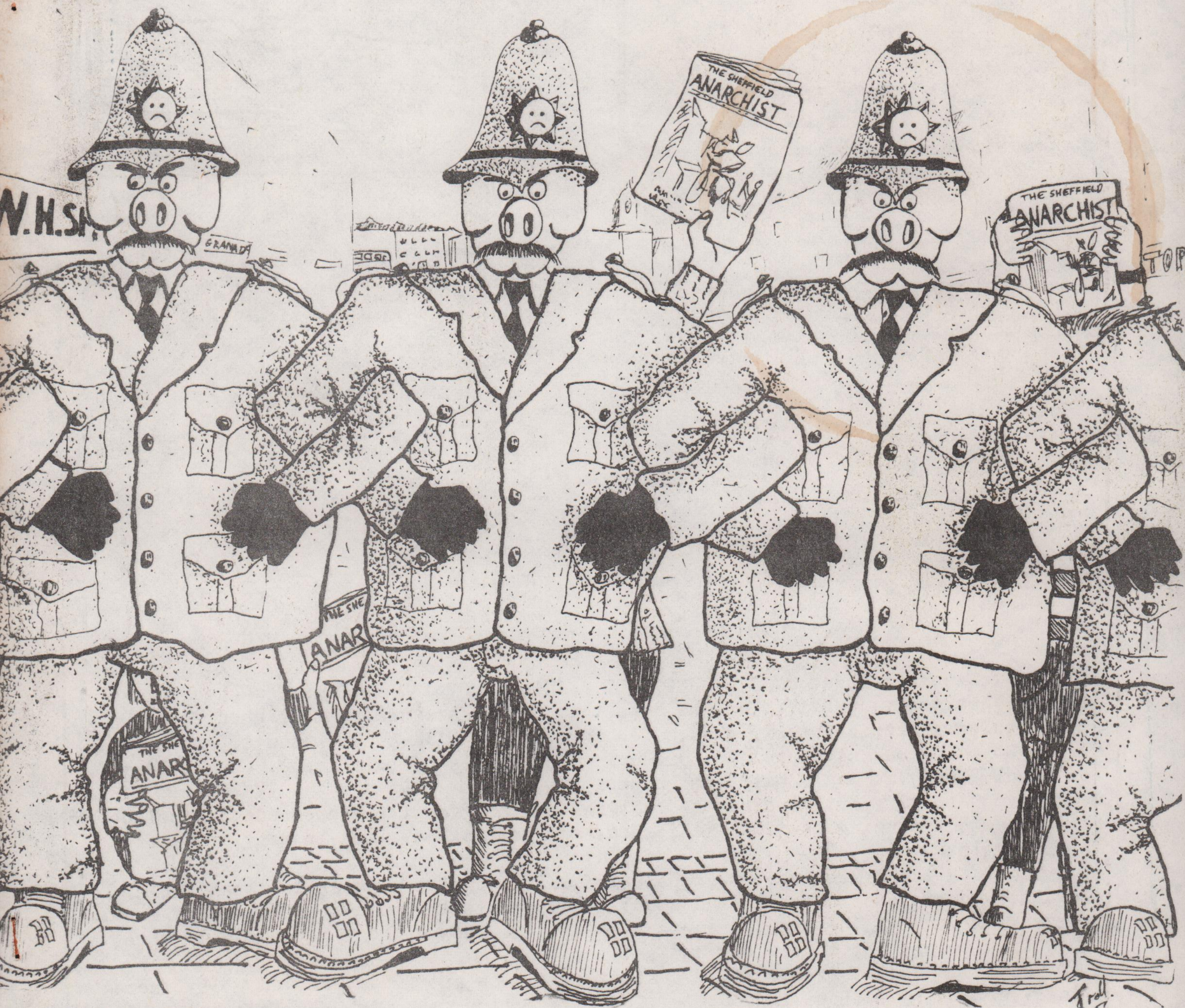


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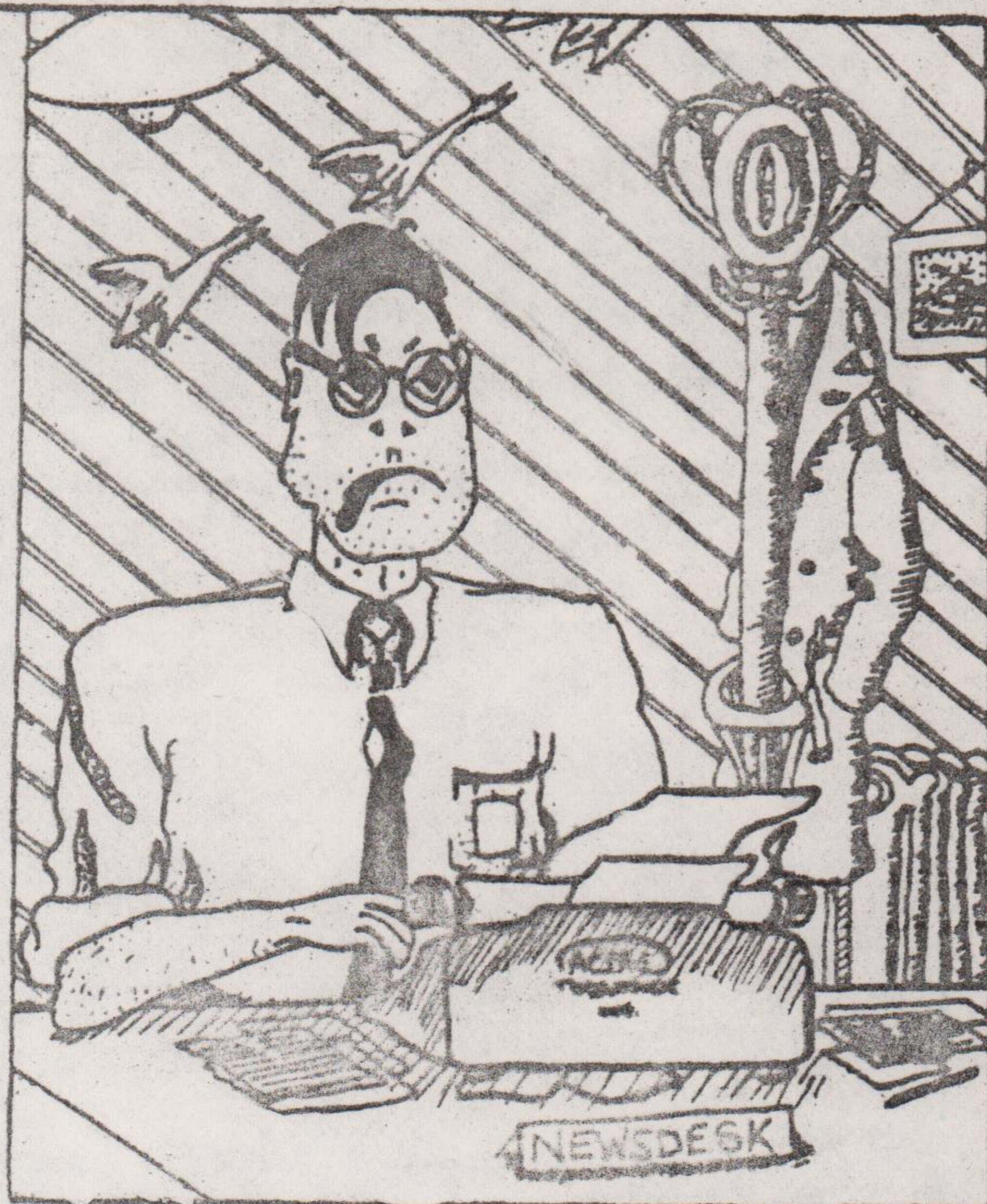
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THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST is produced by the Sheffield Anarchists as an aid to the wider dissemination of the libertarian viewpoint in the Sheffield area and further abroad.

Vol.1 No.1 was published in 1891, and it was intended to appear fortnightly, but pressure from the law, the police and authorities in general, and christians forced it to close down after only ten issues. It was restarted in the mid-1970's, and has appeared at varying intervals since, depending on the level of interest and activity amongst anarchists in Sheffield.

The paper has no fixed price, a continuation of the original policy of the founders, so that want of a few pence shall not prevent the sharing of ideas. We pay ourselves no wages, under any guise, have no expense accounts and support no other enterprise (and are supported by no other enterprise - sorry, but we've had no Moscow gold to keep us going). All money received for the paper goes towards ensuring that we can print more copies of the next issue, and those who give generously ensure that copies can be available for those who really cannot afford to give anything.

Contributions of an anarchist nature are always welcome, be they articles, poems, letters or graphics - we exercise no editorial control or censorship over contributions, and inclusion is subject only to available space.

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MORE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHISTS

We are a loose conglomeration of people having in common that we are anarchists and live in Sheffield. We are not a formal group, and have no membership cards or anything like that, although we do try to meet together whenever possible. Our diversity acts as a safe-guard against 'leaders', police-infiltrators, etc and ensures that space is offered to anarchists of different opinions, for instance - pacifists and non-pacifists. The looseness of our grouping ensures that we do not become dogmatic and examine all avenues of anarchism. Also, as we are not a formal organisation as such we do not suffer from the same diseases that seem to afflict these structures i.e. bureaucracy, intimidation of the less verbally articulate, oppression of minorities, hierarchy, etc, etc.

Welcome to another issue of THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST. Vol 1 No 8 marks 2 years of regular (quarterly) publication, we hope that now we are well established as a more regular Anarchist paper, that a few more people will be prepared to subscribe. We are sticking our necks out and producing 750 copies of this issue, (compared to our usual 5-600), so let's have some support.

We have been very active over the last few months, despite unprecedented police harrassment. Producing leaflets, stickers, and getting involved in many areas of the struggle.

Our last 'Readers Meeting' was considered quite successful despite the trouble from the Quakers (see page 5), and about 7 new people turned up. We hope that more of you will come to the next 'Readers Meeting', we know we have readers out there somewhere, so why not come along and get involved.

As we go to press there is still resistance in the pit areas, backed up by increasingly effective actions in schools. Looks like it's going to be a long hot summer.

STOP PRESS COMMENT ON THE MINERS STRIKE : SHITTING ON THE FRONT LINE

It would seem that the NUM have stooped to playing the same word game that the government and NCB have been playing for the last year. Why is a Kent picket line in Yorkshire any more "unofficial" than a Yorkshire picket line in Notts? Backstabbing scum like Taylor and McGahey should be put next to arse licking super-scabs like Chris Butcher - six foot under.

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HOME NEWS

OVER THE RECENT MONTHS SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE HAVE STEPPED UP HARRASSMENT OF ANARCHIST PAPER-SELLERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE US OFF THE STREETS.

ON SAT. 22ND DEC, OUR PAPER SELLERS WERE THREATENED WITH ARREST, BY A SENIOR COPPER AND TWO GRUNTS, IF THEY DID NOT STOP SELLING AND MOVE ON. THE SENIOR COPPER, WHO REFUSED TO GIVE HIS NAME AND NUMBER, AT FIRST SAID THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF 'THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST', BUT WHEN ASKED IF THEY HAD ACTUALLY RECEIVED A SPECIFIC COMPLAINT, HE SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ONE, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT THEY MIGHT AS THE CONTENTS OF OUR PAPER WERE "OBSCENE". WHEN ASKED TO SAY WHAT, SPECIFICALLY, WAS OBSCENE, HE SAID THAT THERE WASN'T ACTUALLY ANYTHING OBSCENE IN IT, BUT THE CONTENTS WERE "OFFENSIVE". WHEN ASKED TO JUSTIFY THIS, HE SAID THAT THE MAGAZINE WAS OFFENSIVE BECAUSE IT WAS "AGAINST GOVERNMENT".

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY (29TH DEC.), 4 'SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST' PAPER-SELLERS WERE SUDDENLY DESCENDED BY 6 PIGS AND A PIG CAR. THEY WERE UNDER DIRECT ORDERS FROM WEST BAR TO SEIZE ALL COPIES OF 'THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST'. THERE WERE ONLY 6 COPIES LEFT, THE REST HAVING BEEN ALREADY SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY, WHICH THE PLOD WERE QUITE UPSET ABOUT (ONLY 1 EACH), AND THEY PROCEEDED TO SEARCH THE BAG OF A BYSTANDER IN A PATHETIC ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE MORE COPIES. THEY REFUSED TO GIVE A RECEIPT FOR THE CONFISCATED MAGAZINES, OR EVEN AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THEY WERE BEING TAKEN; THE PAPER-SELLERS WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD FIND OUT WHAT IT WAS ABOUT IF THEY WENT DOWN TO WEST BAR POLICE STATION.

LATER, AT WEST BAR, THE SENIOR COPPER IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW 'THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST' TO BE SOLD IN SHEFFIELD, AND THAT ANYONE CAUGHT DISTRIBUTING IT WOULD BE ARRESTED FOR "BEHAVIOUR LIKELY TO CAUSE A BREACH OF THE PEACE".

SINCE THE 29TH DEC. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO DISTRIBUTE 'THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST' AS BEST WE CAN, DESPITE A SUBSTANTIAL POLICE PRESENCE ON FARGATE EVERY SATURDAY. IN FACT, WE PRACTICALLY SOLD OUT OF THE LAST ISSUE IN RECORD TIME, THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF OUR PAPER-SELLERS, AND THE COMMITMENT OF SOME OF OUR READERS. THE POLICE PRESENCE ON FARGATE HAS CONSISTED OF PLAIN-CLOTHES, AS WELL AS UNIFORMED PIGS, IT REALLY IS A LAUGH TO SEE ALL THE UNIFORMED GRUNTS HIDING IN SHOPS ('RADIO RENTALS' IS THE FAVOURITE) TO TRY AND NICK US. MORE SERIOUSLY, WE KNOW OF CASES WHERE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MANAGED TO OBTAIN A COPY OF 'THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST', (AND HAVE BEEN READING IT OR CARRYING IT IN THE STREET), HAVE BEEN STOPPED AND QUESTIONED BY THE FILTH.

DESPITE THE INTIMIDATION OF THE POLICE, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE 'THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST'.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

WRITE TO THE PRESS AND/OR SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE COMMITTEE.

SUBSCRIBE TO 'THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST', AND BE ASSURED OF EASILY OBTAINING A COPY.

TAKE COPIES TO SELL TO YOUR FRIENDS.

LET US KNOW OF ANY SHOPS THAT MIGHT BE SYMPATHETIC.

STREET-SELL IN YOUR AREA

THANKYOU FOR THE RESPONSE WE HAVE HAD SO FAR.

Another incident involving the police took place outside Sheffield City Hall before Kinnock's supposed visit, when an Anarchist selling 'CLASS WAR' was assaulted by Sergeant 1086 Buxton, and threatened with being charged under section 5 of the Public Order Act.

Home NEWS

SCHOOL STOPPERS.....

There have been strikes and disruptive actions at several Sheffield schools recently. The actions appear to have started on March the 6th, the 1st anniversary of the miners strike, and have spread since then.

MARCH 6TH - Over 200 pupils, many from nearby Hurlfield school, took part in a full-scale riot at Ashleigh Comprehensive. A vicar who attempted to help teachers restore order was hit in the ribs with a brick. Windows were smashed, and cars and other vehicles were attacked. In addition, there were walk-outs and actions at other Sheffield schools.

MARCH 7TH - About 150 pupils walked out at City School after 10 pupils were disciplined because of their part in a walk-out the previous day. They then marched to nearby Brook School to join 50 pupils who were involved in a protest there.

MARCH 8TH - More than 150 pupils from 3 schools walked out of lessons, and joined forces, they are refusing to return until there is an amnesty for all those suspended or expelled for taking part in the school strikes. About 50 pupils picketed Brook School. At Waltheof School, Manor, pupils were surrounded by the police, and a 16 year old was arrested for allegedly obstructing the highway.

There have also been disruptive actions and strikes by pupils at Doncaster schools.

In February six schoolgirls from a South Yorkshire pit village were suspended from Edlington Comprehensive near Doncaster after taking part in a protest in support of the miners. About 20 3rd, 4th, and 5th formers disrupted exams, chanted slogans, and staged a sit-in in front of school buses. The six girls suspended were the only pupils that teachers were able to identify by sight. Local NUM leaders condemned the actions of the pupils.

Education officials, police, and press, unable to believe that anyone can think for themselves, are trying to blame the school protests on 'outsiders'. They have particularly tried to link the actions with Sheffield Anarchists in their search for a 'political scapegoat'. The oppression of young people is so blatant that you'd have to be an idiot not to see it and react against it.

Similarly, the authorities are trying to make scapegoats of 2 people arrested recently in Shipley. On Monday the 11th of February a 17 year old man was arrested outside Nab Wood school in Shipley, West Yorkshire. He was taken to Shipley police station and questioned about a pamphlet he had been handing out. As a result of this questioning the police went to an address in Keighley, and arrested a second person. The police searched the house and then took the man to Shipley police station to be questioned. They were both kept overnight and questioned every hour. The police gave them sausages and fish and chips to eat - they are both vegans. The second person has been charged with unlawfully inciting pupils at Nab Wood school to commit criminal damage. The police are now claiming that he was at the school handing out leaflets. After their first court appearance the pair were let out on bail, but the conditions are strict; they are not to move from their present address, and are not allowed to go out before 10am or between 12 and 4.30pm. This was much harsher than even the prosecution wanted - the reason was that the head magistrate was an education official.

The police are trying to link the above case with several recent actions in West Yorkshire schools. In one incident 500 pupils marched through Bradford with flags and placards, smashing windows and halting traffic, before storming Bradford City Hall. A 13 year old had his thumb severed when police slammed the gates on it. Another pupil managed to pick the thumb up, but police shoved back the crowd further, causing him to drop the thumb, and it was trampled on. Angered even further by this the protestors ran back out and blocked several roads before going on another rampage.

UNITE AGAINST THE STATE @ TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG

QUAKERS GO ON THE OFFENSIVE

We would like to apologise to anyone who came to our last 'Readers Meeting' and failed to find us. The meeting should have been at the so-called Friends Meeting House, but unfortunately we had to transfer to Victoria Hall, after the meeting had been advertised. It would seem that now Quakers are no longer a persecuted minority, some of Sheffield's Quakers think it is time to go on the offensive. We have held many meetings at the Friends Meeting House over several years, and after booking our last 'Readers Meeting' there, we were suprised and dismayed to recieve a letter from their bookings secretary, refusing to allow the use of their facilities to Anarchists.

Some of Sheffield's Quakers were also involved in getting our notice-board removed from the Peace Shop, and in trying to get us expelled from the Peace liason Committee.

The Sheffield Anarchist Readers Meeting,

Meet 7:30 14th May

AT 'COMMONGROUND' ON THE WICKER (NEAR THE ARCHES). ALL COMRADES WELCOME.

NOTTINGHAM CONFERENCE

Several comrades journeyed to Nottingham one weekend in February to attend an annual Midlands anarchist "get-together". About 90 people attended to participate in workshops and socialise. A diverse number of subjects were covered and the original topics were soon lost as the conversation ranged freely.

Topics supposed to be covered were: Animals, Education, Pacifism, Squatting, Sexism, Miners, Ireland, Terrorism, Class War.

Once we'd finished trying to untangle the world we set about tying ourselves up in a show of strength in a kiddies playground.

Thanks to Notts @, but isn't a set "entry fee" a bit off when you don't even know how many are coming.

IN DONCASTER

Several shop windows and a squad car windscreen were smashed, and police were attacked in Doncaster town centre on Friday night March 8th. The trouble started when miners attacked scabs. The Sheffield 'Star' tried to distort the situation by claiming that it had something to do with Sheffield United supporters, though why United supporters should travel to Doncaster when there was no match on was not explained. The incident involved a couple of hundred people.

SCHOOL 'GRASS' SCHEME

South Yorkshire Police's latest sceme is to set up a 'junior crime prevention panel' in Sheffield schools in an attempt to get pupils to grass on their mates. As a result of a meeting between teachers union representatives and police, a 'Pilot scheme' is planned for Herries Road Comprehensive.

THE ANVIL CINEMA...latest.

As we all know Sheffield City Council are NOT going to make any cuts and are going to defy the government.....or are they, it seems very strange that they are going to move the anvil to save money, and move the anvil to the old library theatre which only has one screen as opposed to the Anvil's three at the present time.

The man behind this proposal is called David Brown (Labour councillor for Darnall and head of Arts and libraries committee) Tel. Sheff 304520 and his address is 28, Clarendon Court, Car bank lane, S11.

The Anvil Support Campaign is advocating writing lots of letters to David Blunkett stating an objection to the 'closure'(he has to write back)



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Home NEWS

MORE PIG VIOLENCE

At Sheffield Magistrates Court in late February a NUPE official told how a policeman had coshed him with a metal bar at a picket line outside the Trent Regional Health Regional Health Authority Headquarters at Fulwood. The official said that he had been dragged out of the crowd, kicked several times, and called a "Communist bastard". The copper then dragged him round the back of a police van, took off his tunic, and pulled a slim metal bar about 10 inches long from his pocket. The pig then brought the bar down across the back of the man's neck in a "rabbit punch". The man passed out, but came to to find "a pile of policemen" on top of him, and he realised he was having "some sort of fit", he spent 3 nights in hospital. Another copper prevented a picket from helping the man when he was having the fit.

The assaulted man was later charged with assaulting a pig, but this was dismissed. Three other union officials were also arrested and charged.

The magistrate criticised Chief Inspector Albert Lythgoe, who was in charge of the police operation, for several charges "brought in error". The magistrate also castigated all the police for their bad language.

A 'Morning Telegraph' reporter said that he had been "suprised and shocked" by the actions of the police.

The picket was in protest at contract cleaners replacing Health Service employees.

KINNOCK DOESN'T SHOW

Sheffield Anarchists called upon the people of Sheffield to give Neil Kinnock a "Scabs Welcome" on Jan. 29th when he was due to attend a play about the miners strike at Sheffield City Hall. Getting involved in the strike from the safety of a theatre seat turned out to be too much for Kinnock; He didn't turn up!

KINNOCKIO ON VIOLENCE

The following extract is taken from Kinnock's biography, as published in 'The Guardian':

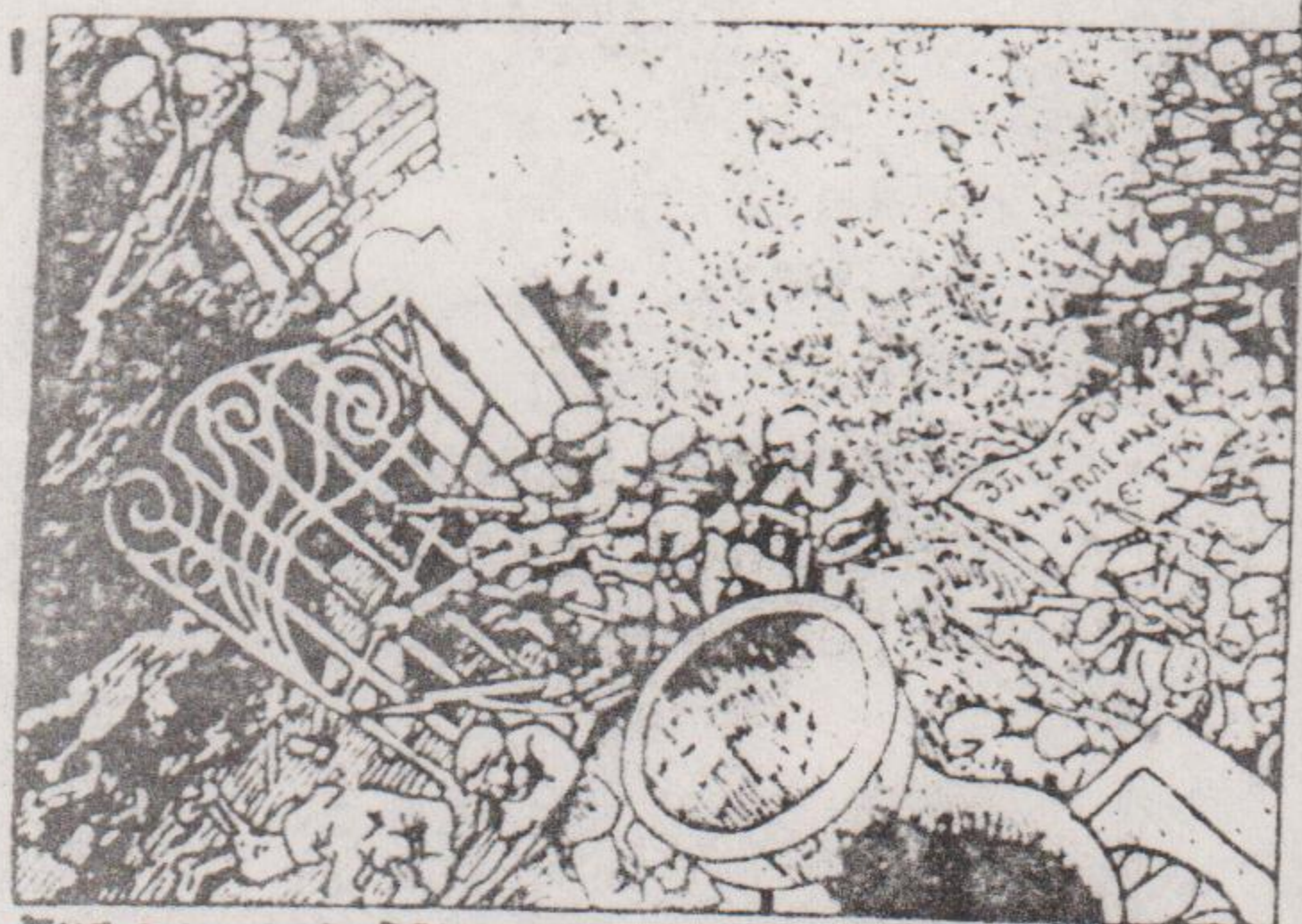
"The ugliest week of his career was rounded off on Friday lunchtime in the lavatory of the Grand Hotel. He was alone, washing his hands, when a young man walked in. Kinnock paid him no attention. Suddenly the youth swung at him with his foot, a high kick which caught Kinnock a painful blow on the elbow. The shadow education spokesman (as Kinnock was at the time) pulled him in close. "Then I beat the shit out of him." When Kinnock joined his companions in the bar he told them what had happened. One went back in to check, but the youth had gone. "Apparently there was blood and vommit all over the floor", says Kinnock. A few hours later he boarded a train out of Brighton."

It seems that the hypocrite has changed his tune since he became leader of the Labour Party.



NESTOR MAKHNO

FROM ANARCHY COMIX



THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION OF 1917 GAVE EXPRESSION TO FORCES, LONG PENT UP IN RUSSIA OTHER THAN THE BOLSHEVIKS IN THAT PART OF THE UKRAINE.



CEDED BY THE BREST-LITOVSK TREATY, THE NABAT CONFEDERATION DECLARED ITS SELF-DETERMINATION AND DIVIDED THE LANDED ESTATES AMONG THE PEASANTS



ASSEMBLING A GUERRILLA ARMY, NESTOR MAKHNO, HARASSED GERMAN BACKED LAND OWNERS, OFTEN USING ENEMY DISGUISES TO FIRST OBTAIN THEIR HOSPITALITY



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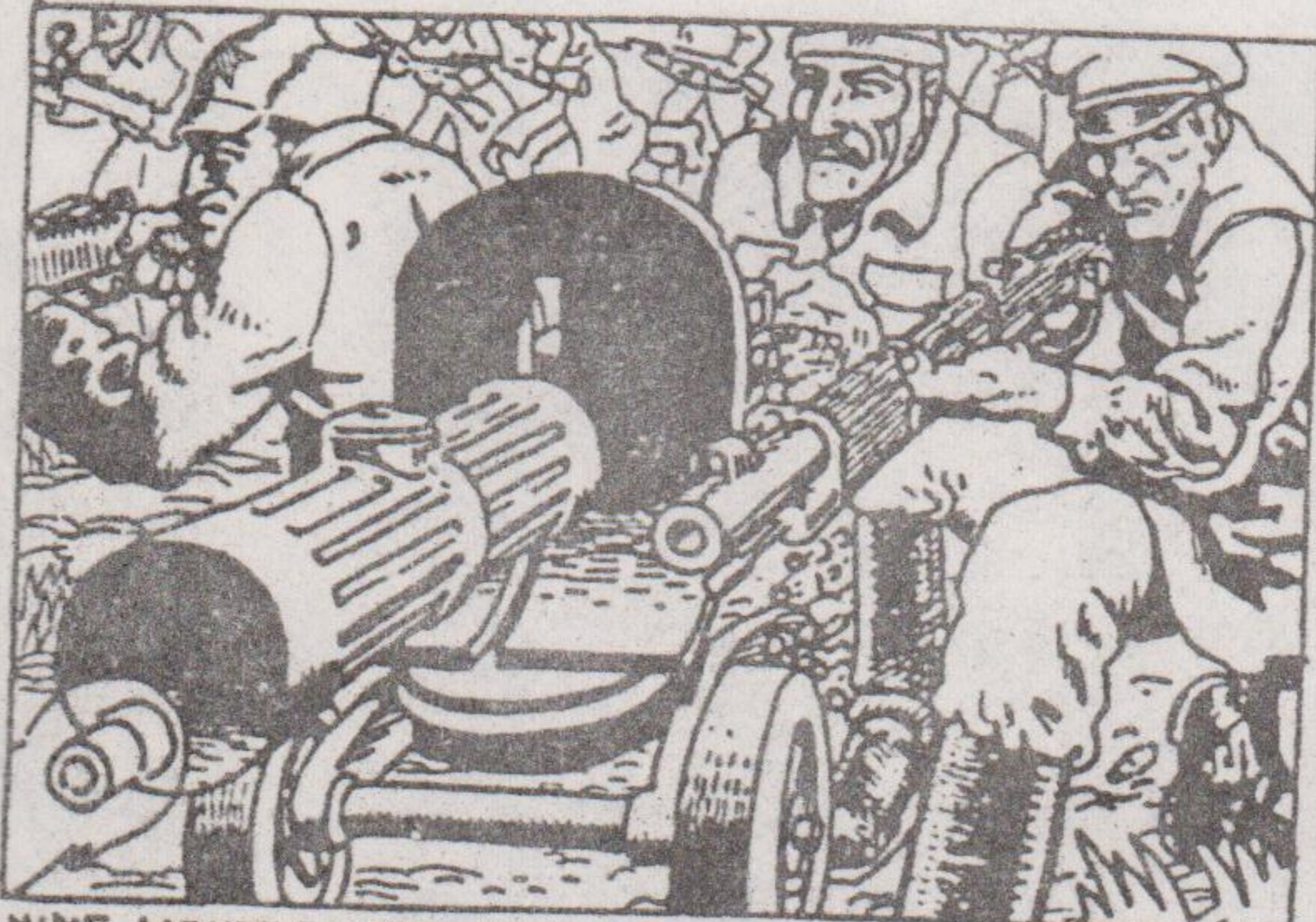
SOON AFTERWARD, UTILIZING MILITARY INNOVATIONS LIKE TRANSPORTING INFANTRY IN LIGHT PEASANT CARTS. HE STOPPED THE INVADING WHITE ARMIES OF DENIKIN



WHILE IN THEORY ORGANIZED DEMOCRATICALLY THE ARMY WAS RUN WITH A TIGHT FISTED DISCIPLINE BY HIMSELF AND HIS INNER COMMAND.



HIS UNORTHODOX TACTICS SUCCEEDED IN DEFEATING DENIKIN BUT TROTSKY ORDERED THE IMPRISONMENT OF ANARCHIST ELEMENTS. MAKHNO HELD OUT FOR



NINE MONTHS UNTIL THE INVASION OF WRANGEL. ON THE SOVIET PROMISE TO FREE ANARCHIST PRISONERS HE JOINED THEM TO SMASH THE LAST WHITE INVASION



AFTER VICTORY, MAKHNOIST LEADERS WERE INVITED TO A CONFERENCE IN CRIMEA WHERE ALL, EXCEPT AN ESCAPING CAVALRY UNIT, WERE ARRESTED OR SHOT. MAKHNO AND



HIS MEN FOUGHT ON FOR A FEW MONTHS, AT FIRST THEY SCORED VICTORIES, BUT FINAL HE FLED TO PARIS, WHERE IN 1935, HE DIED OF CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM



FUN

, it's only a stone's throw away!

FITZWILLIAM FIGHTS ON

At a time when some people are beginning to believe the media lies about the miners strike, the village of Fitzwilliam in West Yorkshire, stands as a shining example of working class solidarity and struggle. During the 12 month old strike, not one miner from the village has gone back to work. While other places have been divided, the people of Fitzwilliam have stood solid. The whole community have not only defended themselves against massive police aggression - they have gone on the offensive. Throughout the 12 months this small village has set an example to us all.

On July 9th, Fitzwilliam came under a huge police onslaught, but the people defended themselves admirably. When the battle was over, more than £100,000 worth of damage had been done to NCB property, but 9 people had been arrested.

The Fitzwilliam Nine trial was, in their own words, a "traumatic experience" for the people of Fitzwilliam, 7 of the 9 were found guilty at their trial at Pontefract in December. Magistrate David Loy ignored overwhelming evidence of police brutality. For example, one of the defendants, Peter Doody, was so severely beaten with truncheons, while lying defenceless on the floor, that he sustained 15 weals on his back, and lay for 2 nights in hospital. Loy found him guilty of 'Breach of the Peace', and gave him a 4 month suspended sentence.

Peter Hurst, an unemployed builder, was sentenced to 6 months in prison.

Despite attempts by the NUM to sabotage solidarity with Peter, and other imprisoned miners, the people of Fitzwilliam, who have formed the Fitzwilliam Prisoners Aid Committee, have continued to stand by their comrades. (See elsewhere in this issue for more information about F.P.A.C.)

If, and when, this strike is sold out, those who have remained solid will not have lost, for they can hold their heads high anywhere, and they have also learned a lot from hard struggle. These lessons will not easily be forgotten, they have seen the betrayal by the Labour Party and TUC, they have seen through the Trots who tried to milk them, they have seen the police violence and the tactics the state is prepared to use to crush class struggle, they have seen how cunningly the media lies. But, most of all, during this strike, they have learned that together they are strong, they have seen their own power, they have learned how to organise, collectively, without leaders. The Womens Support Groups and the Hit Squads have been an inspiration to us all.

And if this strike ends tomorrow, make no mistake, the fight will go on.

2/3/85

"WE'LL STAY OUT TILL HELL FREEZES OVER" - Fitzwilliam miner, 27th January 1985

the betrayal comes.....

The day after the above article was written and typed-out, and only minutes after it was layed-out, the NUM called for an unconditional return to work. Has there been a strike, rising or revolution in history, in which leaders have not betrayed the people?

Many miners already knew, in their hearts, that they would be betrayed by the NUM leadership, nevertheless, when it came, it still came as a staggering blow, greeted with anger and tears in the steadfast pit communities.

The interests of any 'leadership' are always very much different from those of the people it claims to represent, and so betrayal is inevitable; power corrupts. When Jack Taylor says "The thing that's important to us is to have a union" he sums up well the attitude of the professional trade unionists.

The NUM leadership have demonstrated once again, as they have done throughout the strike, that they are out of touch with the wishes of their members, and out of step with their militancy. When Arthur Scargill announced the decision of the special delegate conference to the miners assembled outside Congress House, there were unanimous cries of "No!", and they chanted "We're not going back". As Scargill retreated back into Congress House, a Scottish miner screamed; "We've given you our hearts, we've given you blood, we've given you everything, and then you sell us out Davie Jones and Joe Green died on the picket line for this, and you turn round and slap us in the face with a big fish. We'll never go back to work. You're tarred and feathered with the rest of the scabby bastards."

betrayal cont.

Although Yorkshire NUM originally voted against the proposed return to work at the special delegate conference, they were the first area to vote (68 to 8) to accept the return to work call. Yet, again, this decision was not reflected in the actions of the rank and file membership. The night after the sell-out, there were widespread attacks on NCB property, in this area, and throughout the country. Many picket lines saw the biggest turn-out for weeks, and it wasn't all toasting the NUM leadership with whiskey, there were arrests at Askern colliery, and at picket lines throughout the country, miners said they would defy the decision. At one pit in South Wales, at least 300 pickets said that they had no intention of returning to work.

When the NUM leaders decided to call for a return to work they turned their backs on the thousands of men who have been sacked, and more than 170 who are in prison. They have also turned their backs on the pit communities who have stood so firmly behind the strike. You might think that the miners would have become so accustomed to betrayal during this strike, that they would have been prepared for a sell-out by the NUM leadership, (and many were), but no matter how much you expect it, betrayal always comes as a kick in the balls.

4/3/85

BACK IN FITZWILLIAM

On the day of the NUM's 'return to work', the pit in Fitzwilliam (Kinsley drift) had the strongest picket line for months, as many of those previously arrested defied their bail conditions, and went to show that they were still on strike. Neither the NUM, nor the police (who had again destroyed the picket hut) could keep them away. Nobody from the village went back to work at Kinsley.

There were similar scenes at pits throughout the area. At Barrow, an 'organised return to work' of 800 led by Arthur Scargill was turned back by flying pickets from Kent. Kent miners rejected the return to work call at a mass meeting held the day after the Congress House meeting. Despite considerable police harassment against the flying pickets that Kent sent to Yorkshire, (at one pit they were given one minute to get away from the pit gates or be arrested, and at another they were told that they had 24 hours to leave the county), they brought a "breath of fresh air" to the pit communities, and gave renewed enthusiasm to fight on.

At Prince of Wales colliery, strikers returned to work, but only long enough to beat the shit out of the scabs, and then get back on strike.

At many collieries where there had been a large return, miners walked out again after the management started to grind the heel down. At several pits, miners who went in at 9.00am as instructed by the NUM, were sent home for being late for work.

In Fitzwilliam, the NUM branch officials, shocked by what had happened, held a meeting of Kinsley miners, to try and persuade them to go into work. Many Fitzwilliam miners do not work at Kinsley, and so they were prevented from attending the meeting, as were the Womens Support Group, and the rest of the community. (The Kent miners said that at their meetings everybody was invited, and freely allowed to speak.) After considerable rank and file pressure, one Kent miner was allowed in to the meeting to speak, but another who was also allowed in, was expelled from the meeting when he attempted to speak.

A branch official who tried to make out that it would be O.K. for miners to cross 'unofficial' picket lines was shouted down. "It doesn't matter if it's an official picket line or an unofficial picket line, a picket line's a picket line, and you don't cross them. Get off your knees you bums!"

The "No Sell-out" line was backed-up further when members of the Womens Support Group stormed the meeting, and made it clear where they stood - firmly behind the strike.

Attempts by the union beauracrats to undermine the strike were defeated; the meeting decided unanimously to stay on strike.

As we go to press the strike is still on.

"THIS STRIKE AIN'T STARTED YET."

- Fitzwilliam miners 5/3/85

PRISON STRUGGLE

FITZWILLIAM PRISONERS AID COMMITTEE

Following a massive attack by the police on the community of Fitzwilliam, West Yorkshire, and the ensuing riot, 9 people were arrested, and 7 of them were convicted - Peter Hurst, an unemployed builder was sentenced to 6 months in prison.

Following the traumatic experience of the Fitzwilliam Nine trial, Fitzwilliam Prisoners Aid Committee was set up. They are supporting ALL those imprisoned for their support of the miners strike, no matter where they were arrested, or for what alleged offence. Despite attempts by the Yorkshire NUM to sabotage solidarity with the prisoners (including taking away the Fitzwilliam minibus) the F.P.A.C. have continued to give active support to their imprisoned comrades.

The F.P.A.C. produces a monthly bulletin, with an up to date list of prisoners to encourage people to write to them, copies are available from the address below.

Send donations to:

FITZWILLIAM PRISONERS AID COMMITTEE,
C/O 4 ROCKINGHAM ST.
FITZWILLIAM,
Near PONTEFRACT,
WEST YORKSHIRE.

SHEFFIELD PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUP

Although recently formed, we see the work of prisoners support groups going far beyond the miners strike. We hope to offer as much support to our friends in prison as possible, and to work with existing prisoners support groups, and those we hope will be formed.

We are opposed to the separation of those convicted for overtly political resistance, and their fellow prisoners. Most working-class prisoners are inside for 'crimes' against capitalism. All prisoners are political prisoners.

As Anarchists we believe in the liberation of all prisoners, however, until the revolution, we must give full support to our comrades inside, and their families.

So far we have had contact with Class War Prisoners Aid, who have sent us their list of those imprisoned during the miners strike. And we have been able to offer some assistance to Fitzwilliam Prisoners Aid Committee, hopefully we will be printing their next bulletin for them. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this project send us a donation (specifying what it is for).

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CLASS WAR PRISONERS AID

Another group formed to help those imprisoned during the miners strike are Class War Prisoners Aid. Their basic positions are;

- 1) Full support to imprisoned miners: Collect money for them and their dependents, visit them in prison, write to them, etc.
- 2) Opposition to all attempts by union bureaucrats to restrict solidarity with prisoners.
- 3) No to 'political status'. Most prisoners are in jail for taking back part of the value produced by them and their fellow workers. We are against any separation of miners from their class comrades in prison and outside.
- 4) Maximum solidarity on both sides of the prison walls.
- 5) Only working class solidarity can win anything from the strike and release the prisoners.

Class War Prisoners Aid can be contacted at the following address;

BOX CWPA,
355 HOLLOWAY RD.
LONDON N7.



SHEFFIELD PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUP CONTD.

We have already started writing to prisoner-s to establish contact and ask them what we can send them. And we hope to organise public meetings, hold collections, and publish at least one pamphlet.

We are organising a raffle to raise funds for Sheffield Prisoners Support Group, all money collected will go towards direct support of prisoners. Tickets cost 20p each (+ SAE please if you are purchasing them through the post). Prizes are as follows:

1ST PRIZE - £3 book voucher for 'The Sheffield Anarchist' bookstall

2ND PRIZE - A copy of 'Don't Mark His Face', a book about the Hull prison riot.

3RD PRIZE - A subscription to 'The Sheffield Anarchist'.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the next 'Sheffield Anarchist' 'Readers Meeting' on 14th May at 'Commonground' (9.00pm).

If you know of any prisoners who would like a bit of support and/or recieve 'The Sheffield Anarchist' let us know.

MANY THANKS TO 'CLASS WAR PRISONERS AID' FOR SENDING US THEIR LIST OF PRISONERS. DROP THEM A LINE, BUT REMEMBER THAT ALL LETTERS ARE READ BY THE SCREWS.

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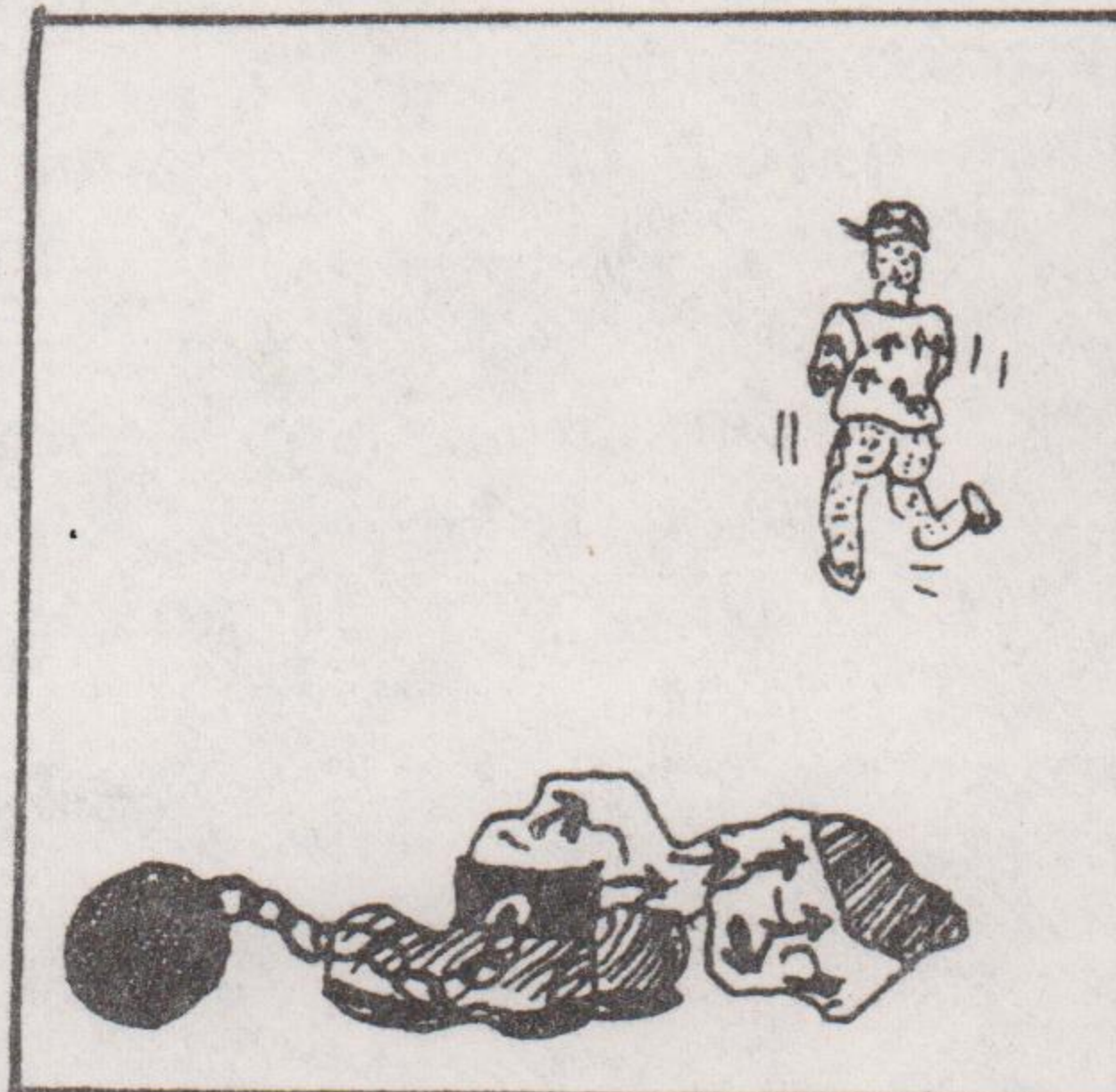
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"I was not a prisoner, merely;
I was an Anarchist in the hands
of the enemy."

Alexander Berkman

Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist





I think that we live in a pretty sick society, and compared to some of the things that go on, smoking is probably very much of a lesser evil. However, despite the fact that the question of smoking raises some important political issues, and I think some pretty obvious contradictions, it has been largely side-stepped or ignored by Anarchists (and lefties). At a time when smoking is becoming increasingly unfashionable in wider society, particularly among the working-class, and to an even greater extent among the young, this is not mirrored in Anarchist circles. In Sheffield, at least, the majority of Anarchists seem to smoke. There must be some deep sociological reason for this, but I am not sure if it is left-over, mis-guided, juvenile 'behind the bike sheds' rebelliousness, plain trendyism, or what. However, I think it does show up a gap in political consciousness - at a time when we are increasingly thinking about things like authority roles, covert sexual harassment, dominance within relationships, etc. the fairly obvious one-sided oppressive relationship between smokers and non-smokers is ignored. Even the supposedly considerate attitude of some smokers is transparently false. When smokers lay their fags on the table and say "Is it alright if I smoke?" they are really saying "Am I going to get my way, or are you determined enough to kick up a fuss and cause an unpleasant scene?". Surely there are parallels between this and some forms of rape.

The third world is starving to feed your habit. Good land, badly needed to grow crops is squandered in order to provide your fags. Last year Ethiopia produced 1,375,000,000 cigarettes.

Smokers pollute the air, and are walking refuse-tips. At the Anarchist Centre the smokers there "never" dropped their fag butts on the floor for other people to sweep up, yet the floor, and everything else, was always covered with fag-ends, cigarette ash and dead matches - and somebody dropped them.

The accidents caused by smokers are considerable, every year people die and are injured in fires caused by smokers.

Anarchists have a higher chance than most people of being imprisoned, and in prison your tobacco addiction will be used as a punishment and a way of controlling you. Prison is not a good place to stop smoking, so why not stop now, before your habit compromises you even further?

What about the testing of the effects of smoking on animals in vivisection laboratories? Changing brands or smoking roll-ups simply side-steps the issue. Animals are being tortured, not only for 'quality control', but in order to try and find cures for cancer ridden smokers. Vegans who spend their time tirelessly searching the backs of crisps and biscuits packets for the offensive 'E's' conveniently ignore the fact that the gum on their Rizla papers is made from boiled animal bones.

The society of the spectacle tries to con us into believing we need so many useless commodities to make us happy. T.V.'s, fast cars, fashionable clothes, etc. all are used as trinkets to buy us off. They try to convince us we need this junk to be happy, in order that we will devote our lives to a never-ending quest for the next great 'commodity' 'Bread and Circuses' on a grand scale, and they laugh all the way to the bank. Few commodities are pushed as much as (or can be as useless as) cigarettes, and smokers have fallen hook, line and sinker for the image the tobacco ads feed us.

By smoking in public places, smokers not only aid the advertisers in selling smoking to another generation of nicotine addicts, but they also pass on their ill health to everyone else. It's bad enough not being able to go upstairs on a bus without coughing your guts up, but when Anarchists cannot be more considerate there is something seriously wrong. The risks to the health of non-smokers caused by smokers are considerable, not to mention the sheer unpleasantness of being drowned in smoke. Every week after the Sheffield Anarchists meeting, I come home smelling like an ashtray, and when I smell my clothes the next day, I nearly heave so badly that I have no choice, but to change them. If the choice is either to put up with this or not attend meetings, then they aren't Anarchist meetings.

NON-SMOKERS ALWAYS GET THE BUTT-END

smokers continued

Even those too young to object have to put up with the selfish and oppressive ways of the tobacco tyrants. Before the recent national Anarchist conference in Sheffield we discussed the issue of smoking. We decided that we would ask smokers to sit to the right of the room we were meeting in. A notice was put on the door asking smokers to do this, and card signs saying "No smoking please" were placed on the tables to the left of the room. I came to the conference with a 5 week old baby, and sat at one of the no smoking tables. Within minutes 2 people sat directly on either side of her (the baby) and lit up. I moved, and put the baby's pram in the corner of the room, 5 minutes later she was joined by yet another group of inconsiderate smokers. It is a wonder that her health is not already irreparably damaged, as before she was born, smoking Anarchists were just as inconsiderate with her pregnant mother.

It has taken me a lot of time to finally get to writing an article about the tyranny of tobacco, although I doubt if my words will have any great effect, these things have to be said. Smoking is real oppression - here and now, and if you choose to ignore it then you're a bloody poor Anarchist.

BARN (the scourge of smokers?)

Footnote ; I would like to make it clear that there are one or two smoking Anarchists who I have always found to be genuinely considerate, and who take responsibility for their habit to a large extent. I have also noticed that since I told people that I had written an article about smoking, there has been an increase in the amount of consideration being shown by some smokers, I hope that this trend continues. It's just a shame that these things have to be said first, before smokers stop and think about their selfish ways.

LETTERS

Dear @s,

I encountered your magazine at a recent concert at Sheffield University. At first I had my reservations, (Egad, wot's this kidstuff, drivel, etc). However, on examination I discovered, to my delight, that the magazine was well put together, cogently written, and more importantly, (forgive the expression) ideologically sound. I therefore wish to subscribe. Please find enclosed the sum of £2.00, use the remainder as you will, just send me The Sheffield @ at the above address. I would also appreciate details of any similar publications/organisations in my own area.

Keep it together

DEED POLL

Dear Sheffield Anarchists,

Someone has just given me a copy of 'The Sheffield Anarchist' Autumn 1984 issue, that they bought in a street in Sheffield last year. This is the first time I've ever heard of it, and I found it very good reading. Can you tell me whether you've published any other issues since. If not could you tell me whether you can still supply the books and magazines listed on your book page and if they are the same price still.

I've enclosed a quid so if you've published another issue could you please send me one - thanks.

Love

CHRISTOPHER

Dear Sheffield Anarchists,

Many thanks for sending me such a large wad of stuff in response to my sending you 'Me Myself I' It was most generous of you. I think 'The Sheffield Anarchist' is just the good side of mediocre. Although some of the articles are interesting and are obviously written from personal experience, I wanted more of yourselves. Perhaps that is me trying to see The Sheffield Anarchist for what it is not - an individualist mag.

In any case please keep in touch and put me on the mailing list. Please write back to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed £2. I worry that our pals in blue might be tempted by the filthy lucre if they want to read this.

CLIFF

Dear All,

Many thanks for sending copies of The Sheffield Anarchist. I did enjoy reading them and will be placing an order for future copies. Meantime, I've sent some writings, and a cut from our local free rag.

Yours, Love & Anarchy

ANDREW

COLD?

Each winter in this country, approximately 40,000 more elderly people die than do in the summer months, according to the house of commons Hansard report of 10/3/83.

To worsen the situation, successive governments and their satellites, the regional councils, squander untold amounts of vitally needed fuel on pointlessly heating their plush, leather and mahogany furnished office buildings. For proof of this, just look at the Sheffield town hall; two large buildings in the centre of town, one of which is kept permanently lit and comfortably heated. Police stations, apart from the cells, are kept nice and cosy. Compare this comfort to the place where you live.

Apart from the waste of fuel that these parasites revel in, just take a look at their so-called "urban development" schemes. Vast sums of money are spent on such ludicrous schemes as redeveloping the Moor. The Moor has now had trenches dug in it, walls built across it, tramlines have been uncovered, presumably to make it more

difficult for elderly and people with disabilities to get across it and the crowning lunacy, a bandstand, which has only been used twice to my knowledge (although rumour has it that two sixteenth century folk singers once used it).

Add to this their egotistical delusion of grandeur, which urges them to employ chauffeurs to drive them around in their Rolls-Royces, and you can see quite clearly how much these bastards care about the people they claim to "represent" and, even funnier, "care about".

Further, this uncaring waste of resources can be illustrated vividly, when you consider the millions of pounds of tax and rate payers money that are spent on building nuclear shelters: the manpower services commission building has one, Midlands bank has one, Telecom house has one and, does anybody believe for one second, that that Sheffield's "nuclear free"

council are going to leave their cellars abandoned when the balloon goes up? The queen has an entire mountain in Wales for her and her blood-sucking brood to sit (and laugh at all the poor suckers outside.)

Can all this waste be justified?

No, it is simply an excuse for the ruling elite, who claim that these ridiculous schemes are "necessary", to keep the "lower" classes in a poor state of physical wellbeing, since they spend so much on heating that they can't eat. Due to this low level of physical wellbeing, the so called "lower" classes are demoralised and discouraged from offering any active resistance. State benefits are given, in a contemptible display of condescension, the levels of which are calculated to keep people poor and hungry. Those people receiving these "benefits" are then told to consider how much worse off they would be without their dole. Some are passive enough to even be grateful for the pittance they are pacified with.

Try to balance all this waste with the poverty you see all around you. Is the place where you live cold? Is it damp? Are you being ripped off by greedy landowners or a greedy council?

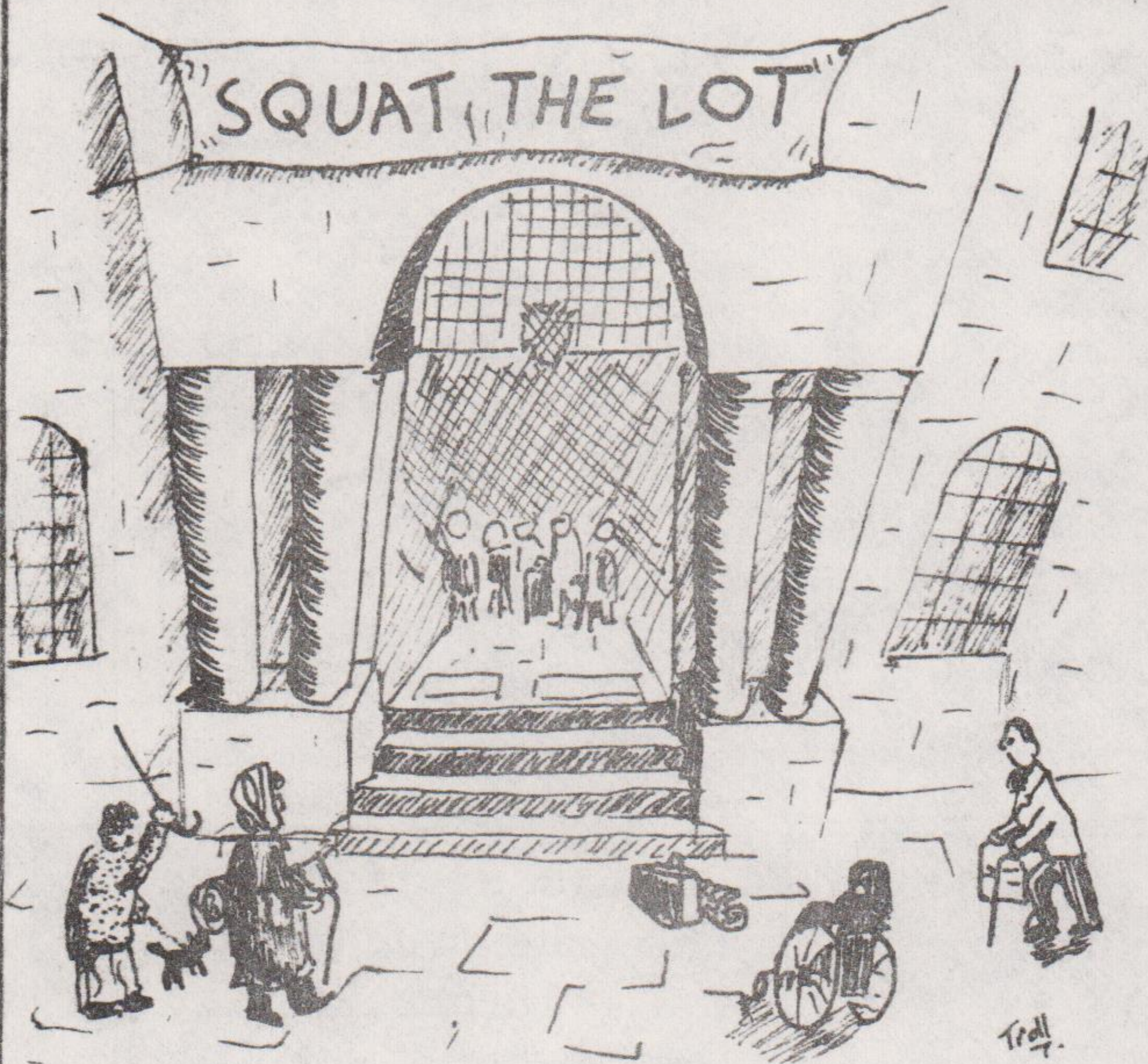
The answer is simple: Take the matter into your own hands. The next time you are cold, grab a few blankets, get on a bus into town and sleep in the comfort of your 'friendly' neighbourhood town hall. After all, you are the ones who are paying to keep it warm.

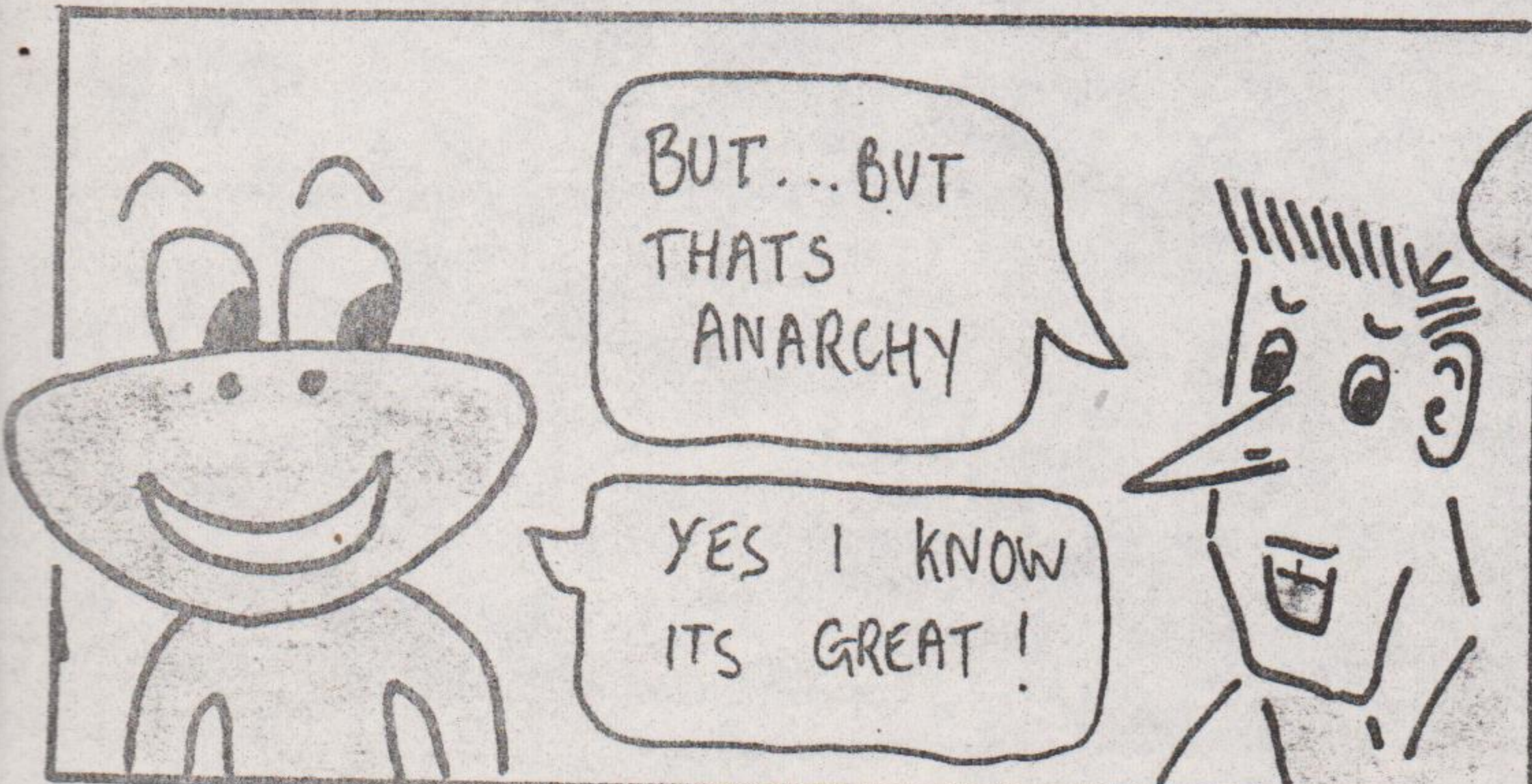
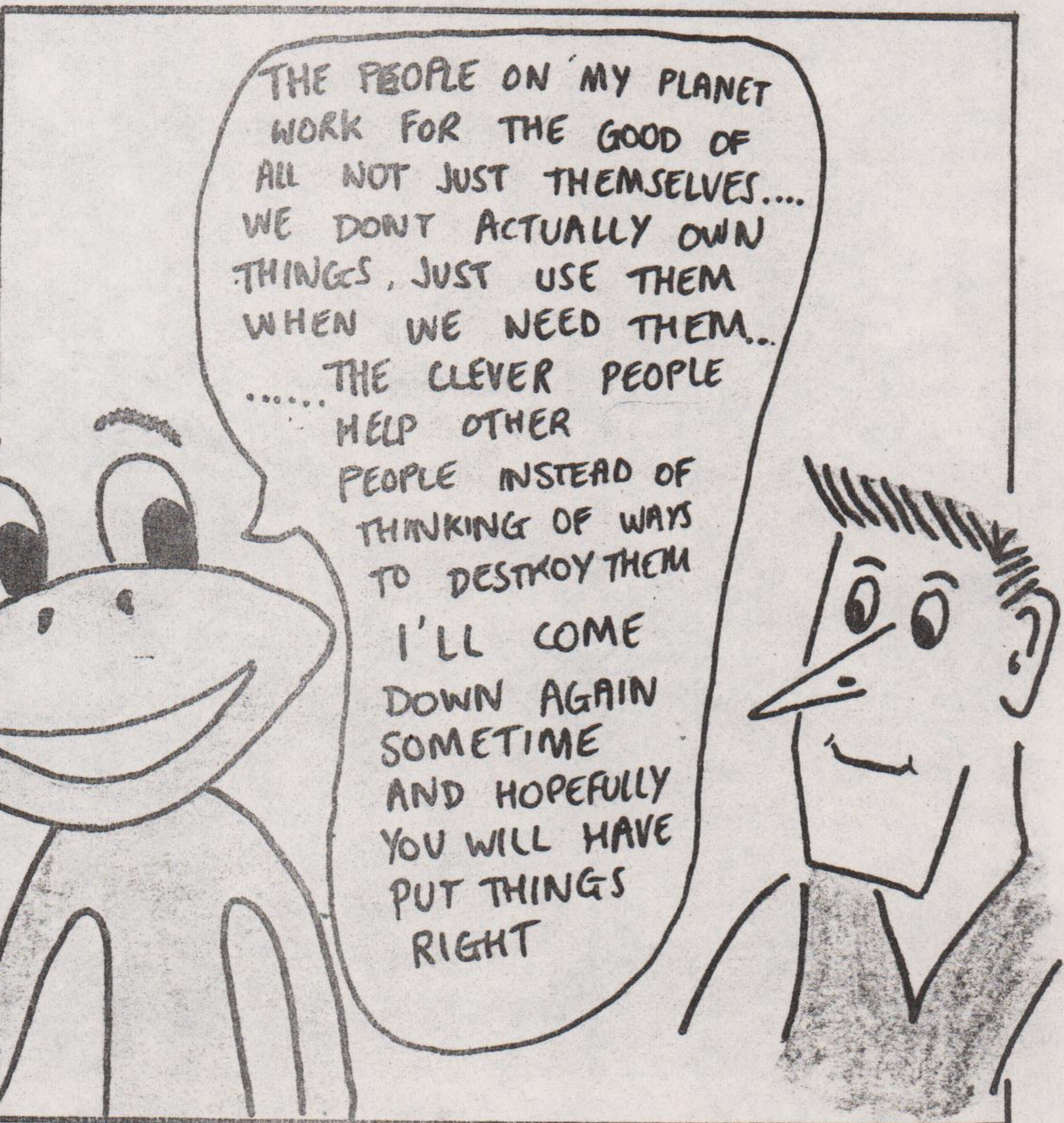
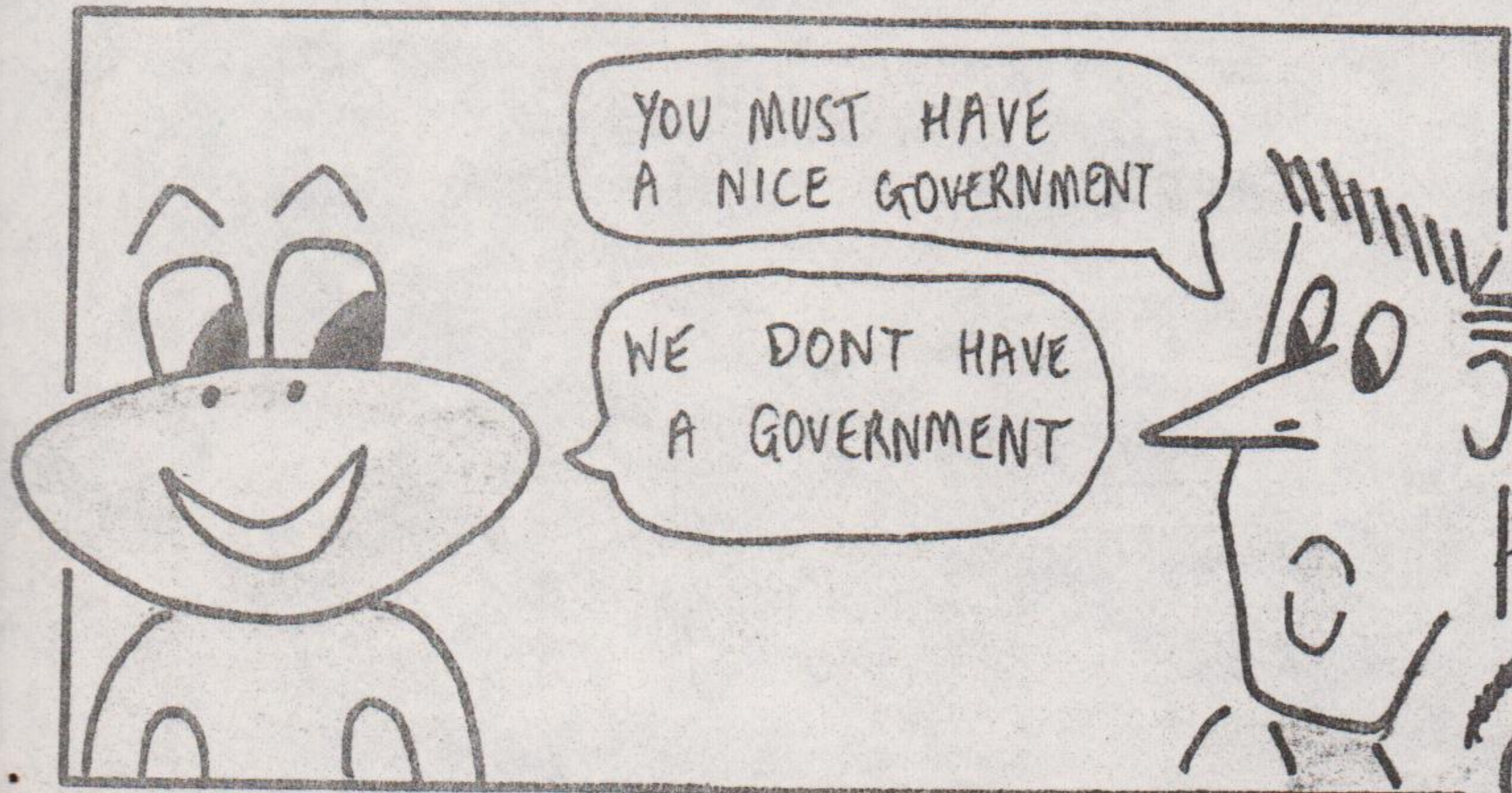
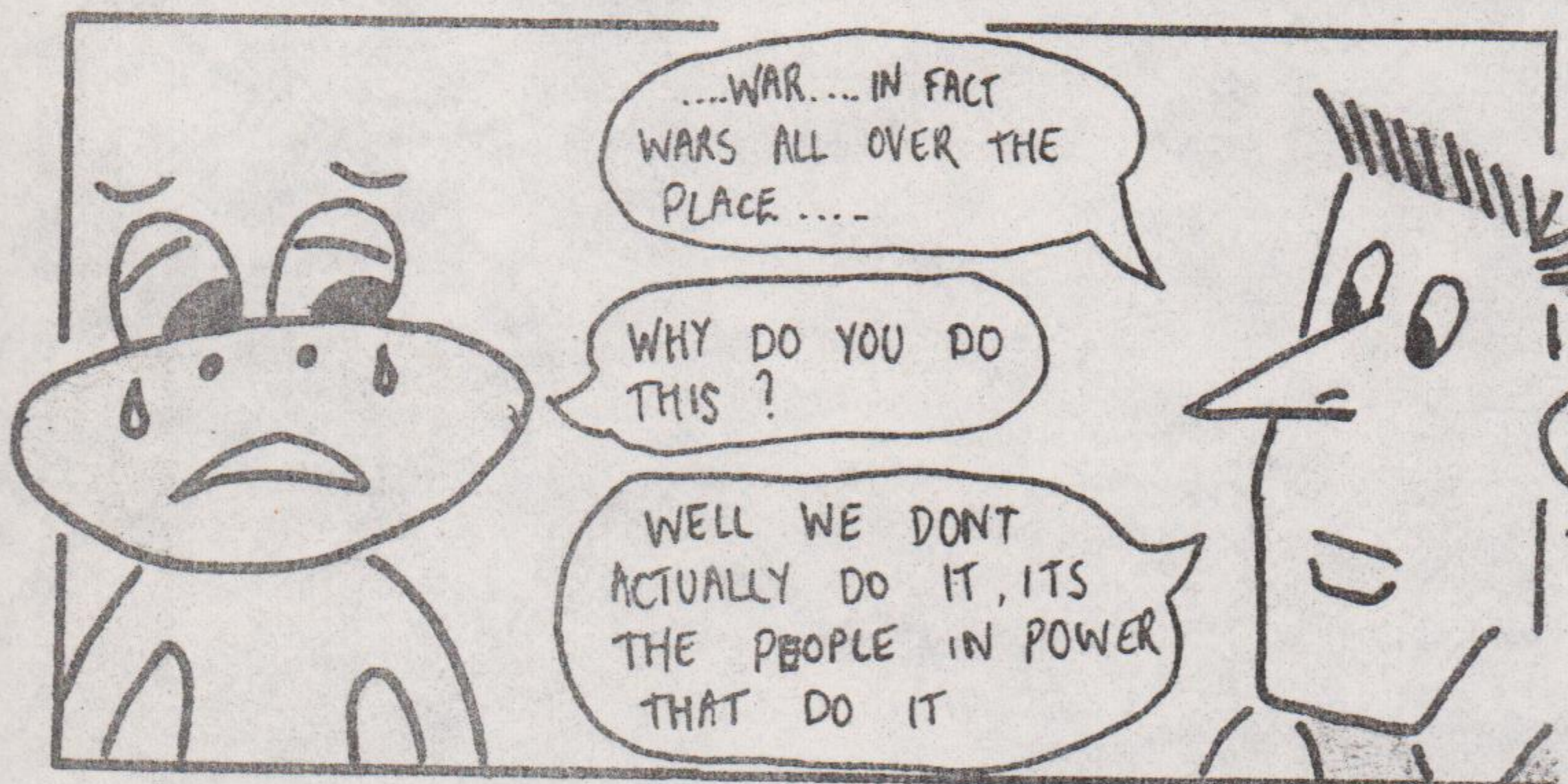
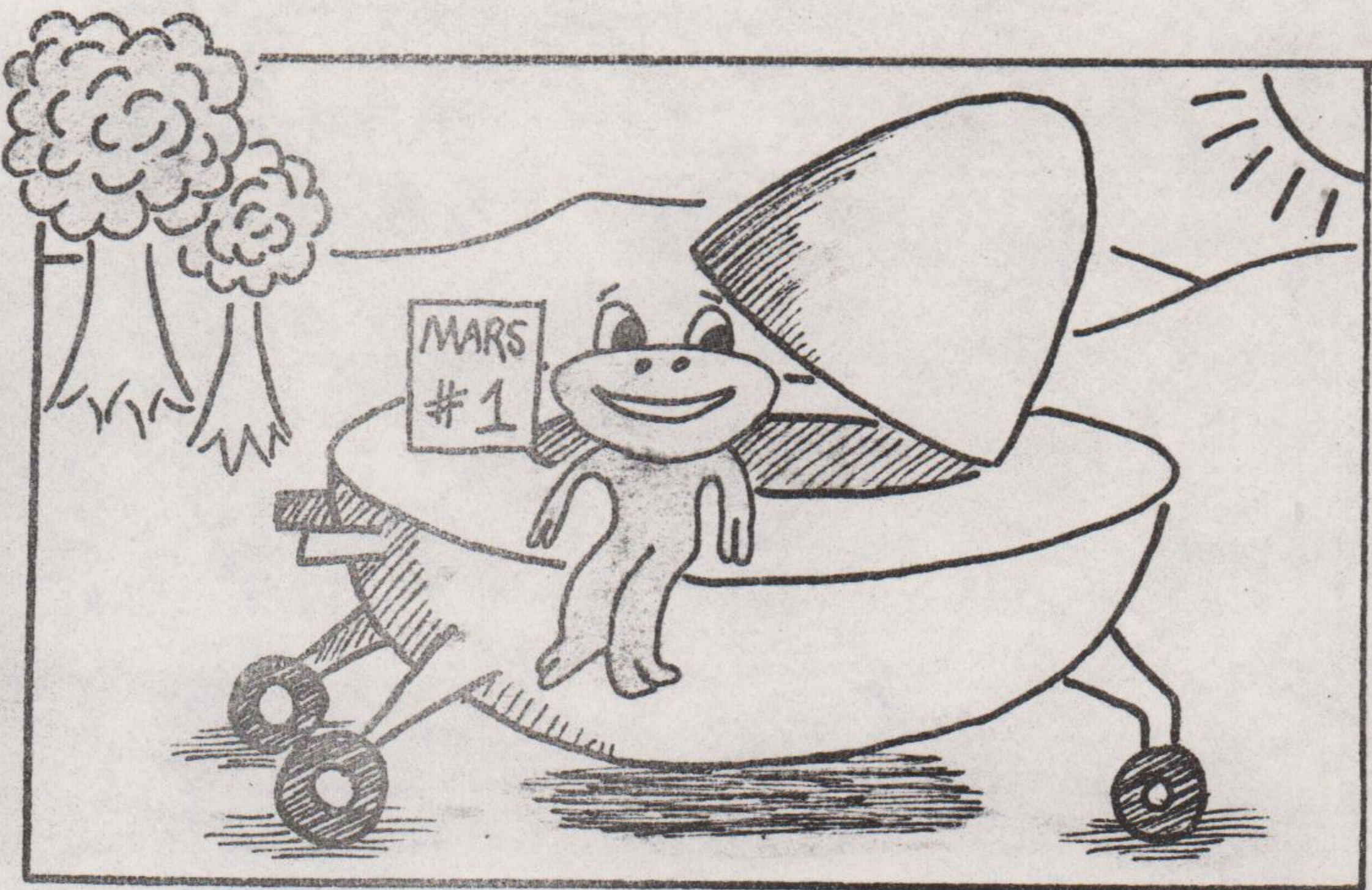
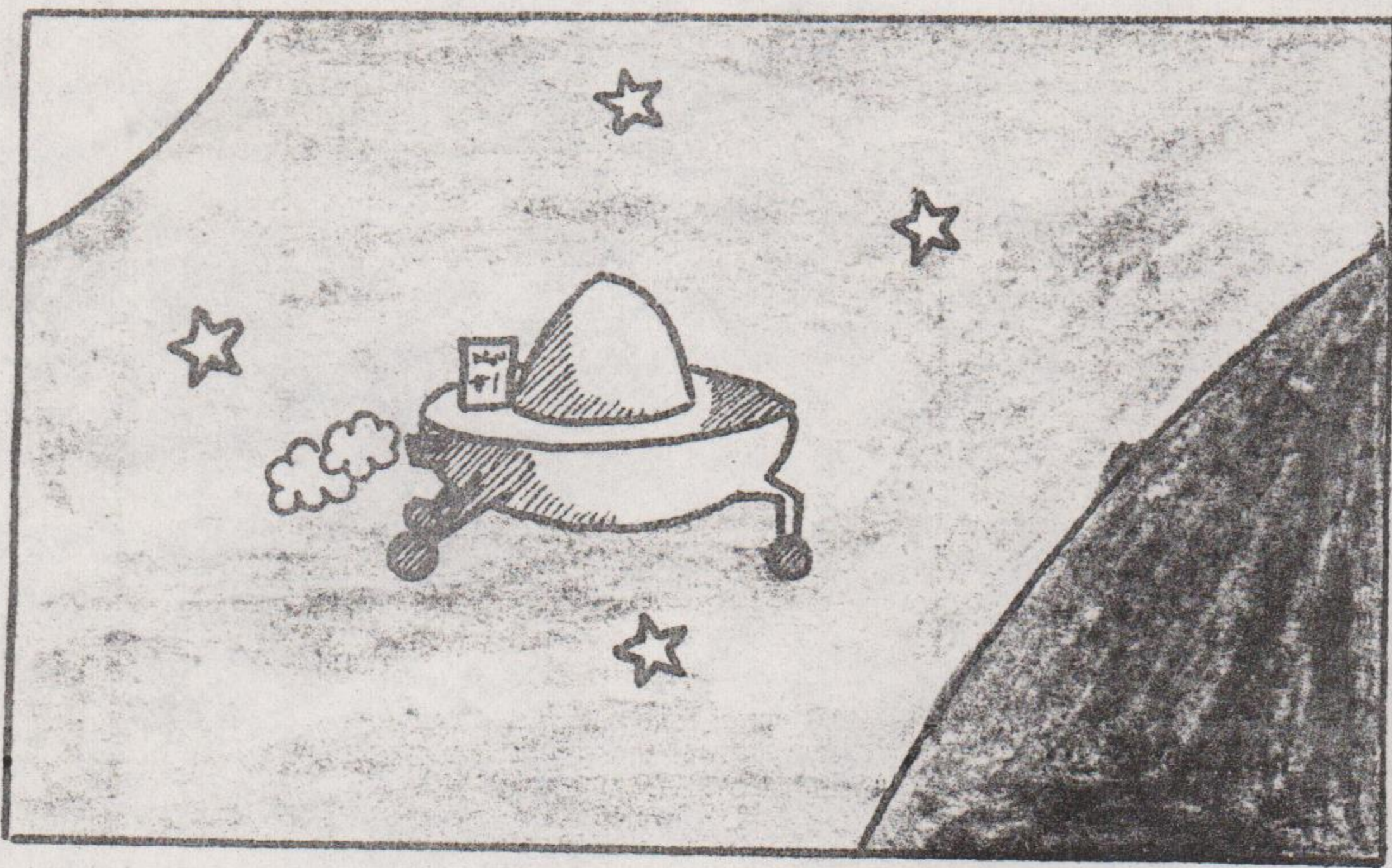
If you are or know someone who is elderly or disabled and want to do this, either ask some friends to help, or if you are not elderly or disabled, offer your help. Get them to the town hall and prevent them from being thrown out, use force if necessary.

It is your lives and those of your friends that you will be saving. 40,000 a year is 40,000 too many, don't be one of them.

OCCUPY YOUR NEAREST GOVERNMENT BUILDING OR TOWN HALL NOW.

(thanks to AGE CONCERN.....No thanks to coroner Pilling.)





Thorn-EMI AND THE MUSIC BUSINESS

For Thatcher to fight the Falklands War, she needed the support of Big Companies. One such company is Thorn-EMI. It's easy to say, "WELL, I DONT BELIEVE IN GOVERNMENTS, I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR THEM", because it only comes round once every five years, but we buy from BIG MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES EVERY DAY.

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Thorn-EMI own over 1,000 companies worldwide, that is in..... South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, India Pakistan, Bermuda, Barbados, Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia, all over Europe and North and South America.

The sort of things they own are records, as everyone knows, electric light bulbs as most people know. They also make tele's water heaters, video's, radio's elecrric fires and anything else that you could name basically. They also own radio and TV stations so that they can can get their consumerist messages across.

They make radar ((seachwater) tested in the Falklands, two missile systems and nuclear power stations). But don't get them wrong they're not all bad ... If anything does 'wrong' they make the medi medical supplies to get us all better again (although they cannot bring you back to life . . . yet).

The 1983 Review of Company Activities said about the electronics: "The Searchwater Radar was an outstanding highlight in the company's fulfilment of all the obligations resulting from the Falklands Campaign . . . since the year end contracts have been recieved from the Ministry of Defence totalling £35 million for Searchwater Radars." and the "division's leadership in advanced electronic warfare technology secured a £28 million contract for systems to protect Royal Navy ships against detection and 1 location by hostile radar."

Sir Richard Guy Cave (Chairman of Thorn EMI gets £115,213 for being on the board of directors. He is also councillor to British electrical and allied manufacturers assn. Deputy chair of the British Railways Board. Memembr of the President's Committee of CBI. On the Board of Tate & Lyle Ltd and also on the board of Thames Television owned partly, if not wholly by Thorn EMI) said of the electronics division in 1983 report. "The division made a notable contribution to the Falklands Campaign by supplying equipment at very short notice."

The UK's electronics majors

	Sales £m		Profits* £m	Business with MoD £m
	Total	Arms (est)		
GEC	4,129	750	476	
Racal	536	300	73	70
Plessey	844	300	85	152 (175*)
Ferranti	272	170	18	122
Thorn-EMI	2,228	130	94	

* "HM Gov't Depts".

DEADLY AIM . . . the "fire and forget" Exocet missile is launched at its target

Thorn-EMI

& THE MUSIC BUSINESS continued

Arms Companies paid £5million or more by the MoD 1979/80

Over £100m

- 1 British Aerospace Aircraft Group
- 2 British Aerospace Dynamic Group
- 3 British Shipbuilders
- 4 The General Electric Co Ltd
- 5 The Plessey Co Ltd
- 6 Rolls Royce Ltd
- Royal Ordnance Factories (see key)
- 7 Westland Aircraft Ltd

£50m-£100m

- 8 BL Ltd
- 9 EMI Ltd
- 10 Ferranti Ltd
- 11 Hunting Associated Industries Ltd

£25m-£50m

- 12 Dowty Group Ltd
- 13 Lucas Industries Ltd
- 14 Racal Electronics Ltd
- 15 Short Bros. Ltd

£10m-£25m

- 16 British Electric Traction Co Ltd
- 17 Decca Ltd
- 18 Vauxhall Motors Ltd
- 19 Gresham Lion Ltd
- 20 Hawker Siddeley Group Ltd
- 21 Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd
- 22 Marshall of Cambridge (Engineering) Ltd
- 23 Pilkington Bros. Ltd
- 24 Cossor Electronics Ltd
- 25 The Singer Co (UK) Ltd
- 26 Smiths Industries Ltd
- 27 Thorn Electrical Industries Ltd
- 28 UK Atomic Energy Authority
- 29 Vickers Ltd

£5m-£10m

- 30 David Brown Holdings Ltd
- 31 BTR Ltd
- 32 Cable and Wireless Ltd
- 33 Chloride Group Ltd
- 34 Courtaulds Ltd
- 35 Dickinson Robinson Group Ltd
- 36 Dunlop Holdings Ltd
- 37 Philips Electronic & Associated Industries Ltd
- 38 Ford Motor Co Ltd
- 39 Grindlays Holdings Ltd
- 40 Guest Keen & Nettlefords Ltd
- 41 Rank Organisation Ltd
- 42 Rolls Royce Motor Holdings Ltd
- 43 Ropner Holdings Ltd
- 44 Stone Platt Industries Ltd
- 45 Vantona Group Ltd
- 46 Weir Group Ltd
- 47 Yarrow & Co Ltd

Managing Director of the board, Peter Laister BSc Tech. AMCT, (he gets between 85-90,000 from Thorn-EMI) he also is on the board of many companies, the most interesting ones being BUPA Medical Centre Ltd and BUPA Medical Research and Development Ltd (govenor).

During 1982/83 they won a No of major contracts with the Ministry of Defence, one was linking UK AEW defence system and the US AWACS system to the UK Air Defence Network.

'ALL WE ARE SAYING IS GIVE PEACE A CHANCE'

'ALL THEY ARE SAYING IS GIVE US LOTS OF MONEY....'

Don't get them wrong though, they do market revolution for us (So that they don't seem too one sided).

'Give peace a chance' John and Yoko,

'The Wall' Pink Floyd

'Gandhi' partly distributed by Thorn-EMI

EMI records entertain us while they build weapons to destroy us.

REVOLUTION TURNED COMMODITY.....

EMI own...Blue note, Cadenza, Capitol, Columbia, EMI (Angelic Upstarts), EMI digital, EMI International, Harvest, HMV, Liberty, Note, Nut, Odeon, Parlophone (Beatles), Regal, Zonophone, Starlite, Sunset, Talisman, U.A. united artists (stranglers), Waverley, Riot City (vice squad etc), Secret (exploited etc), and they liscense RAK, Rolling Stones etc.

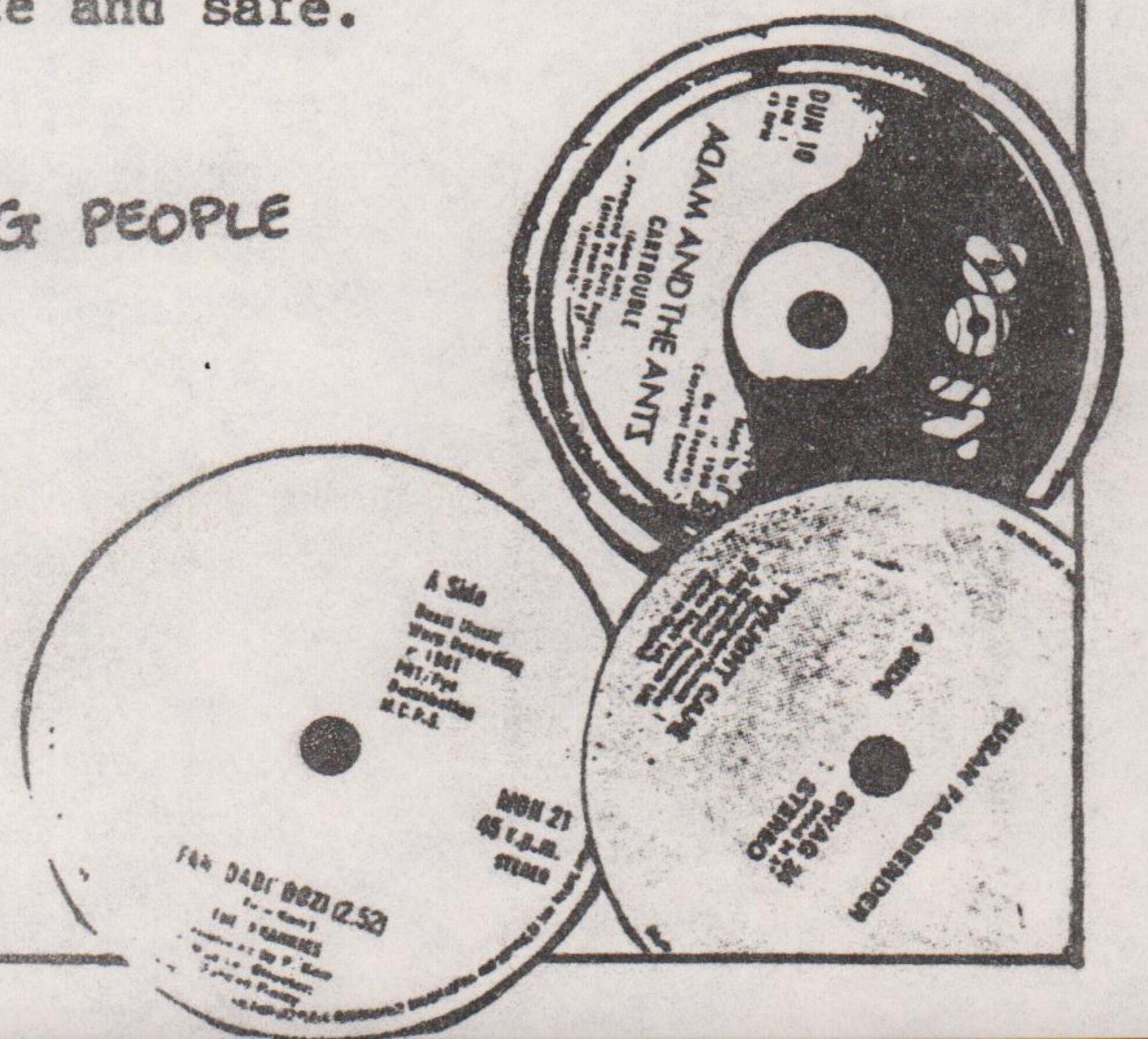
That's what they will tell you about.....Riot City and Secret were secretly owned by EMI until it got out of the bag and secret were taken out of the indie charts.

All the five major labels own most of the independant labels, probably around 90-95% in fact.

One way that they get to own them is by starting them. Someone gets a publishing deal with EMI and then with that money they start the company and bring out the records for EMI to publish.

The music business turned hippy, punk and skinhead music into saleable revolution.....nice and safe.

THE MUSIC BUSINESS IS KILLING PEOPLE



SHOPPERS PARADISE

As I entered the super duper hyper megamarket,
The sparkling array of goods seduced my eyes,
I took a step towards them and the doors slammed shut behind.
I retraced my steps and was quite surprised to find,
The mat on which I'd been stood was now a 'no exit' sign,
I felt a certain apprehension to progress anymore,
But I didn't have any option 'cause now there was no door,
I felt that I was being watched, when I noticed a telescreen,
On it was 'The price is right', an episode I'd seen.
My suspicion was confirmed, when between the sponge white bread and chemical pies,
I detected a cluster of whirring remote controlled electrical eyes,
Unobtrusive music oozed from the walls of the shopper's paradise,
It could have been the Kings Singers or something else—oh so nice,
I reached out for a basket, but soon lost my smile,
When shopping trolley grabbed me and dragged me off down the aisle,
Things jumped from shelves into the trolley as we passed,
Tins of baked beans on toast and elastoplast,
Things to preserve shelf life came mixed with each item,
My fingers grabbed for a 'lion bar',
I didn't expect it to bite 'em,
The signs I read said 'buy or die, own or be owned',
Exploit or be exploited, I inwardly groaned,
Price reductions and bargains, how cheap could goods be.
For dissatisfied customers there was a money back guarantee,
I wondered what a lifetime of dissatisfaction was worth,
As Leslie Crowther force fed me Stork and I was sick all down his skirt,
I thought I was safe but then started to sob,
When Cilla shoved a bar of choc sideways into my gob.
I staggered backwards and started to fall,
I think I was overwhelmed by it all,
I tripped over and fell into the deep freeze,
Caught between the feuding Dutch and French cheese,
That was when my chance came to be free,
In a vision, 'pay for your sins' Billy Graham said to me,
'Go to the checkout altar and get down on your knees,
The money God is which we must all appease'.
From that day to this I have always given thanks,
Prayed to Wellington, Newton, Shakespeare and all the major high street banks,
I even stopped worrying, I've been happy once or twice,
Why not come live with me in the shoppers paradise.

molesworth

The government's pre-emptive strike on Molesworth peace-camp has proved once again that the state will only tolerate non-violent resistance so long as it is not considered a threat (or an embarrassment). After the swoop at Molesworth an MOD spokesman was quoted as saying "What is gratifying is that it was not necessary to use any force. It was always our intention to use the minimum force necessary to eject the trespassers, but happily this was not necessary." Like the farce at Greenham, where the women there actually believed they could stop Cruise from being deployed, until they woke up one morning to find that the missiles had already been out for a morning stroll, the events at Molesworth show that this kind of resistance (sic.) is nothing more than an act of personal diversion, and should be seen as such. Isn't it time we moved beyond these now increasingly sterile forms of protest and really gave the nuclear state something to think about?

Moral Moronity.

Following a legal victory by Victoria Gillich, (Catholic mother of 10, and past advocate of compulsory sterilisation for coloured immigrants), and pending an appeal by the DHSS, it is presently "not lawful" for family planning clinics, doctors, etc. to give contraceptives or advice about contraception or abortion to anyone under 16, without parental consent. This can only lead to an escalation in the number of unwanted children, 'back-street' abortions, and generally an increase in the oppression of young people. In view of this situation we are publishing the following contraceptive information.

If you are having sex you need to use a reliable method of contraception, do not believe stories about being able to avoid pregnancy if you have sex standing up, or stop prior to ejaculation (coming). The former is untrue, and the latter unsafe, as sperm is often released prior to ejaculation.

The sheath (Durex, rubber johnny, condom, etc.) while not being the safest (97% effective if used correctly, compared with nearly 100% effective for the Pill) or the most convenient method of contraception, has the advantage of being the only form of contraception that is freely available. Sheaths can be bought from chemists, herbalists, barbers shops etc, and they can also be obtained from slot machines, which are often located in the men's toilets of pubs. There are also slot machines of this kind in the ground floor toilets (mens and womens) of the Students Union. WHAT IS THE SHEATH?: The Sheath is one of the oldest methods of birth control and, apart from vasectomy (male sterilisation) is the only reliable method for a man to use.

Sheaths are made of thin rubber, and if worn over the penis during sexual intercourse, prevent sperm from entering the woman and so prevent her from getting pregnant. Used carefully ON EVERY OCCASSION, preferably with a spermicidal cream or jelly (see Spermicides), the sheath can be a very reliable method of contraception. Out of 100 couples using this contraception method, there will be about 3 pregnancies each year. HOW SHOULD THE SHEATH BE USED?: The sheath should be rolled onto the penis after it has become hard and erect and BEFORE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE BEGINS. This is because it is possible for a woman to become pregnant if any sperm is spilt near the entrance of the vagina even if full intercourse does not occur. The last half inch of the sheath (or the teat if there is one) should be left empty to receive the male sex fluid (semen). After ejaculation (coming), the man should hold the sheath firmly round the penis so that the sheath remains in place until the penis has been withdrawn. Great care should be taken at this stage that no sperm are spilt. It is important that a new sheath is used each time that you have sex.



There are many different types of sheath available, they vary in shape, colour, thickness and texture, most are lubricated, and at least one brand is coated with a spermicide.

SPERMICIDES : Spermicides are chemicals which inactivate sperm. They come in 3 main forms : Pessaries (rather like a tablet), creams and jellies, aerosol foams. They can be bought from chemists without a prescription, and when used in conjunction with a sheath give added contraceptive protection. They also add lubrication, help prevent soreness from friction of the rubber, and reduce the chance of the sheath breaking.

HOW ARE THEY USED?: The spermicide should be placed in the vagina prior to sex taking place. Pessaries should be placed in the vagina and gently pushed as far inside as possible with the finger. Creams, jellies and aerosol foams can be applied with a special applicator, which ensures that the right amount is placed high in the vagina. Some people may find that one spermicide suits them better than another. Spermicides are a second line of defence against pregnancy, THEY SHOULD NEVER BE USED ON THEIR OWN AS A METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION.

CND?

The campaign for nuclear disarmament (CND) is an organisation with paid officials (£7,000 each), a hierarchy and bureaucracy etc.

Its aim is obviously that of getting rid of nuclear weapons, no more, no less, it has nothing to do with peace, it is a fallacy to call it the 'peace' movement, to start with it is only a single issue group, has nothing at all to do with women's liberation, animal liberation, racism (anti, obviously) and all the other 101 things that are sick in this society.

The hierarchy tries to maintain it as such, just another single issue group, with no perspective on anything but nuclear weapons, (if you can call that a perspective,) which weakens the whole thing.

Another thing that weakens the organisation are the type of people running CND, largely a lefty-middle-class clique of often would-be politicians and manipulators just so long as they are telling people what to do, it makes them feel big.

CND organising one march a year (which up until last year were in London with each CNDer wearing their CND badges. I really don't know what one march a year and wearing badges is going to achieve, but I suppose it helps the demonstrators 'consciences' (if they actually feel that one day a year they are fighting against nuclear weapons (and hopefully when the government see's all the CND badges it will automatically get rid of nuclear weapons)).

I suppose they think like Lynne Jones states in Sanity Dec 84..... 'Even the most authoritarian government must rely to some extent on consent and factors such as this must be considered in any non-violent struggle' anyone with any knowledge of the world would automatically think of Russia or nigh on any government to realise it is rubbish, as authoritarian systems have no state conscience.

Even supposedly un-authoritarian states, Britain, America etc don't rely on public opinion or consent (the majority of the population don't want Cruise or Trident etc)

The statement also implies a struggle and changing the governments mind. Strange to plead with a government (by nature violent) to get rid of nuclear weapons.

CND supports conventional warfare (they call it an alternative defence policy) killing is alright unless it destroys everything- what about Dresden everyone asks, if normal bombs are alright what's so terrible about nuclear weapons.....

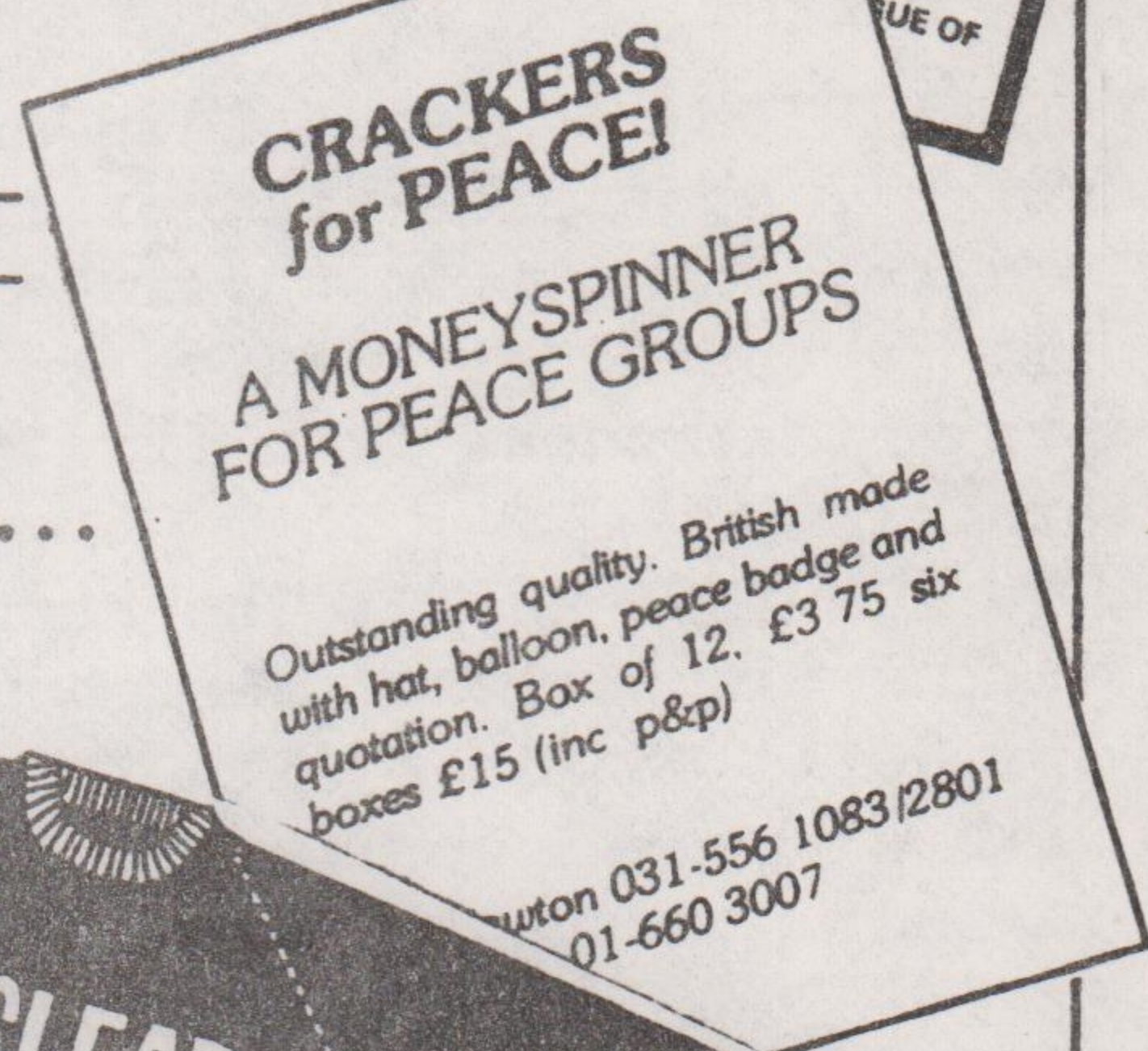
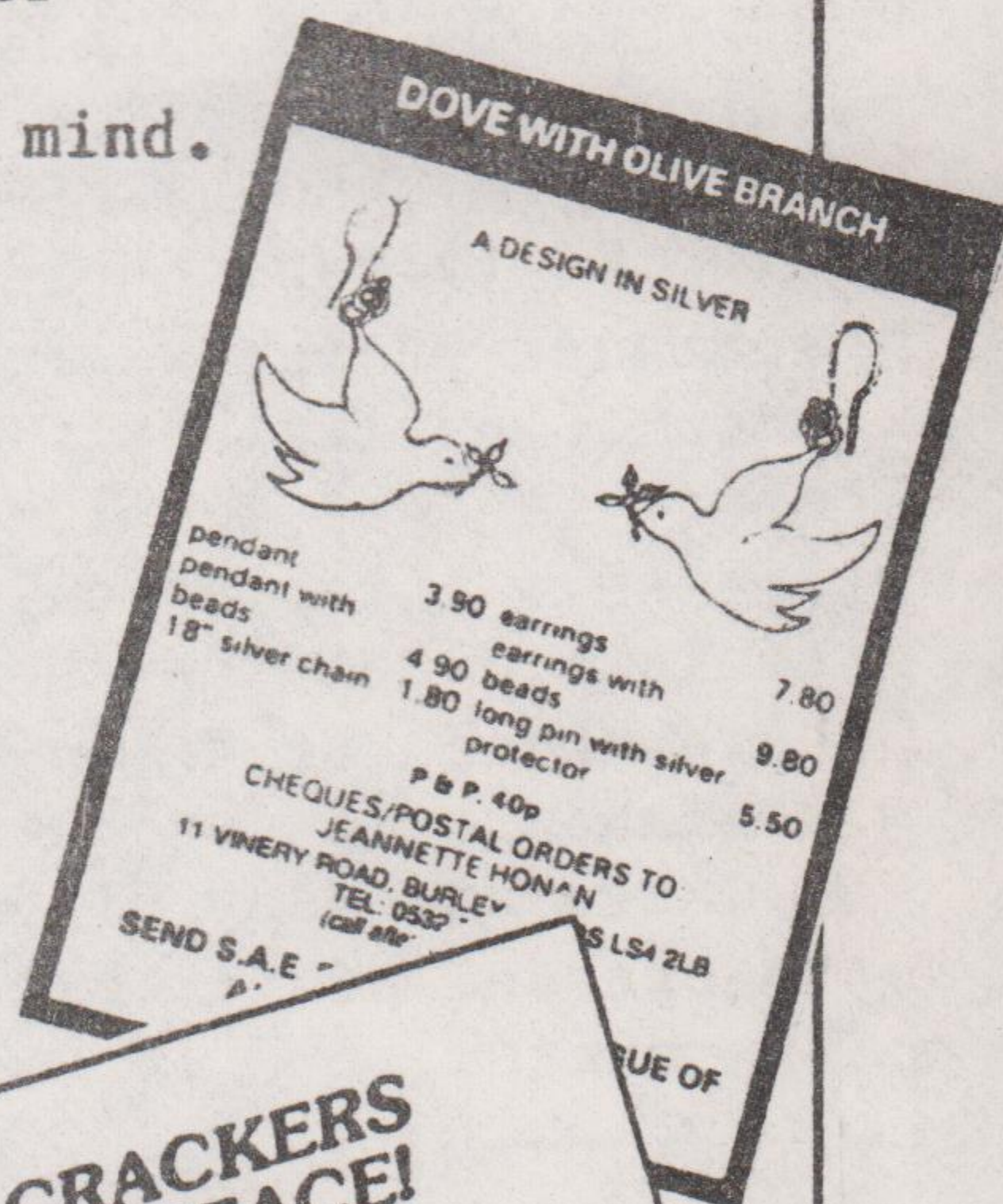
Getting back to war and govts (are the two synonymous) CNDers voting (a) in the general election (b) at their own meetings. They on the whole voted labour in the general election and as such (by the conditions of voting and majority rule) shouldn't complain when their party didn't win it..... hypocrisy.

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Meg Beresford
Sanity,
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CND?

Getting back to the Labour Party, a party which gave Britain their first nuclear submarine and named it the Resolution, after the resolution they had made not to get nuclear submarines. Tony Benn, when energy minister, talked about how good nuclear power was? he didn't talk about them being bomb factories and very usefull for making nuclear weapons.

Now that they are in 'opposition', nuclear weapons have become a vote-catcher, so they bring out crap about what they will do when 'we' vote them into power, like DEFENCE AND SECURITY FOR BRITAIN (see other page). Always trying to use and abuse. They now 'see' that nuclear power is terrible, now that they aren't the government, any bandwagon and they jump.

Over the last few years CND has grown, and with it the chance of making money has gone up. During the late seventies, two major book publishers took a chance on 'anti nuclear weapons' feeling being the in thing.....it paid off and they made lots of money out of the new anti's. As with the present day, small companies usually lefty are advertising in 'Sanity' etc. The capitalistic left...NOT THE YELLOW PAGES...how sick, their directors are CND members wow we....You can buy anything related to CND, candles, pottery, keyrings, earrings, balloons, t-shirts.....CND is being used by unscrupulous CNDers.

Saleable 'revolution' is one thing that capitalists really love, they revel in it, they have even gained extra people, who were in CND and saw a chance of making money out of it. When the CND organisation does fizzle out, the capitalists will dissappear along with the middle class CNDers, they will move on to the next trend and exploit that. The real activists will be left.

So what will CND achieve?The easy answer is nothing,CND wont achieve anything because CND isn't really into achieving anything.Something as big and powerful as nuclear weapons are not given up by governments easily,middle class wallies involved in a single issue campaign really scares the gov't. CND (THE BURAUCRACY) are reactionary,they are part of the state,are into the parliamentary pressure group scene.

They did not support direct action like greenham and are now too late for Molesworth.

Sheffield CND is exactly the same, they did not supprt the peace centre in Sheffield, they didn't support greenham, do not support Sheff. peace radio. Mick Elliot(ex Sheff CND chair,now National CND treasurer) said at a 'get rid of the sheffield peace centre meeting (because we don't control it) "I don't support any direct action".

CND has got to be considered as a joke, but what of alternatives, the women at greenham were after publicity....and got it....alot of it bad but it is all they can expect of the media. Many people take action not in line with heirarchical CND, (which if there is a threat) there the threat lies.....

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Reviews



'ANARCHISM AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE' BY ALFREDO M BONANNO
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This is the revised edition of the Bratach Dubh Anarchist pamphlets No 1, translated and introduced by Jean Weir. The text itself is a response to a real situation, that of Sicily, where the forces of the right: the fascists, Mafia and CIA, each for its own reasons are working together to form a separate civilian state. The pamphlet does not read like some cheap conspiracy thriller, but lays bare all attempts, and these are numerous, to thwart the class struggle.

Of particular interest to anarchists is understanding the bourgeois character of many national liberation struggles. Indeed a lot of anarchists find it disappointing, not least confusing, that world wide struggles end in political victory rather than social revolution. In order to dispel any confusion this pamphlet is a must.

In my opinion there are three important areas covered. First the critique of the Marxist approach to national liberation struggles, and the problems this creates considering their monopoly in various situations. Interestingly enough the irrational nationalism which lurks behind Marxist analyses can be alluded to in confrontations between Bakunin and Marx and Engels.

Secondly, the inclusion of good analysis by anarchists about the question of nationality itself, particularly 'Nationalism and Culture' by Rudolf Rocker. And most importantly the conclusions; anarchists do not participate in national liberation fronts, but class fronts which may or may not be involved in national liberation struggles.

'DURRUTI : THE PEOPLE ARMED' BY ABEL PAZ
PUBLISHED BY FREE LIFE EDITIONS

This biography, written by an anarchist, is highly recommended. There are no psychological posturings about the nature of his subject that you would expect from a journalist, nor any deterministic evaluations which exclude facts that don't fit theory, which you'd expect of a historian. This biography relates the events of Durruti's life as described by other militants in their accounts of struggle. Also, private documents of Durruti's, his family, and friends. There are detailed footnotes describing source material at the end of each chapter. A few myths are dispensed with in this way.

The book is divided into three parts; The Rebel, The Militant, and The Revolutionary. This structure details the development of historical events detailing Durruti's contribution and understanding, not, as it might seem, some writers fancy about the development of his character.

In Britain, where the anarchist movement has suffered from the dulling effects of pacifism and individualism, the story of Durruti is an inspiration to anyone whose reactionary bad faith lends them to refute the social revolution.

Agony norman? you don't know what agony is

Apparently some people did not understand the meaning of our last cover. What we were trying to say is this: Compared to the agony of state violence that working-class people suffer every day as a direct result of the policies introduced by Norman Tebbit, and compared to the agony he and every one of us would suffer in the event of a nuclear war, he has not suffered anything. For weeks the media was constantly at Tebbit's bedside (and he is already back to his old self), yet when 2 brothers can only go out every other day because they have only one pair of shoes between them, or when an unemployed man considers killing himself because his family would be financially better off, or when old age pensioners have to make a choice between eating and keeping warm, the media isn't interested, and neither is Norman Tebbit. The suicide rate climbs daily because people cannot put up with the agony of everyday life in Britain in 1985 another day. Their deaths, and the suffering caused to millions more, are deliberately caused by Norman Tebbit. And every day the agony increases. He is unable to see OUR pain, and callously dismisses it, he does not know what agony is, he has experienced nothing.

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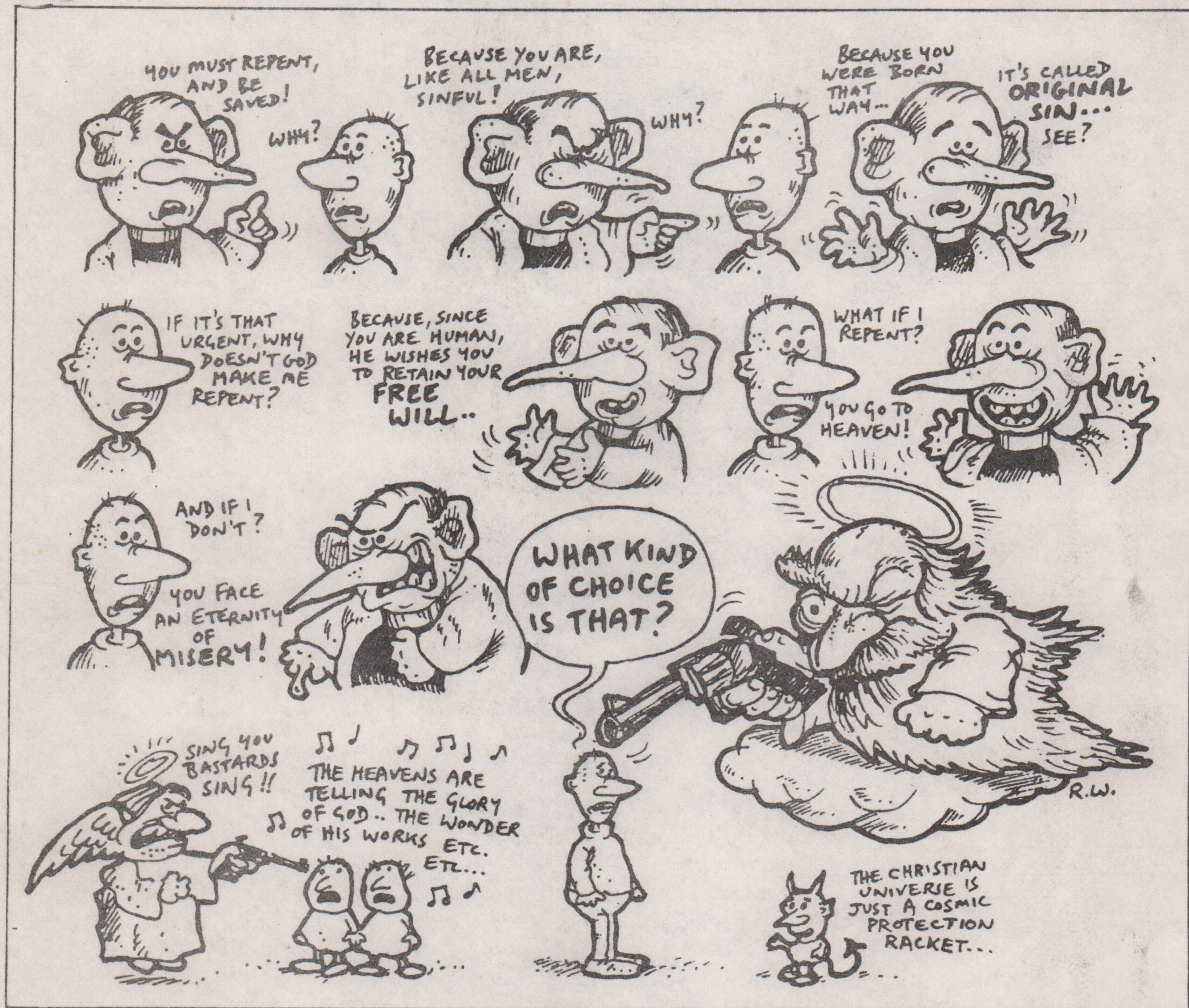
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