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GLASGOW DISAPPEARS IN NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST...

# PHEW! WHAT A SCORCHER!!

THE WEST OF SCOTLAND OBLITERATED, LARGE PARTS OF GLASGOW UNDER WATER FOLLOWING A NUCLEAR INDUCED TIDAL WAVE, AND ANY CONTAMINATED SURVIVORS 'PUT DOWN'...

This was the scenario that the Government had been planning for their war game, 'Operation Hard Rock', which was due to take place in September. The exercise has been cancelled, but the chances of it happening in *real life* increase. The whole mood on Nuclear War now seems to be *when not if*...

### BUCKS NOT BOMBS?

In Britain, CND campaigns on the theme of 'Jobs not Bombs' an idea mirrored by some concerned capitalists in America, whose slogan is 'Build Businesses not Bombs'. Even Robert McNamara, who as US Defence Secretary was responsible for American genocide in Vietnam, is against nuclear escalation (Mass Murderers Againsts the Bomb? )...

Most people would agree that Nuclear Holocaust would be a Bad Idea; but still the feeling of inevitability grows..

*Twenty million* people have died in 'conventional' slaughter since the end of World War Two, in conflicts between Nations and States. The recent Falklands War contributed some 1,800. And it is a conflict like that which will 'go nuclear'.

### AGAINST THE STATE

East or West it is the State that is responsible for War. It is only through directly challenging the State and its militarism, rather than participating in the 'acceptable' protests of the peace movement, that there is any *real* hope of survival...



YOU TOO CAN HAVE YOUR OWN MISSILE!  
Army Recruiting tactics reach "Rock bottom"...

# WHOOOPS a copper slips...

THE CONSTANT PROCESSION of corrupt policemen in the news is dismissed by official sources as the odd 'bent' copper the 'bad apple' types. But even the most casual observer would reckon that they must come from a pretty mouldy barrel...

The real root of the problem lies in the idea of a police force. Contrary to popular belief, the police were not formed to help protect grannies from muggers. They were formed, first and foremost to protect property; and that doesn't mean the poultry

personal possessions that you or I might own, or the 0.01 acres that we inhabit.

The police are being geared towards a 'changing role in the 80s'...and they've come up with a formula straight out of a bad '30s Hollywood film: 'soft cops' and 'hard cops'.

The soft cops are the PC Murdochs of this world, the Community Police installed in working class areas to report and control any unrest. The hard cops are the SPG (the Special Support Unit in Strath-

clyde) who are there to batter into submission any areas that the Community police have failed to control due to active as opposed to passive discontent.

The Criminal Justice Act (Scotland) introduced last year is part of the move towards increased police powers. The thousands of people submitted to the first time in their lives to stop checks and house raids will no doubt agree: you're only as free as the police allow you to be...

SOFT COP? Community Police mascot...



## OFFICIAL BLUES

IT'S TOUGH being a Full Time Union Official these days.

The membership has fallen away so much with the destruction of industry on the Clyde, that they are finding it hard to justify their existence, never mind their lucrative wages.

Some of them think they can remedy this sad situation by roping in some Yoppers, and taking union dues off of the pittance they get paid. The extra returns go down a treat at Head Office.

But to their dismay, it's not always as easy as they would like. In Clydebank, local Yoppers have campaigned against the union scheme, and have told the official that he's 'just part of the capitalist system'.

For too long it has been assumed that the only way to fight rotten working conditions is through the bureaucratic union structures, their 'top level discussions', and their officials in their 'Y' Reg. cars.

We wish the rebel Yoppers every success in building an INDEPENDENT, non-heirarchical movement.

## FREE or UNFREE until further notice...

SHOULD CANNABIS and other outlawed substances be legalised? Should they be illegal at all; or more importantly, shouldn't the idea of "illegality" itself be "outlawed"?

No-one has the right to tell you what you can or cannot do or consume; to decide for you and then control you by hired thugs (cops).

It's staggering that we have allowed an elitist/subservient "We know better than you, you're too stupid" system to exist. A system totally contemptuous, not only of the intelligence of people to draw their own conclusions, but also of the now mythical freedom of the individual. A system which perpetuates the humiliating submission/permission, worker/boss mentality crucial to the survival of capitalism and the state.

### PROTECTION BY INFORMATION

The idea that drug laws are there for our protection is bullshit. Apart from being a cop-out for cowards and intolerants, they only increase any risk due to the suppression of, or difficulty in obtaining information as to their various effects; long and short term, and when, where, how, with whom (and why) to take them.

There are now moves by political careerists to have what little information available banned,

which can only increase any dangers to ill- or non- informed users: no law has effectively stopped the supply and use of anything, only making the banned item more exciting and desirable, (e.g. Prohibition in the U.S.A.)

Laws also increase the prejudice and ignorance of the public, making them more susceptible to Government and Media manipulation.

Of course, some people take seemingly excessive amounts of drugs (or alcohol, food, valium, etc.) either through personal choice or more likely as a cry for help, a temporary escape route from a dreary existence under a misery-ridden, intolerant, sexually repressed authoritarian capitalist society: the only permanent solution, of course, being an anti-authoritarian Revolution...

### A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES OF STATE HYPOCRISY...

\* The Desert Rats of World War Two were fed amphetamines, which may have accounted for their famed speed.

\* The C.I.A. have used vast amounts of Heroin to destabilise left wing movements.

### ARE YOU A FREE AGENT?

THE GAGGLE OF PROSTITUTES who run the Capitalist Press look as if they'll never recover from the Falklands War...

They serve their masters well, and are presently employed attacking any group of workers who dares to make a stand against the Government.

Rather than moan passively about the State's Press gang, we're planning an anarchist alternative.

As we've no advertisers, we don't need to worry about commercial pressures. And as we've nothing but contempt for ANY political party, we've no inclination to 'make friends and influence people'.

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FED UP with all those 'wet' churchmen on 'Late Call'? Long for the days when Christians were REALLY Christians? ...

Then read the history of the man who first brought the Gospel to pagan Scotland, Saint Columba.

When he built his Church on Iona, Columba called for a 'volunteer' to be buried alive to 'protect' the building from evil spirits: this being the done thing in those days.

One, named Oran, duly came forward and was buried; after three days they dug up the grave and found him still alive.

Being buried alive must have been an enlightening experience: he immediately began to tell them that there was no Heaven or Hell, and neither was there God nor devil.

Columba could not tolerate such blasphemy and had him buried again...

