

Collapsing ? ANARCHY

TIMPERLEY

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“Can I have a light?”

ANARCHIST

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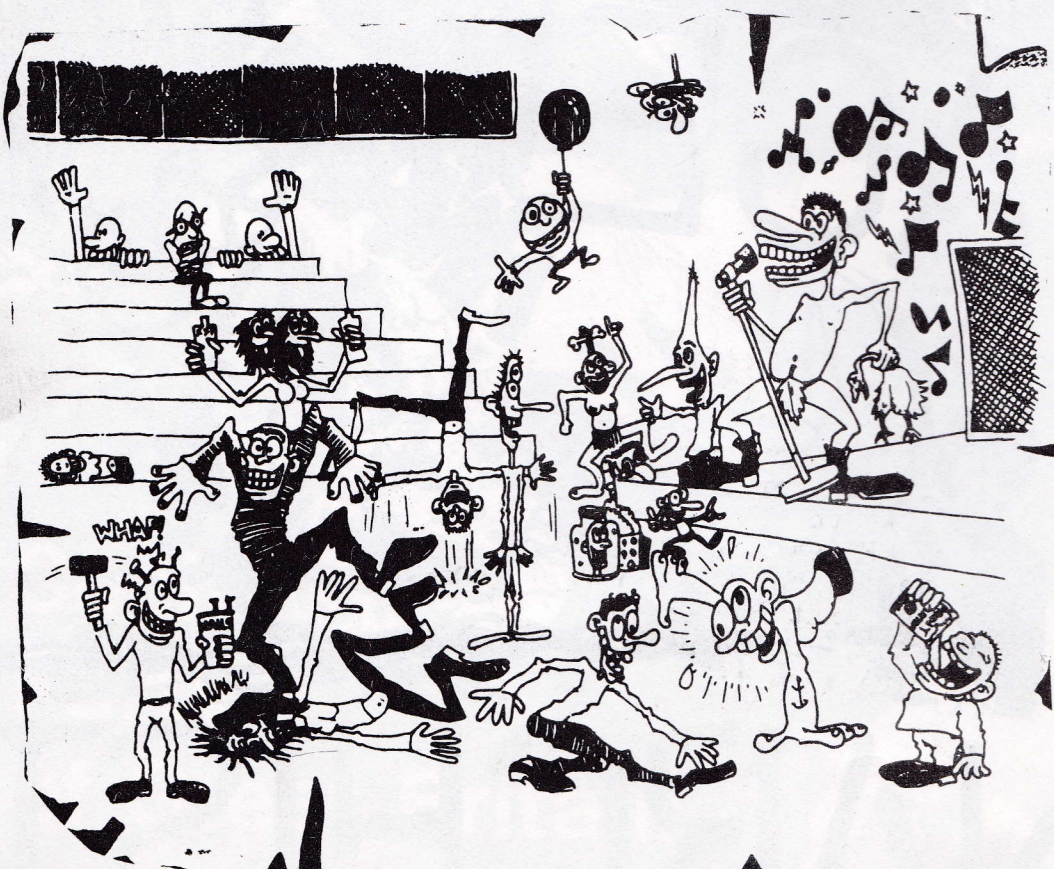
Is Anarchist Subversion Spreading To The Suburbs? Is The State On It's Last Legs? WHO WILL FEED US? Are We Having Chips For Tea?

HELLO THERE ! We are the dreaded Timperley Village Anarchist Militia (TV-AM) and as you might have gathered we are of anarchist persuasion (Taking notes Chief Inspector?). But if you bought this rag expecting the typical sensationalist black cloaked irrationality normally associated with Anarchism a la Fleet Street, then tough shit scumbag. We are into Rational debate (sic) direct action (even sicker), Smashing the State and a sense of humour. We are NOT into glorifying the working classes, Socialist Wankers, abstract punk songs on peace and the system and the 'Us and Them' attitude of some anarchists who are ideologically impotent and can't name names. (We know who our enemies are.)

Just because we live in a Village, it doesn't make us middle class wankers or rural community type hippies. Our group is comprised of punks, feminists, a gay, a black guy, a gypsy, skins, pensioners (we all feel like pensioners) and the usual flotsam and jetsam (No, not you Rhys). Timperley Village, near Manchester, is a right wing stronghold so we are getting utterly pissed off with all these ageing Nazis who should have skipped off to Rio years ago. Hence our combative effort to counter the growing respectability that threatens to con the thoroughly immoral, lazy and dirty sleazeballs of which this group is comprised.

That's about it really, except to say hello to Tufnell Park Militia, North London Poly @'s (especially Nigel the Junkie, Steve "Our Leader", Mike, John, Claire and Even Martin). Also to Class War, the Albany Street yobs and our Mummies and Daddies. Finally a special mention to all those bastards who keep ripping down our Class War and TV-AM stickers; We hope you get cancer of the fingernails.

Lots of Freedom,
TV-AM



wake up



to anarchy
TV-AM
says
"Go to work
on a Pig"

a typical tv-am meeting *

When his little daughter is forcibly separated from him she smiles at the kindly social worker — then butts her in the face too. A horrifying scene.

Zuo
Vadis?



IT IS MY PERSONAL IMPRESSION and perhaps that of a few others that the Anarchist movement as it exists in Britain to-day can safely be divided into two or more ~~fr~~actions, a mutual distrust existing between them. On the one hand we have the Class Struggle type Anarchists, typified by Class War, Black Flag, Workers Playtime (LWG) and DAM and on the other, that Anarchism largely derived from Sixties Anarchism and the Peace Movement, typified by Crass, The Mob and a whole bunch of punks inspired by them(I shall put to one side for a moment the ALF and groups like Poison Girls). While the first group are entirely wrapped up in a critique of the Unions, the Parties and so on (in other words topics of relevance to the 'working classes' of the industrial cities, the latter have dissassociated themselves from the system altogether and make little effort to reach the 'Urban Proletariat'. The result is that while the Class Strugglists give little if any coverage of Peace demos, ALF activity etc, the 'Peace Punks' have tended to disregard the concerns and interests of those inhabiting the twilight zones of our cities; Subject matter like housing, social security fiddles, coping with kids as a single parent and so on are not covered. Consequently we prols are left with a sense of detachment from the peace movement, with the idea that it belongs to a bunch of middle class dropouts and idealists, whose critique of the system as it pertains to us is often very abstract and general and of no practical significance. At the same time, the Class War bunch are in there glorifying the working classes, and life in the workplace, when most of us are on the dole, uninterested in traditional class interests and dogma. We don't want to glorify the blokes in the factory as the sole salvation of humanity. It strikes us as petty bourgeois self congratulation, a la the C.P. And the C.P. are simply serious, dangerous people.

Meanwhile, South London Stress and Xtra! managed to plonk themselves down in the middle of all this. These Nalgo dissidents et al were concentrating on bringing the huddled masses out of the system, out of the old jargon of Class Struggle and a glorified working class and into squatting, anti-Unionism, anti-politics, fighting the filth and if they didn't give enough coverage to the Peace movement it can only be because the Peace movement hadn't attempted to reach the ~~the~~ rioting youth that were attracted to Xtra! In plain English, these people were being practical, taking Anarchist principles and making them livable and relevant to what was daily life for most of us dolies. Where there weren't communes there were council houses to squat (no rich houses in Hulme or Moss Side); Where there were riots and militants on the streets, they were giving advice on tactics and police strategy and on legal matters arising. This is the Anarchism of the Peace Movement, but making it apply to 'city folk' and it is the Anarchism of The Class Strugglists, without the tired old jargon, and topics. In essence, it is the Peace Movement Anarchism as lived in the cities, the battleground of the Class Strugglists.

But the 'Peace Punks' are in danger of becoming a cliché, simply because of their lack of specificity (?) because they are too abstract when it comes down to referring to the day-to-day life of we 'urban dissidents'. Papers like Freedom, meanwhile tend to dwell on theory and (dare I say it) ideology than on creating Anarchism in everyday life. In a very real sense S.L.S. and Xtra!(Logo) were/are more involved in Direct Action by their very relevance and practicality to the concrete world where Anarchism must be created. Groups like the ALF have had more success than other groups that preach Direct Action as one of the main tenets of their philosophy, precisely because they aren't interested in revelling in the Great Anarchist tradition that they symbolize, but in making that tradition instead. Their success stems from being more specific, precise and being able to identify their targets. To use an inappropriate term, they are thereby more politicized. The SWP and all those Leftist prats may be in cloud cuckoo land when it comes to theory, but at least they apply it to reality, which is why they are more successful in some areas. It's as if Anarchists feel that, because the Left glorify the working classes we must ergo abandon

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people of that category, who do suffer oppression (and who will suffer as much if we leave them to the Left) to the Left. As if we should forget trying to dissuade them from believing the Left. We must become relevant to their oppression even if though it does not exist in the way the Left describe it (Right to Work, Labour Theory of Value, Alienation of the Worker from his product etc). If we don't, this crevasse will remain between the Peaceniks and the S.L.S./Xtra!/Crowbar crew. And we don't want people left at the mercy of Authoritarians.

Now, Neil Kinnock reckons that we can't derive a political theory out of kids rioting on the streets. What an arsehole. One of the reasons we rioted was because the pigs are always arrogant, sarcastic bastards, whoever's in power, always throwing down the gauntlet when they know we can't pick it up. But for alot of the rioters, Anarchism meant nothing, they had simply lost faith in what the Left or Right could do for them. Younsters were left to their own devices, they were finally helping themselves. They were developing a new Anarchism out of their situation and were, as a result, a distinct force from the Peacemovement Anarchists. Xtra! and suchlike developed out of this situation, revealing a new, relevant Anarchism.

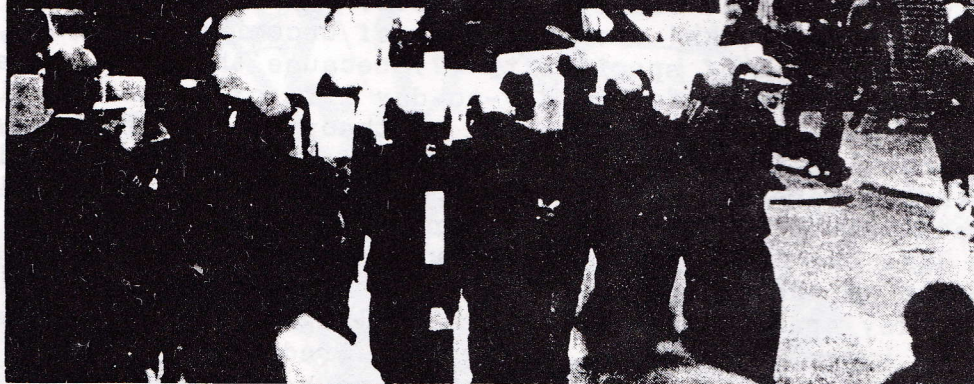
The question is, are we going to let this factionalism remain? We don't need any new distrust in the Anarchist movement. I know the Tufnell Park Militia don't like hippies and I often find the blatantly sexist and racist remarks I hear from frightened little city punks a pain in the arse. But if there is no mediation and this petty in-fighting and sarcastic insult hurling goes on, I doubt if either group will find the support it needs to win its battles (at Greenham, Upper Heyford, Burtonwood etc on the one hand and Railton Rd, Moss Side, Brixton etc on the other) without compromising itself by accepting help from Left wing meddlers. As I say, this is just me, maybe, but this is how I see it and I make no apologies for that. What I am at a loss to explain however is why it's only the Stress, Xtra! and Crowbar that seem to have a semblance of a sense of humour. Can anyone elucidate me on this?

" People who talk about Revolution and Class Struggle without referring explicitly to everyday life, without understanding what is subversive about Love and what is positive in the refusal of constraints, such people have a corpse in their mouth."

Police say that although the noise of the blasts was fairly small, people living near the footpath were lucky to be seriously injured.

N. Jopling (Edmonton/Enfield/Southgate Herald)

Dressed for the Occasion



GUY FAWKES

The only person
to enter Parliament
with honest intention.

WILL YOU BE TOLD
WHAT TO DO... BY BULLYING
POWER MANIACS?

NO!!



IN the six-week House of Commons session from the General Election to last week, when Parliament broke up for its summer recess, more than 300 bottles of Pimms No. 1 went down MPs' throats.

NINE union chiefs have denounced Labour's unilateral defence policy 'the enemy of peace'.

The statement says: "and peace are too important to be left to the generals neither can they be left to the street demonstrators."

"Unilateralism, what the intentions of those preach it is the enemy of real and lasting peace."

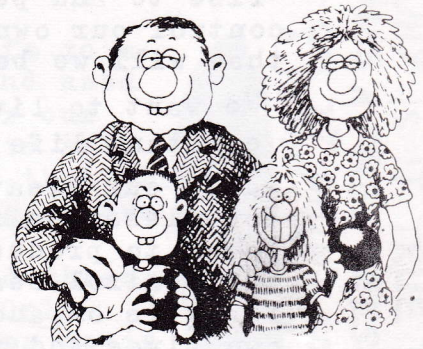
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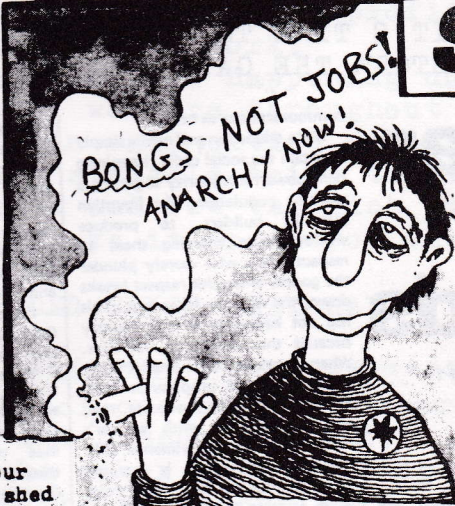
"You go in the state coach, dear, I'll mingle with the crowd..."



POPULAR MISCONCEPTION OF TYPICAL ANARCHIST



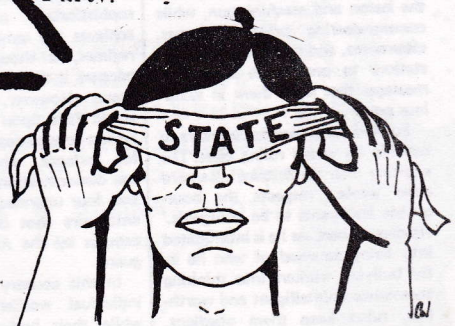
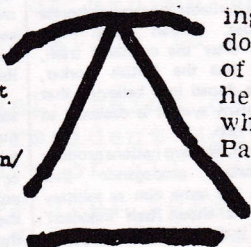
ACTUAL ANARCHISTS IN REAL LIFE.



THE Scum

Meacher has an immaculate background which appeals to Socialist romantics. His father was a farm worker (outside lavatory and bath in kitchen), and his brainy son won a scholarship to a public school and went on to get a first at Oxford. Lecturer in social administration at the London School of Economics, and then the Confederation of Health Service Employees (COHSE) launched him into politics by sponsoring him as MP for Oldham West.

By temperament, he is perhaps too shy and cerebral ever to be a barnstorming populist. Yet there can be no doubting that he voices the prejudices of most true-born Englishmen when he lambasts the one-sided disarmers who have shanghaied the Labour Party.



ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO LIVE WITHOUT THE BLIND FOLD

You can fuck your war/It's just your whore/Pay your money, get your kicks/You Pricks.//Wanking off for forty years/About time now we shed some tears/You really care about thoserocks/Cos they're your pox.//No-body's hero,someone's fool/You're just playing with your tool/You know the prize, you know the price/If it lasts twice as long, it's twice as nice//Blood that's spilt is sperm that flows/You don't care who comes andgoes/Death Valley is a lovely ride/When you're swimming with the tide//Get out of bed put onyour gear/You've proved to them that you're no queer/Your existence makes me sick/You're just a shit.//Self preservation is your objective/They don't care they're not selective/Your potency is your only hang-up/So have another bang up.//A tart is waiting at Armageddon/She's waiting there to be ridden/You're standing there,cockin hand/Glass from sand.//Nuclear fission finally killing/An empty space there, for the filling/Nothing saved you,not your wealth/You killed yourself.///

Ron Geddis and the Thalidomide Babies.

TIMPERLEY VILLAGE ANIMAL MILITIA CALLS ON ALL CARTOON ANIMALS TO REJECT THEIR ANTHROPOMORPHIC ROLES AND CUDDLY IMAGES TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION

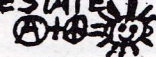


HEROIN

CHEAP SMACK-THATCHER'S CURE FOR UNEMPL-
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Heroin, unlike religion, is labelled as an "illegal" drug by the state. However, at times of economic recession the availability of the drug increases, and the price of the drug decreases. This is quite simply because various Government agencies have vested interests in the maintenance of the status quo by foul means or even fouler means. In the case of heroin, the C.I.A. (Who used the drug before in Vietnam and Indo-China to help win wars, and also in the U.S.A.) when AN anti-Vietnam protests became too vociferous for the C.I.A.'s liking. The inflo of Heroin into Britain is assisted by the British Government, who have publicly admitted to have halved the number of customs staff in the last year. In terms of clinics to treat addicts, the state has done sweet f.a., and the police do very little. Community actions by parents of addicts have been the most effective forms of action to date. However, the nasty numbing drug will still be consumed in large quantities by young people in this country while the availability of the drug, and the social conditions which give rise to and perpetuate it's use. Only when we have the power to control our own lives, to live for our own needs, then, and only then will we be able to kick the pushers out of town.

We want to live now, not spend a living-death waiting for a non-existent life after death. Religion like heroin helps to dull our dissatisfaction with this world, helps to justify our powerlessness in this world. Government forces us to sell our power to produce and control, to help create a world beyond our control. Despite Christianity, and heroin, valium et al, the fight is on, and will continue until we are in control of our own lives and the pushers are hiding under stones where they belong.

DEATH TO
THE STATEA War
of
Words(ADAPTED FROM
'FREEDOM')IT'S TIME TO KICK THE PUSHERS OUT OF TOWN AND
STORM THE GATES OF HEAVEN

communications at home.

State education and media simply maintain the social order. Keeping a rich, powerful minority is getting a working population, like Egyptian pyramid builders, to produce wealth, while coercing them to respect rulers who merely plunder the goods. When this respect breaks down, the military takes over. This has not happened in this country because that respect is yet alive. When workers are intellectually enlightened and propaganda fails, military authority becomes real, and more severe with worker's violence. Even before violence, as in Poland, military rule is imposed when propaganda fails. Most Poles laugh at state lies. Polish media do not fool their people as do American or British, partly because they do not have available the same elaborate techniques. Instead many Poles hearken after the capitalist trash, because like the British worker, they are duped into believing that the Western system is designed to make all rich.

In truth, Western nations produce sophisticated propaganda that achieves the same aim as military regimes, but shows itself 'innocent' because it does not use that police power. However, when its propaganda fails upon occasion, it too resorts to violence, as was the case, for instance, when anti-Vietnam war demonstrations got out of hand and four unarmed university students were shot dead on an Ohio campus by the American national guard.

In this country the integrity of individual workers is destroyed, while their bodies are preserved solely for wage slavery, in some of the following ways.

In school, they are immediately faced with stern authority, which in the teenage years becomes an unnecessary burden on the free

development of the individual. But the aim of state education is not to encourage individuality and the ability to think for oneself, but rather conformity to the various needs of the state. The Young Britons are forced, with no alternative, to appreciate such as Victoria and Churchill, rather than workers — the true heroes of British history. Great states, like Rome, are shown as models of achievement.

In university, they are further trained, not educated, to become servants for the industrial order. Once in the workforce, they continue their political 'education' through papers like the *Times*, *Guardian* or *Telegraph*, which, regardless of their ostensible political dispositions, support the status quo. Their liberal education, which many university students nowadays see as useless, is furthered by state-subsidized arts and capitalist publishing houses.

Among the larger working class, state propaganda is furthered through the tabloid press and the television. In rubbish like the *Sun* or *Mirror*, the 'grandeur' of royalty, nobility and monied classes pushes the workers to obey those who they are told are their superiors, and through them to live vicariously.

The Royal Family, for example, makes excellent propaganda for state control among the workers. Besides its monetary and political power, it is the very symbolic power of the Crown's authority that intimidates a free spirit, setting a pattern of master-servant relationships at all levels of society. Workers who are still religious continue to be fooled by the royal association with God and its 'divine' authority. Part of Queen Elizabeth II's title is 'By the Grace of God, Defender of the Faith'. For the workers who reject religion, the Royal Family is the epitome of the

leisured, rich life: love affairs, race horses and hob-nobbing with heads of state.

The *Sun* also praises the monied classes through sex-gossipy, second-hand, fabricated and illusive sex, which has become the main enticement for sales. The presentation of this kind of voyeur sex further instills in the workers respect and admiration for those who they believe are their betters. They are led to look up to the 'wild love affairs' of the upper middle class (Koo Stark etc.) and thus are hammered with the myth of 'upward mobility', as though these benefits will be theirs if they but cooperate with the system, play the game, and 'move up' the very pyramid of wealth which they themselves have built.

While work is preached as the way up (God forbid an industrial action!), the hope of instant elevation above one's peers is held out in various pools and lotteries. The winner is promised a ticket to enter the world of sex, fast cars and jet travel. Around all this rubbish is blatant Tory propaganda (Support the Falklands!), which party's direct means of remaining in power is such intellectual and moral degradation of the workers.

How does one then persuade workers to believe in themselves and stop fearing their masters?

The root of the word 'education' is to bring out what is already present — in other words, to encourage the self-realisation of individuals and not to cram them with facts that stifle self-thought. Capitalist formal education and its press aim at the direct opposite: to create fairy tales about economic and political realities which supposedly keep the majority content as wage-slaves. Our battle is to be fought with pen and ink and not lethal weapons. Such means produces

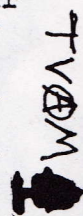
very slow results, it is true, but a creation painstakingly produced often has a better chance of survival than one brought about by quick, destructive energies.

This is not to say immediate results are not desired, but the methods can only be the prompt establishment of libertarian schools, working and living communes, and a mass-circulation press. All this takes money, too often lacking amongst those who refuse to play ball with capitalists, but one wants money from honest, sympathetic sources, who if educated about the non-violent and profoundly sound historical basis of anarchism, as opposed to its popular misconceptions, might make available such funds.

If the aim of a libertarian society is equality for all, it makes little sense to think one can merely kill the monied classes and simply steal their property — however unjust their possession of it may be — but rather to identify their authoritarian ideologies, and through reason counter them with words. Kropotkin wrote: 'Men who have acquired wealth very often do not find in it the expected satisfaction, and feel their own reward is exaggerated. The conscience of human solidarity begins to tell... and then they try to find an outcome for that deeply human need by giving their fortune... to something which, in their opinion, will promote general welfare.' Through non-violent reasoning, such people might be convinced.

Someone once said the pen was mightier than the sword. It is indeed this very might that the state uses daily, above their standing armies and police forces, to keep in power. They are waging a war of words, and we must fight back with the same weapons.

JL Lauria

ORDER IN SOCIETY MUST BE SPONTANEOUS
OTHERWISE THERE IS NO ORDER
FORCED ORDER THEREFORE ULTIMATELY
LEADS TO CHAOS

TV & M

Today when the world seems to be crumbling, it really seems satisfying to believe that some great sugar-DADDY in the sky is going to come along and make things right at the last moment, or make it up to us once we've snuffed it.

God was originally invented to explain the forces of nature, and to indirectly control (through prayer, sacrifice etc.) those forces beyond human control. Since those times, science has made great strides, so that now the world is potentially under human control. Yet despite these developments, big G is making a comeback and this time he is being used to explain social forces beyond our control.

In the third World, starvation and debt are increasing, in the west millions have been thrown out on the dole, while factories and industry collapse. The politicians are left conniving, and squabbling over what's left. WHAT SHOULD NOW BE THE MOST SIMPLE THING ON EARTH-THE SATISFACTION OF OUR NEEDS AND DESIRES IS

SQUANDERED IN A MAZE OF PROFITS, COMPETITION SHARE-INDEXES..... and because Christians accept everything on faith, everything is hidden to them.

Everytime we go to work, we give away a part of our life to a force beyond our control. All we produce is taken away and used against us as an alien force. It is because the means for our survival are not under our control, because we have to sell our power of production, and control in order to survive, that the world we have created is something alien to us, something we are mere spectators to, a world of isolation.

The struggle for control of the world we have created through impersonal forces, is the struggle against wage-labour. Only when we socially control production, instead of the bosses deciding what is profitable for them, can we start to really live. Only then can we abolish the need and misery imposed by profitability, and wipe out unemployment, by abolishing work.

The fight to gain control over our lives is happening now. with the struggles of the miners and steel workers throughout Europe. Organised looting is taking place in many cities etc.

However, Christians have no place in this struggle, being totally drugged on submission-turn the other cheek and let the rich exploit you some more, and sugar-daddy will make it up to you when work, war, or deprivation has killed you.

THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH UNDER WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN BURIED.

Lets just have a look at the credentials of one of the members of the God Squad presently preaching to the masses at Q.P.R.'s football ground, Argentinian Lice Palau (the other pusher being Billy Graham). Palau got his first fix of the religious drug at a Mission Summer School where it is smuggled in behind a facade of games and sport. He recieved his experience of manipulating rallies on the overseas crusades, a front organisation to promote the American dream, and the reality of poverty.

He worked his way up to become a personal friend of a multitude of South American dictators such as President Mott of Guatemala, one of the greatest mass-murderers of all time of course the greater your sins, the greater your forgiveness, (not that he stopped when born again). He is proud to claim that he stopped a revolt against the dictators in Ecuador by converting the leaders of the revolt into submissive bible-junkies. He then went on to help dupe the workers and peasants of Asia into accepting their lot, and now he and Billy are doing a summer tour here to preach the morality that our rulers want us to accept ; GET MARRIED, WORK HARD & SHUT UP.

The present evangelist campaign is being run by Saatchi & Saatchi the Torys' advertising agency, and by Harvey Thomas, the Torys' publicity adviser, and paid for by bosses such as Sir Maurice Laing of the building firm.

NO
GODS.
(NO HEAVEN)
NO
MASTERS.

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JOKE
- WHY IS IT TRUE TO SAY BRITAIN
HAS A FREE PRESS?
A - COS IT DIDN'T COST MARGARET THATCHER
A PENNY. HO! HO!



CLASS

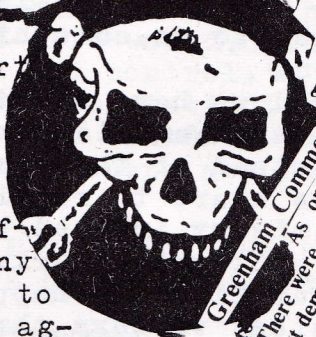
CLASS WAR are a mainly working class group committed to the total abolition of class slavery. This is based on the idea that capitalism whether in western or eastern form, operates purely for the benefit of a small minority, who via the state, control the masses, either through indoctrination, or when this breaks down, through blatant violence. As it becomes increasingly obvious that the rich get richer the poor get poorer, the state is clamping down and becoming increasingly more violent.

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Rose Ball rumpus
POLICE broke up a gang of punks and skinheads who tried to disrupt the Rose Ball in London's Mayfair last night. The gang of 40, who claimed to be from the anarchy group Class War, had threatened to throw urine and tomatoes at guests as they arrived at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lane. One punk said: "We hate the rich bastards."

WAR

CLASS WAR have been taking part in various actions against the rich and their institutions. STOP THE CITY on March 29 was only effective because so many people were prepared to take violent action against the people and institutions which cause so much suffering and death. violent action is presently taking place in the miners strike against the police and press that protect the rich. The recent blocking of the Humber Bridge shows that the miners are prepared to ignore the leaders + take the initiative themselves. It is also pleasing to see that women are also increasingly ignoring the passive roles dictated to them and taking an active part in various struggles. We must continue and increase our struggles



Greenham Common
As one woman said, "There were enough women at the last demonstration to have pulled down the whole of the fence and invade the base. But we couldn't have done it and been non-violent so we stayed outside."



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Let miners vote with their feet'

We live in a permanent state of Class War through no fault of our own...

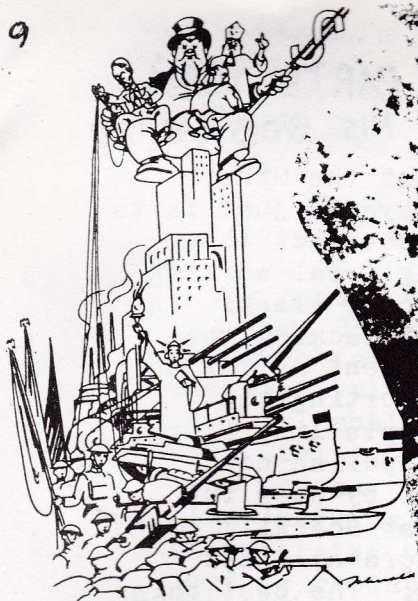
FIGHT BACK

CLASS WAR actively encourage violence as the only plausible method of overthrowing the system once and for all. We must work actively within our communities to educate ourselves and others. We can't sit around waiting for some revolution in the distant future that won't even happen. We must take the offensive NOW. If we don't we will be walked over by the rich and the state that protects them.

Compared with the wholesale violence of capital and government political acts of violence are but a drop in the ocean.

"Burn their laws and destroy their prisons, kill the hangmen, the bane of mankind. SMASH AUTHORITY."





DOLLAR DEMOCRACY



Shit this is
so boring...
Do this! Do that!



PUT THE
SQUEEZE
ON THE
STATE...

STATE

YAWN

sod "compassion in
world farming.

let's trash i.c.i. at
aiderley park again!"



At Your Local Nick
No one can hear
You scream

The voice of livestock liberation

It's a
prince
My lady
AS IF!

□ Approach your MP and demand mandatory standards for livestock rearing including:

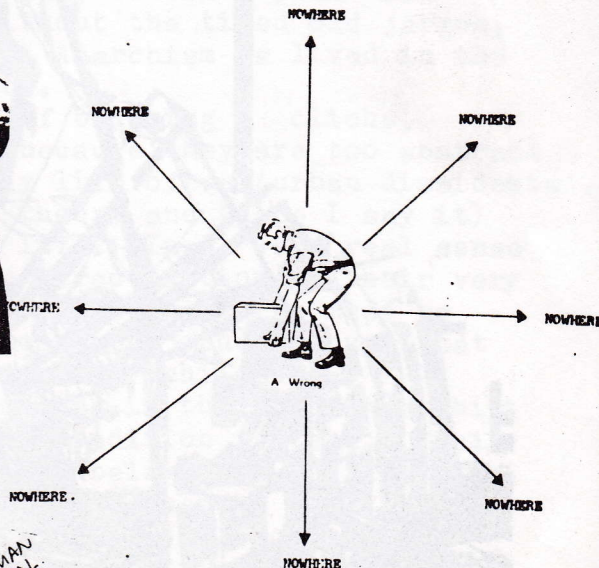
- a. Freedom from permanent tethering or stalling
- b. The ability of livestock to exercise daily
- c. Clean bedded area for all housed stock
- d. No more castration or tail docking
- e. Minimum transport
- f. Properly enforced humane slaughter

THE CONDEMNED MAN
ATE A HEARTY MEAL

for a longer
and better life!

I WISH I
WAS IN
GREENALL WHITLEY
LAND !!!

make life more fun



Don't Work

Scumbag Scargill FARTS THRO' HIS GOB (AGAIN)

Isn't it funny how 'King' Arthur is exploiting the fact that the Miners are being exploited by the NCB for his own ego. These days he just farts through his mouth about 'Class Solidarity'. Apart from the fact that he lives in a large house and gets driven around in a Jag (real working class eh?) his past record on class solidarity isn't exactly clean. In Poland for example where Solidarity with the miners meant backing them against the State, Arthur sided with the State. He even went as far as to subject the miners to nightly doses of his wisdom supporting the Communist Party's line. Isn't it ironic that because people like Scargill DON'T support international working class solidarity the polish coal should figure highly in the NCB and Government's moves to by-pass the shortage created by the strike here. We know exactly what Scargill stands for; Authoritarian Socialism (the fantasy world of bureaucrats) which actually restricts and prevents working class Solidarity. The best thing the Miners can do is to give Scargill and his mates the old two fingers and realize that they should take over the mines by themselves for themselves.

MUNICIPAL ANARCHY?

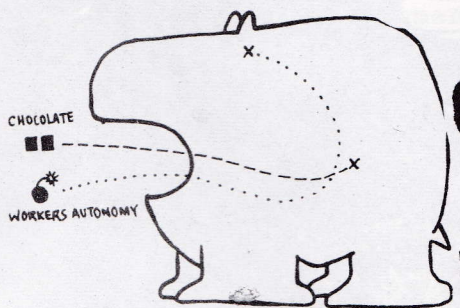
Your absolute dedication to politics and socialism involves an almost religious belief in what you're doing?

Well, although I'm an agnostic my sort of politics is very similar to other people's idea of religion. I am not one of those people, though, who believes in scientific Marxism. I'm a left winger not because it can be proved correct. I just think there are different ways of running society, and think that socialism is a fairer and better way. Of course it requires an act of faith. There are too many bits and pieces of thought in me to find a convenient label, but I suppose I'm an anarcho-syndicalist.

Ken Livingstone
in The Face May 1984.

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THE WORKERS' PARADISE

TOO MANY FUCKING EARTH MOTHERS

If you ever manage or bother to get hold of that stigmatic Anarchist journal 'Class War' and if you ever manage or bother to read it, there was an interesting article recently on Women, violence and direct action, which was consistent with their violent line and the refusal to accept stereotypes. Desirable as this may or not be (Violence that is), might I just use this occasion to identify a problem that it seems is relevant to the women's movement as it stands. Refusing to accept stereotypes does not entail violence, nor is violence inherently male; it is ~~ka~~ with those who believe that it is that I concern myself, since these are the people who are ending up mystifying and betraying women. We don't need any Earth Mothers, any glorification of Motherhood; You'll all end up as Jane Fonda. These people have ended up accepting the stereotype of woman as passive and closer to the Earth than man, a primitive role imposed on woman by man, and typical bourgeois biologism at that. A typical alienated bourgeois attitude, a love of 'nature' a belief in its functionalism, in essence a new oppressive humility before the 'maternal instinct'. It is plainly obvious that these daughters of the suburbs have lived their limitations, their contingency as a biological fact and not a social one. Inevitably, the study of biology, chemistry etc at school have led to her deriving human emotions from animal 'instincts' and all that follows from that crap about the family, the mother caring for the brood and all that shit.

It's the bourgeois faith in science that leads to this pantheism this belief that Nature is such a fine machine, that leads us back into the tired old stereotypes. I suppose we city bums are just too biologically alienated to understand the beauties of motherhood, or their uneasiness regarding homosexuality. Sure, we're nothing more than flesh and blood, but that's what makes us atheists, and if another fucking hippy says to me 'Get a flower, and watch it grow, growth is so beautiful man', I'll show him how creative and beautiful destruction can be too. So let's stop drawing fanciful allusions from the bourgeois interpretations of the functions in nature and treat our bodies for what they are and as they are and do something about the society that oppresses them. As one great sage has already said, "fuck your impotent stereotypes, there's poison in your seriousness."

Trainspotting by Kevin

Trainspotting is good. A lot of people think that it is boring, but I don't think so. I do not think that it is boring because there are lots of things to see when you are trainspotting. When I go trainspotting, my mother gets me up early, so that Father can give me a lift to the station in the car. He drives a Vauxhall. He works for the Gas Board in Cheltenham and he makes spot checks on the workers 'in the field' to make sure they are working. We are proud of him, because he contributes to the efficiency of people. My mother is a housewife. My mother makes me a packed lunch because the food in the buffet bars is not nice and costs a lot of money and also, you can meet some nasty people in the buffet bars. That is why she does not let Paul come with me. Paul is my brother. He is 9.

What you need

To do trainspotting you need a plastic blue anorak with a hood, or a Parka with a woolly hood, because sometimes it rains. Sometimes, if you wear a Parka, people think you are a Mod. Also you should take a packed lunch if you like and a notebook which you must keep dry and a pencil to write with. Then you must buy a book that has a list of ~~st~~ siding numbers in it, so that you can find out where the train has come from and where it spends the night. Once, in Banbury, we saw a 125 engine with a Dumfries number. I like to spot 125's. I think because they are elegant. And because they are fast. Father used to spot trains, when he was younger, but I do not like old trains. They are slow and dirty and not elegant.

Next you must find a station and it is best to stand at the end of the mainline platform because when you are there, the end of the train with the number on it is facing you. I think, for example, you should go on the platform at King's Cross or Euston, because their trains go a long way, but there are often funny people at King's Cross. It is also a good idea to go to a station like Tring or Leamington Spa, because mainline trains pass through there a lot. Even 125's. At night, we catch the bus home, or even the train, so you would need some money to get home. Unless you have a car.

People say that trainspotting is boring, but I think they are

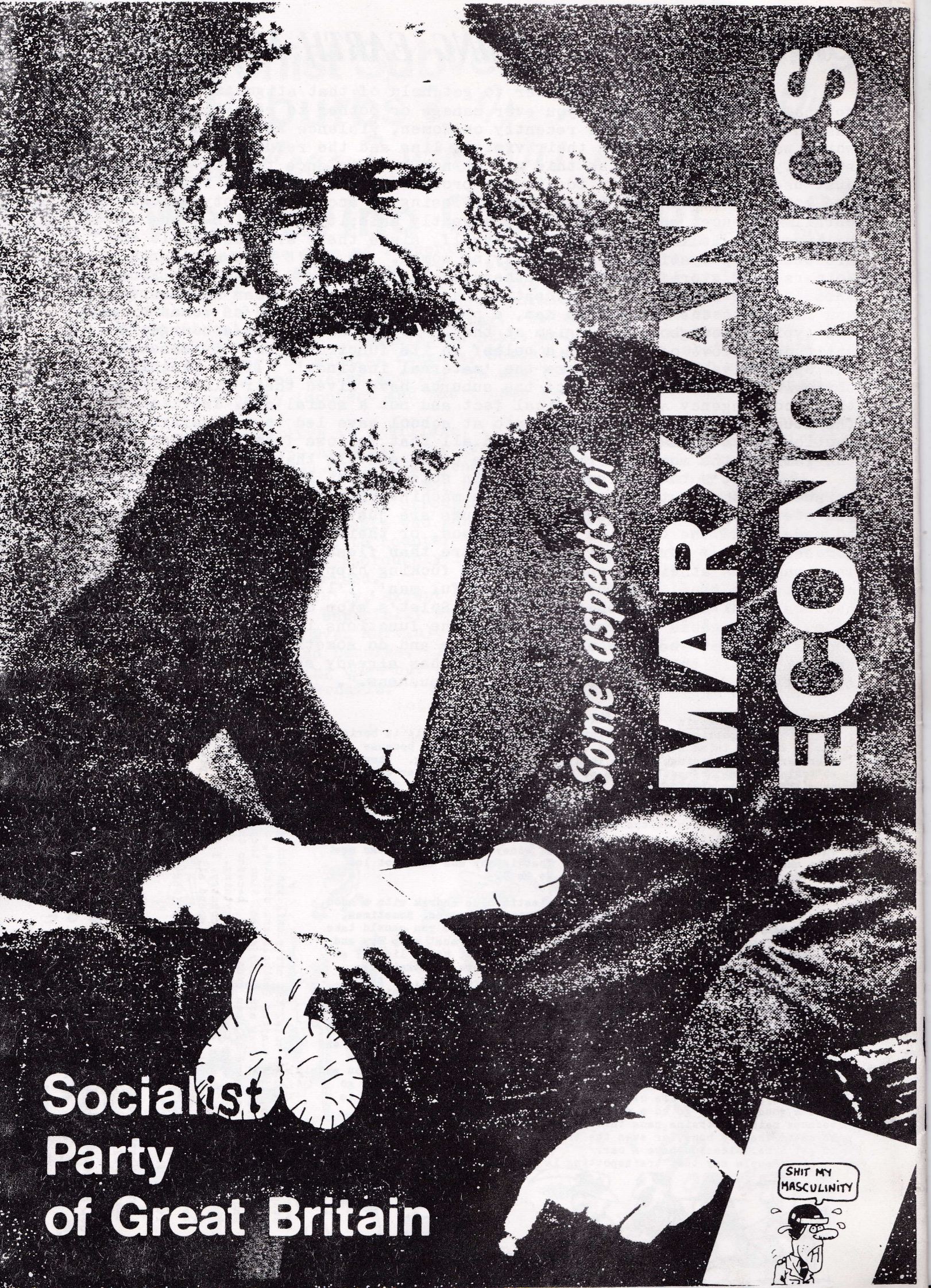


stupid. We do not like doing the silly childish things that the others in the street do, like playing football and cricket, or talking about football and cricket. They are silly games. Also they have parties and kiss girls and some of them even smoke, because they want to be grown up. We think that they don't know anything. When you go to do trainspotting, you can go all over the country. I have been almost everywhere with my Dad. It's a shame we spend all day on the platform really.

Still, I hope you do trainspotting, now I have shown you how good it is. The End.

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