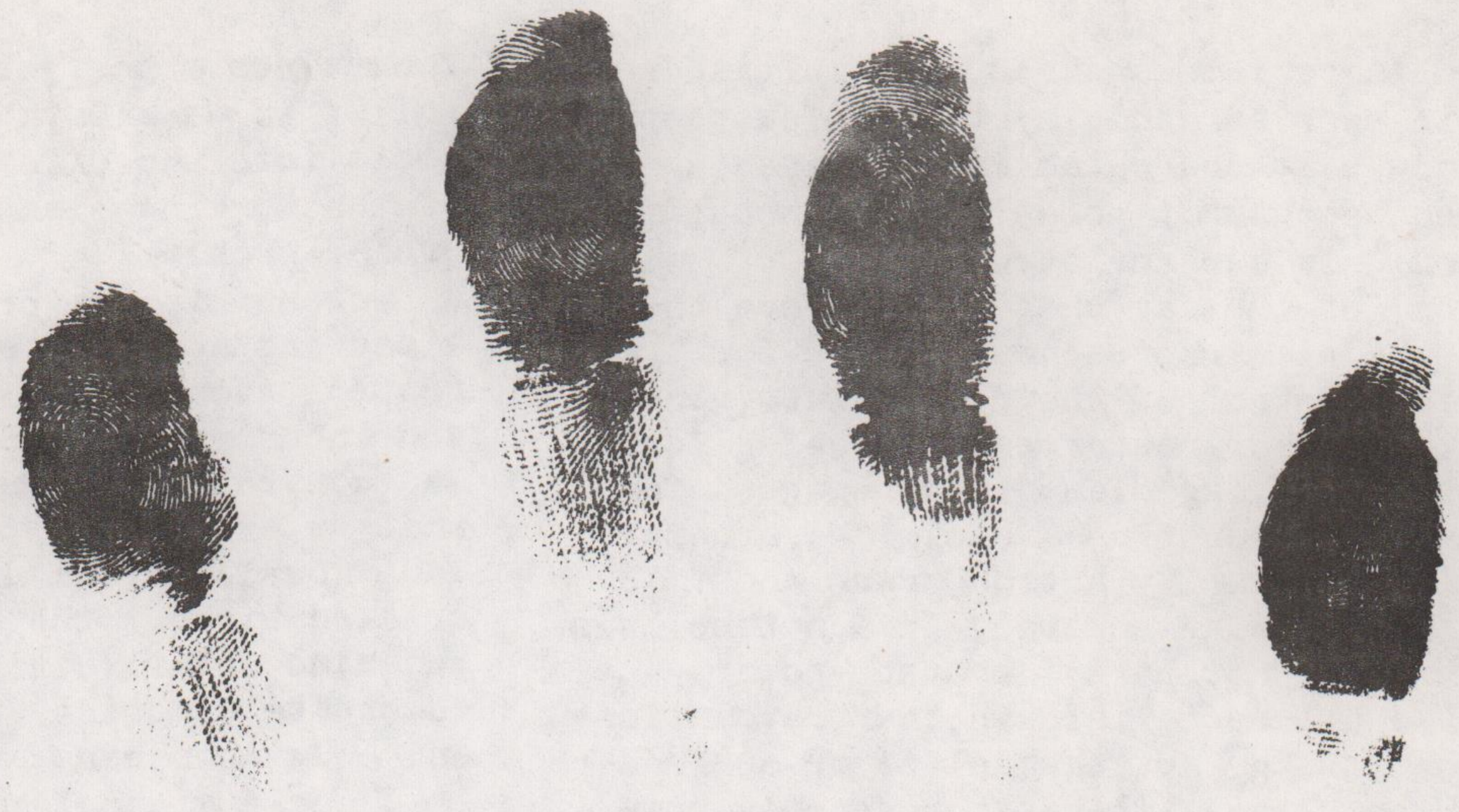


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RESURGENCE



**IT MIGHT NOT BE
TODAY BUT IT'S
CERTAINLY
TOMORROW!**



Well here it is! The long-awaited RESURGENCE. At this very moment it hits the streets and the establishment crumbles! Within these bumper pages you'll find all you ever wanted to know about Anarchism and like all good Anarchist papers, it comes from a long way from London, Nottingham to be exact. There's lots of local stuff, especially the dirt on those slimy subhumans and local magnates the Pickerings!

As I write these very words, those fattened parasites who sit in plush offices feel their bowels loosen, for the Resurgence has started- and it won't end here!

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WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

The word Anarchism conjures up a multitude of images in peoples minds, yet very few people actually know what Anarchism is. Its meaning has been twisted because it poses a real threat to those who rule in our society.

At the end of the day what matters are the ideas that the name represents, we are for people taking control of their own lives, to transform the use of resources from being for the good of the Ruling Class to being good for humanity and the planet as a whole. We are for Direct Action, community action, rank and file initiative and popular control. In a nutshell we want people power not party or state power.

We dispise all socialists whether revolutionary or reformist who set themselves up as leaders of the working class. Liberation can only come from our own activity, our own experience and under our control. Trusting liberation to leaders merely serves to perpetuate passivity. They get

themselves a new job at the top of the heap, whilst we as always, stay at the bottom. Those socialists who offer themselves up as saviours of the working class are not the solution but part of the problem.

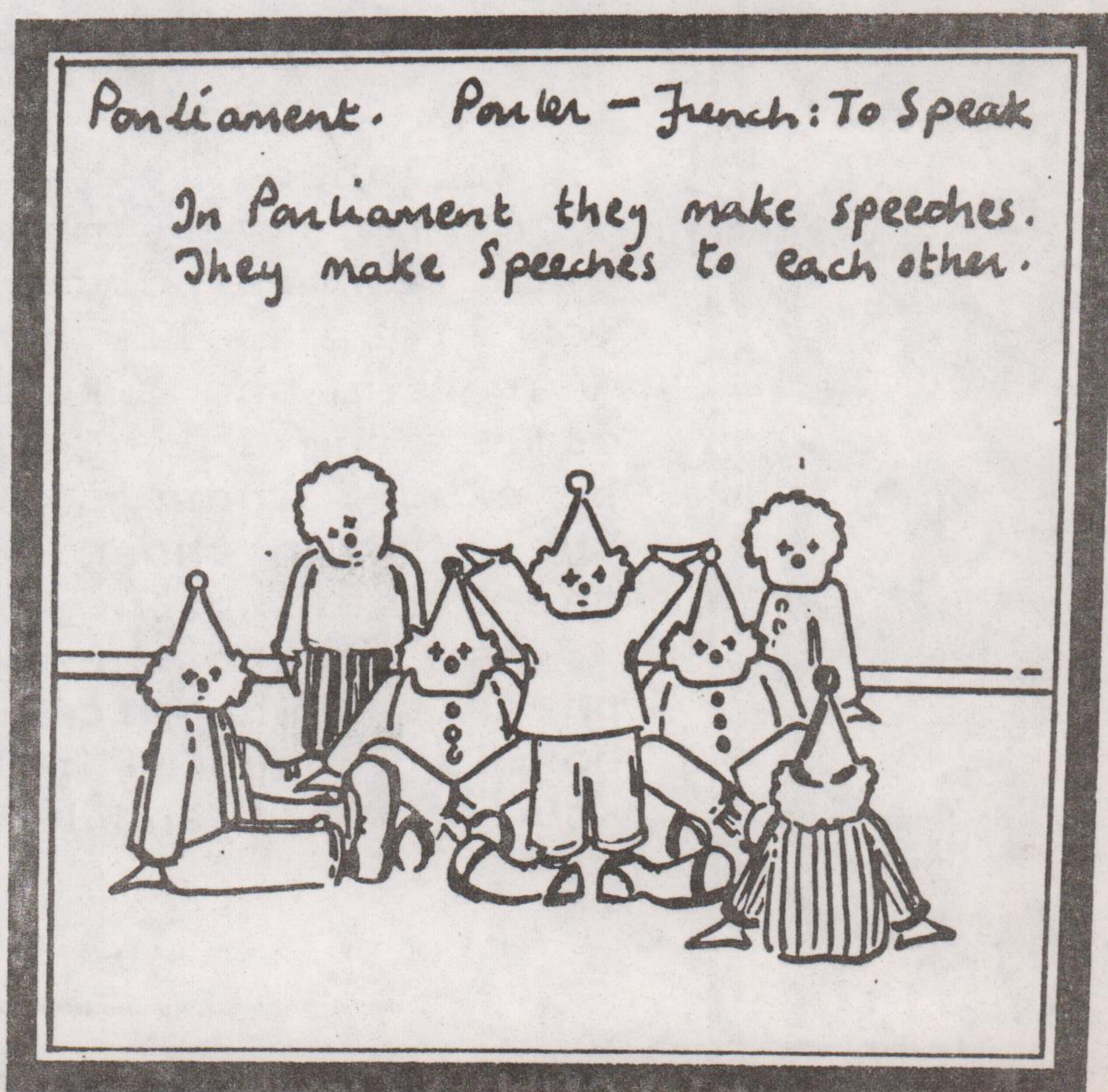
Whether in the private sector or in nationalised industry it is all the same, merely bosses control under a new name. Workers control of trade and industry on shop-floor level; ordinary peoples control of their own communities - that is what we are aiming for! Anarchism is about individual control and choice and could not be created without the destruction of not only class but also sexual divisions, women must organise to create a society where they have a choice and only Anarchism attacks all forms of power.

A society should be run to benefit those who live in it, in working together within communities and working with other communities individuals create Anarchism.

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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO - PARLIAMENT.

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POVERTY - THE REALITY

Walking through the streets of Nottingham many people are confronted with an image of affluence. From the neon lights of the Fun Pubs to the growing numbers of boutiques, the re-vamping of the square to the glare of the fast food stalls. The image of affluence only serves to camouflage the reality of life that exists for many of Nottingham's inhabitants.

Images such as these form the life and breath of this society, a society which puts profit before need, hatred before humanity. The images exist to make us feel comfortable in our alienation, to encourage us to believe that everything is all right.

The reality of Nottingham is more accurately represented in a recent Department of Employment study of urban dependants, which places Notts 8th on the list of deprived areas outside London. An unemployment rate of nearly 19% puts the city way above the national average. The outlook is

bleak and getting bleaker. The economic crisis that the world has been thrown into by capitalism can only offer the continuation of such trends, and little hope for improvement.

Statistics, however, form just another part of the image, another part of the elaborate con-trick that perpetuates this society. How much do statistics mean to you and do they offer us any hope of understanding our own situation? In reality such stats merely seek to hide the growing poverty of some parts of the city. Radford, St,Anns and Manvers, for example, have unemployment rates of over 30%, whilst in Lenton the figure approaches 55%.

The promise of ever worsening conditions can only promise an increasingly violent response from the people of these 'communities' as they try to confront and destroy the forces of a society which oppresses us all.

Let the reality of our poverty engulf the poverty of their affluence!



"This way, you see, we can supplement our social security and also feel we are participating in capitalism's destruction."



No-one can possibly harbour any illusions about the nature of today's policing. Police in Hyson Green continue their tack of harassment and intimidation which, disguised by the useful excuse of an anti-drugs campaign, has included threats, strip searches and the ransacking of the homes of many innocent people. Their actions are provoking a community response fast approaching boiling point.

It is five years since riots erupted the length and breadth of the land to a degree unknown in recent years. Now they are a common part of our inner city life. It is not for us to advocate or condemn riots, we take them for what they are - inevitable and spontaneous expressions of community anger.

Provocative and racist policing in largely ethnic areas is by far the most immediate cause, but further than that, we see an environment of inner city decline, where people have been cynically thrown onto the scrapheap by bosses who don't want them, an economy that has no use for them and a government that thinks that the consequences of social injustice can be cured by stronger laws. Here where people are pushed around because of their colour and their class, riots are inevitable.

Dismissed in the tabloid press as petty hooliganism, they are far more than this. For they show that people will only take so much, pushed too they will stand up and fight back.

The Labour leadership cry crocodile tears over the plight of the inner cities. Yet even in the glorious days of the Labour Government in the 1960's when affluence was a by-word and unemployment seemed in the distant past, they were surprised to find that poverty still existed. The plight of the inner cities now was the plight of the inner cities then.

It'll Be A Long Hot Summer

Labour politicians statements of sympathy serve only to hide the fact that they would dampen and contain any independent expressions of anger. They cannot control or lead riots, certainly they can't build political careers out of them. And riots upset the law and order they hold so dear.

Throughout history rioting has always played it's part in popular agitation. But the fact is that the things to which they are a response cannot be dealt with by bricks and petrol bombs alone.

If anything durable is to emerge there has to be a desire to go beyond just riot. It must be expressed in a widespread movement to build or rebuild community, which will harness the energy and the commitment in a positive way.

And such a movement must realise that in order to end the oppression and counter the decay, we need to fundamentally change the system once and for all.

Joan Ducker, the chairperson of the Inner Area Programme in Nottingham, is reported as saying that "The riots in Nottingham were a storm in a teacup compared to Toxteth". True, of course, but what nauseating, smug complacency. The likes of her build careers out of poverty.

Five years on, and it'll be a long hot summer.

Royal Scandal

Not so long ago the Pickerings, local magnates, owners of the Savoy Hotel and former owners of the Royal Hotel, received a 'stern notice' from the Commission for Racial Equality.

It surfaced that the enlightened Pickerings had sacked the manager of their nightclub 'Liberty's' for admitting 'too many' Black and Arab people.

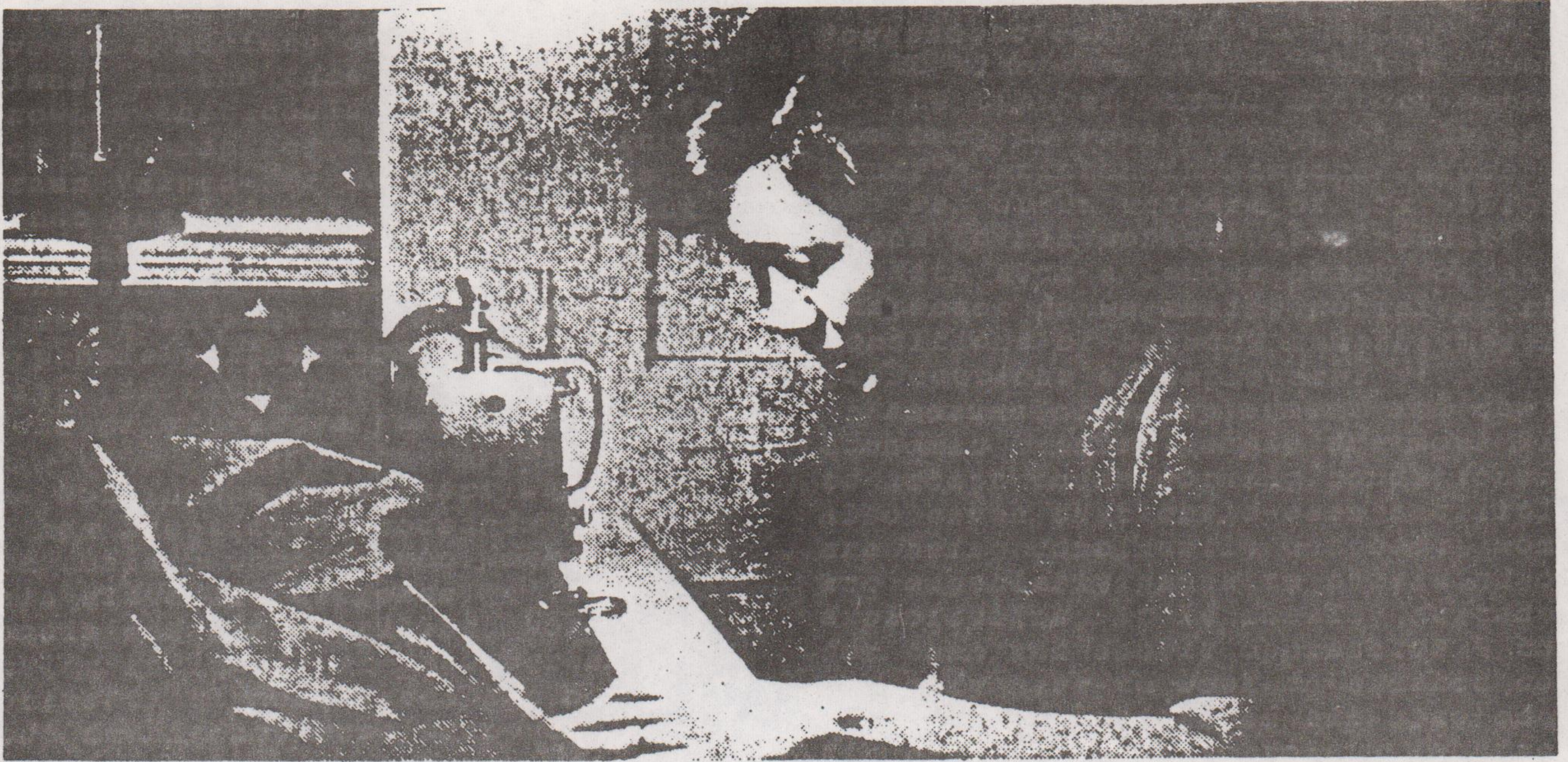
Apparently the manager had been warned to keep numbers down and not to employ any Black doormen for fear that they would attract the wrong clientele.

Bringing all their power to bear the Commission gave the Pickerings a nasty telling off and secured the manager the princely sum of £25 compensation.

The Pickerings must be squirming with shame and mortification! Or maybe just laughing all the way to the bank?

The lovable Pickerings are also wellknown for their intense dislike of women's monthly habits, especially if these women happen to be working for them. True to character they refused to provide tampon machines for the toilets of the Royal Hotel, because as they said it would "lower the tone of tone of the place".

It's a pity that the Pickerings lower the tone of Nottingham, but maybe a few well aimed bricks and a number of neatly placed and finely tuned incendiary devices could change that?



Back in the sweat shop.

We live in a cynical age, caring and compassion - once the stock myths of our society are no longer even myths, they are forgotten. Thatcher has applauded the Victorian Values that have become the vogue in the 1980s, but her political immorality reflects the state of economic collapse that has necessitated a vicious attack on working class living standards.

There can be no mistaking it - political platitudes notwithstanding - we live in a society of ever widening divisions. In the face of a technological knowhow that could guarantee a life free of hardship for all, the return to Victorian Values for many people has been, not just conference rhetoric but a lived reality. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the Sweated Labour of the home or outworker.. No longer are these people part of some insignificant minority (if they ever were!), but are an increasingly large part of the work force.

The Nottingham Outworkers Support Group has identified thousands of Nottingham people (mainly women), who work as part of this slave labour force.

Conditions are appalling, work is irregular and there are few agreements or contracts signed. Wages are not just low but insulting, some being reported to earn less than 9p an hour, whilst toiling in their own homes overheads such as lighting and heating are met by the workers themselves and sick or redundancy pay are unknown luxuries.

A spokesperson for the National Hosiery and Knitwear workers union pointed out just how difficult it was to find out specific details since many workers were isolated and hard to contact. He added that although, for example the Lace Finishing Wages Council rate for workers over 18 was 182p per

hour (in itself derisory), he knew, having been involved in the area, that the rate was not being paid.

We also contacted a local wages inspector, who after emphasising what he called the *subjective* nature of low pay (what can be considered as low pay rests on a personal value judgement) he claimed that the extent of pay below the statutory minimum level was widely exaggerated. He also said that when it did occur it was due to an *oversight*.

He also gave a sympathetic account of the typical 'small factory owner' too busy to wade through the legal stuff - written in lawyers jargon - who was often unaware of his obligations to his workers as a result!

With such a tender heart for an inspector do we really wonder at the conditions of outwork and the meagre prosecutions of employers?

Because of unemployment and the economic crisis, people are more likely to accept these working conditions. Also given that child-care facilities are being continually cut back, women are especially prone to this kind of exploitation, it is ideally suited for them and doubly oppressive - they not only have to work in sweated conditions for a pittance but also continue their domestic role - looking after the kids and home.

For the employer outwork provides the the almost ideal situation, workers are isolated so cannot come together to defend their rights and many are not aware of what rights they actually possess.

It is questionable whether outworkers could organise anyway - many of them are forced to work illegally, on the side for example and, for them, overt organisation would be impractical.



CONSUME OR CONTROL?

Politicians in this country are full of rhetoric about the dire shame of 4 million unemployed. Politicians of all shades (and all the same shade) mouth platitudes and knit their brows with sorrow at the 'condition' of unemployment - at the grinding day-to-day poverty of that unworthy state.

They talk alot but do nothing because there is nothing that they can do; capitalism no longer requires the masses, the masses are condemned to a subsistence living standard.

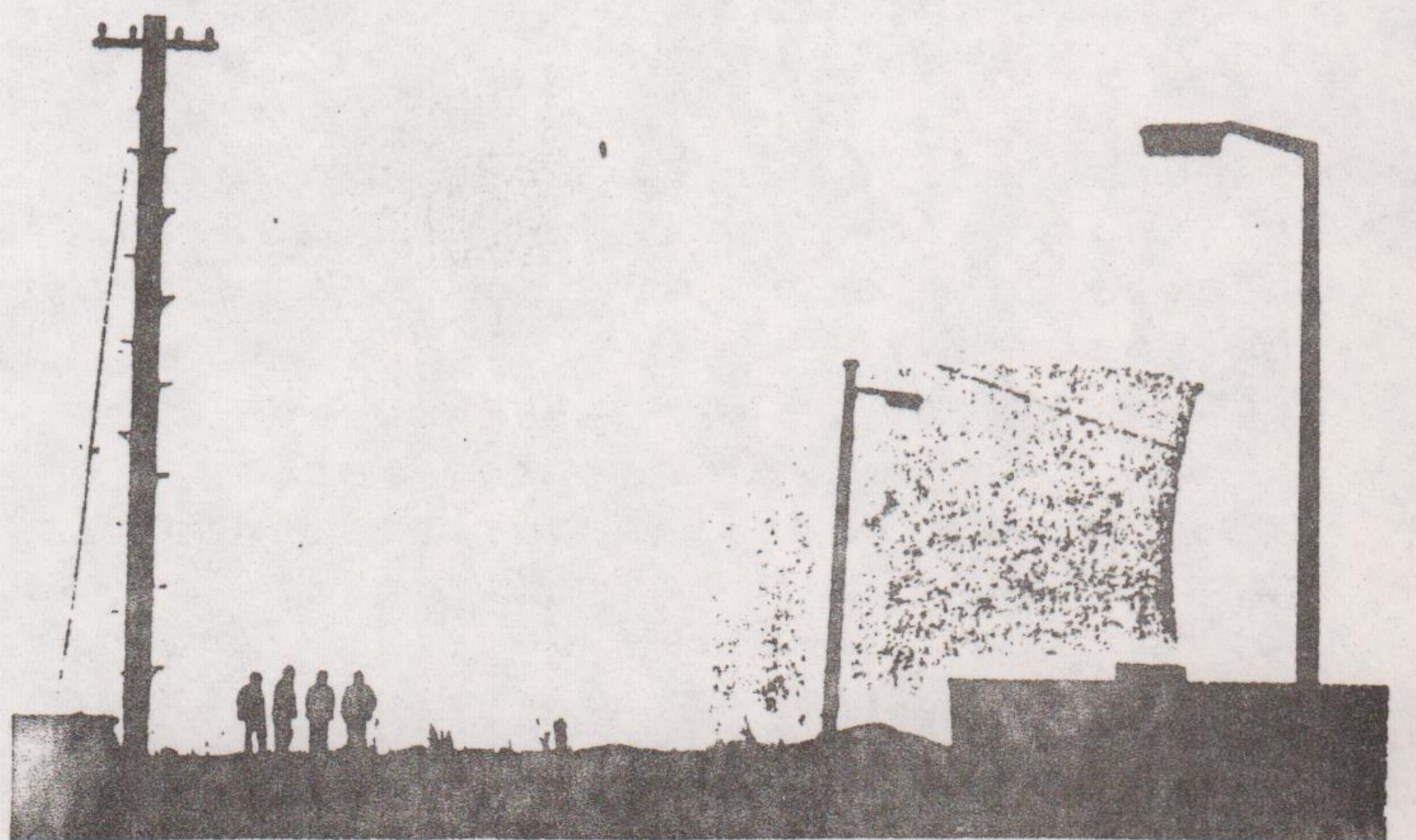
The politicians answer to unemployment is to 'create' more jobs, through Y.T.S and M.S.C schemes, and in the terms of the Labour Party investment in industry and full employment at any cost! What amazes me is that whilst unemployment is degrading and dehumanising, not one politician questions what sort of jobs and under what conditions. I remember when I was little watching Trumpton, to me the image of work was of some Windy Miller like character who runs their mill, decide how and when to do their work and has a skill. A cruel deception! Work soon disillusions us whether in a factory or an office work is becoming increasingly the same.

Business is bigger, technology and computers advance, not for our benefit but to increase profit, and the management has more and more control. Work has become the endless repetition of meaningless tasks where a worker is needed to press a button or fill in a form. Work has become something to escape from, home to colour telly and video, which is what our work provides;

You might say that you don't care as long as you are in work. If you actually have a job you are relatively well-off, strikes today are about maintaining jobs and priviledges in the face of unemployment, but in the 60's it was different.

Then, workers for the first time were experiencing affluence and didn't quite know what to do with their new found wealth, they turned therefóre to the conditions of their lives and of their working lives. Many strikes then were about conditions and control they had already acheived a decent standard of living and now they asked for something more!

Capitalism found an answer to this unrest - Consumerism, a way to occupy the new 'affluent' worker.



What matters now is how much you can consume, the bigger and better your washing machine or house the more status you possess, work has become a means to achieve that status.

This serves capitalism well - people consume more goods and increase profits and at the same time become very concerned with maintaining their privileges and are divided against each other.

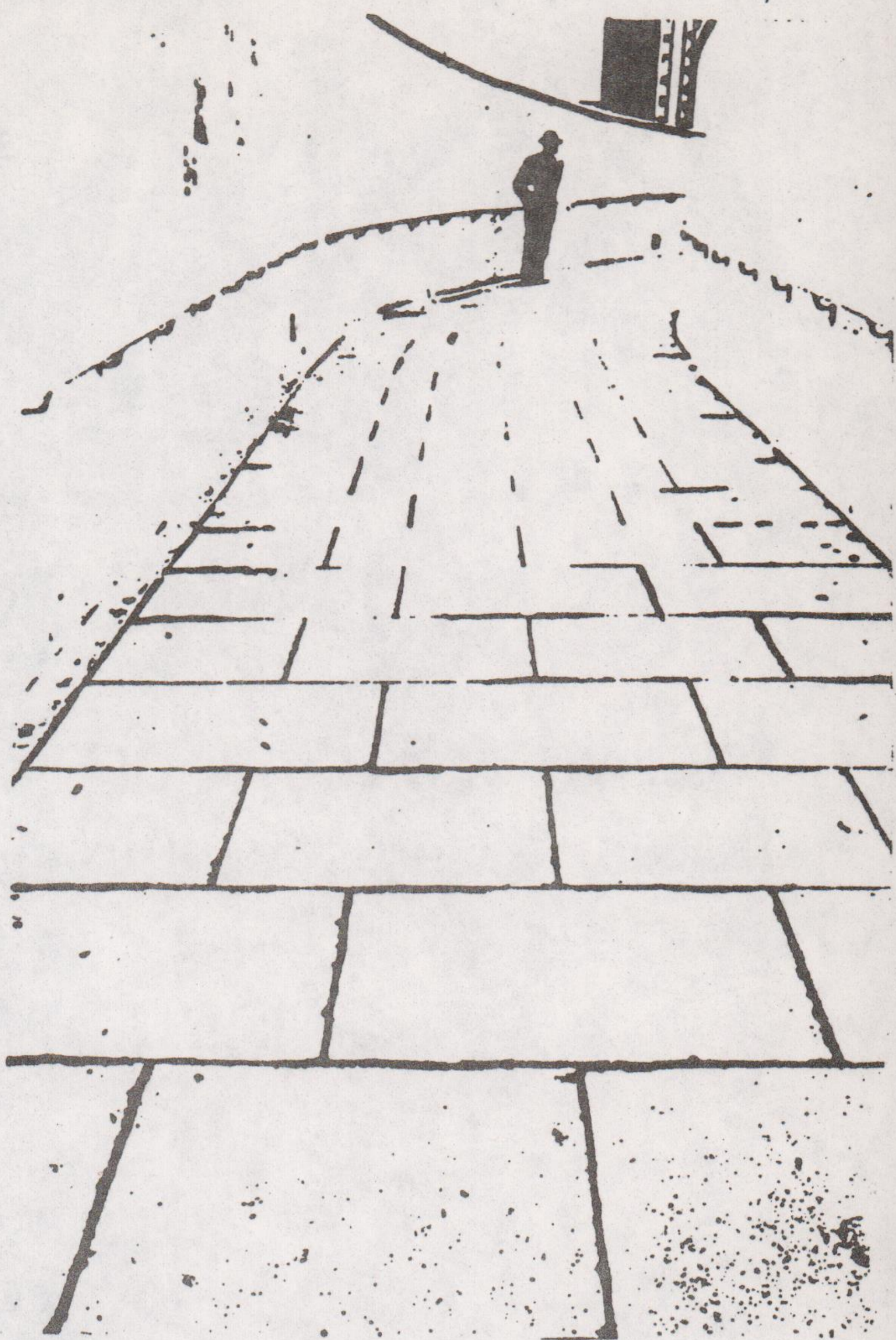
We all have to work at some point if we live in a society we must produce food and clothing for ourselves, so shouldn't work be an enjoyable process? Shouldn't workers decide how factories and offices are run? People should be able to plan and carry out a job themselves, they are part of a community and know it's needs better than any advertiser or politician.

Capitalism cannot supply this, it creates consumerism to create profit, it creates mental illness when people cannot live up to the sick images of ideal 'oxo' families and tall, slim women that are shoved at them in advertising.

Anarchism is about control, it is about decentralisation and true democracy. A society where all individuals have a say in the running of their community. Anarchism is not about working to create profit but to produce the things we need, whether in the Third world or the west. It is about reducing the working week and making work enjoyable because you decide how you want to work.

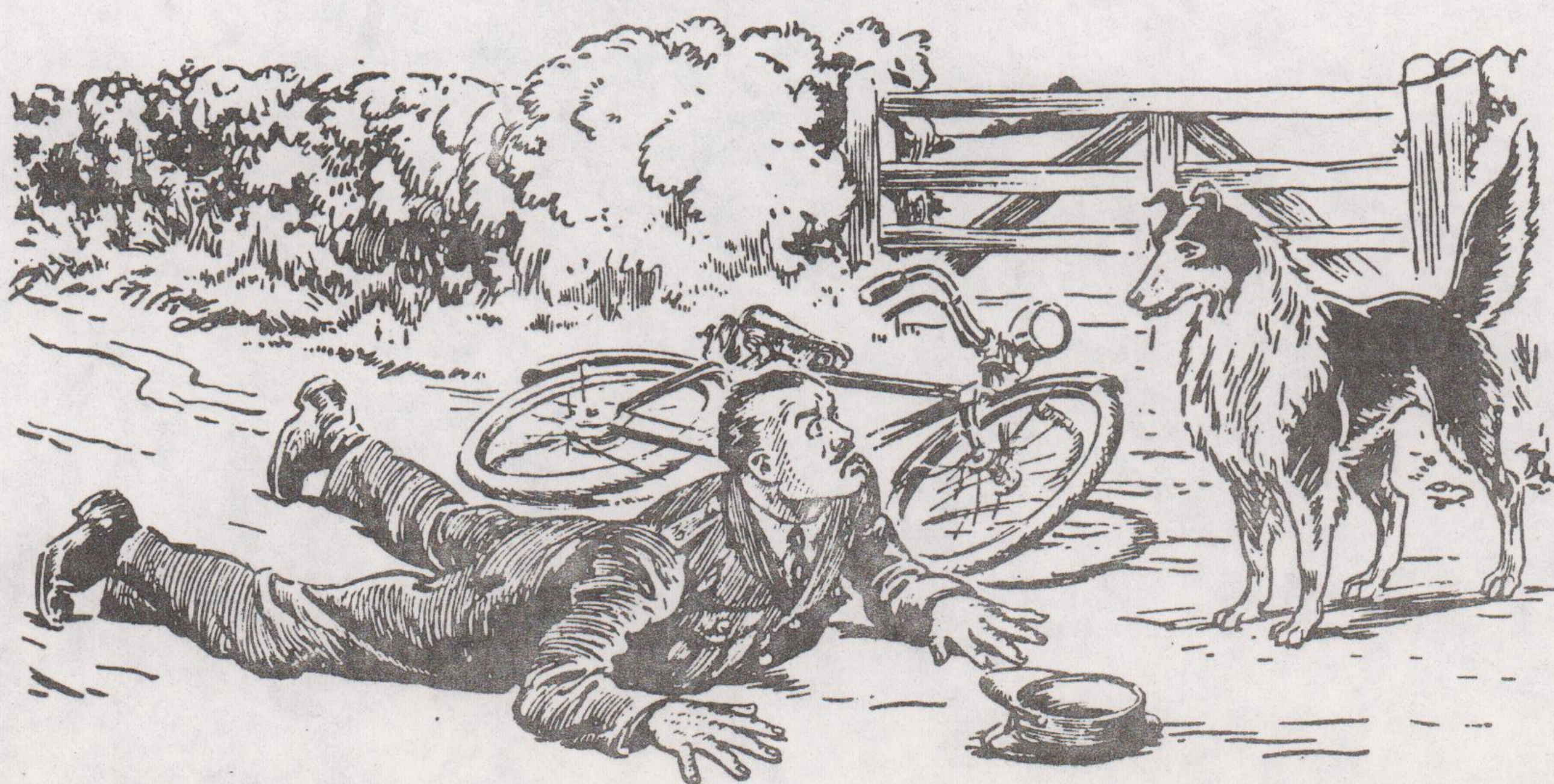
If you have a job you might say that you don't care; if you are unemployed you might say that you would not care if you had a job.

But what about your children?



Are the colour T.V's and the big houses enough to make up for the years of boredom that you have suffered, are they enough to make up for a world where people have become mere automatons, just cogs in the machine of the Multi-Nationals?

The policeman takes a tumble

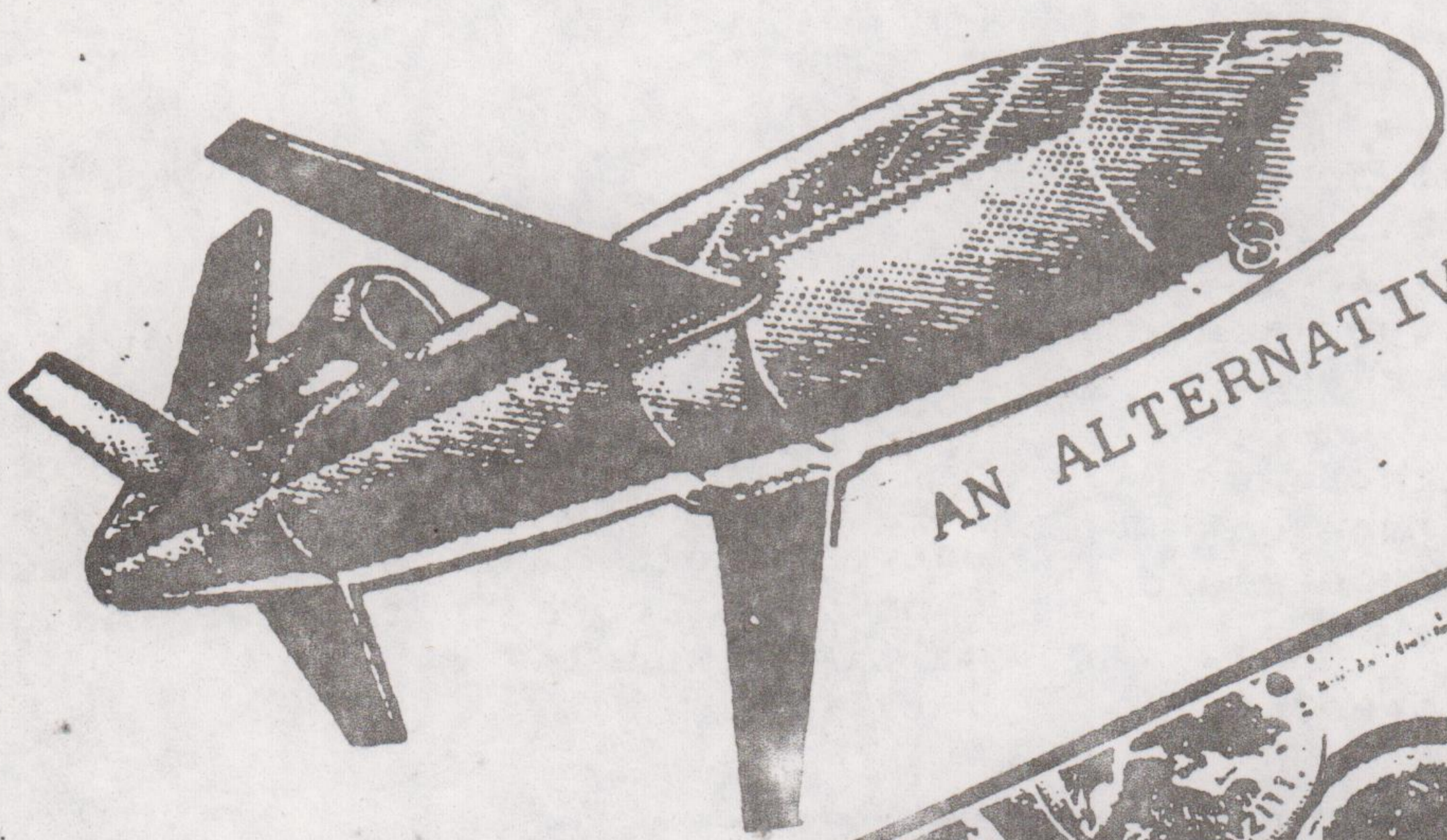


BLACK BOB, THE ANARCHIST DOG, STRIKES A BLOW FOR FREEDOM.

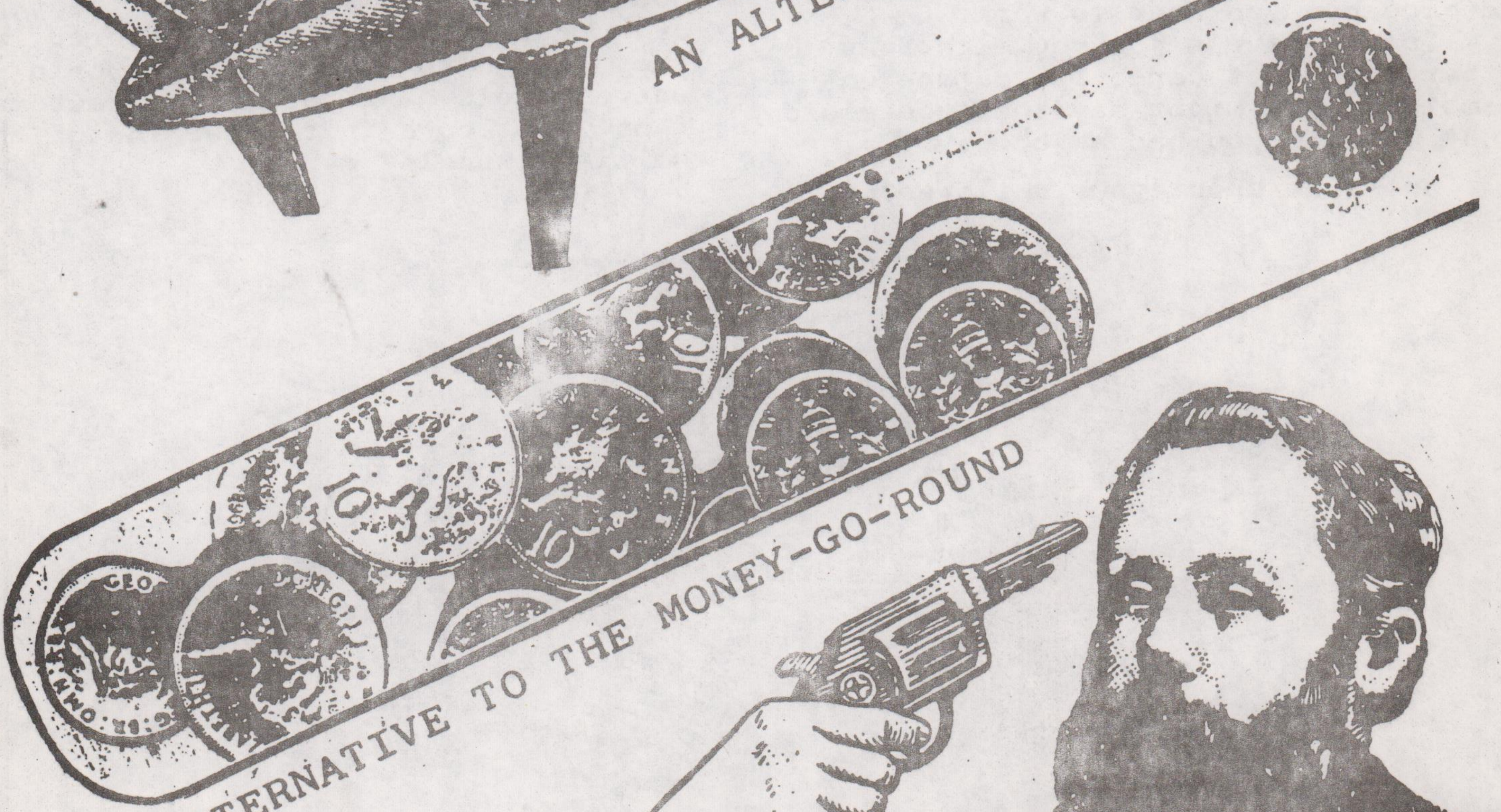
ANARCHY

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE

FOR MANY PEOPLE ANARCHY IS A DIRTY WORD, BRINGING TO MIND IMAGES OF CHAOS AND VIOLENCE, PUNK ROCK, FUNNY HAIR DO'S AND SUBWAY GRAFFITI. YET OUR MESSAGE TO YOU IS SIMPLE ANARCHY IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE.



AN ALTERNATIVE TO BOMBS AND WAR



AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE MONEY-GO-ROUND



AN ALTERNATIVE TO DESPAIR

A HISTORY OF NOWHERE

There was once a country called Nowhere which was ruled by a King. He lived in a castle high upon a mountain and from his castle he would issue laws, levy taxes and gather riches to him, for only he had power and could decide what was law. His people lived on the valley floor and most of them wore ragged clothes, but they said, "a country is like a family and a family needs a Father - the King is ours!" And they called their country a Monarchy.

One day the people from the far side of the valley argued with the tax - collectors, they'd had a bad harvest. "Why should we give to a Father we haven't even chosen. A country should choose its own Father," and they called themselves Democrats. The tax - collector was very angry, if the people chose their own Father it would mean chaos and ruin! But the Democrats wouldn't pay and the tax - collector called up the people to go and force them to support the Monarchy. There was a bloody battle and many died but the Democrats fought hard and won. They beheaded the King and called a general election. The people voted for the Democrats, who appointed a new tax - collector and they all moved into the castle.

Nowhere was now a Democracy.

One day, years later, as the ragged people were paying their taxes, a strange looking woman walked into the town. She asked them what they were doing and when they told her she laughed until the tears came into her eyes.

"If you can choose your own Father why do you need one? Why not make your own decisions?"

The tax-collector was very angry, he told the woman to clear off as her ideas would lead to chaos and ruin. But the people asked her what she had meant, and when she told them they laughed at themselves. They threw the tax-collector into the river and ran the fat Democrats out of town. They celebrated for a week, laughing and dancing and singing. "Now we will all make decisions together!"

Nowhere was now an Anarchy!



WAR OR REVOLUTION

Capitalist society, which exists in every country of the world, is once again in a period of crisis. Since the 1974 oil crisis the world economy has slipped further and further into decline. In the developed countries, industries are forced to close as the bosses become less and less able to make 'acceptable levels of profitability'. The response of the larger companies (multinationals) is to move to locations in the Third World where labour is cheap, and therefore profits greater. This is fine for the boss in theory but profits are only realised when the goods produced are consumed. As the crisis deepens more and more of us will be unable to afford to consume, as a result of this the market for goods is becoming increasingly finely poised on the brink of collapse.

The direct impact of the crisis for working class people is the declining standard of living. Unemployment is up, prices are continually rising, whilst the lust for profit is forcing wages down. As always it is the working class that has to take the shit. Capitalism in this century has been seen to offer nothing but a recurring cycle of Crisis - War - Reconstruction and the booming prosperity associated with the sixties is over for anyone with eyes to see.

In the past the bosses have found their solution to crisis in War, the only solution in their eyes. The fight for 'freedom & democracy' against the 'menace of Fascism' was nothing more than rhetoric used by the bosses to con the working class into fighting their war for them. War is the ultimate outcome of rival sets of bosses competing for control of world markets, and hence maximum profits. The only freedom which exists in the world today is the freedom of the boss (state or private) to exploit the working class. Armaments are big business, the stockpiles of arms that exist today could mean the extinction of life on this planet.



At present the US is researching methods of making its territory impenetrable to missiles (Star Wars). This would potentially give the US the ability to risk war. Meanwhile the bosses politicians, politicians and bureaucrats - the people who have most to gain from a war - are using advertising etc. to encourage 'the masses' to hold the right kind of views necessary for a 'successful' war to take place (e.g. Rambo and other Commie-bashers). Fortunately for us the dollar crisis has meant that the US is a slightly less credible ally to European Capitalism, and the 'satellites' such as the UK, West Germany, France etc. are less willing to tow the US line over issues such as the recent events in Libya and the Middle East. War is not on the cards now; the Europeans are unwilling to fight for the US, the Space shuttle 'disaster' set back the US's plans for war temporarily, and for the time being the USSR is willing to retreat since it knows that it can't possibly win; although this position is only temporary as their satellites (the so-called 'socialist countries') are increasingly coming under attack from US backed revolts - Afghanistan, Nicaragua etc.



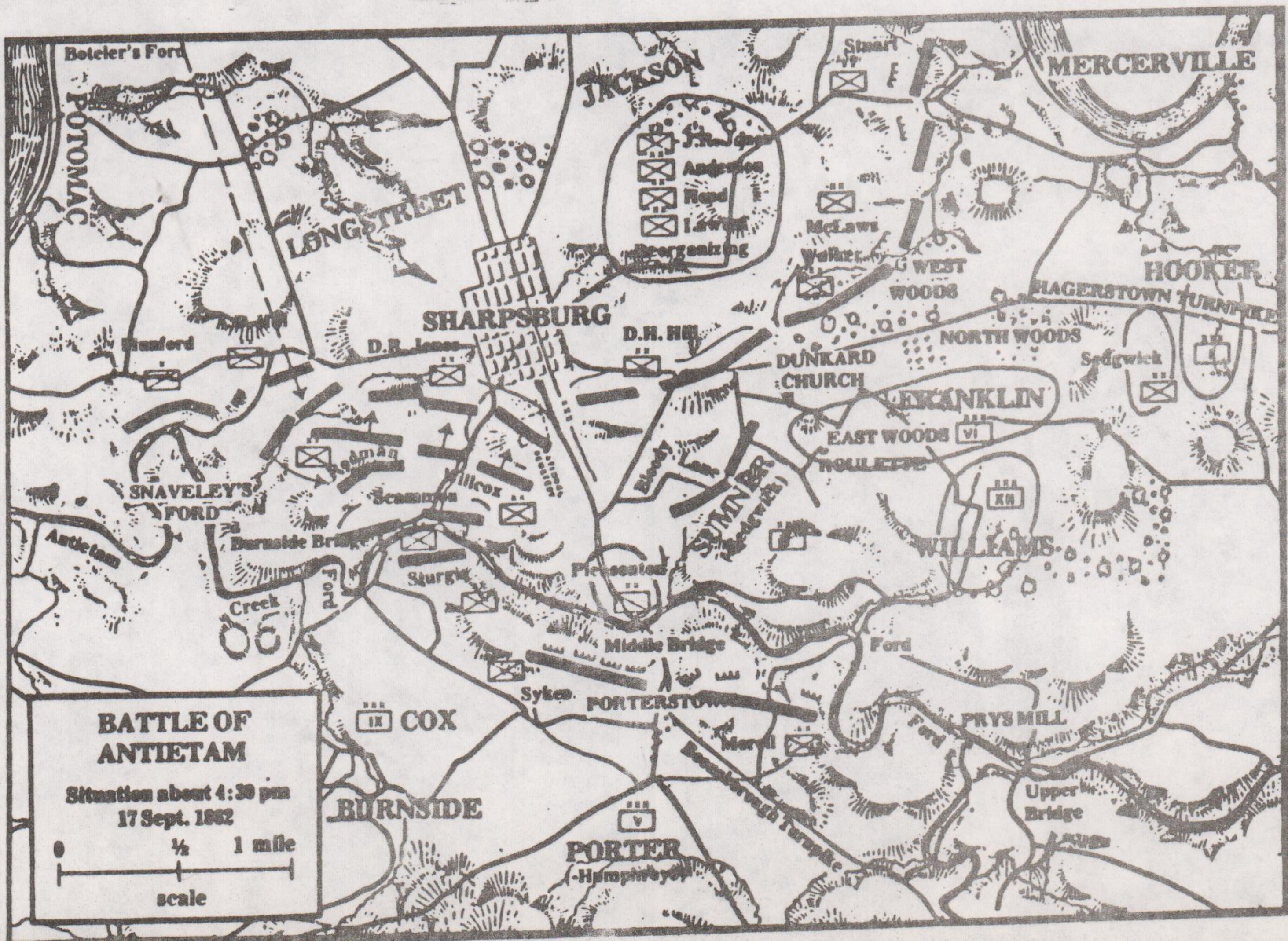
As the crisis deepens, conditions will get progressively worse for the entire working class, still more will lose their jobs, whilst those who are 'privileged' enough to work will face wage cuts and longer hours as the boss class tries to boost their profits. In the light of this the working class will be forced to respond in the only way possible, struggle against the society that oppresses them, in the form of strikes, riots, and violent rebellion in general. The frequency with which these acts occur will increase as the crisis deepens and the contradictions between us and our oppressors become more and more obvious.

If we are to defeat the shit the bosses want to give us and destroy the possibility of war then we must realise that only the struggles of the working class can do this. Some of today's struggles hold the seeds for the future struggle which will overthrow this wretched society. Support for these struggles on its own is not enough, we should be aiming to get actively involved in working class struggles, aiming to extend them with our own demands. In order for these struggles to be effective/successful, we must be united in our opposition to the boss class just as they are united in their opposition to our struggles. This kind of unity cannot exist whilst working class people allow themselves to be divided along the boundaries of Trade and Industry, employed and unemployed etc. Nor can the struggle be conducted 'for us' by the supposed representatives of the class such as unions and 'workers parties'. The consciousness needed to transform this world into one which is worth living in cannot be bought to the class by its 'representatives', rather it must be gained through experience and activity.

The bosses' wealth is produced by our class. The profits are realised when we buy back those goods which our class has produced. The bosses' solution to the economic crisis is an Imperialist War which will destroy life. Our solution is a CLASS WAR which will mark the beginning of REAL LIFE.



STRATEGIC OPTIONS AND SCENARIOS



The future of Socialism

The Labour Party has been in power for 17 years out of the last 41, yet despite their innocent faith in Parliament we are still not one step closer to any kind of socialism. The pitiful achievements of the Labour Party are falling one by one under the Thatcherite onslaught, demonstrating clearly just how secure 'change by legislation' is.

It is sad to think that so many people have given so much time and energy to this strategy for the creation of socialism, because though it may seem appealing, it is doomed from the start. The capitalist class has immense power to resist any gradual or legislative change and can all but dictate to parliament and the state.

But such an argument hardly seems relevant today since the Labour Party has given up any ambition to achieve socialism. Now they use the term as empty rhetoric to fill the space of Parliament and socialism has become to them nothing but a meaningless tag. The reality of the Labour Party is unswerving support for Parliament, unashamed electoralism and an elitist organisation where 'leadership' has be-

'THE FUTURE OF SOCIALISM' IS A PAMPHLET RECENTLY WRITTEN BY NEIL KINNOCK - IT MAKES SAD READING.

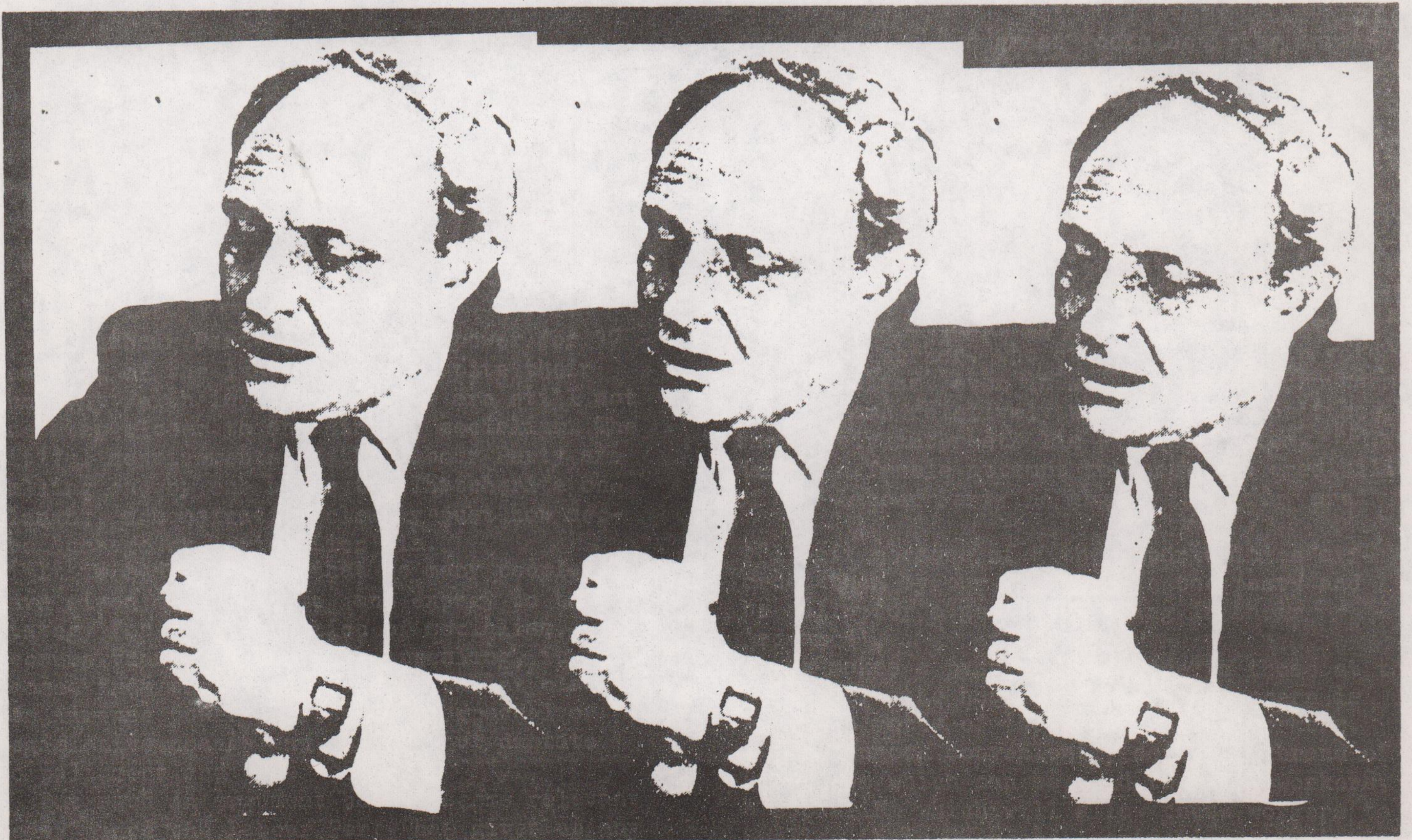
come a fetish and grass roots activity an embarrassment.

In a pathetic attempt to regain electoral popularity and therefore power, Kinnock calls for an 'assessment and redevelopment'. He states quite clearly that if the Labour Party wants to regain Government it has to appeal to more than unemployed and the minorities (included is what he describes as the 'traditional working class'). The 'redevelopment' Kinnock is talking about is an attempt to attract the votes of the 'new' worker, who otherwise wouldn't vote for socialism, even in a capitalist slump these workers are relatively well-off and don't see that their interests lie with socialism. Making a feeble attempt to boost the credibility of the Labour Party he argues that they are

well-off because of "the opportunities afforded them by our movement in the past" and he calls for a great rejoicing in their 'advance'.

He makes a passing reference to those at the bottom of the heap but his main concern is with the votes of these 'affluent' workers.

So Kinnock conveniently defines a brand of socialism which can be sold to these workers, a socialism which will allow these workers to realise their supposed 'aspirations'. His view of the welfare state is that "it has more to offer as a means of real individual emancipation..... than has the Thatcherite fixation with liberty by purchase."



But what Kinnock sees as emancipation is no more than being able to get on within a capitalist society. In his desperation for votes he proposes a version of socialism which will create equal opportunities for people to advance within capitalism. Whether present day capitalism could supply this is highly questionable, but in any case all Kinnock is offering is a wet 'caring' capitalism.

Central to Kinnock's argument is the idea that financial reward is everything and his form of socialism can provide this. But what the hell has socialism got to do with monetary reward? Central to the idea of socialism is the concept of control of our communities and workplaces and despite their affluence many workers are finding that they have less and less control as computers and technology advance and reduce the 'human' element to little more than a glorified machine minder.

Control is an alien concept to Kinnock, he states that "only a Labour Party that can illustrate the relevance of socialism to the manager and the mechanic....." can hope to gain power. But surely socialism is about eliminating such distinctions? When Kinnock accepts the giving and taking of orders he abandons socialism.

You can no more ask people to vote for socialism than you can ask them to vote for the man in the moon - when people are brought up in a capitalist society, educated in capitalist schools, brainwashed by the media and showered with images of consumerism, how can Kinnock expect them to wise up on election day and vote for socialism where their real interests lie. He is right to say that if Labour are to get votes then the Labour Party has to change to suit the voters but most voters aren't socialists! The end product is a liberal compromise - ideas are thrown out for the sake of electoral success. That the Labour Party would compromise was inevitable as soon as they stepped on the Parliamentary path.

Yet again Kinnock restates the fundamental Labour Party commitment "Democratic Socialism is built on Parliamentary Democracy. It is an essential implement for Democratic Socialism, it is our preferred and deliberately chosen system of Government."

Not only is Parliament pretty powerless in real terms but to be successful in the elections involves a constant watering down of socialist intent and the Labour Party also has a view of political activity centered around Parliamentary elites. This vision is totally self-defeating. Socialism cannot be created by a Parliamentary elite, by representatives. Government is constrained by capital and legislation is weak and ineffectual. Socialism cannot be created by electing the 'right' people as the Labour Party seems to think.

Socialism is about grass roots activity, it is about the control and involvement of individuals in their communities and workplaces - Socialism is created by activity and must have its base in the daily reality and lived experience of people. Only through their struggles can come a force great enough to defeat capitalism and sustain that change.

All the Labour Party can offer is an elitism which reflects the capitalism it claims to detest.

If Socialism is to have a future, then that future must be Libertarian, our ideas and our practice must be consistent with that reality - all else spells compromise, wash-out and defeat!

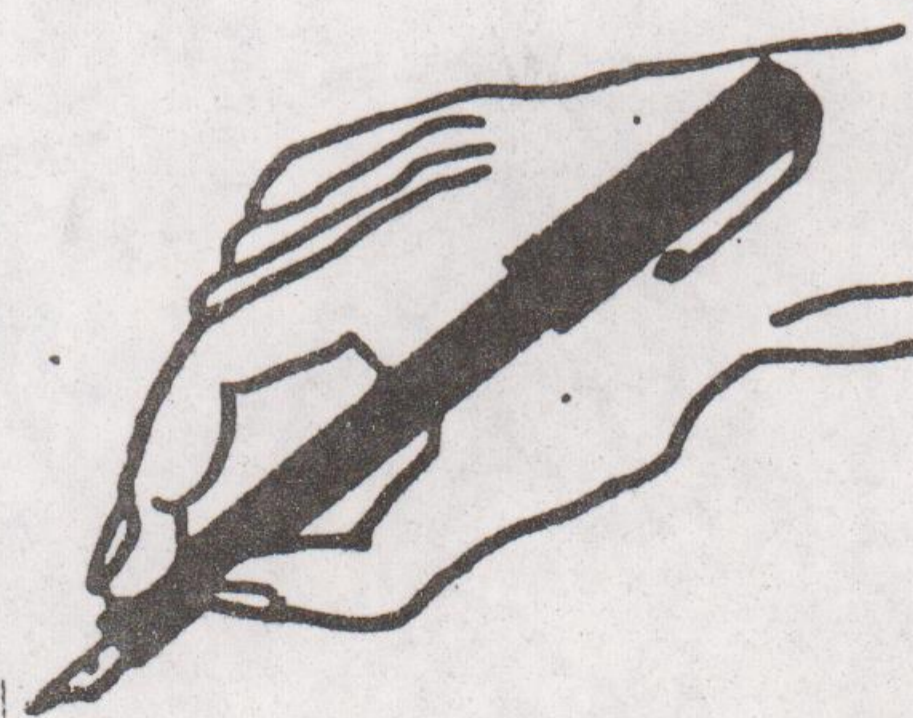


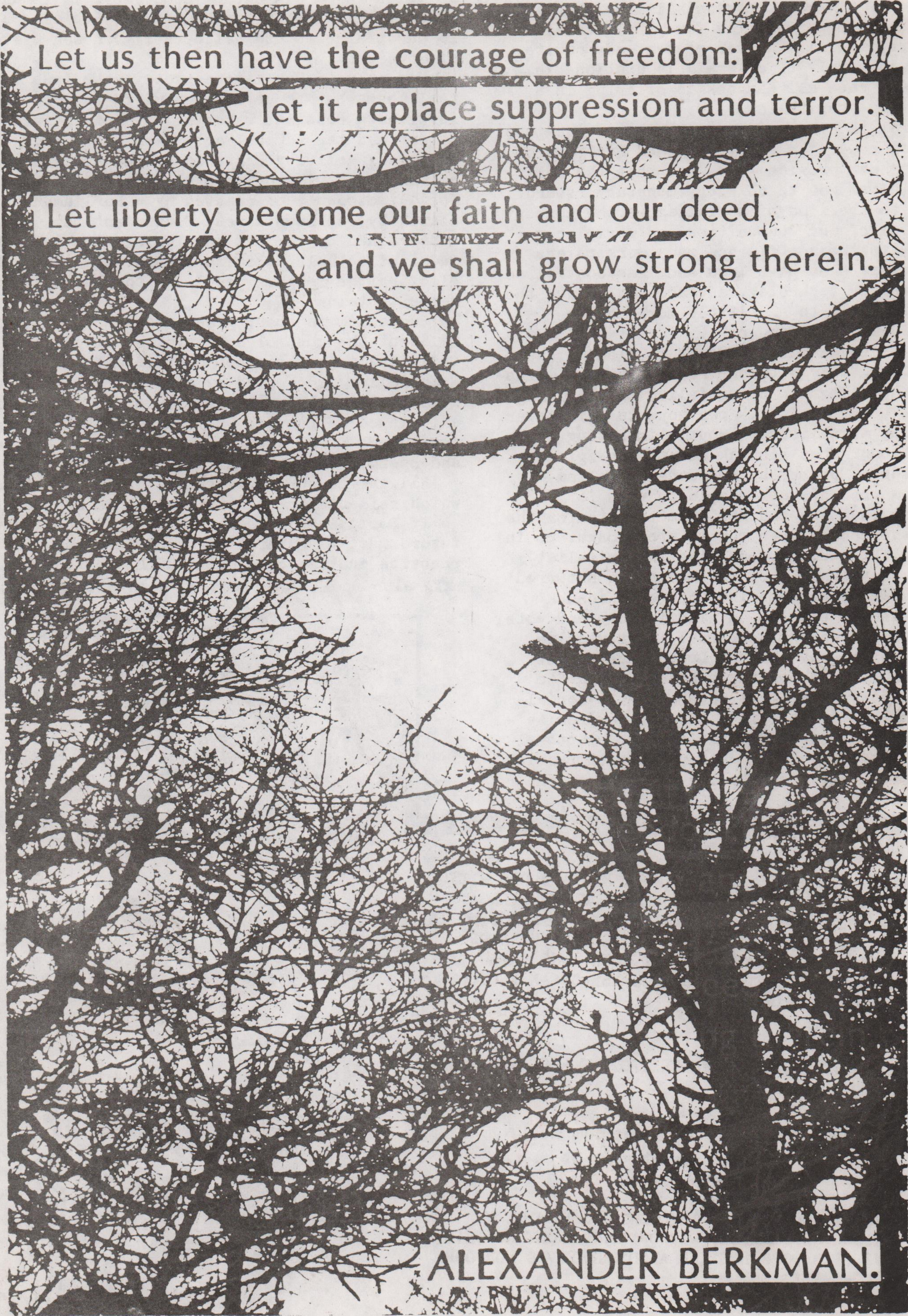
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Let us then have the courage of freedom:

let it replace suppression and terror.

Let liberty become our faith and our deed

and we shall grow strong therein.

ALEXANDER BERKMAN.