

Thursday 3th of April 8pm public meeting (support the print workers) 6 Endsleigh st, London W.C.1  
Thursday 10th of April, 7.30 pm at 6 Endsleigh st. London W.C.1 public meeting (free festivals & the new age travellers) with a speaker from the stone henge campaign.

13 th of April a new organisation, federation of Anarcho Palifists Dick Sheppard 6 Endsleigh st. London W.C.1 1pm to 4pm.

Mon 14 th of April campaign for the Stonehenge 86 and 7th of May either 7pm or all day AGM at 99 Torriano av. London N.W.5

18th of April Andy Brown (what is libertarian socialism) at Mary Ward centre 42 Queen square London W.C.1

19th of April march against police repression. Birmingham. Meet at Chamberlain Sq. next to the central library at 12 noon.

April 19. Spring Fayre. 'Tools for Eritrea'. Queen Bee Site, Doneford, Watchet, Somerset.

25. April. The Ambulance Station goes back into operation with 'Grateful Living', the 'Levellers', 'the Skin Flutes' and 'Vile Jelly'.

9 - 3am. Donation admission.

25th of April Mia Moseley Anarchism: theory and practice at Mary Ward center.

25th of April next C.I.A. gathering at Witherington rd. Highbury, London N.5

27th of April London Anarchist Festival on 26th & 27th contact 121 bookshop, 121 Railton rd. London S.E. 24 the festival will hopefully not only be a social get-together for London Anarchists, but the basis of something more permanent. There will be plenty of time for discussion on subjects such as the possibility of a London Federation, the viability of a national Anarchist organisation and whether a collective response can be given to major national or local issues.

27th April. Durham. Stonehenge benefit. contact Nigel Tremlett college of St Hild & Bede, university of Durham, Durham DH1 1SZ  
9th of May Chris Draper Libertarian Education at Mary Ward centre. Chicago Anarchists are planning a world-wide gathering of Anarchists from April 30th- May 4th. Info: 'Impossible Books' Box 102 1200 W. Fullerton, Chicago, IL. 60614. USA.

End of April. Sheffield Anarchist Conference. Contact Sheffield Anarchists.

May 3rd. Leeds Green Fair.

180 anarchists from all over the Midlands converged on Nottingham for this, the third, Midlands Anarchist Get-Together.

Billed as a get-together, rather than a simple conference, because we wanted it to be not only political and (hopefully) educational, but also very much a social occasion.

A way in which groups and individuals could meet, eat, talk, and drink together under the same roof. There were nearly twenty workshops, and these included both pre-arranged ones introduced by speakers and other spontaneous ones organised on the Saturday morning. Issues covered were as diverse as the Peace movement, the role of art, violence, the industrial struggle, ecology, local anarchist press and class. Videos of anarchist int-

erest were also shown throughout the weekend.

At the Saturday night social we drank with wanton abandon and we danced to music, refreshingly free of any ideological sound thrash. On the Sunday morning we had a discussion on the possibility of setting up a Midlands Anarchist Network. To this end the Leamington group agreed to hold the first delegate meeting in May and the Sheffield Blackberry Group agreed to organise a summer camp in August.

As yet we're in the process of preparing a fuller account of the week end for the next issue of GA.- an incentive to buy GA 12, yes!

Nottingham Anarchist Group.

## ALF INFILTRATED

11 from Huddersfield got away with conditional discharges after pleading guilty to criminal damage to shops involved with animal abuse. But costs and damages came to £2000, so they're organising benefit gigs etc. But "the whole case was bound up with the fact that our animal rights group/hunt sabs group was infiltrated. A bastard called Robert Walker, who is in several local hunts, a butcher etc, managed to get involved in our group over a period of 1½ years, so much so that we trusted him. He was pretty clever, never pushed

himself forward, never asked questions etc. He was accepted so much that he was involved in the action in question. He of course grassed us up and the police caught us.

He even contrived to come to the group after we were all arrested (he was arrested too that night - the police wanted him to carry on infiltrating). However we thought it was too much of a coincidence to almost all be caught so we started 'investigating'. After a confrontation, he confessed.

Penny Pitstop.

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May 3rd. Green Group and Anarchists combine for a one day festival at Slough.

15-19th of May International Anarchist meeting. camping at tot vrijheid sbezinning Aekingaweg LA. Appelscha, the Netherlands, contact Mike Alibi (1AM) Nieuwe Gracht 40 3512 Utrecht, the Netherlands on various subjects (Anarchism, and ecology, militarism, feminism etc.) details Harald Zellere, von zessemstraat, 109 1093, av. Amsterdam, Netherlands.  
25th of May 6th annual Bedfordshire smokeys bears picnic at Sharpehoe clappers 1m. west of A6 4m. north of Luton near Barton-le-claybeds.  
30th of May-7th of June

Twmbalm, off M4 at Cwmbram, Newport Free Fest. Contact Mick. 96333-64448

Fri. 30 May-Sun. June 1. Rotherhithe Free Festival, Amos Estate.  
31 May-2 June. Yellow Action at Faslane. "We invite people to come for the weekend beforehand, to camp at either of the two peace camps or possibly on land close to the Peaton Hill site. There will be a ceilidh on the Saturday night, and on Sunday, workshops, nvda training and meetings to decide what will happen on Monday. We'll provide a creche, legal support and basic vegan food. Bring tents, bedding, eating things, musical instruments."

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## WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE PRINTERS

We do not weep buckets of crocodile tears  
because the printworkers have lost their  
cushy, over-paid jobs. Join the club!

We do not give unquestioning support to all  
industrial workers, at the expense of 800  
million hungry peasants in the Third World.

It's not the printers who are throwing bricks  
at the police but the militant left. So why  
support the militant left? Who wants a social-  
ist tyranny? If we support their demo, will  
they come back and support ours? Not a  
chance!

Green Anarchist strategy is revolution on  
the periphery. For this we should look for  
support from the convoy, the travellers, the  
new travellers, the bikers, the ALF, the  
young unemployed, the survivalists, the rad-  
ical greens.

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# AIRFIELD SITE FOR STONEHENGE '86?

The consensus of Stonehenge '86 is  
that the festival should be held on  
the old airfield (which can't be  
archeologically sensitive by reason  
of being flattened already). This  
site is near Larkhill on the other  
side of the road a bit further down.  
It is on NT land and out of the way.  
We are sure that peace will prev-  
ail and that the authorities will see  
the sense of peaceful solutions  
rather than baton politics. If they  
fail to respond to sense, huge mass  
actions of a peaceful nature will  
follow - they have been on the cards  
since '85. Let's wind up the camp-  
aign this year and re-establish  
Stonehenge Free Festival. People  
power not violence. It was done in  
the Philippines. Who says it can't  
happen here? Stonehenge '86. Let's  
all go.

Polytautric.

STONEHENGE.

A meeting was held in Salisbury  
between the convoy, the pagans,  
the druids and the National Trust,  
English Heritage, the Wilts police,

county council and local farmers.  
No compromise was found. The  
convoy does not want a confront-  
ation with the police. It wants a  
hassle-free festival where it can  
make money to tide it over the  
winter (most are not on social  
security) by selling drugs, food,  
etc to the punters. It can't make  
its money by a fight with the pol-  
ice. And last time many lost their  
homes, their buses. If Stonehenge  
is banned, many will go on to Glas-  
tonbury insted to sell their drugs,  
food, etc.

Wilts police have been told that  
they have a blank cheque to stop  
Stonehenge, but its not clear who's  
signing it, the government or the  
county council.

A co-ordinated action is being con-  
sidered, involving ALF with con-  
cerns about Porton Down, Cruis-  
watch who track cruise convoys  
across Salisbury Plain and the  
Greenham Women.



## BUDGET.

## Lawson clobbers the poorest, again

Lawson clobbers the poorest, again.  
This conservative government has  
raised taxes to the highest level  
ever and so becomes one of the  
most powerful governments ever.  
Lawson has cut income tax, help-  
ing those with jobs, but has in-  
creased indirect taxes on cigar-  
ettes and oil. Lorries use much  
more petrol than cars. Lorries  
transport food etc, so that the cost  
of food etc goes up, hitting the  
poorest, as usual. In fact the tax  
cuts were cynically aimed at those  
who voted conservative last time  
and are now in danger of voting  
SDP.

## ELSTOW

Soil sampling is to start at the  
site for nuclear dumping at Elstow  
without the promised public  
enquiry.

Elstow, four miles from Bedford,  
is one of four sites to be  
considered for nuclear dumping.  
It is thought that the government  
has already decided on Elstow  
as the other three are only  
window dressing. Jim  
Eldridge of Bedford was told by  
Dept of enviroment officials  
that the next inquiry was  
predecided. Resistance and  
protest against N.I.R.E.X  
(Nuclear Industries Radiological  
Waste Executive) and their  
future plans to foul our  
enviroment has taken shape in  
the formation of B.A.N.D

## PIGS GO ROGUE

### Manchester police wage terror campaign

Manchester police are accused of  
sustained campaign of terror ag-  
ainst two students to force them to  
retract evidence of police brutality  
One of the students, Steve Shaw  
now rarely leaves his parents hom  
in London. His father, a taxi-driv-  
er once had to take the entire fam-  
ily to stay with relatives for the  
night, fearing for his son's safety.  
After a year of burglaries, tele-  
phone death threats and attacks,  
this February he was attacke by  
two policemen, who he recognised,  
and beaten up; his nose was brok-  
en, cigarettes were stubbed on his  
cheek, he was kicked and bruised  
all over.

The Police Complaints Authority  
say they can't do anything because  
they can't find a motive! A careful  
investigation by 'The Guardian'  
will force the Home Secretary,  
worried by middle class realiz-  
ation about police brutality, to  
change the police complaints sys-  
tem from the present corrupt  
farce... to a different corrupt  
farce.

(Bedfordshire Against Nuclear  
Dumping), 600 plus members  
to date, and actions by the  
Bedford Anarchist Collective.  
N.I.R.E.X offices have been  
stormed and trashed, various  
official paperwork appropriated  
by activists was burnt in the  
street and well aimed bricks  
were lobbed. The Dept of the  
Enviroment has also received  
similar, although less damaging  
attention (for the time being).  
Subsequent arrests have been  
made and a Bust Fund has been  
set up.

An 'Elstow Pledge' to blockade the  
site and a support network is bein  
formed. Contact: Paul Rogers,  
c/o 20 Linden Rd. Befdord. Beds



# FLIPPED

Rambo Reagan has finally flipped his lid. He's bombed Libya! And he's forced Thatcher to let him do it from his airfields in Britain. In a fit of madness he's killed more than 100 men, women and children in return for Libyan pinpricks to his machismo, stunning and terrifying the whole world by his naked abuse of military power. The US. carried out the attack without any consultation with its own Mid East department, who would certainly have warned them of the hornets nest it would stir up. Arab popular support for Gadafy will force the Arab leaders to line up behind him. Iran and Syria can be expected to act with more than words. But even Saudi Arabia and Egypt will be forced into some sort of symbolic action against the US. The real significance of this bomb-

ing is the extent to which the American administration is out of touch with world opinion, unaware of the consequences, even apparently uncaring of the consequences. It is scary.

Mrs Thatcher has now gone too far. The British electorate could support her in protecting the Falkland Islanders from the Argentinians. There is no way they will support her in allowing British airfields to be used in this madness by an American president, with his finger on the nuclear button, who can react with such irresponsible rage to such an insignificant problem. Thatcher, as an accomplice to Reagan's madness, is now a real liability to the Conservative Party. British business in the Middle East will sustain severe damage. Both businessmen and politicians will be campaigning for her swift removal for damage limitation.

The day the bombing was announced groups of enraged people from around the country converged on Upper Heyford airbase for a show of opposition to Gangster Reagan's forces on British land. At around noon the perimeter fence was cut and the base invaded. The protesters were captured and escorted off the base. There was a no-arrest policy. But later in the day a group of anarchists blocked a road within the base using large fenceposts and then stoned American vehicles. They were arrested by MoD police and detained in makeshift cells within the base which were defaced with mud slogans to the anger of the forces of law and order. Charges of criminal damage may follow. Greenham women also got onto the base and were captured and put into cells which they also defaced.

East Oxford Jihad.

## GADAFY A VIEW FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

Libya is one of the only countries in the Middle East besides Iran which hasn't sold out either to the East or the West and ever since the revolution 18 years ago Colonel Moamar al-Gadafy has been trying to keep it that way.

He came from a poor family from Sirte. He had to walk for miles every day to go to school when Libyans were counted as second class citizens, and was treated like shit by the Italians. He and his family suffered many difficulties under the different puppet regimes and after the war by the allies for years.

He grew up to be another Omar Mucktar, a famous Libyan hanged by the Italians. He has a tough and strong character. He is intelligent, handsome and a good leader and his years in the army before the revolution toughened him even more.

After he and Jalood and two others, who were the leaders of the movement, kicked King Idris out, the first thing they did was to have a free election and the people chose to have a social republic. Committees were formed in every town and village. A peoples' congress in Tripoli was elected from candidates from different towns and states to govern the country.

Gadafy, Jalood and the other two decided, against the peoples' wishes, to have no part in the government, but they promised they'd be there if they were needed and when people wanted them to make decisions. Otherwise they are only to be treated like other citizens.

Everything is decided in the peoples' congress by people from the smallest things to the country's budget. But they can only make suggestions and they will stay suggestions if they are not approved by the people.

But since they decided to go neither to the East or to the West for help, they preferred to have their military needs bought from the Eastern block rather than the West who had colonised their country for

centuries and exploited their people for years. They have been treated as a red state by the West, and since 1981 when American planes shot down two Libyan aircraft, they have been on America's blacklist.

Gadafy, according to western papers is a mad man and a lunatic because he helps different political movements against capitalism and imperialism and any group of people in the world who are willing to fight for their rights. Doesn't western propaganda tell you you are a terrorist if you fight for your rights?

But unfortunately Mr. Gadafy hasn't been getting any real support from the Eastern block either, because he refuses to let them take over. He has made no dishonest promises to them and is under no pressure from the Kremlin, so that's why they only support him verbally; and they'll only go that far to protect their own marketing interests in Libya. But are their deals in Libya worth going to war with America for?

Reagan made a mistake, a big one, by bombing Libya. In the short term, perhaps, he is the winner. But what he seems to have forgotten is that Gadafy, although unpopular with Arab leaders, is very popular with Arab people.

Arabs won't forget Libya and neither will Gadafy be forgotten, even if Reagan kills every one of them. People in Egypt, who had their best-beloved leader, Nasser, overthrown by the CIA, are ready for revolution. People of Saudi Arabia won't forget either. They might have been blinded by big American cars and lots of paper money, but they are moslems and they won't forget. Iranians most probably have already volunteered and supplies are on their way to Libya. Syrians who claim to be brothers with the Libyans and who don't even need a passport to travel to Libya won't relax until they have done their bit. So will other Arab nations.

AZ.



## The Western tyrannies will end not with a bang but a whimper.... like Rome!

IN ITALY, at the centre of the Roman Empire, there was a revolt by the slaves led by Spartacus. It was put down with barbarous ferocity. At the edge of the Empire the Roman armies faced with similar rebellion quietly withdrew. They couldn't hold southern Scotland so they retreated to relative safety behind Hadrian's Wall. Even then, there was trouble from the tribes to the south of the wall, so the army had to construct defensive works on the 'safe' side. For some time Rome had been losing control of the countryside on the periphery. As in Afghanistan today they held only the roads and the towns. Unable to expropriate the crops of the countryside, this being their form of taxation, they could not afford enough soldiers to hold their territory. Rome's main income, apart from the crops, was its taxation on trade, (our indirect taxes), which declined because of the slowdown in trade in the 3rd century caused by a declining population. As the Empire's income declined, the burden of taxation on the remaining tax-payers became intolerable.

To replace the taxes lost from the countryside, Rome tried to tax the cities, heavily. The towns and cities with less income from the countryside and higher demands from Rome, could no longer provide jobs. Food had to be brought from the countryside into the towns to pay the artisans. Without this regular supply of food the towns could not operate. The town population relied entirely on the countryside for their existence, but the Romans had lost control of the countryside. The sort of 'wealth' the town produced could not fill an empty stomach. However many statues of Jupiter were made, people could still go hungry. Urban areas do not create the wealth that feeds people. The people began to leave the cities and go back to the uncontrolled, untaxed countryside. Magistrates, who were responsible for collecting the taxes (or paying it themselves if they couldn't collect it) were increasingly difficult to find.

There was a general rejection of urban life which authorities were unable to prevent. This was disastrous for the Empire, which needed a sizeable population to pay its taxes. The town was the tax collection system of the Empire. It needed thriving taxable businesses to pay for the army. As the drift continued the burden of taxation fell even more heavily on those who were left.

As the towns and cities declined, first at the periphery, the people returned to their autonomous, self-sufficient villages. Many soldiers merged with the population, they married, found a plot of land and settled.

Technology regressed. In France, "The fall of Rome was thus made manifest in the restoration of a culture designed not for cultivation but for the exploitation of the natural wilderness." (Duby)

The Roman Empire died, not from an explosion at the centre but from gradual erosion at the periphery.

And now it is happening again. In the hills and the wild places across the world the civilizations are losing control and losing taxation, as in Afghanistan, Nicaragua, El Salvador, the Philippines, Kurdistan. Russia, America and Britain are all broke and will have to reduce their armies. They will lose more territory, more taxation, more power. Like the Roman slave revolt they will suppress dissent at the core, but lose control at the periphery.

Britain's periphery is Africa, where vast acres grow our cotton, vegetable oil, timber and food. As these areas stop sending their crops and taxes, the weakened British government will be unable to control even its own interior.

Dissidents will be attracted to the hills. Trial and error will discover which wild areas offer least opposition. Convoys, bus-people, bikers, new travellers, hippies, young unemployed will gradually converge, coalesce and take over the inaccessible places. Already hippies have established Tipi valley in Wales.

As rejection of conventional life continues, parts of the countryside will become no-go areas for the government and its henchmen. People in these areas will resent interference by the state. As the government loses income, the army and the police will only control the towns and roads. The local population will destroy the roads and bridges to prevent the government holding the towns. The state will cut off the services which are still operating. As it retreats there will be a regression of technology in the no-go areas. In the towns white collar workers will have to do the shit jobs because the other workers will be leaving for the untaxed, uncontrolled no-go areas. The core will still be getting a supply of food from the Third World but it will have increasing difficulty doing so. The periphery (mainly the no-go areas) will be cut off from imports, and therefore will have to be self-sufficient. It will be difficult running the factories anywhere in Britain because of the problem in getting the natural resources and of generating the necessary electricity. The government will gradually have to decrease its area of effective control as the technology available for its industrial lifestyle, and for its control of the country, gradually regresses.

David Brooks



# US Disaffection Grows

IN NOVEMBER 1965 a power failure darkened New York City but the law-abiding restraint of its citizens was evident and widely praised by authority; internalised repression seemed to be wholly intact. When a similar black-out occurred there in 1977 however, "the party began from the minute the light went out," as one participant described it. Massive and inter-racial looting commenced, even to the point of setting up distribution centres of free goods, and the only reported violence was suffered by those few police foolhardy enough to try to restore 'order'.

When John F. Kennedy was shot in '63, the immediate reaction of many was shock and tears. Upon Reagan's Shooting in 1981, when it wasn't yet known whether he would survive, the laughter of children became the topic of scores of journalists' commentaries.

Even anecdotally then, the superficiality of the notion of a real ascendancy of Reaganism is immediately suggested. The efforts to introduce prayer and a biblical, anti-evolutionary doctrine into the schools and to do away with abortion and environmental protection are, of course, in their failure, one measure of that, as in the Nov. '85 Roper poll which found that only 4% respect 'Moral Majority' Falwell.

Likewise the once touted return of martial spirit under Reagan has largely been exposed. Most important in this context was the vast non-compliance of young men in the early 80s to the instituting of pre-draft registration requirements. The failure of the military to attract enlistees is seen in the enormous recruiting campaigns currently needed and in articles like "Honeymoon over for Volunteer Armed Forces?" Another conservative source, columnist George Will, also spoke of this vulnerability by an important conclusion: "The more complex the military organisation and the more sophisticated the technology, the more the system depends on morale."

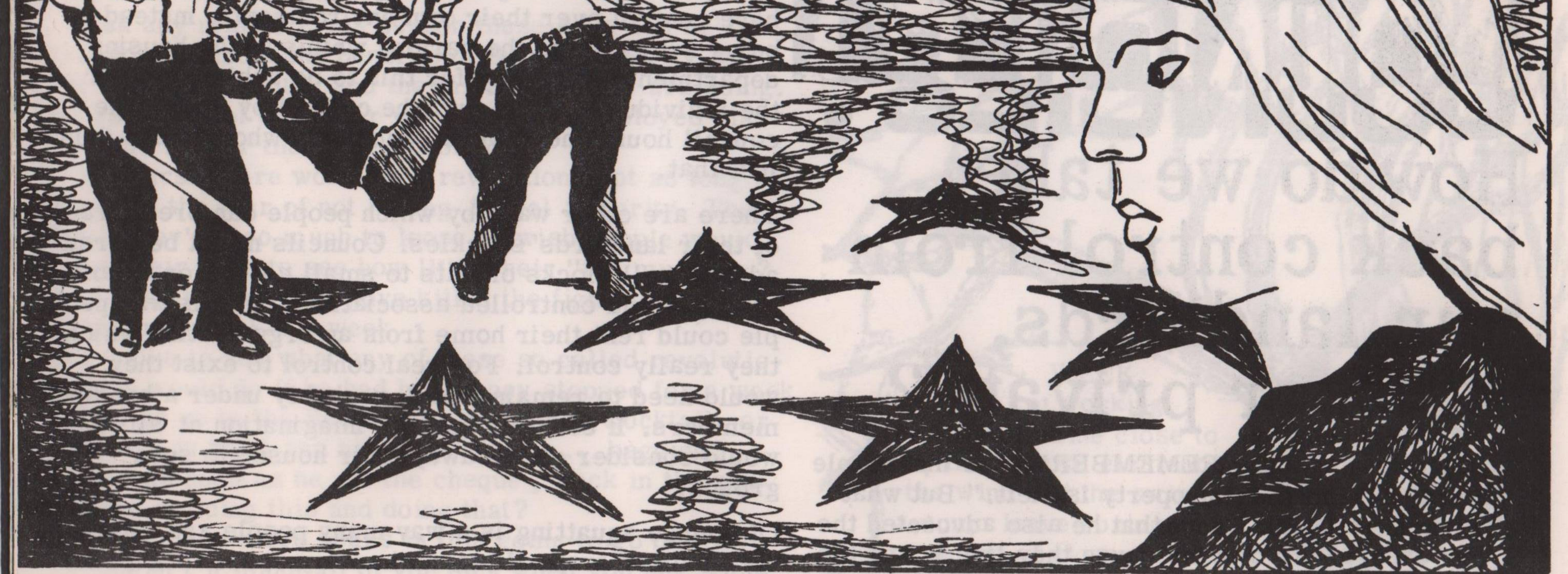
A crucial parallel involves the world of work, where the use of polygraph or 'lie-detector' tests by employers has now passed the one million per year mark. A 1984 survey of merchants found that "80% of store-owners think their employees are more likely to steal than 10 years ago." A national employment agency disclosed that false resumes and misrepresentation of job qualifications in general, based on their 1985 survey, is very widespread and on the rise. Meanwhile fast-food chains are reportedly recruiting older workers at retirement homes because they can't find enough teenagers to fill shifts - despite the

fact that 17.7% of US. teens are out of work. Along with these data are reports that drug use in the workplace has never been more prevalent, and a November 1985 announcement by the Labour Dept. of the largest single year increase in work-related injuries and illnesses since such figures began to be reported in 1973; the 11.7% jump resumes an earlier trend and can be reasonably linked to refusal of work as a major factor.

The vitality of the revolt against work syndrome is seen in the steadily growing popularity of participative management systems, which recognize that the "workers themselves must be the real source of discipline," as a July-August '85 Harvard Business Review offering put it. The industrial relations literature is full of evidence that capital requires the voluntary participation of employees for its stability, if not survival. The unions, of course, provide the most important agency for this cooperation; the "landmark" 1984 contract between the United Auto Workers and General Motors-Toyota, for example, increased "access to plant decision-making", and was also the first time a UAW dues increase was negotiated with the boss rather than voted by union delegates, which infuriated auto workers.

From a social control perspective, the judgement that the management of information will be more efficient than what prevails in a non-computerized economy establishes the foundation of the Information Society. But the Scientific Management movement of the '80s, a neo-Taylorist monitoring of typists, phone operators and all the rest by computers, is providing no easy road to a satisfactory productivity. The overwhelming response is one of anger, as humans resist fitting into the new, rationalized future and Silicon Valley, its new mecca offers less a picture of gleaming success than of pollution and layoffs. The possibility that impoverishment of daily life might even render work relatively satisfying, due to the vacuum of substance elsewhere, is rendered unlikely by technology's progressive degradation of work. There is no area of authenticity, no place to hide, and no one can miss this commonplace. The bumpersticker, "The worst day fishing is better than the best day working," remains true, as does the also popular "Different day, same bullshit."

Anguished commentaries about declining civic virtue are not confined to such data as the declining percentage of registered voters who do so, or to miscreants



on the job, but also draw their content from a most irresponsible consumer culture. One favourite in this vein deals with increasing shoplifting, including the stories of complete non-involvement of shoppers presented with very visible instances of stealing. The near-universal placement of electronic alarms on store exits testifies to the extent of the phenomenon, as high tech vies with eroding allegiance to the work-and-pay rules. The present record level of the prison population, the growing state lottery mania, and the unchecked growth of the 'underground economy' all testify to the shift in values. Concerning the latter subject, figures from the Internal Revenue Service show that tax-cheating now costs the government over \$100 billion as compared to less than \$20 billion at the end of the '60s.

A deeper, visceral disaffection can be detected among the young, in terms of remarkable behaviour patterns. 'Psychology Today's Jan 85 cover story asked, "Why are middle class children Setting Their Worlds On Fire?" The alienation registered by widespread child arson is also evident in two Nov. 85 Gallop polls which showed that 12% of teenage girls suffer symptoms of anorexia nervosa (self-starvation) or bulimia (binge and purge syndrome), a much higher figure than had been previously estimated. In June '85 a National Centre for Disease Control statistics were released that demonstrated a jump of 50% in the suicide rate of young men aged 15 to 24 from '70 to '80.

A September '84 Gallop poll had found that only 23% of US. teenagers do not drink, the lowest figure recorded by the Gallop Organisation, and 'Family Circle' and the Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education reported in September '85 that their four year study indicated a spread of drinking and drug abuse into the grammar schools.

Reality offers little or nothing to support the idea that even during the high noon of Reaganism has there been any renewal of faith in the promise of American life; quite the contrary, the increased enrollment in college business courses notwithstanding. The idealist illusions of the '60s are mainly dead and the failed counter-revolution of the right is equally irrelevant. If the future is unclear, it at least seems obvious that a corrosive skepticism has dissolved most of the old foundation for repression and lies.

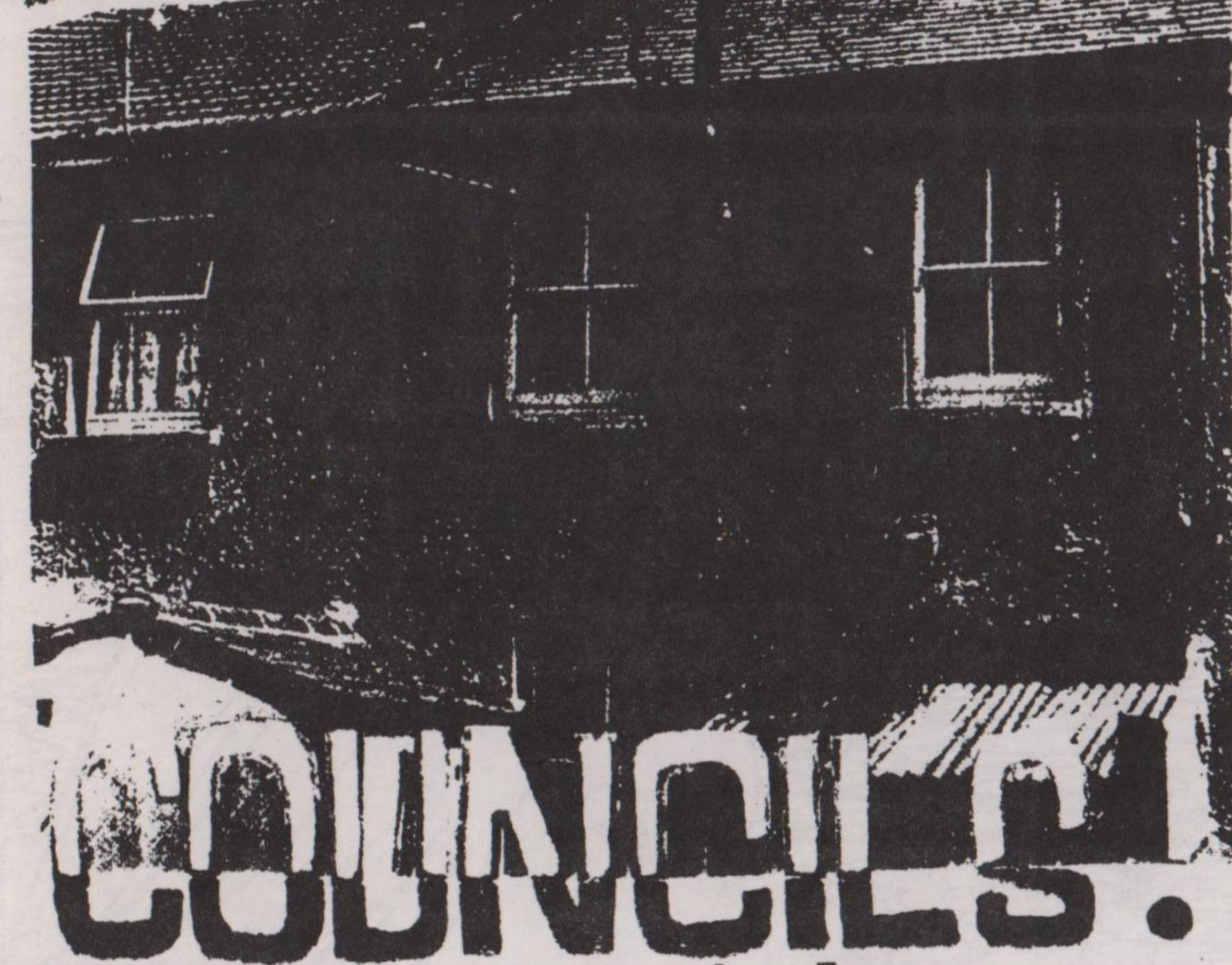
And yet the psychologists seem to agree that we all have much rage inside, and there is, arguably, less than ever for authority to rely on for our continued suppression. A senescent order seems to have no cards left to play, beyond more technology; nothing in its ideological pocket, nothing up its sleeve. As Debord wrote in the late '70s, "it no longer promises anything. It no longer says: 'What appears is good, what is good appears.'" It simply says, 'It is so'."

John Zerzan.

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# HOUSING &



## COUNCILS! How do we take back control from our landlords, state or private?

PROUDHON IS OFTEN REMEMBERED for his simple statement of truth: "All property is theft." But what is less well remembered is that he also advocated the right of everyone to own the house they live in and the tools necessary to sustain life. A reasonable demand we might agree.

So how do these apparently contradictory statements apply to the sale of council houses, currently averaging a hundred thousand a year, and reducing the power of landlords generally?

Council houses were introduced during the 1920s as an attempt to fulfill the hollow promises of 'Homes fit for Heroes' made to the returning soldiers of World War I. Their legacy is the concrete human warehouses that now dominate much of the housing scene in many cities, together with the run-down, dilapidated streets and estates of mismanaged, municipal 'benevolence'.

Many opponents of council house sales argue about the 'working class' traditions associated with council houses. These people rarely live in council houses themselves and so are often unaware of the real 'traditions' which council tenants have to suffer. Colin Ward in 'Housing: An Anarchist Approach' (Freedom Press 1976) highlights a few of them as: people being evicted for painting their house cream (all the others in the street being red), being forbidden to paint the doorstep, being evicted for keeping pigeons if not a member of the National Homing Union, forbidden to have washing on the line after 12 noon, and so on.

Ward has also dismissed the argument that the sale of council houses reduces the housing stock and therefore increases homelessness. He rightly points out that people are housed whether they pay rent or a mortgage.

With waiting lists of more than twenty years for many council houses, they have long ago ceased to be a realistic housing option for most people. It could be argued that this is because council houses have been mismanaged in the past and that government funding for council houses has been reduced. Of course council houses have been mismanaged, but then they always will be whilst ever they are managed by the bureaucracies of the Local Authorities. How can they hope to manage an individual or group of individuals houses better than the individuals could themselves?

Government money for council house building does not come from rent revenues. Much of the rent income goes to pay interest debts to the city financiers and wages to the administrators and paper pushers in the council departments.

## CO-OPS & SQUATS

Anarchists have long been arguing for individuals to have control over their own environments, instead of being subjected to the varying whims of the housing departments. One way for this to be achieved is for the individual to 'buy-out' the council by buying the council house they live in, and many who can are doing just that.

There are other ways by which people can break free of their landlords' shackles. Councils might be persuaded to sell blocks of flats to small co-ops or tenant-managed and controlled associations. In this way people could rent their home from an organisation which they really control. For real control to exist they would need to remain small, probably under a hundred members. If councils had any imagination at all, they would consider giving away their houses to such groups.

Of course squatting is a way many people are avoiding the landlord trap. However in many cases this means just as many hassles with the council, regular eviction and house moving being the main ones. But for many people it's the only way they'll ever get to live in a council house. As many as 20,000 people are estimated to be living in squats in London alone. Squatting not only helps to fill an immediate housing need for the people involved; it can also highlight the failure to properly manage council houses. Councils often have many empty properties which in some cases can remain empty for ten years or more! No wonder homeless people move in and squat them.

We should argue for the right of any homeless person to occupy any empty and unused building, and that if they remain there 'unchallenged' for more than a month then it should be their right to stay on as long as they wish. Whilst ever there are homeless people, no one should be able to keep any property empty for more than a month without some very good reason (such as the occupant being in hospital etc). Given that there are more houses than households in Britain, homelessness could be removed within weeks. The 'traditional left' opposition to council house sales is but a red herring which obscures this simple fact.

The 'Easter 80' housing co-operative in North London is another example of how some people have escaped. Between 60 and 70 people who are mostly aged under 30 and who have little or no previous experience of housing issues other than being homeless, run and manage their own housing co-op. They live in about 10 houses at any one time which they get on a 'short life' basis from a housing association and occasionally

from Camden council. They get a licence to occupy the house for between 4 and 6 months and sometimes the licence is extended so that some people have lived as long as two years in the same house. The rent is under £10 a week and goes mostly towards maintenance costs, there being no paid workers or bureaucracy to pay for and support.

If a group of people like this can manage and run its own affairs despite the temporary nature of each house, then surely it and other groups like it could manage their own houses on a permanent basis, if only they could get them.

Councils should be handing over their empty properties to groups like Easter 80 to run and manage the houses on a permanent basis. These groups need to remain

small in order that they can remain under control of all of the members and avoid the need for 'professional' workers or bureaucracy. The large landlord monopolies such as councils and housing associations need to see the wisdom of handing over their houses to the control of the people who live in them.

We should remember the words of Ravachol, who on his way to the guillotine in 1892, sang (in French): "If you want to be happy, hang your landlord". We need housing to be free of all landlords, public and private. Houses should be managed and controlled only by the people who live in them. Everyone should have the right to live in a decent house which they have real control over and which they can really call 'THEIR' home.

Paul Whymark.



IN ORDER TO CONCEAL and justify their further preparations for mass suicide after a most devastating war, the politicians pretended that a supply of cheap power was possible. Under the guise of electricity production a nuclear industry was established to make bombs for a world overful with these devices. Money was not given for education, hospitals and essential industrial machinery.

The potential dangers of radiation had been slowly and painfully demonstrated during the use of X rays and radioactive compounds. But the immense dangers of vast expansion of these activities on an industrial scale were ignored. One factor in these mistakes is that our education produces many experts in very limited fields so that physicists are notoriously lacking in knowledge of living systems. Governments have been at great pains to suppress information about investigation of nuclear hazards. When disasters inevitably do occur there is rightly a disbelief of all official statements on nuclear energy.

How dirty is Sellafield? This is difficult to determine because of concealment of facts. But there is no doubt that it is the world's dirtiest and even if closed today many deaths and much ill health will continue for many years.

How much of the processing is foreign material? At present it seems that most of the material processed

is home-produced, but the government wants us to become the world's nuclear dustbin. Of course other countries are delighted to get rid of their problems.

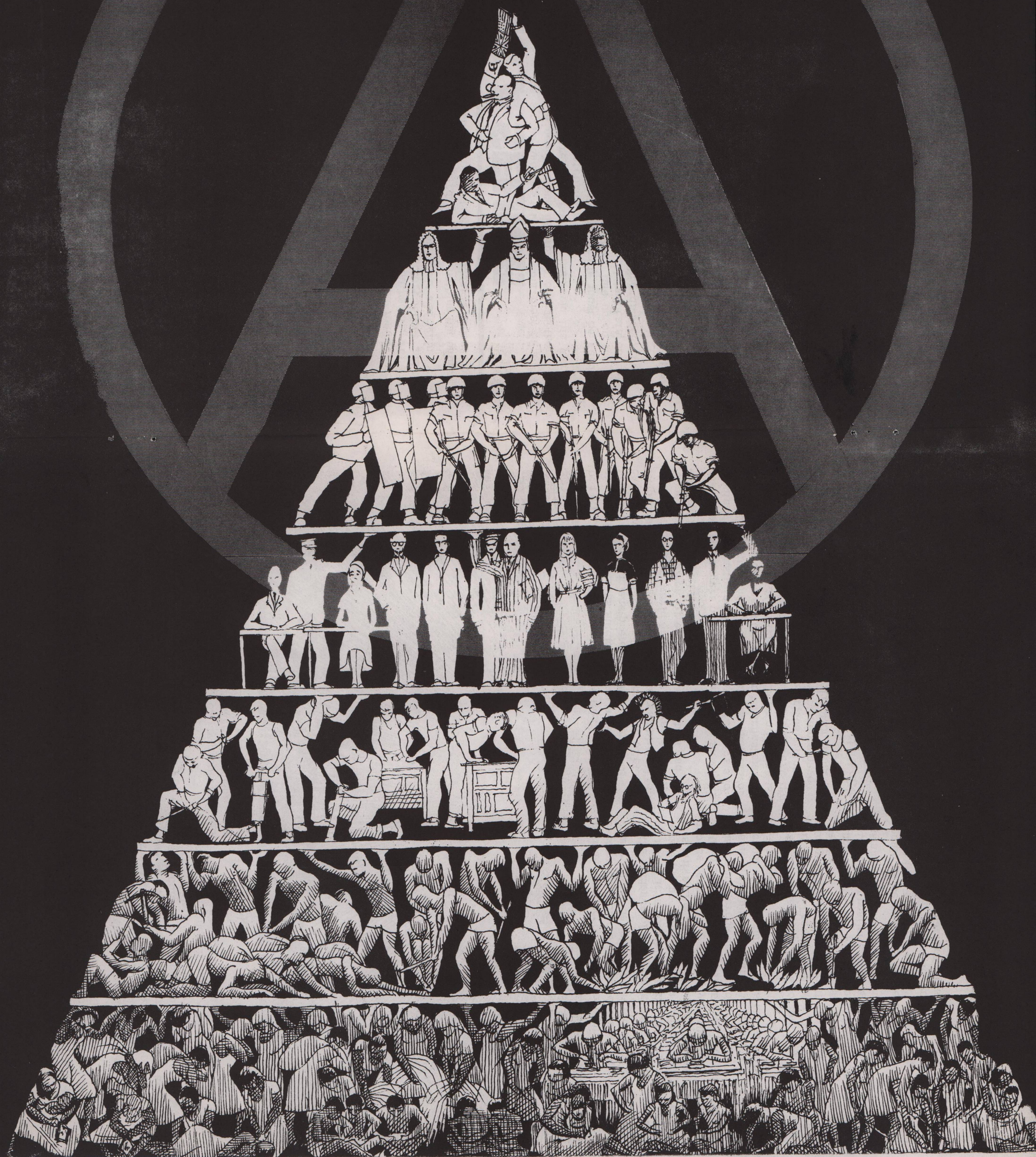
Is the evidence of cancer/leukaemia significant? Taken by itself, it is possible that the cluster of children's leukaemia at Sellafield is by chance. But the existence of similar clusters at many other nuclear installations proves conclusively that they result from the activities of the nuclear industry. This also shows that there must be numerous cases of deaths and ill-health as a result of the nuclear industry. These are not revealed because the government does not study this connection as a matter of policy.

Are government proposals for burying nuclear waste satisfactory? The short answer is No! The reason is money!!! It is very difficult and costly to make structures which remain totally sealed for very long periods. Since any leakage will cause some additional damage, it is quite unrealistic to trust any politician or businessman to do this.

Should we be emptying waste into the Irish Sea? No! Do not take a holiday in Blackpool, North Wales or the Lake District. We should close Sellafield and all nuclear/bomb reactors. Research in nuclear physics should never be secret.

Norman.







# TEACHER, TEACHER!

WE SAT BEFORE YOU, teacher, in your control. We sat before you and you vandalized our minds. You taught a view of life that you yourself had been taught, told to teach. You made it your job; you made it your wage packet. What life is there, teacher, but the one that you teach? You taught the politics of authority that hides power and wealth; you taught the system that breeds injustice and inequality; you taught the system of the abused/abuser. What are these words rich/poor/upper class/middle class/working class? Don't they just justify different standards of living in a world/country where we should all be equal?

All political power is the same oppressive system, many poor, few rich, so few ruling so many lives. People work and die for that rich, powerful circle declare war and then force people to fight while they themselves criticise violence, being the hypocrites they are. Teacher, you showed us their shadow that falls over us, those who force what they say is right on everybody else for their own benefit, not the peoples. Leaders hold the future in their hands, a nuclear future, bad dreams and death, earth, the possible graveyard, rotting corpse future.

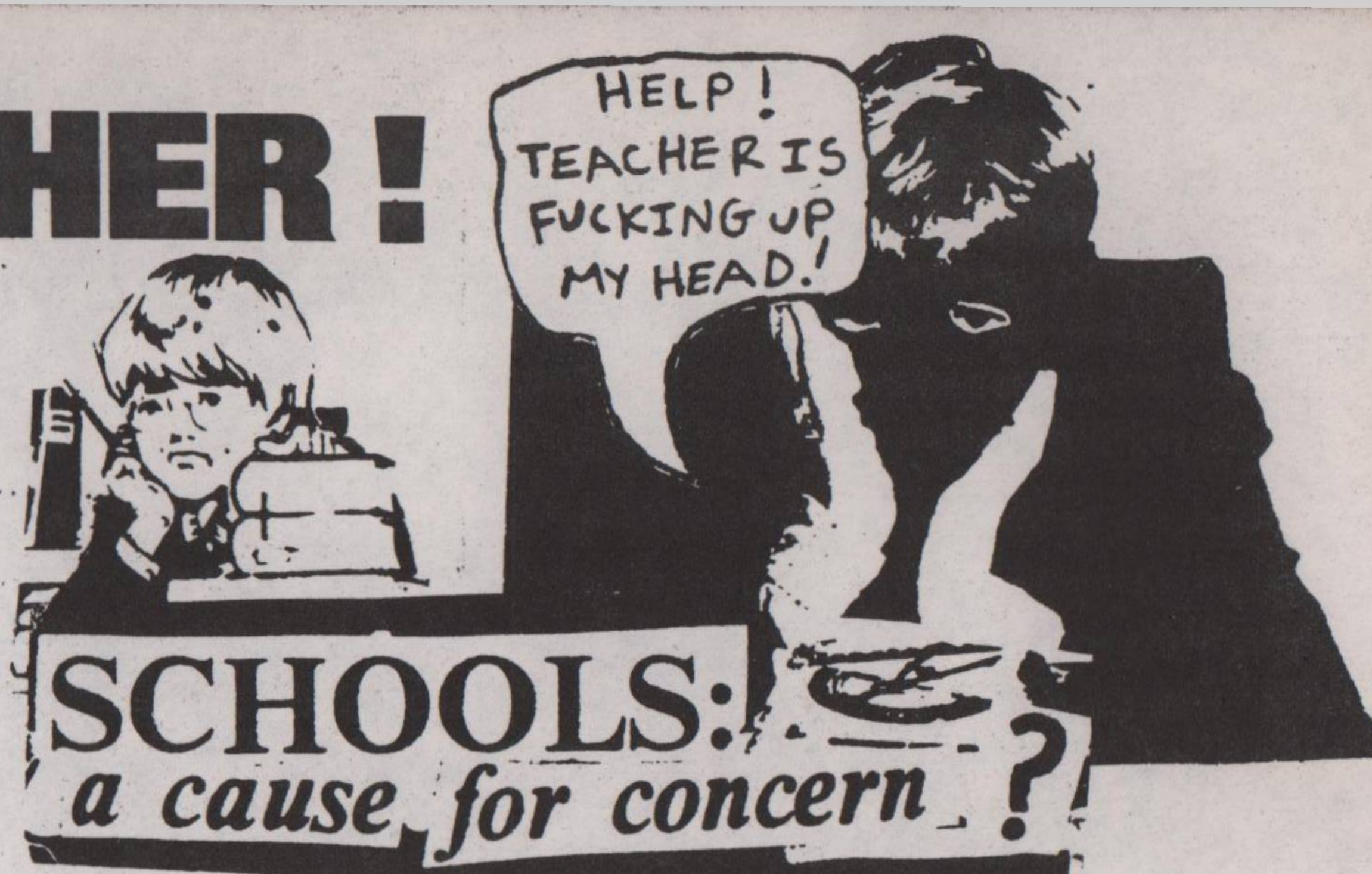
Infants sat before you, teacher, and you gave them this system, which, as they grew, they came to see with logic and reason, people taught apathy and made to feel helpless. There is argument and division within the system, but not against it as a whole, argument that does not challenge wealth, power and inequality.

## INTERVIEWING A SENIOR CITIZEN

Q1) Have you achieved your ambitions from your younger days and what are your future ambitions?  
Kath; My ambition or desire was to have a garden big enough to grow vegetables, with a greenhouse with a border of cottage flowers that give pleasure from the colour and scent. For the future I hope to catch up on the reading that I did not have the time to do as much as I would have liked, education classes in the winter; you are never too late to learn visiting people far worse off than I.

Q2) Despite all the bad things in the world do you think society is changing for the better?  
Kath; I think there is more violence than in my with people more interested in material things which bring out the selfish streak, money was short, pleasures very simple but more enjoyable. Pleasures today are there with no effort in gaining them, ie; television, record players, videos etc which is inclined to make people lazy and bored, I have never had the time to be bored; 1p pocket money had to be earned.

Q3) What are your memories and opinion of the second world war?  
Kath; My memories of the last war was the rationing, clothes coupons, not seeing the familiar sights of oranges or fresh fruit for six years, how people dug up their lawns in their bid to dig for victory to supply vegetables for themselves, the blackout, where after dark you could not see where you were walking unless it was moonlight,



If it does it is death with. This created normality is safe because it is a normality.

Teacher, you walk hand in hand with religion, that easy dismissal, justification for atrocity and injustice, Peter Pan, Robin Hood, King Arthur, Jesus Christ, God, legend, superstition, dangerous fairy story, mis-used fairy story. Teacher, you set people against each other. You taught the rules of man and woman, weak and strong, exploited and exploiter. You taught competition, teacher. You got us ready for outside the school gate to join the masses on capsules and pill, to fit into the roles already provided, tool, slave. The public and private schools can make tomorrows leaders and self-appointed important people, while the state schools churn out the factory fodder and the sheep, people to be shat on, again and again.

Teacher, shepherd, you teach nothing but unthinking obedience. You destroy individual self-development.

the sirens and the all clear, but most of all the unity of people being helpful to one another.

Q4) What are your favorite things in life you enjoy and appreciate?

Kath; My favorite things in life must be gardening, feeding the birds as they line up on the fence, enjoying the company of two cats, one a stray, reading, visiting attending classes; most days are very full, never been bored.

Q5) Are you afraid of death and do you believe in reincarnation?

Kath; Im not afraid of death but of the trauma leading up to it, I should hate not being able to look after myself properly, or having an illness or infection where I would be a cabbage or a burden on anyone, many believe in reincarnation.  
Q6) Do you think society is gradually changing in its attitude towards animal abuse?

Kath; I think people are changing in their attitude to how animals are treated, they have feelings, the same as human beings which should be respected. I have always hated any animal abuse whether it be vivisection or any bloodsports, circuses I do not like, fishing for the multitudes has always been since the beginning of time, I don't like fishing for pleasure not only for the fish but for man's lack of thought when leaving lead weights and broken lines, because roughly 2,000 swans die from lead poisoning plus 25% of the young signets. I think more people are turning towards health foods, plus vegetarian cooking is more popular now than before.

Q7) What do you think of the women's lib movement, feminism and the Greenham Common peace

women?

Kath; I think women are taking a much more active part in affairs of state the future of their children, world affairs, the ban on nuclear weapons which must apply to all the countries of the world.

John Harrison

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## BRIBED NOT TO REVOLT

WHY THERE HASN'T BEEN a revolution in England so far? Does it mean that people are all well off? No pressure on them?

Or is it because they have been kept blind for centuries by the ruling class, and are being bribed recently?

Ask any middle class person these days and he'll tell you all about the benefits of Social Security and the National Health, and the miracles these are doing. Or ask most of the lower working or unemployed class and you'll hear the same rubbish.

Ofcourse there won't be a revolution, not as long as there is the fear of not having Social Security. They think they've too much to lose. I wish people would open their eyes to see how little their "too much" is? And how the bastards have killed the fighting spirit in everyone with £25 a week.

I'd like to see what any of these so called revolutionaries would do if he had his money stopped for a week would he go to the Social with a Molotov Cocktail, or with cap in hand, and his little kid, .....begging?

And as soon as he got the cheque, back in the pub talking of doing this and doing that?

How many more years is this going to go on for?

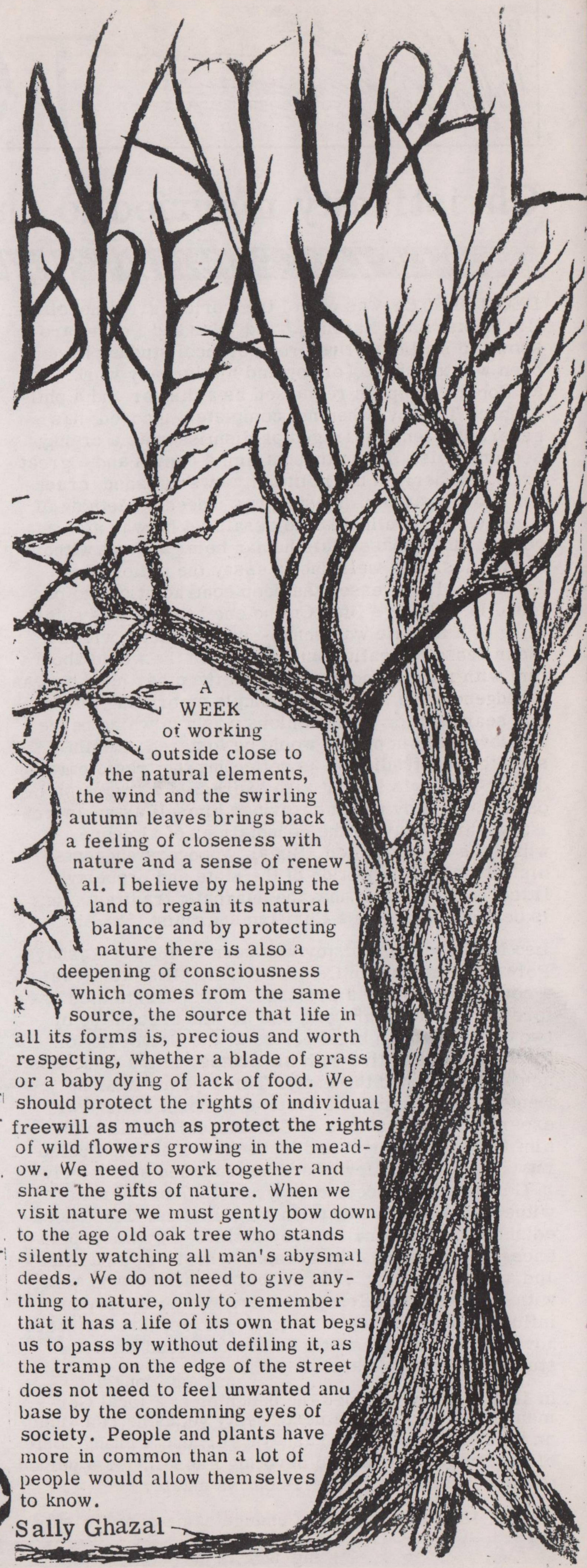
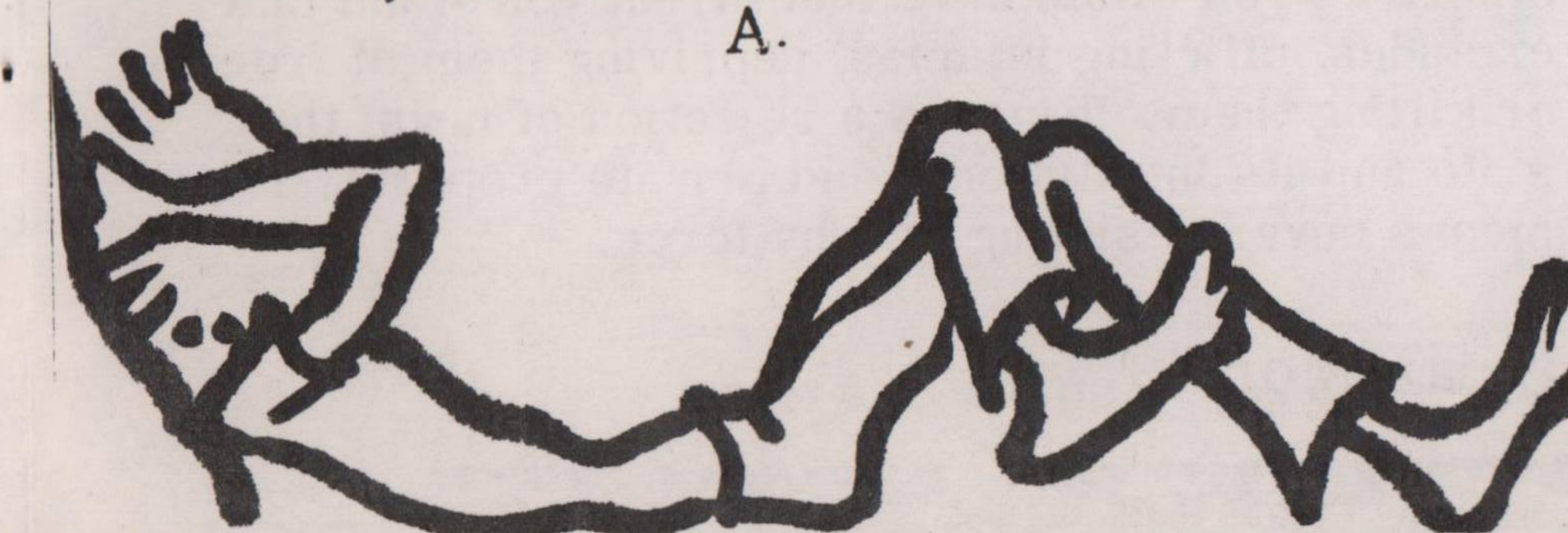
Doesn't it make all of you sick when you see some arshole who has never done a day's work in his life driving a Rolls?

There are children going to bed hungry every night. If they got a bed to go to, old people dying of cold in their flats, if they are enough to have a flat, people sleeping on streets, number of alcoholics and drug addicts rising every day and the shameless son of a bitch even got the nerve to show all those programs on T.V. about their palaces, and how they have built them on people's dead bodies.

And what are we doing while they are getting richer and richer? Sitting and talking about our disagreements, night after night, pint after pint, and Giro after Giro. And if and when there is a revolution, you'll find the country penniless and broke, but it'll be too late then because when we were arguing our disagreements they were selling every thing and investing it in other places. I saw the same thing happening in my country.

But we all agree on one thing, none of us likes the rich, nor the bosses, no matter if we are Anarchists, Communists, or whatever. So let's get rid of them, before they start.

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A WEEK of working outside close to the natural elements, the wind and the swirling autumn leaves brings back a feeling of closeness with nature and a sense of renewal. I believe by helping the land to regain its natural balance and by protecting nature there is also a deepening of consciousness which comes from the same source, the source that life in all its forms is, precious and worth respecting, whether a blade of grass or a baby dying of lack of food. We should protect the rights of individual freewill as much as protect the rights of wild flowers growing in the meadow. We need to work together and share the gifts of nature. When we visit nature we must gently bow down to the age old oak tree who stands silently watching all man's abysmal deeds. We do not need to give anything to nature, only to remember that it has a life of its own that begs us to pass by without defiling it, as the tramp on the edge of the street does not need to feel unwanted and base by the condemning eyes of society. People and plants have more in common than a lot of people would allow themselves to know.

Sally Ghazal



# AN ANARCHIST CLASSIC BY: TOLSTOY

## Christianity married to anarchism.

LEO TOLSTOY was one of the world's great novelists. His books 'Anna Karenina' and 'War and Peace' are known to millions. Numerous critical studies have been written about Tolstoy and his literary work. Yet as Robert Sampson remarked as a thinker and a philosopher Tolstoy, when not completely ignored, has generally been disparaged or dismissed as a cranky sentimentalist. Lenin thought him a genius and a great artist but derided his political views as jaded, crackpot and despairing. Tolstoy was indeed something of a genius, an intellectual colossal; yet he was also a very ordinary passionate human being and not without his foibles. In a well-known essay the philosopher Isaiah Berlin stressed the deep contradictions to be found in Tolstoy's life. On the one hand he was something of a fox. He was sharp-eyed, critical, with a clear sense of reality, and perceived the world about him with insight and realism. On the other hand he was a hedgehog. He advocated a single embracing vision, and searched for a harmonious world in which peace and love and simplicity would be fostered. Berlin sees this contradiction as reflecting the tragic paradox of Tolstoy's life. It also expressed a unique philosophy. Tolstoy never described himself as an anarchist, wishing to avoid the connotations of violence which the term denoted. But as Woodcock suggests, his categorical rejection of the state and property fitted Tolstoy clearly into the anarchist tradition. He is best described as a Christian anarchist.

Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy was born in 1828 at Yasnaya Polyana near Tula in Central Russia. His father was a count, his mother a princess. Both parents died before he was ten years old, and he was brought up by two aunts. After a brief period at the University of Kazan, he went to live with his brother in the Caucasus and in 1851 joined the army. Three years later he went to the Crimea and wrote an account of his war experiences, 'Sketches of Sebastopol'. This made him famous overnight and he became a national celebrity. For the next few years he travelled extensively in Germany, France and Italy. In 1857 in Paris he witnessed a public execution by guillotine. This shocked and appalled him. Already disturbed by his experiences in the Crimea, he became henceforth a pacifist and an anarchist. In 1861 he met Proudhon, who along with Rousseau and Schopenhauer, was an important influence on his thought. It is of interest that his great novel bears the same title as one of Proudhon's studies 'War and Peace'.

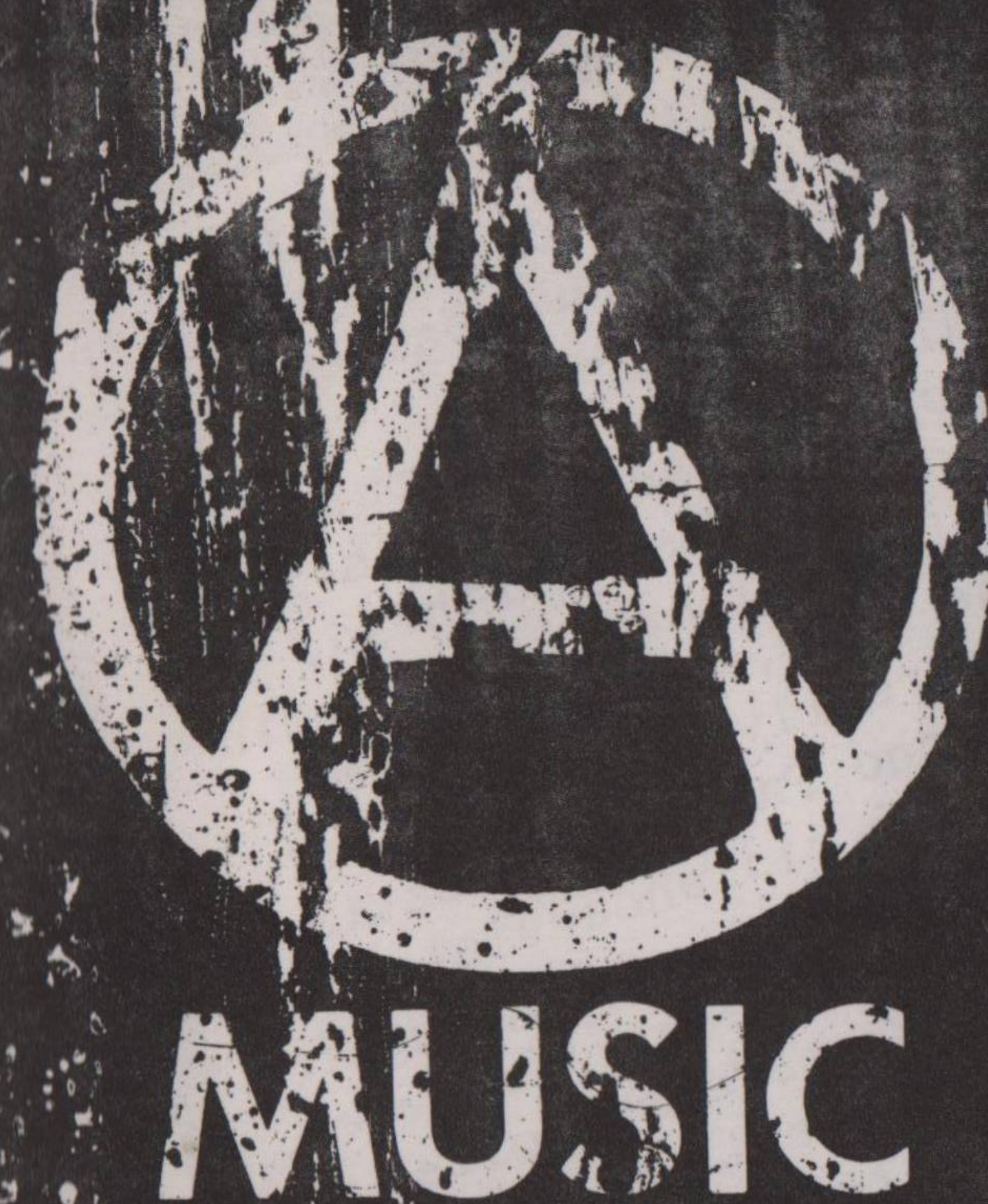
In 1862 Tolstoy married the daughter of a local German doctor and for the next twenty years he remained on his family estate at Yasnaya Polyana, writing some of his famous novels and devoting himself, for a period to the education of the serfs on his estate.

Around 1880 a fundamental change came over Tolstoy's

life. Something in the nature of a spiritual crisis occurred. Although, as Woodcock emphasised, it is misleading to partition Tolstoy's life into that of an artist, and that of a radical pacifist, for there is an essential continuity in his thought. Anyway, from about 1880 Tolstoy entered what he described as the 'third period' of his life. He renounced all claim to his hereditary property and estates, and took up the life of the peasantry. He also began writing a series of tracts and books on ethical and political issues. The most famous of these are 'My Confession' (1879), 'My Religion' (1884), and 'The Kingdom of God is Within You' (1893). When he was 81 years old he wrote a small tract, 'The Inevitable Revolution', which expresses some of his basic ideas. The following year (1910) he suddenly left home, only to die at Astapova railway station a few miles away. He was buried at Yasnaya Polyana.

Tolstoy's pamphlet 'The Inevitable Revolution' is concerned with two incompatible doctrines, which he describes as 'The law of love and the law of violence.' This was the title of another study published two years before his death. The law of violence is characteristic of our time. It is the dominant superstition. The arrangement of life, based on violence, has a long history going back to the ancient civilizations. In the past the idea that some people dominated others, Tolstoy writes, was taken as natural and even given divine sanction. But the situation now is terrible. For the degree of cruelty and brutal repression and the savagery of killing has increased enormously. And this is at a time when human beings have the knowledge and resources to easily cater for everyone's basic needs. But our consciousness is still steeped in the old belief that violence is inevitable and lawful, even being espoused by radicals and revolutionaries. Yet co-existing with this doctrine is the 'law of love'. This too has a long history. It was expressed by the religious teachings of the ancients. The teaching of Jesus, Tolstoy argued, proclaimed the law of love in its highest form, for Jesus advocated the equality of all people, the forgiveness of all injuries and violence, and the returning of good for evil. The only unity that accords with human nature and human well-being is therefore one, Tolstoy stresses, based on love. How is one to achieve the law of love and the replacement of the law of violence? How is one to end the cruelty, the injustice? By renouncing violence, Tolstoy argues, in all its forms. The fundamental rule is to treat others as you would have them treat you - and that excludes inflicting injuries, depriving them of freedom or killing them. It means a rejection of laws, the state and its institutions, and private property. It means never resisting evil by force.

Brian Morris.



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This brilliant band have reproduced thier material on to a chrome tape ! so the sound quality is brill. This is their 2nd tape. I havent heard them before this. They sound like a sort of mixed Hawkwind/ Here and Now but at the same timesound unique. Really musical-good musiciansusing synths,drums,percussion, guitars and vocals well. Lyrically right on one of my fav tracks woz "I would if I could but I can't" concerns the cruelty put upon animals ( yes you meat eaters an attack on you.)

comes complete with a booklet containing the lyrics, to the songs, how to contact the band for gigs etc and good artwork. oh yeh a free badge as well.

I'd say buy this cos its great and you will get addicted to their sound after you've played it twice.

If you have any records that you feel the rest of the world should hear about, then send them to Marcus c/o 22 Beacon Hill Holloway London N7 9LY. Or even a new band that needs gigs,send me the details.

"POGUETRY IN MOTION"

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"London Girl, A Rainy Night in Soho, The Body Of An American, Planxty Noel Hill".

London Girl - a flat dull track, where as the remainder of the record is more in line with the Pogues. A Rainy Night in Soho has strings on it, with Shane taking on quiet vocals.

The Body Of An American is the usual roudy Pogamany. My fav track here is Planxty Noel Hill a trad

styled piece of brilliant Irish music, well worth a jig around the room.



# POEMS

## A WALK ALONG THE BEACH

The sea here is sick to its stomach.  
That much is clear, despite the undoubtedly commendable (and cost effective) measures taken by the council in creating the literally cosmetic job of Littoral Beautician!

These boys, who no doubt otherwise would be unemployed, brave the stench of the morning tide to collect what the

sea has thrown up in the night.  
But even they can't hide the significant, pink, frothy line which stains the organic lumps they leave.

I'm struck with admiration though for the few strong species that still cling to the filthy coast resisting the daily chemical flow.

There's a virtue in their tenacity which exceeds mine.

I A N.

## Mags

"CRITICAL MASS" 50p from Box 6, 95 King St Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet Kent.

Loads of articles artwork and graphics. info on Stonehenge, squatters, travellers, New age gipsies, Greens /Collective Other thins , Magical, Mystical and alternative views are put forward here. A great way to exchange ideas from groups around the country- a shame that some addresses are missing

"SOUTHERN REGION CND REGISTER" 35p from S R CND ,Firdene,White Shoots, Redlyrich, Wilts SP 52 PR.  
This is the first peace mag we've been sent so I've reviwed it. A rather dull layout but some good peace related articles ie Zapping at Greenham.

"Leicester Anarchists " price ? from LAG c/o 70 High St Leicester. Loads of long articles covering the usuall issues, list of local events gigs, etc. Worth it if you live near.

"WHY VEGAN" by Kath Clements GMP Publishers Ltd Price £2.95.  
This is the best vegan book I've read to date, it puts the case forward

"BLACKSHEEP" issue No 1 20p &ssae to DAM PO BOX 'D' Mandela House University College Swansea.

This mag is well put together and in this issue covers; the apartheid, animal liberation, Wimmin The bomb, and Anarchism. Two really good articles Anarcho Pacafism, questioned how far violence/violent revolution is not going to get us very far. "In defence of Crass" a supporter of Crass questions why they are being slagged off for singing about anarchy and spreading the word. some people would not be into anarchy if it were not for bands like Crass. Its worth a read!

13th HOUSE  
"13th HOUSE" free from 13 House Greenhouse 48 Bethal St Norwich Norfolk. Encl a sae.  
Various topical articles and news sheets put together from around the country. Also includes poetry cartoons, worth while as its a usefull communication tool.

"SNARL" 25p & sae from PO BOX 8 59 Cookridge St Leeds LS2 3 AW.  
A well put together mag concerning the Animal Liberation Fronts views in the Leeds area. A brilliant potted history of happening -s and usefull info to make this type of thing happen also how to deal with the Police- surely this is worth an investment!

## BOOKS

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brilliantly with good facts and figures-some rally usefull diagrams too. It starts by looking at the worlds food and gives you the reasons why 1/2 the world is starving. It then goes on to look at Food, its politics, production and cost. Farming is looked at and questions the uptake of food for an animal (usual arguments here) except animal waste, (which I feel is necessary to put nutrients back into the soil, I know others on the collective will agree) but instead it accuses the farmers of wasting the waste and the problems with slurry. what is not questioned is organic farming. Ecological aspects - affect they have on our planet. Nutrition are looked at. The later looks into diseases caused by animal products and other health aspects. This book also looks into the exploitation of animals and meat. It finishes with useful recipes and how to bring a baby up as a vegan. On page 93 there's a useful nutrient chart, which summarizes where a vegan can obtain all their necessary nutrients from (a must to promote healthy veganism)

Once you've read this book you may end up changing your life for the better, of yourself and the planet as well as others- so dare you risk it? Its up to you!

Heres a new idea we are trying to feature a useful herb or spice to cure illnesses, so if you know of any then why not write us a bit.

## GARLIC

The world grows 2 billion kilos of garlic a year; thats 1/2 a clove of the stuff per person per day! Garlic is a good antibiotic

antiseptic and antifungal agent and also a counter to blood clotting. It works against a range of bugs that cause chest, throat, stomach and skin infections. Its the sulphur contained in garlic that causes this to happen. It has also been known to cure athlete's foot, vaginitis and candidiasis. Low doses of garlic say 1/2 a raw clove a day has a thinning affect on blood (heres where the drug industry tries to cash in) as its a good anti-clotter thus prevents internal blood clotting. But it all lies in the oil of the garlic, its natural juices produce Allicin and its this property that is good for the body. The more smellier the better- so much for the yanks and their deoderised garlic products. They are just too proud to stink in the natural way !?

## RECIPE

"VEGAN TWIX BARS (lots of lovely sugar)

Ingredients.  
12oz Granose Marg  
6oz sugar-muscarado  
12oz Flour-100% wholemeal  
6oz Cornflour/maize meal.  
warm marg sugar and flour in a bowl and rub together to make shortbread.  
cook 35 mins at gas 3.

Caramel  
8oz marg  
8oz sugar  
4 tbspoon malt/honey mix  
extract  
1/2 tin Plamii  
put together in a pan and warm, boil for 5 mins spread on warm shortbread.  
Once cool melt 8oz plain chocolate over the top.  
cut when set.

Caroline.

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JUNE 20th-22nd

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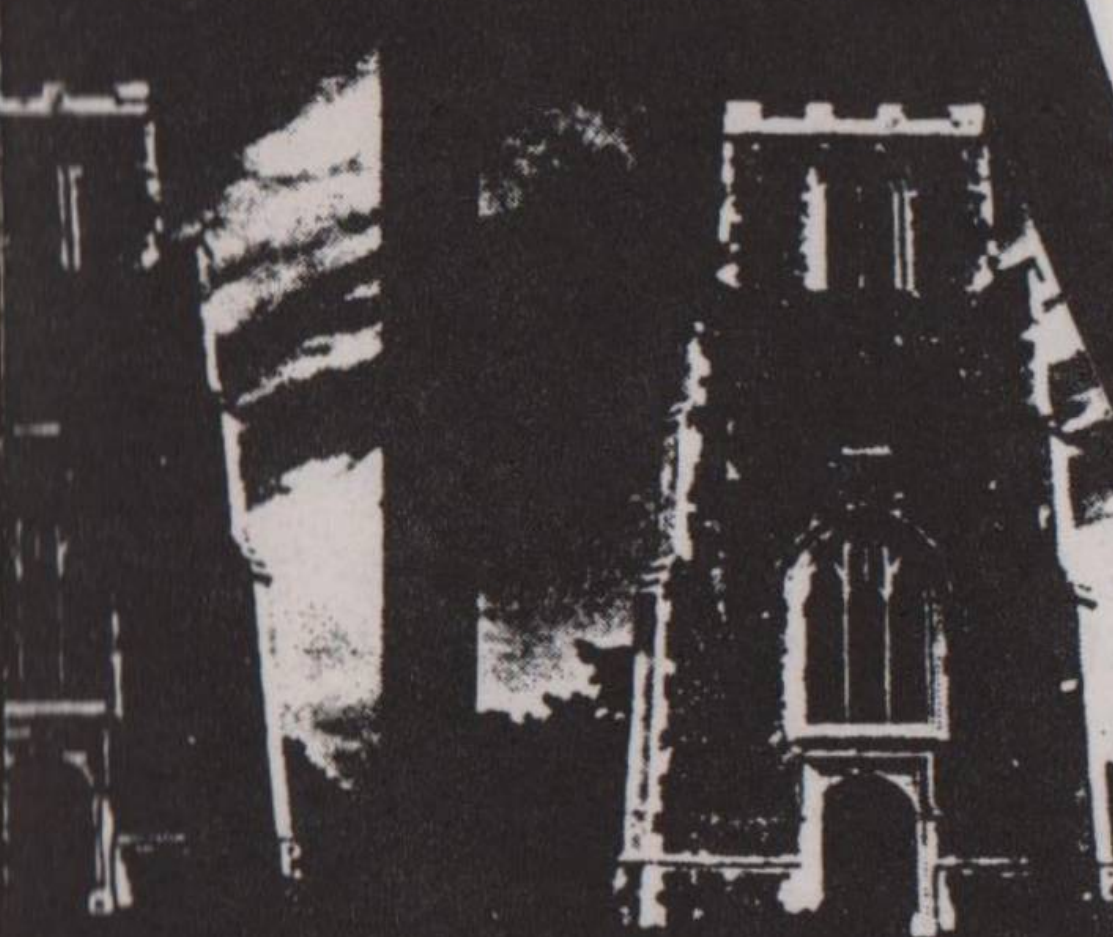
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## COUNTER CULTURE



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# LETTERS PAGE

## Sink the Sun.

Dear GA,  
I am writing in response to your article entitled 'Pieces of Silver'. I think you have made a very dubious mistake in rejecting the struggle at Wapping - your attitudes stink of an intellectual puritan, or of a self-styled elitism.

Yes, perhaps it can be argued that the print workers have helped contribute to, through their own labour, such reactionary papers as the Sun, though it must be concluded that they don't simply have that much of a say in what is actually written in the paper, although I do agree with you to some extent that this is open to some degree of justifiable criticism. But if you think that as anarchists we should abstain from active participation in the Wapping dispute, we are not only alienating ourselves from the rest of the labour movement and limiting ourselves to the familiar anarchist ghetto you seem content to stagnate in, but alienating

the people we should be trying to influence closer to our way of thinking.

It's a question of identifying the common ground that exists between us and the printworkers, after all, we all hate Murdoch. If for example say that some of the strikers are sexist or racist, it's no good running away from them, their sexism and racism must be confronted and demystified. People are more likely to get politicised through direct struggle and confrontation with the state than reading a copy of 'Green Anarchist'. Look at the miners' strike for example, whole villages and neighbourhoods were politicised when faced with violent police repression on their own doorsteps. I'm sure these people will never see the nature of the police in the same light as they may have done before. Maybe now the miners and their families can relate their experience and struggle to that of the plight of coloured youths on Broadwater Farm. After all it was the same people that were hitting them over the head are now hitting those youths and after all we share the same enemy - The Class Enemy.

Yours faithfully, Wayne Luton. @

## Oh Deer!

Dear Readers,  
Would someone please explain to me why two attacks were carried out on St Marcus butchers because they deal in venison culled from Richmond Park. Surely whoever did this had their priorities wrong. Those deer would have led a fairly free and natural existence in the Park and would have been humanely slaughtered. Comparatively, other butcher shops stock animals which have been raised in appalling conditions for profit and then barbarically slain. Do I detect a sentimental silliness about the attackers on St. Marcus butcher shop? Did they watch 'Bambi' when they were younger?

Also I'm a bit sick of the dogmatism of some animal activists. 'Meat is murder' I'm always being told. Quite right, it is; but I reserve the right of human beings to eat it if they wish. I don't personally eat it, but there are good ecological reasons for doing so. For starters man has an omnivorous digestive system. Humans fit carefully into an ecological pyramid. There is a careful balance between carnivore and herbivore. Can you imagine the catastrophe if the human race were to give up meat completely; the herbivores would multiply beyond belief, human crops would be devastated, we may well be faced with huge famines. The deer of Richmond Park would be grazing all over the ALF's vegetable patch. An increase in an herbivorous population would obviously cause

an increase in the carnivorous population which would keep it in check. Even so is it not hypocritical to have other species doing the dirty work?

Of course the modern treatment of animals is unjustifiable but please could we leave room for debate and leave dogma to our enemies.

Justin Dillon. 10 Rissington Road, Tuffley, Gloucester.

Dear Green Anarchist,  
I read in GA9 that the ALF have warned the park authorities that they would take action against the animal murderers if the November deer cull went ahead. I was rather disturbed by this, as I think that if semi-wild animals are being kept in a limited area of land, where there are no predators to keep the population stable, then it must be the responsibility of people to periodically carry out a cull. If there was never a cull the population would grow until it exceeded the numbers that the land could support, then the animals would start to die of starvation and/or disease. This would involve a lot more suffering than a careful cull carried out by professionals who know which animals are old or weak, and are able to give them a quick relatively painless death. I hope the ALF continues its good work drawing peoples' attention to the suffering involved in factory farming and vivisection.  
Yours, Alison Taylor. 'Crabapple Community', Berrington Hall, Berrington, Shrewsbury. Salop.

## 'BIGGEST BASTARD'

Dear GA,  
I don't think that the simple-minded jibes at Christianity do the paper any favours. Of course whatever power lies behind the universe must give us the option to mess up, ie. starvation, war, exploitation. What quality would life have without freewill. It would be impossible to enjoy life without the possibility of also suffering. Incidentally the bible does in fact warn against usury, an old word for lending money at interest, ie. the very basis of a capitalist economy! OK, so Christianity has been bought out by the state and produced an establishment church, but don't throw the good out with the bad. Instead of slagging off God (whatever that is?) we should point out the radical ideas behind Christianity.

Love and Liberation, Patrick.  
107 Boulevard, Hull, E Yorks.

Dear GA,  
Although I largely agree with your 'Biggest Bastard' poster, I thought it was ruined by its diverse, simplistic and misleading style and presentation. It's quite true that religion has been used to maintain the exploitation of the poor etc. The same can be said of art and education. However this does not mean for a moment that art and education in themselves are bad. Religion, like art and education, is an essential part of every society and can be as much used to promote justice and freedom as their opposites. (How else do you explain the anabaptists, the diggers, Tolstoy and Gandhi.) Just as most anarchists are at pains to point out that the opposition to government does not mean opposition to organisation itself, why don't we also stop making the confusion between the corrupt, institutionalised churches with their distorted teaching and the existence of a spiritual dimension of life. I find it quite sad that 'Green Anarchist', a mag I thought might have the courage to break down some of the old anarchist dogmas, still feels it has to lay down and perpetuate repressive beliefs. I mean, how many anarchists out there have experienced the spirituality of life but are scared of admitting it because it is not 'right on'.  
Yours in Christian Anarchy,  
Roger Hallam. 11a St. Quintin Ave, London. W 10.

Dear GA,  
Please don't persecute the Christians any more - you know how they enjoy it. And as the Romans learnt to their cost, it only encourages them.  
Pablo.

## Dear Scunge,

Dear GA,  
Whilst I agree with the gentleman describing himself as Scunge, the Acid God (Arf! Arf!) that applying blanket rules of behaviour to individual needs smacks of particularly narrow and self-righteous authoritarianism - especially something as silly as prohibition of drink - I can see no reason for him to describe this as nihilism and assume the same hectoring self-righteous tone (to the point of describing anarchists as "Naive kiddies") that he condemns in others.

If he still remains committed to ecology, animal and human rights etc, how different is he from those he condemns? If he isn't and is a genuine nihilist (a nothing-ist, believing in nothing, including himself) then do we think that shooting up and ripping people off is really a model we 'naive kiddies' think worth emulating or even respecting. Certainly not worth GA. giving blanket acceptance of his opinions and then advocating censorship - which is not only reactionary but also rubs out the better points Scunge makes.  
Yours for world-wide personal freedom, P.N. Rogers. 9 St. Michaels Rd, Bedford.

## Gay, green and angry.

Dear GA,  
What's all this anti-pig propaganda you perpetuate in your mag. Pigs are much better behaved than any member of the 'public protection' forces. Let's see a little less speciesism and a little more commitment, in support of the cleansing department, sweep the filth from our streets, for filth is what they are, no more, no less. Important note - Who the hell is Jesmond pp God, does his/her divinity deny him/her the ability to understand the meaning of the word BIGOT. Linking Lesbians and Gays in the same mould as crooks and fascists is highly offensive, accentuated by his/her unacceptable use of a word that in my dictionary describes a 'cultivated species of violet'. I am surprised at GA even permitting this word to be printed, as you admit to a censure policy, not all people are socially responsible Anarchists. It is about time a little more consideration was extended to a community so long oppressed, and less credence given to spiritual pervers, such as Jesmond pp God. However much dislike he/she and people like him/her may have for the Lesbian and Gay community, we are here to stay, not to accept with bowed heads the gratuitous liberalism of ignorant heterosexuals, but to stand proud in our right to express our affections as we wish. Let him/her join the Conservative party. The Green Movement can do well without his/her kind of spiritual poverty. Together in Resistance, Lee Williams. for the Lesbian and Gay Green Group.

# COMING UP

1st of June

The walk/carnival starts. route is London-Windsor-Burghfield-Aldermaston-.....aim to arrive at exclusion zone 14 June. working group will meet at 2 A Goldington Cresc N.W.3 on 27th of March & 5th of April at 3 pm.

June 1th

Stonehenge free festival ??

June 2nd

Summer solstice.

6th June

Alan Albon speaking at Mary Ward centre on Walter Segal's self-building ideas.

12-13 th of June mines not missiles  
Aylesham Kent contact Roger, Canterbury, 459676

July 12. Beach Party. Botany Bay, Kings gate. Music, stalls. Info: Zoe, Thanet 583467 or Critical Mass, 95 King St. Ramsgate. Isle of Thanet.

A secret Anarchist picnic/demo against media somewhere in London is being organised for royal wedding day (July 23), listen in to grapevine for details. (Airstrip One Liberation Army) contact BOX 19, 17 Chatham st. Reading ..

green group and Anarchist group one day festival in Slough.

8-10th of August Torpedo town festival -against the new underwater weapons factory at Brambles farm take A23 from London to Culston left under rail bridge after town up 2nd right hand road to farthing downs left at welcoms tea rooms down ski slope to happy valley.

4th of Oct. 2nd annual Bedfordshire magic mushroom picnic at the sandpit aspley health/part of woburn woods/beds.

At the Mary Ward Centre:  
April 18. Andy Brown. What Libertarian Socialism is?.  
April 25. Mia Moseley. Anarchism; Theory and practice.  
May 9th. Cris Draper. Libertarian Education.