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GOD'S MESSENGER'S  
OR HELL'S ANGELS?



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## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

This letter appeared in 'Strangled', the Strangler's fanzine and was the cause of us all starting 'Sense'.

"The only thing that's worrying me more and more about the state of our country right now is that dread, and ever more prevalent disease - APATHY. I have had first hand experience of this myself, because only a few weeks ago I was in danger of getting the same way myself - of letting myself slide under, waving goodbye to my own ideals and getting washed along with the predictable masses. Then I thought 'sod this' if I have got to exist here then I'm bloody well not going to sink like the rest! So where does that get me?

For two years I was on the committee of my local Trade Union. I thought that being on the inside was the only way to get things altered. I tell you - that proverbial brick wall had never seemed harder than when I was sitting through frustrating meetings listening to absolute drivel, and getting blank stares or embarrassed looks when I put my two penn'orth. I came off the committee this year with a total sense of disillusionment. In hindsight maybe I shouldn't have left, but I couldn't change things on my own. You've got to change things from the inside - but you need muscle - by sheer weight of numbers. A lot of people are putting ads in 'Strangled' saying they want to write to people - well, I'd like to hear from you, because I'm bloody sure I'm not the only one thinking like this. I think we're all lacking the communication - what are you all doing? You've got to make your own statement - whether you support C.N.D, or Amnesty International or The Prisoners' Rights Association or if your just saving the poor bloody whale. Perhaps you just want a job ( a tough one that - miracles are hard to work, especially against M.T's government) Okay, maybe I sound like an idealist - but sure as hell, things only get worse if we sit on our arses all day and moan. Let's all get up and at least have one great big collective moan - it's a start. By supporting the Strangers it's a step in the right direction - making a statement about how we feel and think. I don't want to exist - I want to live and I'm the only one that can do anything about that.

How about you ?

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GN7 - 3NZ  
SURREY

Aldo Moro was a guy,  
People said that he did lie,  
Some people came to him one day,  
And blew his b.....g head off.  
Marmaduke

There was a man called Geoffrey Howe,  
He said 'let's have a budget now',  
He put up the price of booze and fags  
The b.....d.  
Marmaduke

## PROTEST GROUP

A brand new movement to replace  
the old,  
(That died a lonely death  
when the excitement had gone  
and nobody cared anymore)  
Springs up and is alive  
With brand new ideas  
Formed from the reconstituted  
Remains of the old worn ideas.  
People listen for a while,  
Are filled again by the old excitement  
But lose their zeal,  
Are drawn away  
By the attraction  
Of the security  
Of not thinking. by Richard Evans.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE

This is a very nice idea isn't it ? Abraham Lincoln said that but no one seems to have bothered listening to him, they all say they do, of course, but that's because they need the votes.

Let's take a look at our government. Thatcher carries on with her suicidal policies regardless of what the people think. She seems to forget that she is in a privileged position and she should respect the people who put her there.

If, as she and others before her claim that Britain is a democratic and christian country why aren't the views of the minorities respected, why are some people thought of as being better than others just because they have money.

Why do certain high ranking officials have fallout shelters while we, the ordinary mortals whom they exploit just get burnt to a crisp if there is a nuclear war. I thought that Britain wasn't a fascist country but this certainly seems like preservation of the master race to me.

If the government does serve the people why does it purchase arms which will only lead to the destruction of the people - such as the cruise missiles. Is it because the American government wants them to ? Is it because Mrs Thatcher delights in seeing people die ? Is it to maintain the nuclear deterrent ? If the last case is true then where will it all end ? Both sides will say that the others have more weapons thus enabling them to increase theirs, until someone presses the red button. Is this democratic ? Is this christian ? No it's greed. It's the pathetic state that our society is in. What are we going to do to stop it ?

WON'T GET FOOLED AGAIN!

Margeret Thatcher gave us promises of more money and then failed to do so. Then along came Michael Foot, he is doing the same, generally picking policies that are anti-Thatcher, he's using the C.N.D stand to gain votes. This is what the labour party did in the 1960's, but they didn't get rid of nuclear weapons did they.

Foot is giving us promises of more money but doing it from a socialist point of view. The public seem to think that if we're rich then everything is O.K. We could be the richest country in the world but it would still be in a mess. More money isn't going to rid us of the infringements on personal freedom or the bitching. More money is just going to make people more apathetic.

We don't offer you economic stability, we are offering you the chance to get your priorities right. It's people that matter - not money.

The title of this article is 'Wont get fooled again' which is a song by 'the Who', the last two lines of the song are :

"Meet the new boss  
Same as the old boss"

You'll see.

"HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO ARE MEEK FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT WARS, HUNGER AND MATERIALISM"

### SUS

In the last year or so there have been discussions on whether the police have the right to arrest people on suspicion of having committed or intending to commit a crime.

This means that people can be stopped in the street, searched and even arrested just for being suspected of a crime. There are two arguments on the question of Sus.

The first is that it takes away the persons freedom to walk the streets in peace. If a boy for example was carrying a bag down the street and the police suspected that he had some stolen property in the bag, they could stop and search him. If they are fairly certain that he has stolen something, even if they had no solid evidence, then they can arrest him on suspicion. This is a drawback as the person who has been arrested may be innocent.

On the other hand if you were walking down the street and someone attacked you, if you could remember any distinguishing marks on the person then you could report what had happened to a policeman.

Later on if the policeman saw someone who resembled the man who attacked you then he could arrest the man on suspicion, there is always a chance that this man is the culprit.

If Sus was not in operation then it is quite probable that the man would have got away unpunished.

It is up to you to make up your own mind whether you think that Sus should be able to be enforced or not.

As a final point on the question of Sus, in the United Nations leaflet which is called 'Universal Declaration Of Human Rights' article nine says "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile".

### THE POLICE — OUR SCAPEGOATS

In our present day society crime figures are escalating with more robberies, rapes and murders than ever before.

People are afraid to go out on to the streets at night for fear that they will get mugged. Because of this people want to see something get done and fast, so when nothing really solid gets done they start looking for a scapegoat.

The poor b..... who get it in the neck for this are our police who are arguably the finest in the world. Alright, so there are reports of people getting beaten up whilst in custody. This does not mean that if you are held in custody you will be beaten up. As usual it is just the minority who give them a bad name and for this the good police are crucified.

The policemen that I have met seem quite nice guys, but the public get corrupted into thinking that they are out to cause as much trouble as possible. Part of the blame for this can go on television which depicts the police as people to be hated.

They even get insulted. They are called 'pigs', 'fuzz' and the 'Old bill' etc.

We should learn that the police are here for our protection. Where would we be without them? e.g at a football match, if a fight breaks out or on traffic patrol. They are always willing to risk their neck's to protect us from danger and all people seem to do in return is slag them off.

We must realise our police forces real value. They are a necessary part of our society and we must respect them for this.

## OUR PENAL SYSTEM

We live in what is supposed to be a civilised, humane society which has a caring attitude towards its members, but this is often not the case when society deals with those who have broken the rules. This is mainly because many people have remarkably uncivilised and irrational attitudes towards those in our penal establishments, the way they should be dealt with and the reasons for them being dealt with in this manner, and in fact the British judicial and penal systems are based upon these attitudes.

Under the British system the three main motives for punishing a criminal seem to be for revenge, for a deterrent and for the protection of society, none of which can have any real justification in a civilised country.

Revenge is negative, it does not solve problems but often creates them (the constant retaliation killings in Northern Ireland for example) it has no practical use in a rational society as its only purpose is a selfish one, that is, it brings a form of satisfaction to certain individuals at the expense of another human being.

The idea of punishment acting as a deterrent to potential criminals is not as useful as it might seem. Although a few individuals may be deterred the vast amount of criminals do not expect to be caught and punished for their crimes and so are not bothered by the fact that others have been. In any case it is not possible to justify punishment as a form of deterrence because it involves forcing a human being to suffer, not because of what he or she has done but in order to stop others doing something.

On this basis, then, the person is being used for a purpose unrelated to the crime he or she was originally sentenced for, and this in itself is criminal and immoral.

Many criminals, if left in society, would harm it to an even greater degree and so it is necessary for society to be given some form of protection from them, but this does not mean that they should be treated in an inhumane manner, suffer degradation or be denied any of their basic human rights.

Certain people do, obviously, have to be confined, but this is not really necessary for many others. Methods of keeping prisoners in order without the use of continual confinement in a cell have been tried and found to be successful in many progressive countries such as Sweden.

There is only one other possible motive then for punishment, and that is reform. This is the only motive that can be morally justified as its purpose is to help the criminal fit back into society.

## WHO CARES ?

Watching telly, Tom and Jerry,  
Mickey Mouse, the Playschool house,  
What's outside? Couldn't care less,  
From rumours I hear I suppose it's a mess,  
But things will sort themselves out I guess,  
As I haven't the time to help a world in distress.

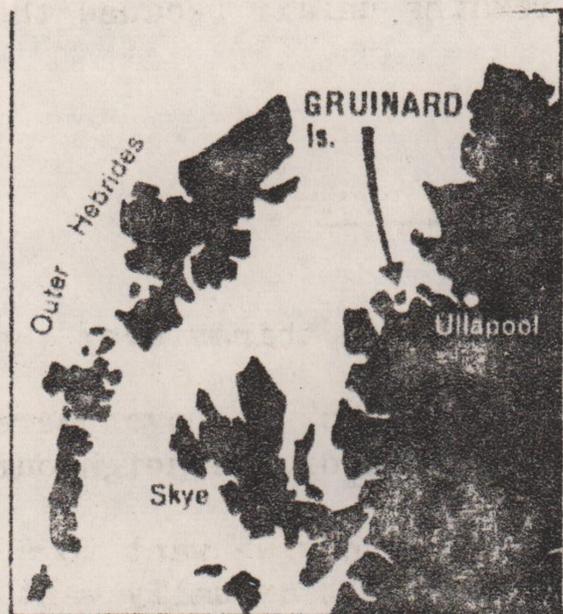
## ANTHRAX - THE BIG THREAT

During the second World War the British government conducted a top secret germ warfare experiment with Anthrax on the Scottish Island of Gruinard. The horrific, yet successful (for whom?) results have contaminated the island with spores for, perhaps the next thousand years.

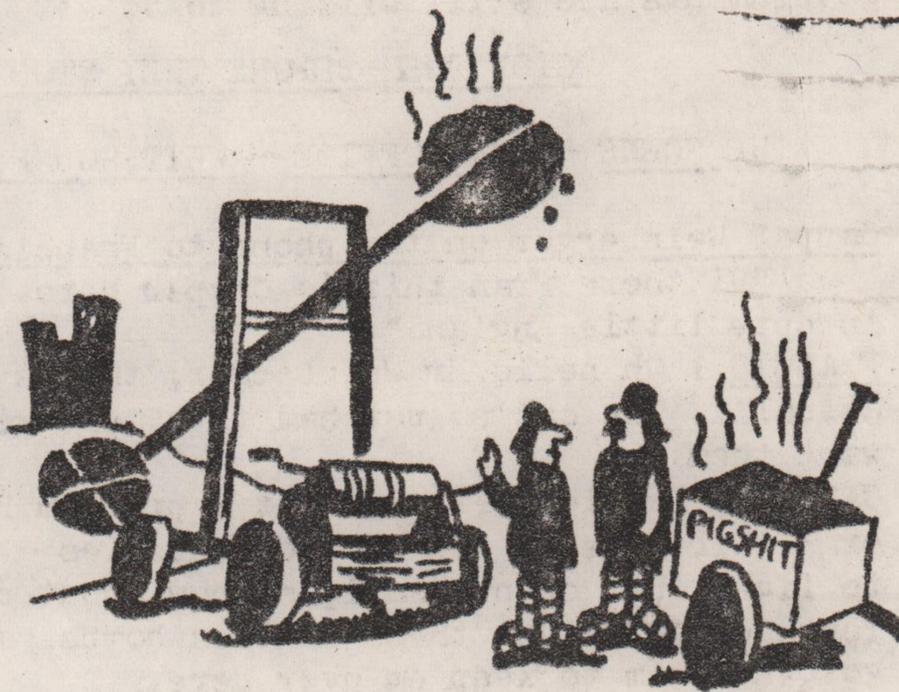
The government scientists exploded the bomb carrying the spores whilst the wind was blowing out to sea and away from the mainland. If the wind had changed direction whilst those spores were settling then they would have been carried overland and a lot of us wouldn't be alive today as Britain would have had an Anthrax epidemic.

The sheer lunacy of exploding such a lethal weapon in such dangerous conditions is a classic example of the hypocrisy of world leaders. They were willing to risk a plague when they had no specific reason to do so. That people are willing to take the chance on inflicting such pain on each other and declare themselves the victors afterwards is a crime.

A lot of you may agree that the experiment was an unnecessary risk and totally wrong, so why do we allow the government to place nuclear power stations on the mainland with the equally dangerous risks they bring.



Gruinard Island: "I'd like to get my hands on the bloody fool who thought of using it for such a purpose . . ."



"It's called chemical warfare"

## COMMON SENSE ?

If, as we are told, this is a free country why should people be forced to do anything. It does not make sense to enforce ideals on others. It does not make sense to insult peoples names or physical characteristics. It makes no sense to fight wars, to beat up blacks, to beat up Jews, to beat up anyone. Yet we still do it.

If humans were civilised as we claim to be as a race, then we would only do things which are sensible. Being nice to each other is sensible because it makes life easier. Letting people decide whether or not they want to join a union, not making them do it, makes sense because if people were sensible the woman who got sacked for not joining the union would be a lot happier.

Think of all the unhappy people made so by senseless violence. Next time you hit someone or insult someone just think how stupid you've been.

## PROTEST AND SURVIVE

Top secret documents stolen by the Russians from NATO were released to the press in January to stop Britain from installing cruise missiles.

Among NATO's plans, if a war should arise, there would be the possibility of biological and chemical warfare being brought into play. There is another document which appeared in E.P. Thompson's booklet 'Protest and Survive' (which I highly recommend. It can be obtained from most good bookshops).

"The Alliance should plan to maintain an adequate conventional defence as long as necessary to negotiate an acceptable peace. If not successful in achieving its aims with conventional forces, NATO will employ nuclear weapons as necessary."

Document (NATO secret) DPC/D/74/30 Appendix B, Item 1

This is supposed to be for our protection. Well it seems to me as though there isn't going to be much left to protect after NATO and the Warsaw Pact have been at us.

Notice how all the major fighting is going to be done in Europe. It's Russia and the United States who'll send in all the major arms but they're not going to get their land blown to bits.

It's the same with governments, they get all the nuclear shelters but the people who do the actual dirty work for the governments get blown to kingdom come. Whether it happens or not it remains unfair because the governments are still willing to do it.

## STOP THEM BEFORE THEY STOP YOU

### THE SCENE - OVAL OFFICE - WHITEHOUSE, WASHINGTON D.C.

Caspar Weinberger on the phone to Francis Pym

"Hi there Fran this is Caspar here. Hey look, how's things over there in cute little England".

FRANCIS : Oh hello. Mr Weinberger, things aren't going too well over here actually. The cat's just had five more kittens and none of the neighbours want them.

CASPAR : Hey look Fran we got a problem here. You know how we want to - er - 'liberate' a few of those Ruskies - er well we don't actually want to fight them on our soil, so how about us doing it over there in Europe? You know we've got these neutron bombs, and, frankly, Francis we just aint got the room to keep em over here.

FRANCIS : Well I don't think the people will be too pleased about that and I can't foresee a situ-

CASPAR : Look Fran, let me put it this way. If you don't let us put our bombs on your soil and if we don't get to fight this next war on European soil we'll withdraw all economic support from the U.K. and you'll be out of a job. So as you can see you'd be far better off just doing what we say.

FRANCIS : Since you put it like that well how could I refuse. I'll ring Giscard right now and see what he says. I'm sure he will agree to your viewpoint.....

And I remember people asking why the American elections were shown on British television.

IT DOESN'T CONCERN US - THEY SAID

### A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

I hate the image the press have given to the wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana, they make it out to be the most important thing happening in the world, which it may be, but only to their family and friends.

I do not hate the royal family because they are royals, they cannot help that, just as some cannot help being black or having big eyes or whatever. What I do dislike is their apathy and willingness to fit into the situation they have been put in. The way that they accept the best in everything whilst they go about giving these moralistic speeches, it is total hypocrisy. They are speaking out against themselves and are to blind to notice it.

I disagree with the idea of a royal family as it is a kind of facism to think that some family is better than another because of its wealth. I think that the royal family should be given less and less importance and eventually taken out of the public eye as it only helps to perpetuate the suicidal system which has brought us to our present shameful state.

It sets standards by letting the media control it and present it so that they can make money.

### MAGIC MUSHROOMS

Oh have you seen the mushroom cloud,  
It's hanging in the sky,  
Hurry to your shelter,  
Or you'll find you'll die,  
It's solved our small job problem,  
And starvation too,  
Isn't it amazing  
What science lets us do ?  
There's people with their skins burnt off  
And cancer -- oh what fun !  
Their legs are fused together  
so it's difficult to run,  
And when you hear the sirens wail  
Here's what you must do,  
(it's nice to know the government  
is taking care of you)  
Hide underneath the table  
and wrap yourself in foil,  
Then you'll see a flash of light,  
And feel your body boil,  
Now how do you fancy dying,  
Theres such a choice for you,  
Burnt to death? irradiated? and leukaemia too,  
What a lot of bodies, rotting on the ground.  
And at the gates of heaven, there's millions queuing round,  
Well earth was overcrowded,  
So someone had to die,  
It justifies the mushroom cloud  
That's hanging in the sky.

by Tracey Toulouse.

THE CURSE OF THE GLOVED HAND

Clarence and Penelope were driving in his vintage Hirondelet to meet Penelope's parents as Clarence wanted to ask her father's permission to marry Penelope.

Why Clarence would want to marry Penelope was a mystery for Penelope was, quite frankly, ugly. She was almost as blind as a bat, had two large front teeth, a laugh reminiscent of that of a hysterical pig and had two large ears which protruded from her head completely ruining any chance she had of ever looking beautiful.

Intellectually speaking, Penelope was about as interesting as a brick. Though many thousands of pounds had been spent by her father and mother on her education at the best private schools in England, she remained impressively boring. Perhaps this was what Clarence liked about her. Two people had never been more perfectly matched.

Clarence too had been educated in England's finest private schools. Clarence too was an irrepressible bore. Physically, he was skinny, chinless and had a lisp.

"I thay Penelope" he said as they drove along in the glorious summer sunshine, "do you think your parenth will like me?"

"Well Clarence, I can't see why not" she replied in her nauseatingly piercing voice.

"I mean after all you are - My God what on earth's that". She screeched to a halt pointing to a huge black van fifty yards ahead of them.

"Good Lord, it lookth like a huge black van" Clarence remarked observantly.

"I know that Clarence, but why is it blocking the road, I think it's frightfully annoying."

"Well I'm jolly well going to get out and athk them", and Clarence strode out of the car and walked the distance to the van looking as threatening as a skinny, chinless man with a lisp could. As he reached the cab of the van he shouted;

"I thay, what on earth ith the meaning of all thith?"  
A huge and hideously deformed arm reached out of the cab and smashed Clarence on the head.

"Cretin" uttered a voice.

Back at the car Penelope's mind was trying to register what was going on. After discovering that her boyfriend had been rendered unconscious by a strange black shape, she screamed.

The strange black shape wondered what was happening when he heard the scream. It went right through him making him clutch his ears in agony.

"I knew kidnapping this one was going to be bad, but not this bad" he said resignedly and bounded up to the car, snatched Penelope, bounded back to the van, threw her in and bounded back up to the driver's seat.

"You boulder" screamed a voice from the back.

WHO IS THIS EVIL, DARK FIEND ?

WILL PENELOPE ESCAPE HIS VILLAINOUS CLUTCHES ?

WILL CLARENCE HEROICALLY RESCUE PENELOPE ?

For the answers to all these questions and many more read the next episode of the;

### C.N.D

I used to believe that C.N.D. was some sort of fashionable group that students and hippies belonged to. I am a soldier and I had little chance of changing this view because we are not encouraged to take an interest in current social and political trends.

As I grew up I became more and more disillusioned with the army. I began to take more interest in news and current affairs, if only to keep in touch with the outside world. I began to feel strongly against nuclear weapons especially as I grew older and hopefully wiser.

After two and a half years in the army I made my views known. I told them I wished to work towards Nuclear Disarmament. I am now awaiting discharge from the army for what I believe in.

So you can see anyone can take an interest in C.N.D. even an ordinary soldier.

You hear the case for nuclear weapons in the media all of the time. Even if you feel that you don't agree with nuclear disarmament, why not hear our side of the argument.

Write to C.N.D. and ask for information at;

C.N.D.

11, Goodwin Street

London N4 3HQ

### GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

God save the Queen while  
the rest of us die,

Killed by the fire that  
falls from the sky,

God save the Queen in her  
reinforced shelter,

While the rest are dissolved  
by the nuclear melter,

Burned to a cinder  
in the name of liberty,

Well at least we'll still have royalty!

Britain who have sat back and allowed themselves to be used.

The build up to this event has been intense. Both sides have been interfering with nations all over the world for many years, and now a clash of interests in the Middle East has led to total mistrust between them. There is an incredible amount of fire power available to both sides, thanks to apathy and total lack of interest by people everywhere.

So let battle commence. It's the Americans who move first, they've used a newly developed laser to blackout the Russian defence system without their knowledge. A dirty trick by ex-cowboy turned President, Reagan. He hasn't even consulted his 'ALLIES' in NATO.

We've just heard, a fault in the American computerised defence system has caused the launching of two nuclear warheads against Russia. The Russians have no warning, Kiev is destroyed, thousands are killed and maimed for the cause of liberty. The Russians retaliate, thousands more are killed and America seems crippled. Will this be an early victory? No what's this? From his shelter Reagan has launched cruise missiles from Britain. Thatcher asks for a region but Reagan ignores his Tory puppets.

All Britains major cities are destroyed in an offensive. The Queen and Margaret Thatcher issue messages of 'Don't panic' from their shelters.

Meanwhile several of the Russian missiles were defective and have crashed in Europe. Destruction is everywhere. The result of this first ever missile throwing competition is declared a draw.

### THE INTER CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE THROWING COMPETITION

The scene is earth, the year is 1984. It's time for the first ever inter continental ballistic missile throwing championship. This is a running commentary, perhaps the last running commentary of all time.

It's the all American heroes of the U.S.A led by Ronald Reagan versus the U.S.S.R, the murderers of millions for the cause of socialism.

U.S.A are being helped by the weak minded people of Great

## BUREAUCRACY

Max Weber, who was an expert on the subject of bureaucracy said that it is a way of working in the most efficient manner. He said that the main characteristics of bureaucracy are divisions of labour and a hierarchical structure of officials.

In this way each official in the hierarchy is allocated his own task and is controlled by the official above him. This ensures that things run smoothly and also makes formal channels of communication from the board, down the ladder to the less important people.

Weber believed that this was the best way of doing things as it is the most rational way of getting jobs done, he said that it is technically superior because of its precision, speed, continuity, operation and calculability. It is also an indestructible system of relationships.

This concept of working together in an orderly manner may work out fine for the management but it can be a different matter when it comes to dealing with people.

There are two rigidly set outlines about what can pass through each part of the bureaucracy. Each person has his or her own job to do. This means that the 'service' does not communicate with the customer on a personal basis.

An example of this is if a person applies for a bus or rail pass. They complete a form which is sent to the appropriate official for a decision. If the person comes within the categories to which passes are allowed to be given then he receives one even if he has offended the official in any way.

On the other hand if he is not within the categories to which passes are allowed to be given then he is not given one, even if the official is one of his relatives.

These rules ensure uniformity, rational decisions and efficiency but what good is it all if the service is lacking because it does not consider the case properly as people working on their own would.

If, for example the allocation of passes was decided by one person, then he would take into account any factors which are against the person getting a pass and this could influence his decision.

For example a man may live a few hundred yards outside the boundary for bus pass distribution but may be disabled in some way. The official might then reconsider his decision because the man may not be very mobile whereas in a bureaucracy he would just be another person who they do not care about.

It would be almost impossible to get rid of bureaucracy but at least the system could try and talk to the people as human beings and not as pieces of paper.

## KITCHENS

You wave from the window, you see the kids leave home,  
You wander into your kitchen,  
You pick up the dishes, your mind it makes wishes  
Of holidays far away.  
Dress like this and be our little girl,  
Now you're normal step into our world,  
Dress like this for the party tonight  
You can get smashed - then when you see the light:  
Go wandering from room, to room, to room, to room  
Making all the beds, sweeping with your broom,  
While away the hours, maybe take a shower  
Listen to a show, the kids will soon be home,  
The kids will soon be home. Soon to wander into their own kitchens.  
by Richard Evans.

## NO FUTURE

Britain is a mess. Everywhere around me I see signs of materialistic decay.

Switch on the television and we get the same advertising lines year in year out. Turn on the radio and listen to Radio One telling us that they are the happy station. We don't have a playlist they say - but they still censor records. Democracy?

I go to the centre of Manchester and into the 'modern' Arndale Centre. All the shops are nice and plastic, so is the music and so are the shop assistants. The advertisers force the new fashions on people to keep them happy. Whatever fashion you follow it's just a joke because somewhere there is an advertising executive screwing you for every penny you've got. Punks go off to buy their bondage trousers and the firms get richer and the public are happy.

I walk into school and get taught things that are only important for one thing - money.

Politicians tell me that I should vote for them, 'we'll make you rich and happy'. Oh yes, that certainly is a great political principle isn't it?

Everywhere I go I meet APATHY. The great British public don't seem to care what happens to them. Everyone is afraid to make their own statement because their friends will laugh at them. If they were real friends you wouldn't have to worry. Most are just like society i.e PLASTIC.

Propaganda is always here, war or not. In peacetime it's about money because they've got it into everybody's heads that it's the most important thing going. They do it through the press and television whether they control them or not, because all the media wants is money and so the public get this twisted idealism off them too.

What sort of people control your future? Are they nice? Do they care? They are the sort that start a nuclear war and make us fight.

They tell us to hide in underwear while they hide in concrete. They're the type who can wipe out Europe in twenty five minutes because that's how clever they are. They are the type that will make money when the mutants crawl out from the ruins to have their beloved leaders rebuild their country again.

'This won't happen cry the public' we'll be nice and have a new and better world. Everyone will be rich and happy.

If a war doesn't get this planet money will. The weapons will get deadlier, the fashions will get more expensive, more radio, more television and more lies. The people will say 'look how civilised we are because we think a piece of paper is worth more than a human mind. Let's go and teach this to some poor savage in the Amazon jungle.

If people carry on like this they have had it. There will be no way out for them because they are ignorant of the lies around them.

People have no courage to stand up against the system and so will get nowhere. What is the system? It is a bunch of liars and cheats who think only of themselves.

We've shown you how they treat you and you should do something about it. Don't give in to corruption. Believe in yourself and do not blindly accept what you are told.

ARE YOU GOING TO LET LIARS AND CHEATS RUN YOUR LIFE

NO!

## RISKS VERSUS FREEDOM

We are all at risk from the moment we are born, to the moment we die. It is as much of a gamble to cross the road as it is to fly the Atlantic.

Some people fly in the face of fear and deliberately choose occupations or hobbies or sports that could conceivably be actively dangerous to life and limb. Of course, not everyone has the ambition to scale Everest, or hang-glide, or downhill skiing.

Some people who would maybe like to indulge in more dangerous or more exciting occupations do not have the opportunity to try them, because they are locked up in jails, hospitals or mental institutions, or their own fear. Each person has a choice.... Most people have a choice?..... Well, okay, some of us have a choice.

I find unacceptable the fact that some people in this world are giving us no choice at all. There are many people who are taking unjustifiable risks with the lives of millions of others.

WHAT PRICE FREEDOM ?

HOW FREE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ?

AND WOULD YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT ? - IF YOU WERE GIVEN THE CHANCE THAT IS.

### IAN

A friend in the Army  
Whom people thought barmy  
Was unhappy with his lot

Although it was the norm  
To wear a uniform  
When asked to wear his - he would not

The S.I.B. came along  
Said "Look here son, you are wrong  
Not to conform to our ideas"

But he stuck by his own beliefs  
Read 'Strangled' - backed C.N.D.  
And got out before his three years.

by Maureen Harrington.

(I should feel very proud if I were  
labelled a 'conscientious objector')

### APATHY ONE TO NINE

I don't want to get involved,  
They know best  
What's it got to do with me?  
(Apathy one two and three)

Let it alone,  
They'll find a fix,  
Leave it a while until the answer  
clicks  
(Apathy four, five and six)

I couldn't be bothered  
I haven't the time,  
The problem is yours not mine.  
(Apathy seven, eight and nine)

by Nigel Marsh.

## THE DETERRENT ?

Isn't it sickening that the government can cut spending on hospitals, schools and public services, force millions on the dole and still spend 7000 million pounds on new submarines. Does the government care more for weapons of mass destruction than it does for its own people?

They are allowing the Americans to site 160 cruise missiles in Britain making us an obvious target. We are told that they act as a deterrent. Why are they aimed at Russian missile silo's? Why has NATO said they would be prepared to use nuclear weapons first? That sounds more like provocation than deterrent.

The defence white paper itself says that;

"We have no reason to believe that the present Soviet leaders are deliberately planning to attack NATO."

So what is there to deter against then ?

Now for the old recruiting bit. If you believe what we say is right then write to us and let us know because we would like as much support as possible as we have ideas for stronger outbursts (strictly non violent) of our beliefs in the future. At the moment we want to get as many people to know about us as possible.

Please don't just sit about and nod in agreement thinking that we don't stand a chance against the world's system, believe in yourself! Get up and do something!

If you want to write anything for the magazine or wish to point out something that you feel is important, do so because it's your future as well as ours.

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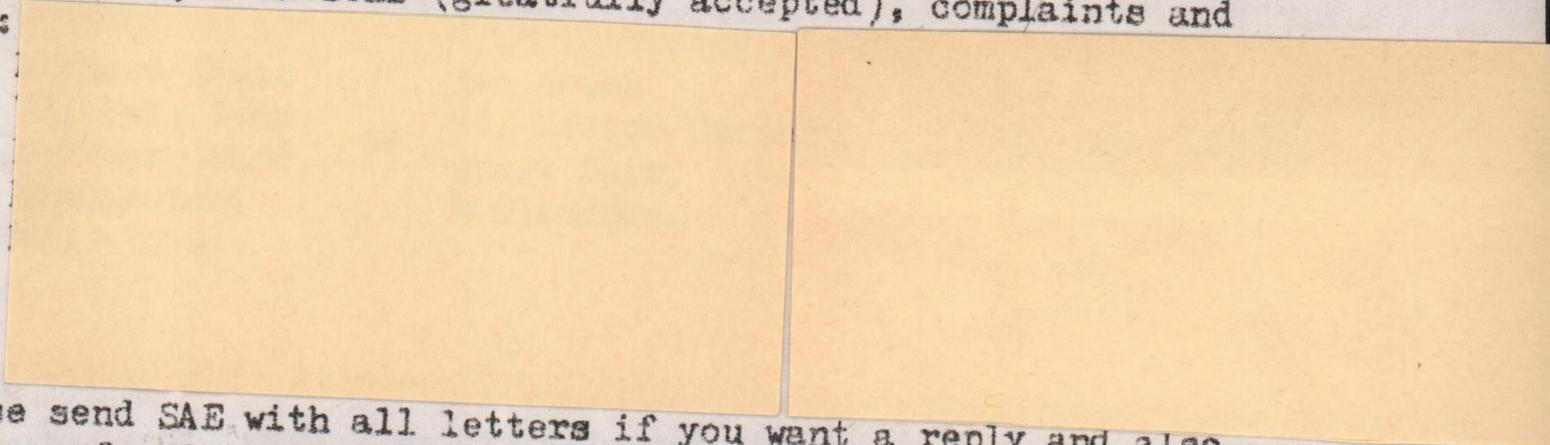
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I MEAN! WHAT THE  
HELL DO WE DO  
NOW?!