. Paladin/Granada.

There comes a time for every anarchist when the idea of engaging in a full and frank discussion with the entire Tory Cabinet assisted only by a loaded Kalashnikov AV-45 and two spare grenades is not without appeal. Similar ideas have also occurred to anarchists in the past, but reading this excellent book, a history of the anarchist movement from 1880-1930, has convinced me of the basic uselessness of violence as a tactic in Britain.

"The only way to contemplate the future is to have constantly before you the examples of the past."

TACTICS: These seem to have changed little over the past 100 years and with the exclusion of most radical ideas from media overkill, it looks like staying that way for the next 100. Pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, conferences, riots, mass rallies, picnics, squatting, meetings, even 'Stop the City' demos have their ancestors in the West End riots during the winter of 1885/6. There are differences though; street speaking has died away to be replaced by the political busker and street theatre (I feel

that street theatre must go beyond mere spectacle to the point where a staged performance on the street becomes indistinguishable, for the onlooker, from a real spontaneous 'happening'). Flyposting has become more radical too; where it used only to advertise meetings and events, today it states its message first, often combined with striking visuals, and advertises meetings etc. Second, in reaction to the colonising of our streets by the advertisers, graffiti has come into its own.

Where in the 1880s it was possible to directly heckle politicians..... "If you want to know what the Conservative Party has done for the working man, look...." "inside the workhouse!"

"British working men are being thrown out of jobs by foreign dumping. If we tax those imports the workers will...." "... pay!"

.... now politicians have become so remote and well-defended, that for the average anarchist without access to Spitting Image-type media, the aerosol spray paint can is one of the most effective ways to subvert the media voice of the state. It's not vandalism. It's reclaiming our streets and access to media all rolled into one.

SIMILARITIES: While reading this book, I kept coming across passages like this....

"... a dispute involving seventy men in a seam in one pit spread like wild fire through the whole Combine, involving 12,000 miners. However, the engine men below and the winding men on the surface (in unions separate from the South Wales Miners Federation) stayed at work and the employers as a result attempted to continue to run the mines.... and the direct outcome of that was the police being sent there and later the military - result: riots, trouble of considerable character, the fight still on because of the incompleteness of the fight on the men's side, consequent on sectional unionism" - so said Tom Mann at the time. Miners were fired on at Tony-pandy by the troops and many clashes took place. It was not until August 1911 that the men were starved into submission."

1886 or 1961, 1911 or 1985? The past has interesting things to say to the present.

EARLY WOMENS MOVEMENT: It seems to me that very little effort was made by anarchists to work with the Suffragettes and other

*Sometimes people ask me: what have you achieved?
they feel a bit sorry for me because I can't say we've
got rid of nuclear weapons or put an end to war everywhere*

or overthrow the capitalist system

I never expected we'd do that in a year

or two or three

and neither did they pinned their

hope that was where they

very last desperate hope

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From: "Knitting & Picketing" by Annie.

women's groups in an attempt to show them the folly of 'parliamentary' action (though perhaps this would have been the wrong thing to do at the time. But even if the anarchists had wanted to do that, then, as now, most seemed to be men with a vision of the creators and working class as the revolution. The book made me aware of the split in Socialism and Anarchism circa 1850. It seems that before then they were pretty much the same thing. (See Christopher Hamp 1381-1914, but don't trust him after 1850 as he only follows the Socialist struggle and disregards the Anarchists from then on.) Any history book has its defects, it cannot give the feeling of being swept along by events, or tell how demoralised and frustrated anarchists must have felt during the long quiet years. But even so, a good book. READ IT.

Dave. Stratford-upon-Avon.

"THE ALLERGY OF DIET"
Dr. V. Alun-Jones. Published by M. Dumitz. £3.95.

This is a very important book as most people fail to realise that asthma, skin diseases, eczema and migraine are often caused by what they eat and not their surroundings. Agoraphobia has recently been cured by diet. This book firstly gives good detailed descriptions of the common illnesses which have been proved to be caused by diet, and then goes on to look at diet itself.

The only disadvantage of this book is its meat orientation but with a little thought the recipes can be adapted. A very useful book for all allergy sufferers. Who needs a doctor to tell you how you may be able to cure your allergy when you could have this.

Marcus.

HAGAR THE WOMB. "Funnery in a Nunnery" EP. Abstract Recs.

Not exactly a new record but I've just got my copy. The Hagars, almost as legendary as 'Word of the Womb', display in this single their usual chaotic fun through the charms of Ruth and Kate, backed by the power forces of Mitch, Janet, Chris and Paul. 'Armchair

Published by Mushroom, 10 Heathcote St. Nottingham.

WE HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE...

what we have achieved is that we

are not so desperate making

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RECIPE VEGAN PIZZA.

You need: one bread base in greased, large flat tin - raised and ready.
Topping: Fry together in 2 table-
spoons of oil:-
1 onion,
1 clove garlic,
1 grated small carrot,
2 tablespoons chopped pepper
or celery,
1 bayleaf,
2 tablespoons fresh chopp-
ed parsley or 2 teaspoons
of dried tomatoes (or
2 cups of tomatoes (or
one tin)
1 6 oz can of tomato
puree,
1 teaspoon salt,
Pepper.

Cook for 1/2 hour, re-
move bayleaf, pour
over base, decor-
ate with olives,
mushrooms or veg-
-an cheese.
(Vegan cheese: 2
oz. melted marg-
arine, 1 desert spoon
soya flour and
marmite to
taste. Cook in
hot oven for
30 minutes.)



NEW MAGS

CLYDESIDER
Glasgow's Revolutionary Paper

From Clydeside Anarchists, a very professional and persuasive paper which makes anarchists look as though they're really getting their act together. Clydesider. Glasgow G1 1HL. 10p

OW SYSTEMS GO!
From Truro Anarchists, a local mag full of good intelligent stuff and well presented.

FREEDOM 1985
Festivals & Events.

TRIBAL MESSENGER.
This has grown out of 'Freedom' the festival mag. Still with the comprehensive festival list, it has articles, news, and a lively 'alternative' layout. From: B21. Full Marks. 110 Cheltenham Rd. Stokescroft. Bristol. Avon. £1.

LETTERS PAGE

Leave them alone!

Dear Green Anarchist,
Tim Eiloart's references to the Developing World (I assume) in his article 'TaxCuts and the poor' make quite unpleasant reading, his arrogant and patronising statements that: "With Green Anarchy they might take one-to-one responsibilities for communities in other counties....Not only can we see how well off we are but we can find out how kind and generous and open 'poorer' races are; perhaps we can help them eat well but they might teach us how to sleep well", leave a lot to be desired.

For a start they can teach us a lot more than that! Secondly, the 'community Tim advocates is very much the present 'Right On' idea in the merry-go-round of educated western development experts 'ex' being the unknown quantity and 'xpert' being a drip under press - ure). The milestones on the 'development road' have been marked with spectacular failures of 'super-technology' and the 'green revolution' followed quickly by 'intermediate technology' (ie. more western Professor Brain-storm) to bring us to the present wizard wheeze of 'appropriate technology' and the 'community' - which seems to me to presuppose that in the developing world homogeneous communities exist, ready and waiting. Well, I'm sorry to say they don't!

The common denominator in all these failures is that, as ideas, they have originated from outside the developing world and then have been imposed upon the developing world, odd corners being trimmed off to suit the image of the recipient country - left or right!

It is amazing to see how the developing world manages to stimulate the fantasies of European whatever-ists, whose beliefs manage to fade by degrees into a kind of benevolent, condescending patronage of the 'poorer races'.

Let's try something new. LEAVE THEM ALONE!!!!
Best Wishes, Alistair Danter,
Mahlangatsha RDA, PO Box 121,
Mankayane, Swaziland, Africa.

Dear G.A.

I was rather disappointed with parts of your last issue (No. 7 July-Aug) I've received all your issues so far and I will continue to subscribe. But the two articles 'Henley regatta' & 'Class War March' were very much concerned with violence or the lack of it.

I have been involved with the 'Peace & Animal Lib Movement' for 5 or 6 years now and to me N.V.D.A. has appears the best form of attack. I do not profess to be a pacifist & am not so naive to believe that radical can come about without some degree of violence.

However 'Class War's continual voice seems to be saying violence + more violence whilst actual involvement sometimes appears to be minimal-as one C.W. paper seller said to me "I can't get arrested I'm selling papers".

Society won't change by just wearing badges, sporting black spikey hair or hollow messages written on the back of leather jackets-

If you believe in anarchism you've got to start living it to its limits & congratulations to whoever wrote the 1 page article entitled 'Grasping Life-Anarchy Now' That said it all.

Great Paper

Freedom. Lib, @

Malc.Derby G.A. 'S.

Support fund.

Dear Friends,

.... Gus is an ex-filth, in fact CID detective sergeant 10 years ago and since then has become involved with animal rights, turned vegan and of course ANARCHIST. To start with most of us didn't trust him but after Price Shithouse (NUM sequestrators) occupation, we had no reason to doubt him. He pleaded guilty.... Now he is inside his outside 'interests' to put it mildly are fucked. Gus has a small taxi business (1 taxi).... We've raised £300, but we're all skint as well, so donations would be welcome to: Angus MacInnes Support Group account no. 3925. Clydeside Anarchists, c/o Clydeside Press, 53. Cochrane St. Glasgow. G1 1HL.

Dear Green Anarchist,
Re page 17, issue no. 7:
Obviously it would be impossible for Eskimos to survive without eating flesh, but should there be one hard and fast policy regardless of whereabouts in the world we live? Are we not supposed to adapt to the climate in which we live? Perhaps we should wear fur coats all the year round; the comparison is just as farcical. We have the opportunity to live, causing as little suffering as possible, whether it be for animal rights, political or health reasons.

If there was an 'Anarchist society' does he think the anarchists of the Third World would be pleased to give up their grain just so that he could eat meat? Many people don't even have the choice of eating animals' bodies. How about if all the Chinese, as a race, decided to turn carnivorous.

We suggest that the only justification for being a flesh eater would be if he went to live in a 'temperate' region. "Eskimos have no alternative but to eat meat".
WE DO.

..... Regarding your info for gigs. John Clarke of Brighton is a capitalist.... Try asking him to promote a benefit gig. As for Leadmill in Sheffield, they are into making as much money as possible.

We hope you find our criticisms constructive. Yours for the revolution,
Sekemarma, c/o Piecing it together, c/o the Peace Shop,
51, Leopold St. Sheffield.

Dear Green Anarchist,
I was unpleasantly surprised at the speciesist terminology. Whilst agreeing with the sentiments of the contributor, I object to the way in which s/he describes the police as animal henchment and pigs. Animals would never behave in that manner. By all means use derogatory adjectives but don't degrade animals.
Yours for human and animal rights,
Paddy Broughton (Ms) 14, Southfield Park, North Harrow, Middx.

Dear Green Anarchists,
In your July/Aug. issue, you printed a phone number on the gigs page which is no longer valid. Our contact for bands, etc. is now Paul on 051933 5892.
Keith Hodgson, for the Liverpool Direct Action Group, 82. Lark Lane, Algburth, Liverpool. 17.

US. soya beans?

Dear Green Anarchist,
You comment that you look forward to vegan recipes which do not depend on imports from the third world. Are Brazil's soya beans being eaten by vegans, or by the stock being raised to feed omnivores? A couple of years back I worked in a wholefood shop and remember our supplies of soya beans as always coming from the USA. I do not know what is the source of the beans used by the manufacturers of soya milks (Granose, Plamil, Hera, Itona), nor of the beans used by the manufacturers of bean curd (tofu) in this country and Japan. Perhaps it is wishful thinking on my part, but I do wonder if the bulk of the soya beans being produced are only consumed by people after being processed by other animals.
Best Wishes for the future of the magazine.
Jennifer Wallace, 9. Cistern St. Totnes, Devon.

The soya beans are grown for vegetable oil. It is the residue which is fed to the animals. RH.

Dear GA.

I'm sick of hearing about Greenham Common women being placed in prisons such as Holloway, other peace protesters as well. Why is it that rapists and murderers have got away with not getting a prison sentence. Now I hear, whether it's true or not I'm not sure, but the judges, lawyers and the like don't want to place men who sexually abuse their children, in jail. It's really sick, stupid and insulting. Why should people who oppose violence and war be put in jail for wanting peace while mindless idiots who are hell-bent on violence don't serve any time at all.

Whenever anyone asks me what I believe in I'm very proud to say I'm an anarchist, but the problems in it take me about two hours to explain to them, that I'm not plastic and I hate violence. This is very hard for them to understand as they have a violent image of anarchists, thanks to the press and TV. Maybe one day they will let someone who is an anarchist on some TV programme to explain clearly so that everyone understands us and how we feel. Anyway all I can say to the rich, fascist pigs is stuff your system. I'm an Anarchist and proud of it.
Yours in solidarity, Kris. 1 Manor Park, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

COMING UP DEMOS-FESTIVALS-MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

21 Bash the Rich march on Hampstead. A sightseeing Tour of Scumbag land. Meet Chalk Farm Tube 3pm. Through Hampstead to Millonaires row.

21. National Snowball. Local action.

21-22. Peace Picnic. Jack Lane, Hadley woods Nr Cockfosters. London.

23-27. Lodon Dumping Convention. Womens Crestive Presence.

30th SMASH SOUTH AFRICAN BUISNESS DAY. near you.

28-29. Food Store Action. Actions at local intervention stores of surplus European agricultural produce.

OCTOBER

12-13. Loughborough 'Cultural' Festival. Southfields Park.

12. 'Third World' War conf. Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham. CND.

14. Stonehenge '86 Campaign. Meeting. 7pm. Torriano Meeting House, 99, Torriano Ave. London. NW5.

16. Internation Day of Protest against Macdonalds. (World Food Day). 20 Magic Mushroom Safari and Picnic. Warren Wood, Nr A6 at Clophill, Beds. From 2pm.

25-27. Mind Body Spirit Festival. Guildhall, Southampton. Indoor, cheap.

26. CND march and rally. Assemble 11am. Serpentine Rd. Hyde Park, London ("Most comrades probably already know of the suggestion to hold a 'Stop Business as Usual' day of direct action on Nov. 5. However some individuals from various London groups have hit upon the idea of changing this date to Oct. 26th, the day of the national CND demo in London. Taking direct action on this date will not only cause maximum headaches for the filth, but will bring home to our rulers that we are opposed to every aspect of their destructive and exploitive state, and that

we are prepared to take effective action in line with this. Obviously a large and visible anarchist presence on the march itself is desirable. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to bring home our message that ALL POWER must be challenged." A. Narky. London)

31. Round Halloween. Peace of the World's Festival. Benefit for the Convoy. (Boycott American goods, Levi's, nikes, cigarettes, records etc.) Horsell Common, Sandpit Site, Woking, Surrey.

NOVEMBER

3-4. Nuclear-free and Independent Pacific Support Network. Women only!? Info: Sigrid. 0272 061221.

5. 'Stop Business As Usual'

9. Anarchist Bookfair. Conway Hall Red Lion Sq. London. WC1.

11. Stonehenge '86. Meeting. As above.

15-17. Festival of Psychics and Mystics. The Cresset, Peterborough, info: 037 455095.

23. Molesworth Green Day.

DECEMBER

12. Molesworth Demo?

21. Winter Solstice. Stonehenge.

December. Peace march from Panama through Nicaragua, El Salvador to Mexico.

1986

1986. Chicago Anarchists are planning a Worldwide Gathering of Anarchists from April 30th-May 4th. Info: 'Impossible Books' Box 102, 1200 W. Fullerton, Chicago, IL. 60614. USA.

NEW GROUPS

The Student Campaign for Animal Rights (SCAR) exists to communicate between student groups and help students set up animal rights societies. The next SCAR meeting: 2.2.86. Contact: SCAR. PO Box 89. Huddersfield, West Yorks.

In the light of tactics of groupings such as 'Class War', the ALF and religious pacifists:

"We affirm that we can no longer support war, violence or exploitation of any kind" A Federation of Anarcho-Pacifists is being formed. Contact: c/o Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Rd. London. N1.