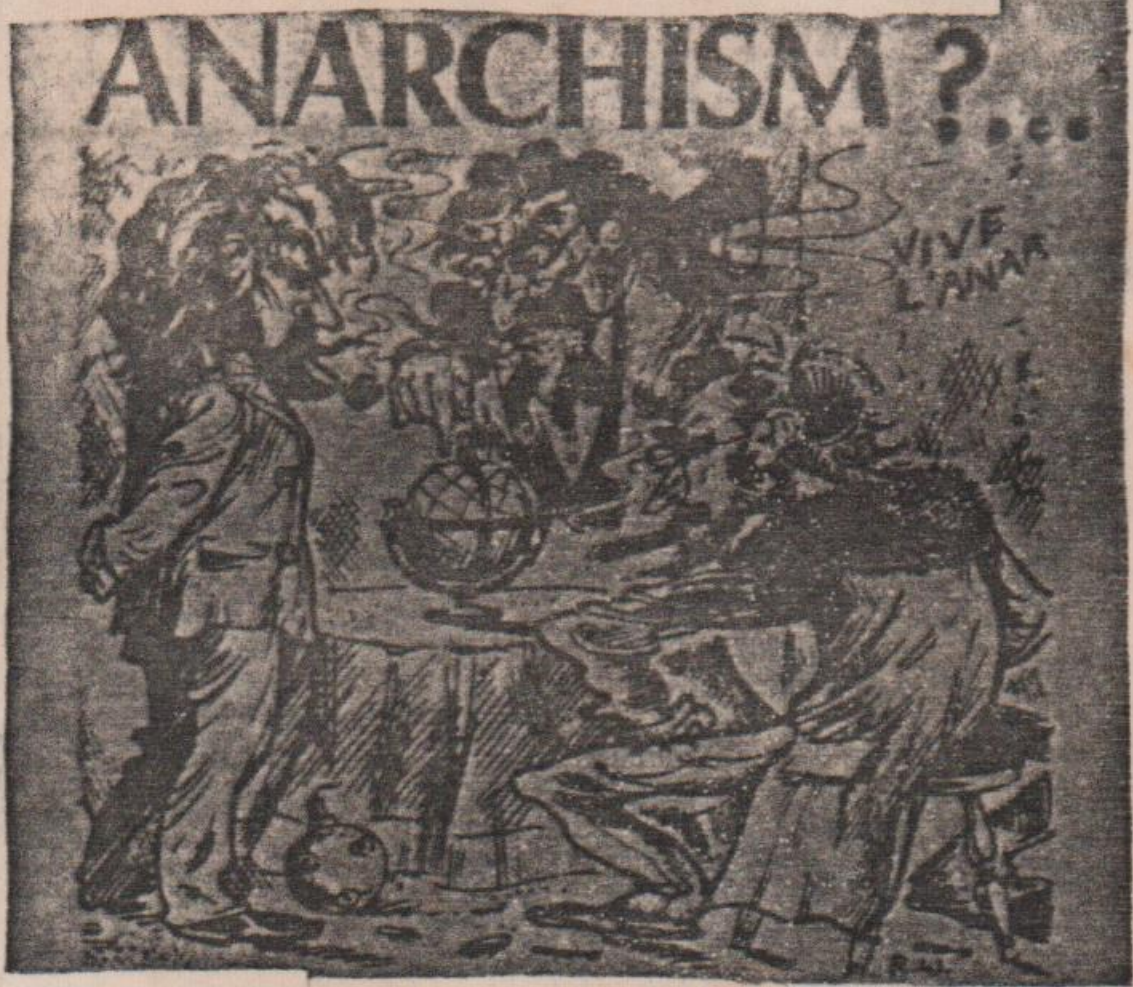


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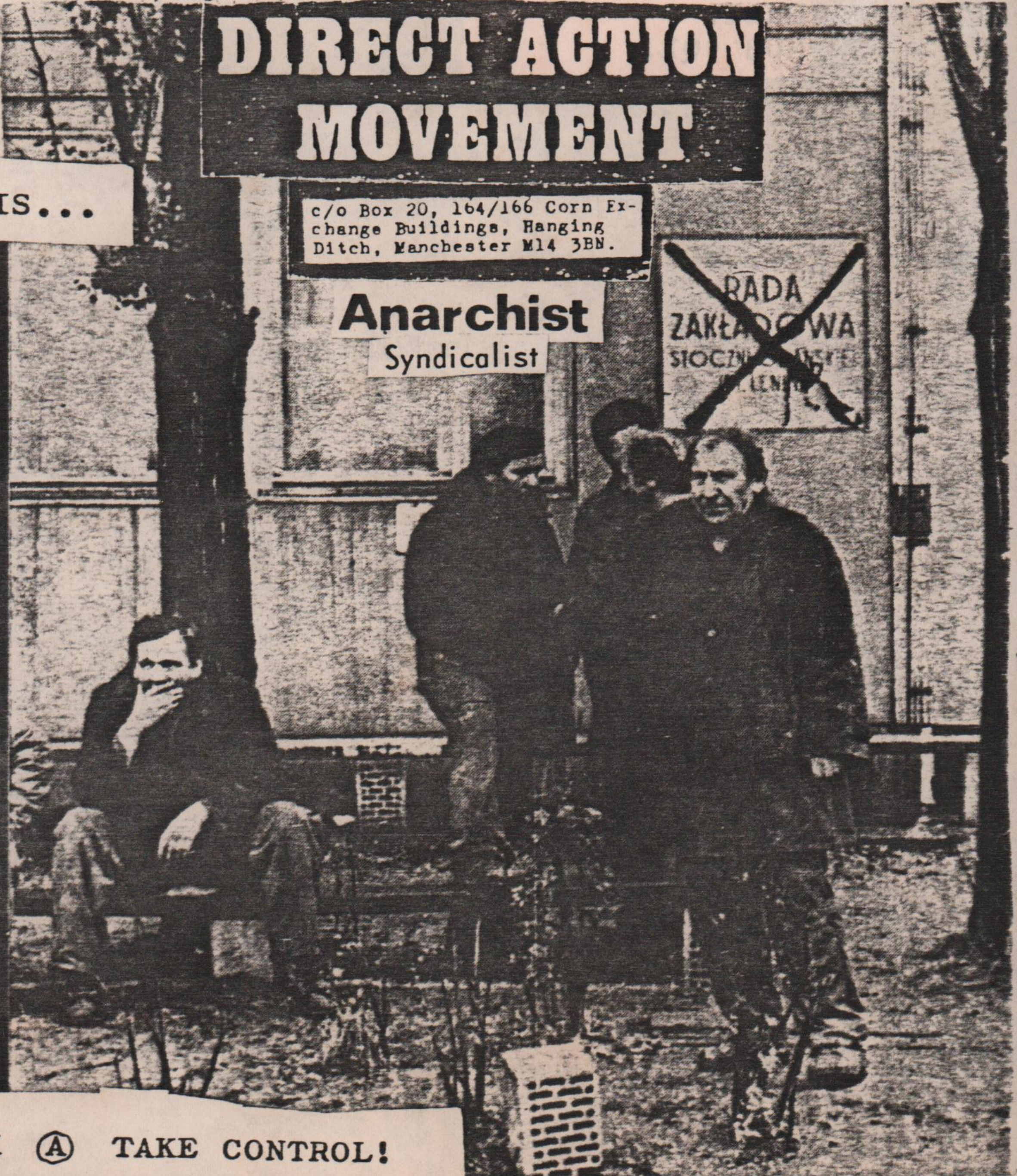
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Comrades,

At last, after an absence of more than two months the IB staggers out. We plead lack of copy (to begin with at least) and other commitments on our part. The long delay is particularly bad because members who didn't attend Conference won't have seen the minutes yet. Sorry...

There will definitely be another IB out for the start of June, before next Conference. So get writing - items for the agenda, news, views, group reports etc.

Finally it costs the DAM a lot to mail this thing out, so (particularly if you're receiving a large bundle) it might be worth your while sponging across the stamps with luke-warm, but not hot water. The postmark should come off. Get my drift?

Belated May Day greetings,

Hull.

HULL DAM (IB).

### EVENTS

May 15th. Anti Nuclear Train Demo. Assemble 1.00pm in Ferham Park, Rotherham. Called by the Campaign against the Nuclear Trains.

June 6th. National CND demonstration in London.

June 18th-20th. Anarchist Conference at the Centro Iberico.

June 27th-28th. DAM Conference in Leeds.

OPEN ROAD. New issue out! Articles on Tuwat, squatters, Anarchy in USSR, Carl Harp, American Indian Movement, interview with Murray Bookchin, Anarchy in Africa. Open Road, Box 6135, Station G, Vancouver, B.C., CANADA V6R 4G5.

BLACK FLAG. May issue now out. International news from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Mozambique, Jamaica, Nicaragua, USA. Subs. £5.00 (12 issues). Over the Water, Sanday, Orkney. KW17 2BL.

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BLACK STAR (formerly 'Treason'). "Paper For Independent Working Class Organisation". A local anarchist paper produced by comrades up in Tyne & Wear. Article on the global arms trade. 20p & stamp addressed envelope from Tyne & Wear Anarchist Group: c/o 8 [redacted]



MINUTES OF THE DAM CONFERENCE HELD IN LEEDS 28/29.2.1982

Chairperson: [REDACTED]

Minutes Secretary: [REDACTED]

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1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: The S/T reported that at the moment there was £10 in petty cash and £5 in the bank. However £17 is needed soon to renew the PO box number which DAM uses.

Membership was reported to be fairly stable at around 90. Despite new members (especially in Lancs, London and Swansea) there have been a number of people leaving. There has been a large number of enquiries due to the paper 'Direct Action'. Work involved for the S/T has increased quite a lot recently, due largely to a greater amount of time involved in letter writing.

The cost of postage has increased greatly as well and takes up a substantial portion of DAM funds.

It was suggested that the subscription situation be reviewed at the next Conference with a view to raising them.

The S/T reported that the DAM's position vis a vis the A.I.T. (Asociation Internacional de Trabajadores - International Workers' Association) was still unknown officially, but it was felt that we should now regard ourselves as the British section of the International Workers' Association.

2. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S ELECTION: D [REDACTED] on (the S/T) suggested that anyone considering putting themselves forward as the new S/T should consider the substantial amount of work involved - a least two evenings a week - although the proposed International Commission should reduce this somewhat.

It was suggested that maybe the post of S/T should be abolished and replaced a Secretariat instead, based on a branch. However it was felt that the present situation should be retained for now.

Only one new S/T was proposed and was duly elected: [REDACTED], who takes up the position in June. The address of the future S/T is [REDACTED] Lancs.

3. 'DIRECT ACTION': It was reported that there was some trouble with debts at the moment. Sales amounted to £300 but this was off-set by £200 in debts. People must pay up for sales as quickly as possible in order to get the next issue out, as the printers don't give credit.

N.7 is now out but the costs have not been covered from sales of N.6. The aim is to produce a monthly, but at present this seems unlikely.

More and better articles are required, or just the bones of an article as it is realised that writing is not everybody's strength. 1 000 are produced each issue and there seems to be no trouble in shifting them. The paper is getting better although there are some obvious improvements that could be made such as addition of colour.

Unfortunately although some bookshops have had to be cut off for non-return of sales money, it seems that the major problem is with members.

The paper has been registered with the British Library and has also appeared in some provincial libraries.

It was generally felt that 'Direct Action' did and does provide a vital role in the DAM's organisation, has lead to the increased public awareness of the DAM, and every effort should be made by members to ensure its continued survival and growth.

4. BRANCH REPORTS:

HULL: 3 members. Sell 'Direct Action'. Produce 'Angry!' with members of Hull Anarchist Group, DAM IB and leaflets. Support for workers on strike. Meeting planned with Terry Liddle of the "Campaign for Solidarity with the Soviet Working Class".

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LEEDS: 10 members. Sell 'Direct Action'. Meet regularly in local pub. Has had two meetings with Helenio Capellas, who talked on the CNT at Leeds Trades Club and the University. Both meetings well attended. Have also organised a petition about the Russian anarchist prisoners.

TYNE & WEAR: 4 members (3 in Sunderland, 1 in Gateshead). Produce a local anarchist paper called 'Treason'. Also working with local anarchists. Some activity within the local CND, and have formed a Direct Action Sub-Committee along with Sunderland Youth CND. Have some difficulty finding a suitable meeting place. Holding North East Anarchist Federation Conference in Sunderland in near future.

EAST ANGLIA: 3 members (Harlow, Saffron Walden and Cambridge). Activity within local CND and affiliated groups. Has organised meetings and marches in support of 'Solidarnosc' along with local anarchists in Cambridge. Organised an East Anglian regional anarchist Conference which was attended by anarchists from all over the area. Has tried to organise meeting with London DAM members. Due to various reasons this has been unsuccessful, although a meeting is planned for the near future.

HUDDERSFIELD: 4 members. A very new branch and as yet still finding its feet, although looks promising.

BURNLEY: 2 members. Hold fortnightly meetings and regular leafleting. Involved in North Lancs Campaign Against Racism. Sell 'Direct Action'.

MANCHESTER: 10 members. Production of 'Direct Action' is the main and most time-consuming activity.

5. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION: [redacted] (East Anglia) suggested the formation of an International Commission (IC) to cater for the ever increasing and vital need for the translation and publication of articles from foreign anarchist-syndicalist journals, as well as to provide the real and direct contact with foreign groups required for the practical mutual aid and solidarity the movement needs.

It was generally felt that this was an excellent idea. The IC should act as suggested, i.e. as a clearing house for information on foreign groups for other local branches to use. The IC will hopefully produce a quarterly bulletin of translated articles. The IC is to be centred at [redacted] Saffron Walden, Essex. (for further information on the IC see the Jan 82 Internal Bulletin.

6. INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (AIT): Although officially the SWF (Syndicalist Workers' Federation) is still the British section of AIT/IWA, DAM should regard itself as the British section now. It was reported that there had been no reply from the IWA on our membership. However other IWA sections regard the DAM as the British section de facto. [redacted] It should write to the IWA on the matter. It was felt too that we should have more contact with the other IWA sections, especially the Northern ones.

7. UNEMPLOYMENT: It was generally felt that DAM should concentrate more on the unemployed as many of our members were in the same were in the same situation.

The situation was regarded by some as urgent as they felt that the State was moving swiftly in the direction of coersing the young unemployed into a state of semi-slavery.

On unemployed groups some considered that it was useless to get involved with unemployed groups as they now stand as the unemployed themselves rarely involved, the majority being trotskyist politicians.

However, others felt that we should join these groups and advocate autonomous struggle. But all were agreed on the need for a campaign against the various efforts by the State to control the unemployed.

It was said that the efforts by unions, such as NUPE, to recruit the unemployed was of no real benefit for unemployed workers, but of rather more to the unions.

The YOP's scheme-in itself was not opposed by the DAM, but the way it is operated was. YOP workers are not paid union rates for the work they do, nor are they protected by proper union safety standards.

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[redacted] (Manchester) volunteered to look into into possible DAM action on the YOP's, as all agreed that DAM should produce a leaflet on it for distribution amongst YOP workers and maybe even schools. Sabotage also should be considered by those DAM members who are themselves YOP workers it was suggested.

All were agreed that DAM should try to organise more as an organisation around the unemployment situation generally.

8. ANTI-BOMB CONFERENCE: A report on the conference which was held in Manchester on the 14th Feb 82 was given. It was decided at the conference to try to organise groups of anarchists and libertarians, as well as individuals, within CND, to provide a clear anarchist response to the nuclear threat.

A Secretariat was established at Leeds, and for want of a better name Anarchist Action was chosen. It is to be a federal organisation designed to exchange information and experience. It is hoped to get large numbers of anarchists together at official CND events such as at Greenham Common on the 21st March.

● PUBLICATIONS: The Publications Commission based in Cardiff has collapsed it was reported. It was felt that DAM needed to produce a pamphlet of current rather than of historical interest, one which put forward a clear anarcho-syndicalist line on the present economic-political situation. However we cannot consider doing anything until finances are better.

10. SHOP FLOOR ORGANISATION: (For detailed policy statement see Nov-Dec 81 IB.) In a general debate on DAM and trade unions various experiences were exchanged. Some felt that the union rules themselves must be used against the reformist trade union leaders and officials. Whilst experience led others to believe that the rule book should be discarded altogether as nobody pays any attention to it anyway.

But in general everybody agreed that shop floor activity must in the end depend on circumstances as some DAM members deal with unions in quite different situations. Also the type of union dealt with will often dictate different tactics.

However all considered that the ultimate goal for DAM was to form a syndicalist organisation independent of the TUC.

● IRELAND: Most felt that the contribution that the Leeds group made to the anarchist debate on Ireland (which appeared in the Jan 82 IB) should be expanded upon. It was suggested and agreed upon that there should be a standing commission on Ireland based in Leeds, as DAM should aim for a clear-cut anarchist stance on the situation there as opposed to blindly supporting the IRA like some anarchists have done recently.

A discussion ensued in which various aspects of the situation in N. Ireland were developed, the major point being made that the British State has used the situation to strengthen its own position to a great extent.

The Leeds group will publish their research in future IB's as they go along, and they offered to produce a policy statement for the next Conference

12. POLAND & THE BANKS: [redacted] suggested that in order to apply pressure to the Polish military government to release 'Solidarnosc' activists, DAM should attempt to bring to the public's attention the part that the British banks are playing in support of the Polish regime. Most felt that the best DAM members could do would be to get DAM union members to bring the matter to the attention of their union, as many unions have funds involved via their banks.

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13. "TOOLS DOWN" AGAINST THE BOMBS: [redacted] also conveyed to the conference a suggestion that DAM should have as an aim some form of economic direct action against the introduction of cruise missiles into this country. However the general reaction at the conference was that this would be far beyond DAM's limited resources, although all agreed that this ideally would be the best form of action to take.

14. INTERNAL BULLETIN: It was finally suggested at Conference that the IB should take the form of a discussion bulletin between DAM members, rather than just a journal for reproducing pamphlets and articles. However, although most seemed to agree the producers of the bulletin said it all depends on the material sent in...

15. POLAND: An observer at Conference, [redacted] (London Workers' Group), told of a visit to Poland before the imposition of martial law. He had visited an occupied factory and made contact with Poles interested in anarchism. There followed some discussion as to what British anarchists can do as regards sending anarchist pamphlets in Polish, "twinning" with 'Solidarity' locals etc.

16. NEXT CONFERENCE: It was decided to hold the next Conference in Leeds again on Saturday 27th - Sunday 27th June 1982.

END OF CONFERENCE.

There follows the report of last Conference which [redacted] (S/T) sent to 'Freedom' as per Conference instruction. For once they printed it, but here it is again for those who don't read 'Freedom'.

DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT CONFERENCE REPORT.

The latest DAM Conference was held on the weekend of 28th February at the Leeds Trades Council Club. A number of things were discussed including shop-floor organisation, unemployment and Northern Ireland, none of which needs any explanation as to their importance for the Anarchist Movement. Stemming from this a commission was set up to look at the situation in Northern Ireland, not only to attempt to formulate a DAM attitude on the subject, also to spread reliable information after wading through the propaganda produced by all and sundry (a daunting task!).

DAM's Policy Committee has already looked at unemployment, recommending the establishment of Unemployed Workers Groups and Redundancy Action Groups, and is at present looking at shop-floor organisation and the trade unions.

Other matters discussed included the establishment of an International Commission (which is to publish an International Bulletin to compliment the DAM's paper 'Direct Action' and the DAM's 'Action Briefing') and the rather pleasant news that an anarchist anti-bomb group, Anarchist Action, was set up by the recent anti-bomb conference in Manchester.

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INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN.

[redacted] says the pilot issue of the International Bulletin should be ready for May Day. It'll be about 30 duplicated sides of translated anarchist articles from foreign @ journals and international news. One'll go to each DAM member and another 500 will be produced to sell. Cost should be covered by about 300 sales. Translators for many languages still needed. Contact [redacted] Saffron Walden. Essex, if you haven't already done so.



There follows a letter from [redacted] which for reasons of time and space didn't get into the last IB. Another reason it hasn't appeared sooner is that it was not originally written for publication. We publish it at this late date because most of the content is of a general character about anarchists' relationship to CND.

31.10.81., Wellington. Salop.

I never heard from the Hull Anarchists who were trying to organise a unified contingent and so don't know if anything came of it; the only apparently unified contingent of red & black banners were those who were heckling. (Though as last time our coaches arrived late and had to leave early.)

I don't know the particular issue they were heckling about, there was no doubt masses that deserved heckling, but all that I heard as I passed near them were (a) shouts of "boring", & (b) the slogan that E.P. Thompson isn't God.

There appeared to be no attempt to carry a message to the mass of demonstrators and to enlist their sympathy on the side of the heckling.

It may be that this was merely a group of punks, "autonomists" or others using the anarchist label, with no connection with the anarchist movement; in which case like the "Easter Anarchists" of old we have to grin and bear it. (Though probably we need to find a means to explain to other campaigners that these are not of our ranks and to explain the difference, before we can hope to make converts; and to try and find some way to tell these self-styled anarchists what anarchism means. Only today, at a conference of Shropshire CND groups, the secretary of one new branch, describing the complexion of his group said "four are anarchists and they..." painting a picture of people who are considerably further from anarchism than he himself was, who apparently equated anarchism with wearing swastikas, with views on race to match.)

If however the group in Hyde Park were really anarchists and were seriously trying to make a point, which certainly needs to be made, - unfortunately they didn't take kindly to my trying to attempt to talk to them and find out, - then there is a fairly serious point of strategy, general anarchist approach, manner, organisation, propaganda and so forth that needs to be made. And I would suggest that it should be raised in the DAM IB.

May I suggest the following general principals for anarchists to consider to govern our actions within movements such as CND, where (a) the aim leads in our direction, (b) that aim is incompatible with the political views of the leadership and of the bulk of our fellow members, and so (c) inevitably sooner or later the bulk of these members - and indeed the leaders - will be forced to choose between the aim of the movement and their general political loyalties:-

i) Anarchists are not vanguardists, they do not advocate small group or individualist acts on behalf of a mass movement without the consent or agreement of that movement, (there may be exceptions when the mass movements have just suffered major defeats, so that Berkman's attempt on the life of the Boss' strong man agent, or Van der Lubbe's burning of the Reichstag, as last ditch acts when the mass movement was already in disarray, probably did good not harm, but the basic rule still maintains);

ii) This does not mean that anarchists never use small group direct action, far from it, it may well be propaganda by the deed; but the emphasis is on propaganda, it is used to illustrate the evil against which we contend, and the means of struggle we advocate using; it is therefore essential that such small group action shall illustrate our aim, and that, as a normal rule, the direct action should be

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Letter from [redacted]

reinforced by other forms of propaganda to inform those who see the direct action and those who it may be hoped will support actions if they understand them, just what we intend to do;

iii) Above all it is always essential that we attempt to carry the largest number of our potential allies & converts with us at any stage;

By way of illustration, since the issue at the moment is heckling Labour M.P.s, when during the winter of '66/7 the Anarchist Federation and the Committee of 100 resolved to heckle on an organized pattern any Labour M.P. who spoke at the '67 Aldermarch, this was when Labour was in power, the CND conference had twice voted that no Labour M.P. should be allowed to speak at the end of an Aldermarch, unless he had himself voted in parliament against the bomb, or he was balanced on the platform by a representative of the direct action wing of the campaign; this conference decision had been ignored; and - coupled with a series of 'march must decide' meetings on the Aldermarches themselves - we campaigned to get the bulk of the marchers to heckle, not just the anarchist contingent; we held open forum meetings, we passed out leaflets, quoting conference decision, calling for as many marchers as would to join us in heckling, or alternatively to come and convince us why it should not be done; none of this seems to have been attempted - perhaps it was impossible & it is unfair to expect it to have been, - last Saturday.

We are after all trying to create a mass movement. It is fundamental to anarchist philosophy that no government will ever willingly dispense with its major war-making instruments. It is equally fundamental to anarchism that governments can only be overthrown, and a society set up which would not use these instruments of war, by the conscious self-activity of the vast masses of the population. It cannot be done by a few self-appointed revolutionaries. The very reason we have to be cynical about the CND leadership, that these are leaders anxious to call the membership to follow them rather than act independently for themselves, applies just as much to those who disregarding the views of the majority of the demonstrators believe they have a right to prevent the potential leaders speaking, when they themselves constitute an even more unrepresentative minority.

Being one of the very small minority of anarchists who are also theist, I am surprised that many anarchists find it worth mentioning that EPT is not god, is that meant to be praise or criticism? I do however think it significant that the group should have chosen to single out for particular attack the member of the CND leadership who is least committed to the parliamentary game.

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ERRATUM.

Dear comrades, we'd like to correct a mistake in the "Statement of DAM Policy on Ireland" printed in the January Internal Bulletin. The sentence that states, "We must not oppose the British presence" should, of course, have read, "We must not ONLY oppose the British presence but the Orange State that the British presence is propping up".

Solidarity,

Leeds Branch.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE "ANTI-BOMB CAMPAIGN" ON 13th FEBRUARY 1982, IN MANCHESTER.

Attended by comrades from; Manchester, Glossop, Shropshire, Cleveland, Sheffield, Cumbria, Morecambe, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Chester, Liverpool, Doncaster and Leeds.

Manchester opened the meeting by thanking people for attending and with a brief introduction of their aims in calling the meeting. Namely that the new CND movement has grown as large and as active as the movement of the 60's but it does not seem to have learned from that experience & it shares the same assumptions & the same tactics. Namely to work through parliamentary channels & to elect a party to achieve unilateral disarmament. (This is felt to be unrealistic as it is not in the nature of any state to get rid of its armaments).

It is also felt that there is a need for more coherence between anarchists' beliefs & their opposition to nuclear weapons & that the anarchists' relationship with CND should be reviewed in the light of its close links with the labour party.

It is felt that there is a need for a body reflecting the anarchist belief that to get rid of these weapons there needs to be a drastic change in society as a whole rather than the CND platform which proposes the same political state but without nuclear weapons.

A minutes secretary volunteered and it was decided to proceed without a chairperson. Agenda proposals were as follows:

- 1) What's wrong with CND and possible alternatives to it
- 2) The need for an alternative anarchist organisation outside CND.
- 3) Tactics for direct action.
- 4) The need for propaganda and publicity.
- 5) The contradiction between the anarchist position and the CND position.
- 6) Particular actions against civil defence, demonstrations, protests etc.
- 7) Support to groups already involved in direct action.

1) In opening it was felt that CND left much to be desired but also it was emphasised that we share their aims & the main criticism was that it is simply not prepared to go far enough

A distinction was made between the hierarchy of CND and the rank & file who were active & had great potential for "conversion" to a more radical philosophy. CND attracts a great number of young people politicized by the issue of nuclear weapons and who are likely to become disillusioned by the impotence of CND due to its fixation with the labour party. This makes CND fertile ground for anarchist ideas if we are seen to be prepared to act. The tactic of the CND hierarchy seems to be to get the labour party elected on the basis of unilateral disarmament, but this is highly unlikely as neither the IMF nor America would allow this, and in addition no state will give up its weapons willingly. Therefore as anarchists we must try to put an end to the state before it puts an end to us.

Against this it was argued that at the last annual general meeting of CND amongst the proposals were that Britain should leave NATO and support direct action whenever necessary. Thus CND is not merely toeing a labour party line. However, the feeling was that CND was labour-dominated in the higher echelons & on a practical level, & that it doesn't want to overthrow the state. CND is diverse and attracts people of various persuasions and therefore it was felt that an attempt to unite those people not in line with the policies and attitudes of CND via an alternative structure was needed, as there is a basic contradiction between the anarchist antipathy to parliamentary methods and CND's insistence on getting a unilateralist majority in parliament. To emphasise this contradiction Manchester produced a letter from the Hasting Anarchist Group who were accepted as long as they merely went on demos, produced leaflets, raised funds etc. for their local CND group. However, once they showed themselves prepared to take direct action they were banned from further meetings; the group cancelled their march through the town as they feared (correctly) that the anarchists planned to occupy the Army Careers Office and a CND official even threatened to make a citizen's arrest on one march when they refused to stop chanting.

For isolated groups or individuals within CND the only possibility is to cause small disruptions on marches etc. which underlines the need for a structure to unite these small units.

CND has a definite public image at the moment as a sympathetic but impotent cause, despite its massive support. This raised the question of the presentation of image as some comrades feared alienating the public. This was countered by the argument that the media will decide on the image they will present of our actions and there is little point in trying to aim for a popular image as the media exists to libel radical social movements. At the moment as a small group we should concentrate on our immediate social environment and try to influence those we come into direct contact with, for example, people who are near a particular event or who receive our leaflets etc. rather than work for the attention of the media although

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ANTI-BOMB CONFERENCE CONTINUED...

this will only represent a small sphere of influence.

There is a need for an organisation to ensure that there is a fair chance of agreement for action at least between anarchists in such a situation as Torness where a small number of anarchists and others felt a need for direct action, but were held back. Had they been organized some action could have been taken, maybe involving and influencing other people there who wanted to go further than walking round the fence and painting flowers on the road.

It is also a question of means as the anarchist principle is doing things for yourself rather than sitting back and waiting for someone else to do it for you.

2) On the question of an alternative structure to CND, it was felt that this should be separate from CND but that individuals could remain as members of CND and try to influence it from within as we are far too small a group to isolate ourselves from CND. Thus we would have an outside organisation which is beyond the control of CND and which can take independent direct action whilst still being involved within the mass movement of CND.

We need a structure to bring together isolated groups and individuals to initiate direct action within the wider action of CND. For example the anarchists could have had a greater voice on the London march if they had not been isolated and fragmented.

It was felt that any organisation set up would have wider aims than merely anti-nuclear and that it should also be anti-militarist and anti-state. As the nuclear bomb is symbolic of the centralization of the state there is little chance of getting rid of the one without the other. However it can happen (as in Canada) and under threat of mass direct action the state might give in to a compromise, as in the partial test ban treaty, partly a response to the threat of the CND of the 60's and the anarchists must look beyond that.

The organization will exist to support small groups taking direct action until we can build up a mass movement. There is great emphasis on attracting the rank & file of CND as it is imperative to build up a mass movement and not an elite vanguard.

Thus the meeting set up an organization of anarchists against nuclear weapons, militarism and the state.

Organizational basis.

It was agreed that organization should proceed from a network to a firmer organization, this network consisting of a secretariat to facilitate communication amongst the various regional groups and individuals and to facilitate co-ordination between them on various projects. It was decided to have one national secretariat to collate information between the local groups and the Leeds Anarchist Group volunteered to do this. This is not to be a permanent position but for a short time only. It was provisionally agreed to call the organization "Anarchist Action". Finances were discussed and proposals included subscription, affiliation fee, a charge on the bulletin etc., but in the meantime we agreed that a collection be made for immediate expenses.

It was agreed that minutes of the meeting should be sent to Freedom, Solidarity, the Leveller, Peace News etc. and to use as many channels of information as possible, as there is no guarantee of mail getting through.

3) It was agreed that there should be a federal organization existing to exchange information on events in different areas and with this in mind the groups agreed to find out what was happening in their areas so that we could have an event to organize before the Easter march. It was agreed that ultimately as a mass movement it would be preferable to take the initiative and stage independent events or demonstrations. In conclusion it was agreed that interested groups should make the initial step of meeting as a body at the Greenham Common Demonstration at the Main Gate on 21st March.

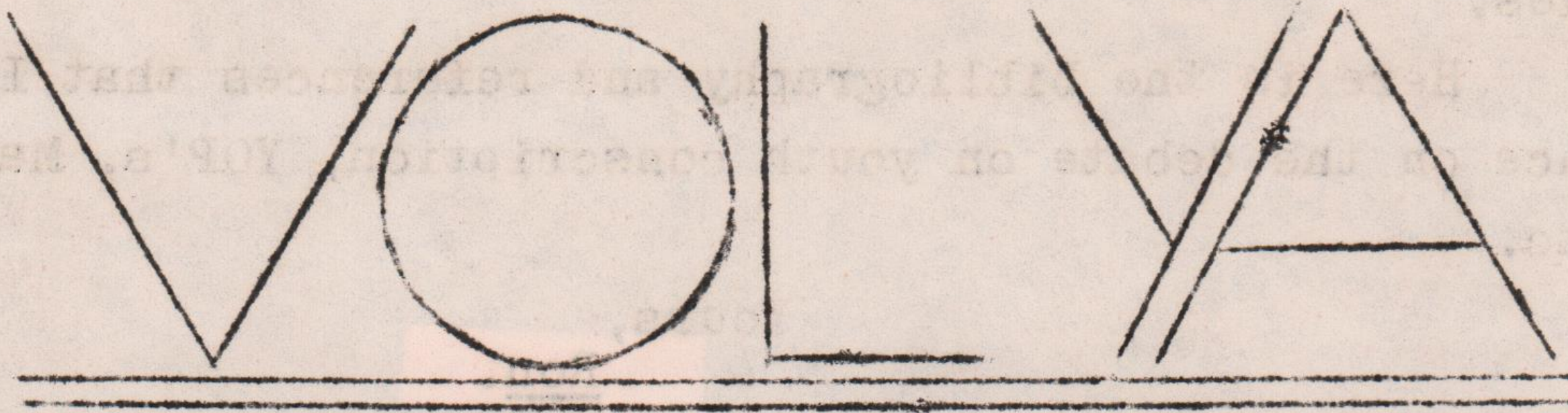
A collection was taken which amounted to £19.50 and the Manchester group offered to pay for the hire of the hall.

LEEDS SECRETARIAT ANARCHIST ACTION, MARCH 1982.

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# BULLETIN OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE SOVIET WORKING CLASS NO. I

The Campaign for Solidarity with the Soviet Working Class was set up in 1979 with the aim of publicizing and winning support for the struggles of workers in the Soviet Union and its satellite countries. This area has traditionally been a blind spot for much of the Left, who ritually misrepresent these regimes as being, in some obscure way, socialist. It is regrettable that certain neanderthal elements in the British Labour Movement continue to court such illusions. They must bear much of the responsibility for the suffering of thousands of genuine socialists who face prison, psychiatric torture and exile merely for expressing their beliefs.

Events in Poland, however, have stimulated many socialists and trade unionists in the West to take an active interest in the plight of their fellow workers in the Soviet bloc. The sight of a workers' State shooting down its workers must be unpalatable to all but the most mummified of apologists for Stalinists. Hopefully, this new awareness will result in a free exchange of information between the peoples of East and West. This is the main requisite for the building of true and meaningful solidarity. True solidarity can only come from the grass-roots. It has nothing to do whatever with the sham fraternity of well-paid, well-fed union officials towards their State-appointed counterparts. We must establish our own channels of communication - factory to factory, community to community. Only this way can we counter the poison spouted by the paranoid propaganda machines of Brezhnev and Reagan.

The CSSWC hopes to play a modest part in this process. Over the past three years we have organised and participated in pickets, spoken at meetings and produced several leaflets covering subjects such as Afghanistan, Poland and repression in the USSR. We now feel we have enough contacts and material to produce a regular bulletin of news, information and analysis.

Doubtless there will be those myopic and dichromatic few who will interpret our criticism of Eastern European regimes as support for the forces of Western imperialism. We therefore formally dissociate ourselves from the sickening and hypocritical posturing of Reagan, Thatcher & Co. These people have no love for Polish workers, nor for any workers anywhere. They are merely exploiting the situation in order to promote their own sordid and destructive interests.

"Volya" is Russian for "Freedom". (Yes, they do have a word for it.) It also means "Free will". Eastern Europe doesn't need Western style freedom - freedom to be exploited, to starve, to be spied upon, to be imprisoned for fighting injustice, to be massacres. It has that already. East and West are just two sides of the same coin struck out of the subjugation of the many to the will of the few. The oppressed peoples of the world need freedom AND socialism. With freedom and socialism we can build a world worth living in. The sacrifice of either principle leads to tyranny, injustice and inevitably to ~~tyranny~~.

War



Dear comrades,

Here is the bibliography and references that I promised at Conference on the debate on youth conscription, YOP's, Manpower Services etc.

Yours.

THE STATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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Organisations:

National Youth Bureau. 17-23 Albion Street, Leicester. LE1 6GD. Publishes a monthly magazine, 'Youth In Society'.

NCVO. National Council for Voluntary Organisations. 26 Bedford Square, London. WC1B 3HU. Publishes a quarterly magazine, 'Voluntary Action'.

Community Projects Foundation. 60 Highbury Grove, London. N5 2AG.

NB. The regular column in the Times Educational Supplement School is useful as a source of up-to-date info.



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April 1982

Hello,

This is it. What we've all been waiting for! It's all detailed on the poster enclosed and should be self-explanatory. Over the last 2 years a conference of (some) anarchists has been held at Oxford. This year the format and the location is different - less talk, more action and a squatted building for a venue.

We hope that EVERYONE will decide to come - wherever you're based, whether you're an anarchist, anarcho-syndicalist, anarchist-feminist, libertarian socialist...etc. It's an ideal opportunity for everyone to find out what's been happening - or not - around the country and for people to make new contacts.

We will try and find accomodation for everyone who turns up, but please let us know in advance if you're coming. Phone us on 01 274 6655 or write to us at the above address. Bring sleeping bags with you

If you've got any ideas about the weekend, then send in the details. A few suggestions for possible discussion topics have already been made. These include:-

Civil disturbances/creative vandalism  
Squatting and the refusal to pay  
Expropriation - exchanging techniques  
The Right to Shirk  
Pornography, rape and sexism  
Fascism, Bolshevism - fighting back  
Tape exchange network/media access

If you find you're unable to come, but have material to circulate, send it on. If you can come, don't forget to bring with you any locally produced material/reports (including tapes, videos, posters, stickers, badges etc).

The venue is the Centro Iberico, 421a Harrow Road, London W10 (Westbourne park tube). The dates are June 18-20 and the festival/weekend will get going between 5-7p.m. on the Friday. Cheap food will be provided as will some 'entertainment'.

See ya!

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@ FRIDAY 18th @

@ \*5-7p.m. ARRIVE & FOOD @

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@ SUNDAY 20th @

@ \* 10-5p.m. MORE TALKS & @  
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@ ABOUT HOW BORING THE @  
@ WEEKEND WAS. @

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The Brixton Anarchists  
(Beyond the Bullshit)

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@ SATURDAY 19th @

@ \* 10-6p.m. TALKS/LOCAL @  
@ REPORTS. @

@ \*6-7p.m. MEAL. @

@ \*7-11p.m. MORE FUN & ACT- @  
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WHERE DO WE START?

Comrades,

I'd like to take up some of the points Laurens Otter makes in his letter (p.7&8) and in previous letters.

Firstly his criticisms of the anarchist contingent who heckled the CND leadership on the big CND demo in London last Oct. The unified anarchist presence Hull Anarchist Group tried to organise did happen, we were amongst the hecklers. Infact we got enquiries/suggestions from about 20 anarchist groups and individuals who thought it a good idea to do something other than just marching at the back. We replied to everyone who wrote giving us enough time to reply (not everyone...). Most people were just asking for a place & time to meet, concrete ideas were few. People suggested slogans, heckling, trying to get a sizable part of the march to head for the MOD, the American Embassy etc. etc. Because of the difficulty of planning such things in advance (and because people who know London could better plan such actions anyway) we contented ourselves with asking people to meet at the exit of the Embankment Tube Sta. at around 11.00 am if they could.

Anarchists from several groups met at the Tube exit at this time. While we waited for others hundreds of leaflets and many anarchist papers were sold. That "there appeared to be no attempt to carry a message to the mass of demonstrators and to enlist their sympathy" isn't true. As one involved I can say that at least as much time (if not energy) went into giving out leaflets and papers as did into the later heckling that (of course) got more publicity, and of course upset the single-issue anarchists who see CND demo's as being in some way more than "silly walks".

Anyway, after several groups had met at the Tube Sta. exit and we'd been handing out propaganda for something more than an hour, it was decided to join the march. We should have remained longer to pick up more, especially as most anarchists from the North had yet to arrive, but most of those present wanted to join the march. So about 70 anarchists fell in behind the march with flags etc. and shouting slogans. This 70 grew, picking up more people along the route and as they entered Hyde Park.

In Hyde Park the anarchists established a little niche in front of the platform. Many of the CNDers around us (who hadn't marched with the anarchists) appeared to sympathise when the heckling started. More leaflets by the various anarchist groups were passed out (all basically knocking the campaigning, parliamentary approach and calling for direct action). By this time the hecklers numbered perhaps 200 with red & black flags, banners etc. The charge of vanguardism is ridiculous. The propaganda given out by the various anarchist groups called direct action of a mass character (industrial, civil disobedience). While the heckling undoubtedly attracted some wierdos most of the anarchists and punks were genuine people making a point. The kind of 'anarchist' whose idea of direct action is gluing up a few locks and (just) heckling was in the minority.

L.O.'s account of the way they initiated the organised heckling of Labour MP's in the winter of '66/67 is interesting, and it's what should be done, in an ideal situation. But it is too much to expect that to have been done last Oct. People had come down to London for a few hours with leaflets and papers. A few hours later they would have to leave again. Obviously it was impossible to organise something like L.O. seems to be suggesting when he tells us what the Committee of 100 and the Anarchist Federation did in '66/67. People arrived at different times, and even to get 200 together was no mean task. Have there been any other anarchist interventions approach- it in size recently?

These anarchists weren't vanguardist thugs who pushed to the front and inanely shouted "boring" "boring" as L.O. suggests. (The overwhelming majority weren't anyway, but there were a few who could only parrot Cross lyrics all the time). Before going to the front to heckle the assorted hypocrits and middle class bleeding hearts on stage they had made an attempt (the best possible under the circumstances) to carry as many people as possible with them from the crowd. Although many of the respectable CNDers woke up when the heckling started and over-enthusiastically applauded the speakers and then jeered and threw things at the hecklers, I can remember having anarchist papers snatched from my hands by people who'd obviously not been in contact with the anarchist 'movement' before.

The thugs were the police who surrounded the anarchists and the CND stewards who wouldn't let anyone who was going to throw more than the usual platitudes to the crowd near the microphone. (Someone tried but was dragged away from it).

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Where do we start? contd...

It was noticeable that all the outraged anarchists who criticised the heckling in the pages of 'Freedom' etc. were quick to point to the supposed thuggery of the hecklers who "disregarding the views of the majority of the demonstrators believe they have a right to prevent the potential leaders speaking, when they themselves constitute an even more unrepresentative minority". But there was silence about the police and stewards who pushed people around, and about the fact that nobody except the leaders is allowed to speak. I must admit it's quite an achievement to have a couple of hundred anarchists denying free speech to politicians, as seems to be implied. Politicians buy free speech like they buy new suits... others have to fight for every miserable shout we can muster in opposition. Reading some of the accounts of the anarchists who deplored the heckling was almost indistinguishable from the comfortable liberalism of the 'Guardian'.

Of course we're trying to construct a mass movement. The heckling wasn't definitive. It was the only thing to do at that moment. The alternative was to shut up and be one of the spectators. This much talked about "mass movement" will only happen when the CND rank & file begin to reject the politicians, like a couple of hundred anarchists did last Oct. CND is full of people who know what the politicians are up to. Some are taking up the idea of direct action (often they have become anarchists in all but name). So what are we waiting for? Things could have been better organised last Oct. The message could have been got across more clearly. But where were you comrades? Are we going to waste time setting up paper organisations or are we going to talk to people. If we're going to talk to people, such demonstrations are a good place to do it. After you take away the underlying distrust of things not genteel which even a lot of anarchists have, the main criticism of heckling the CND leadership left is that it alienates potential converts. I doubt it. The people who got uptight last Oct were mostly the ones who were being barracked and their sycophants. Most of the demonstrators were quiet, and some were sympathetic.

Accusing the hecklers of vanguardism reminds me of the Trotskyist cadre who charges an inexperienced recruit of "individual terrorism" (sic) when s/he spray paints a bank with shares in S. Africa (or whatever). "It is fundamental to anarchist philosophy that no govt will ever willingly dispense with its major war-making instruments. It is equally fundamental to anarchism that govts can only be overthrown, and a society set up which would not use these instruments of war, by the conscious self-activity of the masses. It cannot be done by a few self-appointed revolutionaries." Exactly! Nor by a few self-appointed leaders... The main plank of the heckling was to get people to think and act for themselves. (I'll spare you the cliché currently popular with some anarchists that riots, heckling ect. are "fun". It was fun shouting at Foot and seeing the old sod tremble and nearly collapse on stage. It would doubtless be fun putting a bullet into Thatcher's head, but to these "fun-loving anarchists" it doesn't seem to count what changes, what results.)

What kind of mass movement do we want? A mass movement of parlour reds, single issue dilettantes, professional middle-class types? Anarcho-syndicalists want a working class movement that opposes the State, its army, its wars. There are already mass movements which play at opposing the State. And the State knows it. It allows them to march every now and then. It even provides a police escort...

I think we have to work with one foot in each camp, so to speak. Inside CND as far as we can (given that disarmament groups vary across the country. Some have adopted direct action stances proposed by anarchists, others are a dead loss, locked vice-like in a stranglehold by Labour (vote for us next time) and Trotskyists (Jobs not Bombs, fight for the right to be exploited etc.)). We should attend CND events like in London because all those present aren't middle class wankers and trendy lefties and they should be with us.

But we need to have one foot outside the CND campaigning quagmire (because it doesn't go far enough). We need to know where to draw the line. We need to be able to use the CND revival to build up our own ranks (as the only way to achieve CND's (professed at least) aim of disarmament). I know sincere anarchists who are letting themselves be used as demo-fodder for Benn, Foot, Thompson and Co. The issues CND raises are part of the class struggle, we can't ignore them. But we won't create the sort of anti-militarist movement we want by going along and merely following the CND banner either. After all, we don't really want their kind of peace anyway. Even if pacifists etc. could stop the Bomb (they won't) we want a certain kind of war: "PEACE AMONGST THE OPPRESSED, BUT WAR TO THE OPPRESSOR!"

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Where do we start? contd...

Over and over again anarchists have said: "No matter if you get 1 000 000 people into Trafalgar Sq. and the House of Commons full of Labour MP's, you will not stop the production of a single missile." Remember? The people who will stop the bombs aren't, as L.O. correctly states, a few hundred heckling anarchists (which doesn't mean it shouldn't be done), or CND, but the millions who don't go to London every year, because such events are shows of impotence and class collaboration, not of strength.

I found the last para of L.O.'s letter a bit confusing. Looking up "theist" in the dictionary didn't help much. Is he suggesting the CND leadership isn't all that bad?? Probably preaching to the converted here but hasn't that self-professed "inveterate peace monger" been singing a different tune recently? And didn't that famous "socialist", darling of the Left, E.P. Thompson line himself up squarely behind the generals in Poland?

Yes, I am an atheist...

(Hull).

P.S. This (too) long ramble would be a waste of time if there wasn't another CND "silly walk" coming up in London on June 6th. How about a place and time to meet. Lets have more of an anarchist presence this time. And lets try to organise something more than just heckling. Write to Anarchist Action, Box A, LAP, 59 Cookridge St., Leeds 2. That's what they're for.

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### SOME GROUP REPORTS

#### HUDDERSFIELD

Huddersfield has since two years an anarchist group and since the past year a branch of the DAM. We are not very active yet, though in the future we are hoping to produce posters via a screen-printing process, and possibly a local anarchist paper. Two of our members are in contact with the Polish Solidarity Campaign and the El Salvador Committee for Human Rights. Furthermore, two of our members help in a local food co-op which sells, amongst others, anarchist papers which seem to sell like hot cakes, so the co-op has decided to cancel most of the non-anarchist papers. We now have the facilities to translate Dutch & German and are hoping to establish contacts and translate in the future material from the OVB (Dutch syndicalist union).

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LEEDS DAM handed out 500 leaflets (copy on p.21) at a CND demo on 10.4.82. We'll be handing out 1 000 May Day leaflets (see p.18) this coming Saturday. Today, at the picket of 1st day of Bradford 12 trial here, one of our members was arrested for "alleged" language, behaviour etc. likely to cause a breach of the peace, as were several others. Any ideas for June 6th? Leaflets/meeting place/storming of the M.O.D. etc.???

#### SOUTH LONDON

Comrades,

enclosed (p.17) a copy of a leaflet passed around at meeting on affiliation of Lambeth NALGO. As for the meeting, it was badly attended (for discussion only), but the leaflet went down well. All speakers referred to it, every single one. The editor of the official branch magazine (circulation 4 500) offered to include it in the next issue. However she has doubts as to how far she can go, the SWP dominated Executive has criticised her for publishing anarchist articles in the past. 'South London Stress' no.6 is out and selling well.

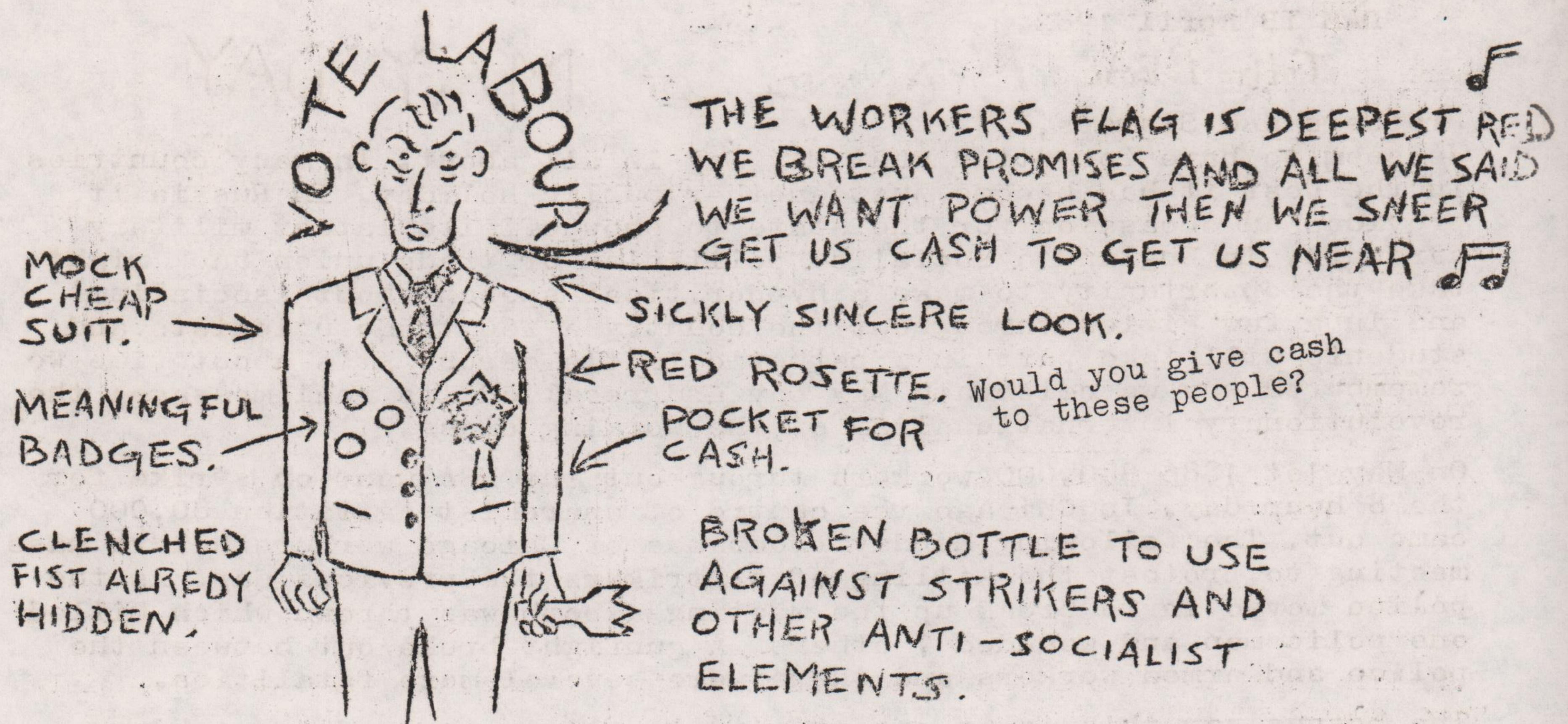
Yours,

Pan.

P.S. The pamphlet on the Brixton Riots, called 'We Want To Riot Not Work' is well worth reading. I'll review it for the next D.A.

Update: The leaflet (No Political Levy) appeared in edited form in 'Cutlet', Lambeth NALGO newsletter. Labour Party hacks took offence and threatened to resign to express their disgust at using members' dues for @political polemics. Even Ted Knight, leader of the Labour Council intervened and threatened to sue 'Cutlet', editor, printer, and local NALGO. The ballots have mostly been returned by the Party hacks and spoiled or not sent in by the apathetic members. Ted Knight's threat has led to a lengthy apology and the author being named...





## **NO Political Levy!**

After repeated attempts the NALGO Conference finally agreed to ballot us on affiliation to the Labour Party...big deal. Do we really need to be reminded how the hypocrits act in power? 5% wage limits...the first of the cuts in services...the army used against strikes...agreement to some shitty laws and lots more. Of course the Left (Labour Left, IMG, some SWP, etc.) will tell you that now Labour is committed to a full socialist programme. We've only got to look at that well known extreme Lefty Ted Knight to see what that means. Ted Knight is a hypocritical creep, a liar and opportunist, he'd sack us all to save his stinking political career.

Some people will oppose the proposed Levy because they secretly want our cash for their own Parties, (Lib/SDP/Con/SWP/NF/Puke....). Our money shouldn't go to any politicians. All politicians are after power and once they get it they will crap all over us (anyone remember Bill Pitt?? Once our beloved chairperson now Liberal MP). We should refuse to pay our cash to all politicians no matter what colour flag they wave. Even in unions that are affiliated, a campaign against the levy has been waged by anarchists and members of the Direct Action Movement. It's bad enough giving our cash to bloated bureaucrats like Geoffrey Drain so why add more parasites to the list? Why give cash to people like Knight, Benn, Healey or Foot? We need cash for our own struggles!

**NO CASH TO THE LABOUR PARTY NOW! NO CASH TO BUREAUCRATS NEXT!**

**VOTE NO IN THE BALLOT!**

Produced by members of Lambeth Nalگو and the South London Branch of the Direct Action Movement. c/o SLDAM. [REDACTED]  
LONDON SE24.

SOUTH LONDON STRESS No 5 OUT NOW, HARD CORE ISSUE, ALL THE LAUGHS OF AN SPG CHARGE. PRICE 20P. DIRECT ACTION No 6 ALSO OUT, NATIONAL PAPER OF THE DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT. FROM ABOVE ADDRESS.



# THE REAL MEANING OF MAY DAY

Brothers and Sisters,

We seem to have forgotten what May Day is all about. In many countries in the West it has become just another public holiday. In Russia it provides an occasion for the state to show off its latest military hardware. In England a socialist politician or trade union hack might take the opportunity to make a hypocritical speech about 'socialism' and in a few cities throughout the country a few trade unionists and students will take part in a pathetic little march. It's about time we remembered why we celebrate May Day and recalled its real message: the revolutionary internationalism of the working class.

On May 1st 1886 340,000 workers throughout the USA went on strike for the 8 hour day. In Chicago the centre of anarchist agitation 80,000 came out. The following Monday thousands of Chicago workers held a mass meeting to protest the killing of 6 strikers the previous day. As the police moved in to break up the meeting a bomb was thrown which killed one policeman and wounded 7 others. A gunfight broke out between the police and armed workers and there were several more fatalities.

The bosses saw this as an opportunity to eliminate leading working class militants and cow the labour movement. Seven anarchists were arrested and charged with the murder of the policeman. The trial was a judicial farce. No attempt was made to prove that they had thrown the bomb (it is now believed to have been thrown by a police agent) and the jury, consisting of businessmen their clerks and a relative of a dead policeman, found them guilty simply because they were anarchists. As one of the accused said, 'I was tried here in this room for murder and I was convicted of anarchy. I protest against being sentenced to death because I have not been found guilty of murder'. Four were hanged and another committed suicide.

The 5 judicially murdered anarchists came to be known as the Chicago or Haymarket Martyrs. Their tragic fate is inextricably linked with the origins of May Day.

In 1888 the American Federation of Labour continued the struggle for the 8 hour day with May 1st as a day of action. In 1890 the 2nd International adopted May Day as a day of solidarity for the 8 hour day. The same year demonstrations occurred all over Europe.

This is what May Day is all about, international solidarity, struggle and sacrifice. This is what it will always be for us as anarchists, until the workers of the world organise as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish capitalism, the wage system and the state.

## NORTH EAST ANARCHIST FEDERATION

The North East Anarchist Federation covers the counties of Yorkshire, Durham, Cleveland, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear and Humberside. It is a means of communication between the various groups and individuals throughout the region, and a basis for co-operation and joint action.

There are groups in most of the major cities and towns, which can be contacted through the secretariat:

c/o Box LAP A,  
59 Cookridge st., Leeds LS2 3AW.

This is the text of a leaflet distributed on May Day by the various groups of the North East Anarchist Federation. The original was professionally printed with the Flavio Costantini picture depicting the McCormick strike shoot-out.



## SELF DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

Firstly, contrary to popular belief, anarchy is not chaos, violence or destruction. We are lead to believe that we need authority to maintain society. If authority disappeared we are told there would be a breakdown in society and there would be violence. It must be stressed that this is not true.

Anarchy is a viable constructive alternative to our present system/society, which is based on competition and violence. Anarchy is order, natural order; not the enforced order, which is really State-imposed disorder. Anarchy is unity, pure liberty and strength in oneself. It is the means whereby people will realise their own potential and individuality and thus begin to rule their own lives, without any political leaders. On a practical level, it is the means by which the workers take over the factories, where, at present they have little or no control. The alternative is anarcho-syndicalism which is a practical theory based on workers' control over their work, i.e. by means of workers councils escalating to committees headed by workers representatives, who are compelled to recall if they unsatisfactorily represent the electorate. This theory has become a reality in e.g. Spain 1936 with the agricultural collectives and the industrial syndicates. This is a system whereby the workers below control those above.

People are afraid to change their lives for fear of not being able to control industry, society and the economy without the administrative political know-how of the government, as it may collapse around them. That is how contrived people have become, but there are ways and means of establishing a free, self-supporting society and this is the point and objective of anarchism. It is definately not, as you may now believe, a return to barbarism. It seeks if anything, more organisation, although not through a centralised government, but through the masses. Anarchism is not a "utopian dream" nor is it the answer to all our problems.

We are not trying to take you over, nor are we offering you all the answers. We are quite simply saying, or asking you to think for yourself. Whatever we offer you must be better than the present organised chaos and bureaucracy. After all, would you deliberately impose your will on another person? We have had enough of disorganisation and State violence which are undoubtedly wrong and evil.

The media is nothing more than a conditioning, propaganda machine controlled by the State. It creates barriers and instigates violence. It puts people of different religions, creed and colour etc. against each other. It also supports inequality and repression. Youth is divided up into different cults such as mods, teds, punks etc. to uphold the "divide and rule" theory, or more truthfully, tradition, of the government.

People look up to others, such as pop stars, politicians etc. to forget their problems and believe that such-like are better than themselves, and the media furthers this. They maintain the imbalance of this unequal society. They gloss over the real problems of society, by way of projecting a false image of themselves and society in general. The media limits thought and keeps you tranquil and passive through the use of t.v. and billboards. They tend to stereotype people and put foward biased opinions of society in general.

Property of land is the basis of the capitalist system. The vast majority of this land is owned by a small percentage of the population, as from the days of feudalism. Before the beginnings of the feudalist State, in medieval times, land was stolen from the small communities by the greedy who had force to back them up. The land should belong to no-one and everyone. No person should have the right to so much land. It is tyranny and nothing more. The richest individuals have gained their power from the buying and selling of land and other property. PROPERTY=POWER.

You are brought up to live out your parents wishes and are forced through violence or otherwise, to conform to a pre-supposed image and to their ideals of a better society. As the family is the basis of the system, it continually strives for possessions which it thinks will make live better. You are indoctrinated into believing in marriage and to uphold other such traditions, like possessions and possession of each other. From our childhood we are forced into male and female sexist stereotypes. The traditional male image is that of a tough, rugged, macho man, who goes out to work and supports the family. The traditional female image is that of a soft, petite, feminine lust object which is there to serve the man and cook, clean and produce babies.

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Boys are brought up to play with objects of violence such as guns, action man toys etc. which back up the male stereotype whereas girls are brought up to play with prams, dolls etc. These back up the female stereotype. Once these personal stereotypes are accepted by the individual they are carried on throughout life. These images are backed up by society and its means of persuasion, mainly the media.

Education is the brainwashing of individuals so that they become part of a mass which can be easily controlled and manipulated. This makes you accept society's morals without questioning them. The school institution doesn't give the individual true education. It is the first in a long line of State institutions which force the individual to conform. You are forced to compete against each other in school when people should work together. People compete against each other to get ahead of the next person, therefore becoming part of the capitalist competitive social structure.

You are brought up to believe and fear in god. Religion is used as an excuse to fight, specifically, wars. Religion is an indoctrination process, it begins at birth and never ceases.

The military's only purpose is to protect the State and to safeguard its future, therefore upholding repression. It is an agent of repression, nothing more. They maintain State control and protect it from internal and external attack. They repress the British people, maybe very subtly at the moment, but they are there all the time, ready to crush the morale of people, e.g. Poland, Ireland.

Patriotism is the ultimate propaganda machine which is used in times of crisis and great depression. The belief in "God, Queen and Country" has always been a part of British tradition. Patriotism is used to divert people's attention from the real issues of life and to support the State machine and its various other outlets. The State uses you to its gain.

The worker is the slave to the capitalist system. The worker does not reap the benefit of his own labour. The capitalist management use the proletariat and reaps the benefits. The capitalist system is founded on profit and not need, whereas work should be based on the needs of the community. In a truly humanitarian society the production and manufacture of goods would be run on a totally co-operative basis as a collective. There would be no need for bosses but there would be a need for more organisation, through workers councils and a much more co-operative approach to each other.

Organise yourself instead of being organised, or more truthfully, disorganised by others. Do you really need to be told what to do? THINK ABOUT IT. Is it really that difficult?

#### THE GROUP AND AIMS. NEWCASTLE YOUTH ANARCHIST FEDERATION:

We are a group of young people who disagree with the present system and feel an urgent desire to change it, to create a better society, based on mutual co-operation and trust. Above all, EQUALITY AND FREEDOM.

Our aims are to educate people, through talking and leaflets, and to provide a viable alternative to modern life under authority. We would like to create a better understanding of anarchism, a practical socio-political idea, especially to the young, although age is of no consequence.

#### WE MUST SAY IT AGAIN. THINK AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF, ITS YOUR FUTURE!

Pay no attention to the representatives of State control. Put more emphasis on personal control. It's your life, no-one else's, so live it now. The individual must take control of his or her own life, then s/he can reject the State. This must come from confidence in oneself.

#### ANARCHY IS THE REJECTION OF THE STATE.

AS MAN SEEKS JUSTICE IN EQUALITY... SO SOCIETY SEEKS ORDER IN ANARCHY

GOVERNMENT IS TYRANNY, SO ANARCHY IS LIBERTY.

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ANARCHY. LIBERTY. PEACE. EQUALITY.





# DESTROY THE STATE - BEFORE IT DESTROYS US!

It's no use trying to Ban the Bomb without opposing the social and economic structures that produced it. CND's strategy of influencing the Labour Party failed in the 1960's and it will fail now. It was a Labour government which first developed Britain's independent nuclear deterrent (without an electoral mandate) and which was also a founder-member of NATO. And it was the last Labour government - containing such well-known Leftists as Foot and Benn - which spent £1,000 million updating Polaris.

Governments and Parties are not influenced by orderly protests and disciplined marches - no matter how big. We should be seeking to develop tactics which disrupt the economy and upset the smooth running of the State machinery. The alternative to asking others to act on our behalf - through passive petitioning, lobbying MP's and peaceful demo's - is to take direct action controlled by the participants themselves, not by the police or by CND stewards. For example: mass civil disobedience; occupation of airbases/army recruiting offices; industrial action by workers in nuclear and related industries; the spreading of 'secret' information and a general refusal to co-operate with the Warfare State.

THE STATE IS PREPARED FOR MILLIONS OF US TO BE MURDERED SO LONG AS IT CAN SURVIVE IN ITS UNDERGROUND BUNKERS AND RE-EMERGE TO RULE OVER WHATEVER IS LEFT.

Our lack of self-direction in the question of war or peace reflects our powerlessness in other aspects of our lives. We shouldn't legitimate the elites which dominate our society by begging them to disarm but seek to take control over our own lives through the overthrow of all governments and all ruling classes. Both in the State-capitalist East and in the private-capitalist West the only sane alternative is a self-managed society, which abolishes hierarchy at work, at school, in the family and in the community. In other words an Anarchist society.

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OUR COMRADE [REDACTED] MEMBER OF THE LEEDS BRANCH OF THE  
DAM, WAS ARRESTED IN LEEDS ON 26.4.82. HE WAS SUPPORTING THE  
MASS PICKET OF LEEDS CROWN COURT AT THE START OF THE BRADFORD  
12 TRIAL WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED WITH SOME HALF A DOZEN OTHERS AND  
CHARGED WITH USING OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE AND OBSTRUCTING A POLICE  
CONSTABLE - A CHARGE WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, HE DENIES. HIS FINGER-  
PRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPH WERE TAKEN AND HE WAS HELD FOR TWO AND A  
HALF HOURS BEFORE BEING RELEASED ON BAIL. GIVEN THE STATE OF  
"JUSTICE" IN THIS COUNTRY OUR COMRADE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE  
FINED AND WILL NEED HELP FROM OTHER COMRADES TO PAY THAT FINE.  
SO PLEASE SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY BY SENDING MONEY TO OUR BRANCH  
SECRETARY AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

[REDACTED] ROAD

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DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT IB AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE, PLEASE. ALL MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT TO.

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