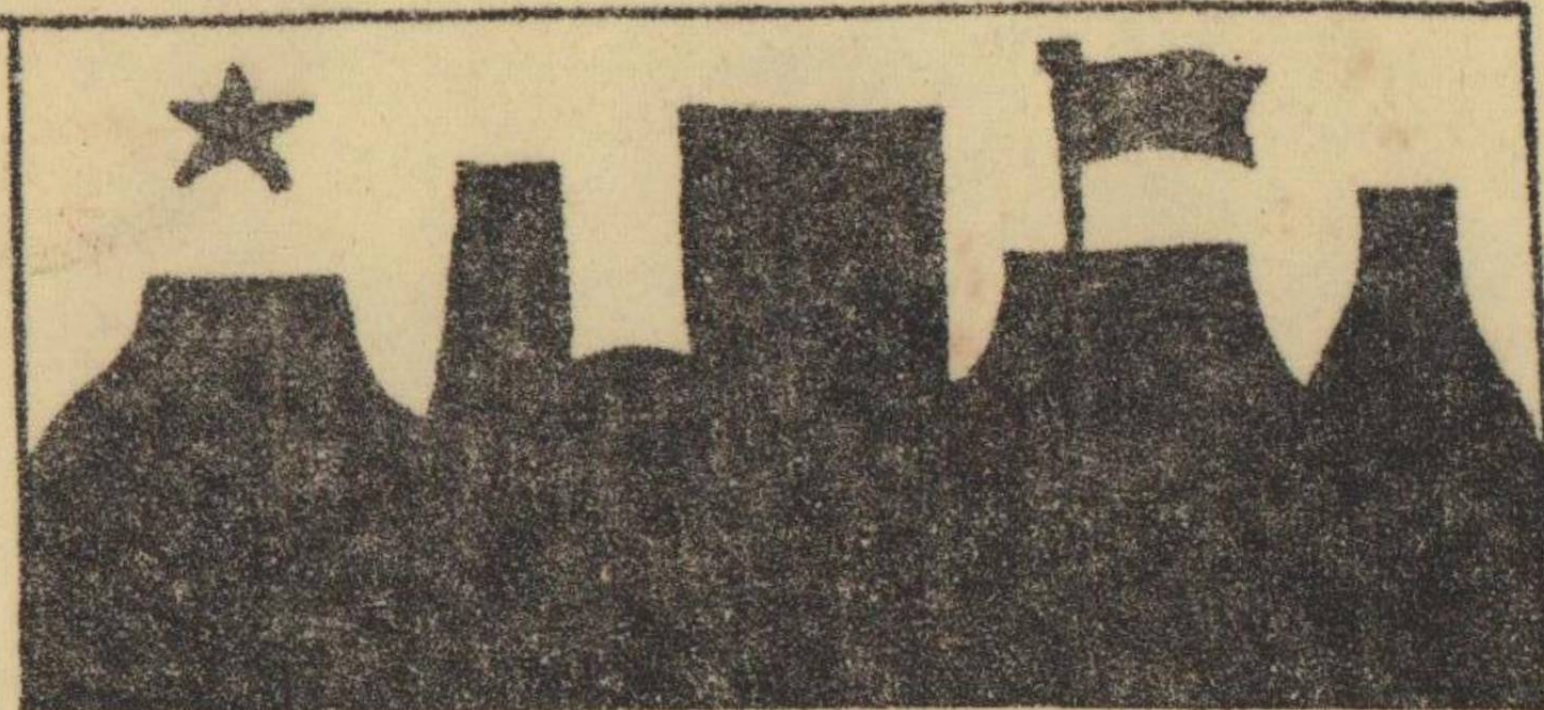


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# MILITANT ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM

In our last issue we published an article, 'Militant to the Last' criticising the 'Hard-Left' in the Labour Party and particularly the Militant for persisting in their naive belief that they could transform the Party into a vehicle for Socialism.

## RADICAL NOISES - REACTIONARY POLICIES

Our criticisms of the Hard-Left do not just revolve around their tactics. Their attempts to change the Labour party into a SOCIALIST party are doomed to failure, not just because it is an established State party run by professional politicians and Union Barons with a vested interest in preserving the present system to keep themselves in power, nor because the party itself is a vital institution of British capitalism that buys off workers demands with false 'radical' promises, thus preventing the growth of workers' militancy that might threaten the system, but because they (the hard-left) themselves are not even socialist!

MILITANT are the best example of an anti-socialist tendency, partly because they have been the most successful of the entryist groups in promoting their ideas, but also because their ideas are probably the most obnoxious and anti-socialist of any on the Labour left. If we examine their politics we can see that their original brand of 'national-socialism' presents a threat to us all.

Essentially they are:

### NATIONALISTS

They always talk in terms of the 'British' working class and 'British' capitalism. They seek to export unemployment to the already impoverished third world by introducing import controls.

### RACIST

Banning the imports of the developing countries to protect the (mainly) White 'British' working class at the expense of the livelihoods of black, asian and hispanic workers in the third world.

### IMPERIALISTS

They were quick to condemn aggression of the USA and Britain against smaller

states and peoples such as in Northern Ireland, Lebanon and Grenada, but not so quick to criticise the Soviet Union when it massacres Afghan tribesmen in their hills and villages with gunships and poison gas.

Supporting one imperialist power against another is nothing more than swapping masters and can never be in the interests of ordinary people.

### ANTI-WOMEN .....ANTI-GAY

For MILITANT their is only one valid struggle. All efforts must be made to ensure the dominance of the Trade Unions. Support for women, gays and other minorities is not relevant to this and consequently is unimportant.

Women can link arms at Greenham Common, but not interfere with "men's" work of bringing about socialism - while gays are middle class deviants who will disappear with capitalism!

### STATE CAPITALIST

They say they want to destroy capitalism, but their alternative is NATIONALISATION! We do not see the point of replacing one lot of faceless private factory owners with a new load of faceless state bureaucrats. A factory boss is still a factory boss! Bureaucracy is not socialism. it is state run capitalism.

### AUTHORITARIAN

They do not wish to see social revolution by the majority of ordinary people. Their organisation is rigid and undemocratic. They seek to impose their politics through their control of the institutions of the State, with the aid of the union organisations and talk of protecting THEIR socialist society with the aid of 'accountable' judges and 'accountable' police?????

### TRUE SOCIALISM

Socialism must be popular, democratic, libertarian and internationalist. Anything else is not socialism, it is just another brand of DICTATORSHIP.

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# KING ARTHUR



Arthur Scargill likes to portray himself as a union leader for the workers. He's fond of Militant talk and is the bogey of the capitalist press. His recent pronouncements about Solidarnosc might lead us to think that he's not choosy about the company he keeps. The following little episode further reveals his shabby record of supporting totalitarian states that oppress workers.

## UKRAINIAN MINERS ARRESTED

Vladimir Klebanov and Alexei Nikitin have 'disappeared', their crime being attempting to form independent unions, not under the control of the Soviet state. A Sheffield member of Scargill's union, John Cunningham, wrote to dear old Arthur asking him to make enquiries as to these two's whereabouts. As he wrote, "...when all is said and done, Mr Nikitin and Mr Klebanov are miners - our people, if we can't speak out for them who can?..... these two men have suffered terribly for doing what basically myself, you and countless other NUM members do every day, that is, defend, to the best of our ability, the living standards and conditions of our members."

## HEARTLESS RESPONSE...

Scargill wrote back on May 6th, saying, "I have nothing further to add...apart from saying that I only wish people who constantly inundate this office with letters about the above two people (Klebanov and Nikitin) do not appear to show any concern or little about the tragedy in El Salvador and Nicaragua where more people are dying in a day than have been killed in the Soviet Union in the last ten years.(sic)

So much for international working class solidarity, of course Arthur prefers hobnobbing with the Soviet rulers on binges in Moscow. Makes you wonder how much he would be willing to defend workers here if we had a left-wing government instead of Thatcher's crew.

Incidentally, Arthur Scargill earns £27,000 a year as President of the NUM and gets to be driven about in a £15,000 Jaguar car - not bad for a poor miner. What's more, he's got a job for life. It's hardly suprising that in that kind of position one bureaucrat tends to sympathise with other bureaucrats, is it?

The information in this article is taken from VOLYA, an information journal on Eastern Europe. It is available for 30p(inc) from:

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## CARELESS TALK: AIMS & PRINCIPLES

- 1) To support, seek solidarity for and be involved in struggles for the needs of the vast majority of people against the ruling class of business men, politicians and bureaurats
- 2) To urge that struggles be directly controlled by those involved in; them, not by leaders such as trades union officials or political parties.
- 3) To aim for the overthrow of all governments, bosses and leaders by conscious action of the majority of people. We want a world without relationships of domination and submission, where all people have an equal say in how things are run, and where production is for human need not profit.

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Anyone who shares our ideas and would like to get in touch, please come to one of our meetings: usually held at 7.30 Tuesdays, The George Inn corner of Barracks Road(next to roundabout) Newcastle S.O.T.

Alternatively, write to us at our contact address on the back page.



# WORKERS CO-OP

The left of the Labour party, particularly Ken Livingstone's GLC have got this great idea to avoid redundancies - Workers Co-operatives. It works like this:

Your dear bankrupt boss puts the key under the door and there you are on the street! What do you do? All club together, pool your redundancy money, and prove that you can all be better bosses than he. Your union negotiates the price and you buy the factory (maybe with some loans from your friendly council). Open the factory gates again, elect your new bosses, preferably union representatives. Now the slaves have become the masters! Now you are all free. So why does everything still seem the same?

## CHANGING THE BOSSES CHANGES NOTHING!

Once you've taken on the bosses debts, then you no longer have any choice. You've still got to compete to sell your product - develop or disappear. But the firm went bust in the first place, so it was not really that competitive in the first place was it? So prices must be lowered, how? Work like an ox, lower your salary, dig into your profits to keep the place going. All that's left is the illusion that you are working for yourself and not for capital. If you refuse this crazy situation the co-operative goes bust, you can't even go on strike against yourself can you? So what happens in a year, or two years or whenever when you go broke again - like the Triumph Meridan co-op and pretty much all the other ones have - well you're back on the dole again, but this time without any redundancy money.

## BANKRUPTCY AND DEMORALISATION

To occupy the bankrupted workplace, to stop the creditors stripping the assets, even to get it working again for a while to keep yourself in bread, that can be useful in the class war. But to want to buy it up as it is, opens

the door to class collaboration and worse, total demoralisation when the thing goes broke in the end like it always will. The union bosses and leftists in the Labour party play on these hopes and illusions to bolster their own popularity, to somehow try and persuade people they really are for the workers and socialism.

So what does this foul lie of running the businesses ourselves mean? It means continuing the salaried life-sentence of penal servitude, the life-sentence that means life, the sentence of waged work. Instead of trying to compete with the capitalists, we should be getting rid of them and their leftist hangers-on.

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## IDLE CHATTER IDLE CHATTER IDLE CHA

### STOP PRESS:

As we go to press, half of Fleet Street doesn't! It is no longer just a dispute between the NGA and their employers. As the recent picket at Warrington has shown, thousands are prepared to fight for the rights of workers to defend themselves. Because most of those arrested were not NGA members, the Home Secretary Leon Brittan described the action as "not spontaneous", and even as "organised anarchy" (sic).

Anarchy it was not, but it's definitely a step in the right direction as soon as workers start ignoring their unions, their bosses and the government, we might stand a chance of achieving our aims.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT....

At least 2,000,000,000 people will not be eating turkey for dinner this Christmas day. In fact, at least 2,000,000,000 people will not even have enough of anything to eat to ensure even their own survival.

As your children unwrap their presents under the tree, just remember, 75,000 children throughout the world will die of hunger on Christmas day.....



# EXCLUSIVE CTC CONFESSES ALL!

Much of the criticism that CARELESS TALK receives concerns a lack of clarity about where we actually stand on the issues that we report in the paper. We are not a negative group, although we spend much of our time actively criticising others, as a group we share a positive vision of what we believe society should be and are aware of what it is not at the moment.

## CAPITALISM

We know that the society we live in is wrong. Throughout the world millions of people are living in misery or are dying of hunger. At the same time, to maintain prices and profits, millions of tonnes of food are destroyed. Billions of pounds are spent on weapons of mass destruction instead of valuable and much needed research, and vast resources are squandered on the pleasures of the world's rich.

This is Capitalism!

We know this is wrong! Production does not happen just because some capitalist is kind enough to want to make a profit out of us. We should curse them for stealing what we produce, not thank them for giving us a job.

With or without capitalists, people need food, housing, medicine, heating, transport and pleasure. We believe that people do not need to feel that they need to tread on someone in order to produce. Instead we believe that capitalism, because of its need to make profits will never produce what people want in quantities that they want, because things only fetch high prices when they are scarce.

## AN END TO SCARCITY

If workers produced what they wanted to produce, scarcity would vanish. That is why under capitalism we can never have true democracy in the workplace, and that is why our rulers try to kid us that we should be happy with putting an 'X' on a ballot card every five years and believe that this is all the democracy that we need.

We believe that ordinary people are more suited to determining their own needs and desires than are the bankers, bureaucrats, businessmen, politicians and parties.

Society can best be organised when people work together, not to exploit each other, but to harness the natural resources of our planet for the benefit of society as a whole - rather than for exchange and profit.

We believe that this can only come about when the majority of ordinary people become aware of the lies and exploitation under capitalism and combine together freely to remove the cause of their oppression, and overthrow the capitalist ruling class.

## ANTI-STATE....ANTI-PARTY

We are anti-state and anti-party. The former is inherently and institutionally a weapon of the ruling class. The latter are authoritarian organisations that would merely reform the state in the image of the party machine. We envisage a libertarian revolution and a society based on a free association of people in workers' councils and collectives.

If you would like more information or other publications, or even to come and meet us and help with the production of the magazine, please write to the contact address in this edition.

## WHERE TO MEET US

If you would like to come along and meet us, we get together every Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm in the Lounge Bar of the George Inn, Barracks Road, Newcastle. It's on the corner of ~~George~~ Barracks Rd and Well St. - just two minutes from the bus station. (It also serves what is probably the best pint of Bass in Staffordshire).



# ANIMAL RIOTS

On Saturday 29th October, a coach full of people from Stoke set off for a national demonstration against the 'fur trade' and specifically against Cocksparrow fur farm where about 1800 Silver foxes are kept in wire mesh cages which means those nocturnal animals are exposed both to sunlight and to the harsh environment. The cages are approximately two foot square and because the floors of the cages are also wire mesh the foxes develop deformed feet. The foxes are gassed when six months old. The owner, a Mr Gill (tel. 0675 70171), claims the foxes are destroyed by injection however, the gas chamber was discovered 50 yards from the pens.

The demonstration began with a 7 mile march through the local towns and was attended by over 2,000 people. The march finished up at the farm to be greeted with the sight of policemen showing us their Alsatians in the back of their vans unfortunately (shame!) the dogs could not be used because of the proximity of the foxes.

## ASSAULT ON THE FARM....

The demonstration began with a renewed vigour and the chant of "IN IN IN" was raised. The majority of the demonstrators then charged into the farm area, dodging the police. About 20 people got inside the fox enclosure to destroy the cages and take photographs. The police surrounded the enclosure and removed those inside (without arresting anyone). The first attempted arrest was defeated when around a hundred people charged across to the scene of the arrest and people grabbed hold of the person getting nicked and scuffled with the police.

At this point the police released the person and asked people to be reasonable - a request which fooled no one and resulted in much jeering and the theft of the officers hat. Similar events occurred all evening although in the end only nine were successfully arrested.

The aim of the action was to destroy as much of Gills property

and (therefore profit) as possible. To this end the windows of his house were bricked, the gas chamber destroyed and spray painted along with three cars and a new caravanette, the refrigerators and quite a lot of the equipment.

Because the foxes were in such a bad condition physically it would have been impossible to just release them into the wild - however, 7 foxes were taken away in cars by the Animal Liberation Front where they shall be treated and looked after. Hopefully the rest will all be liberated on a more carefully worked out raid.

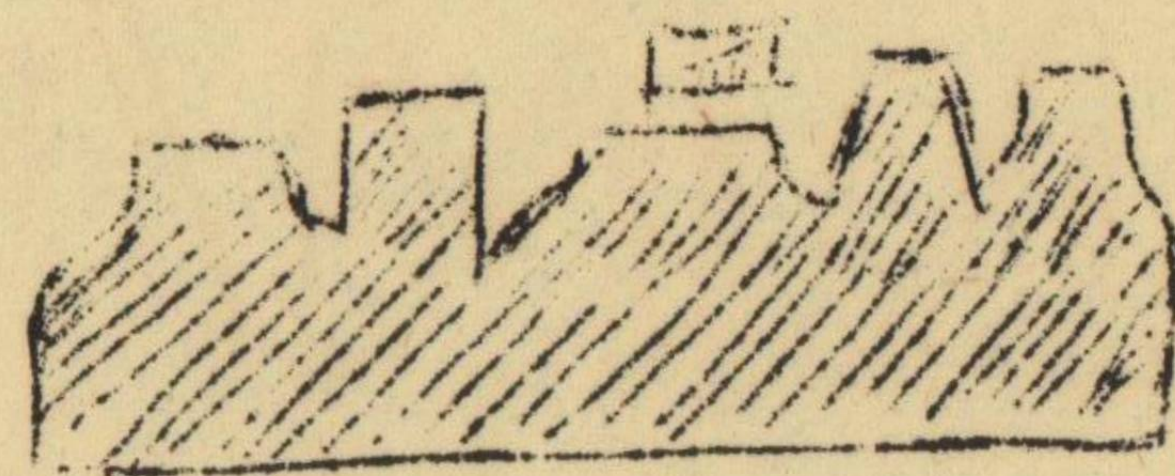
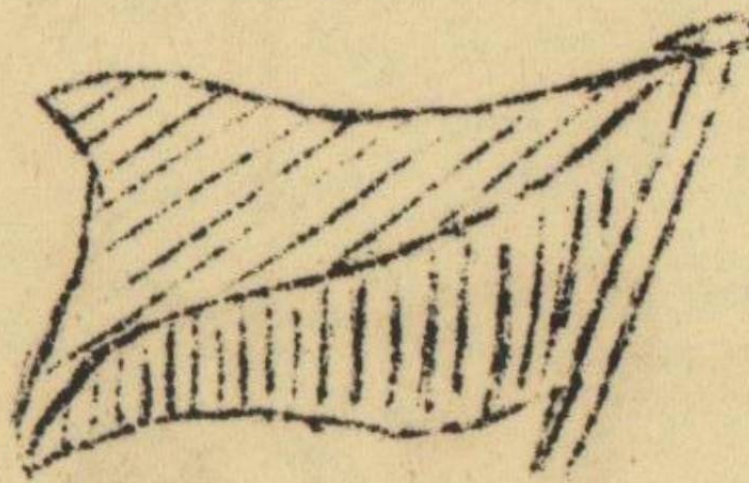
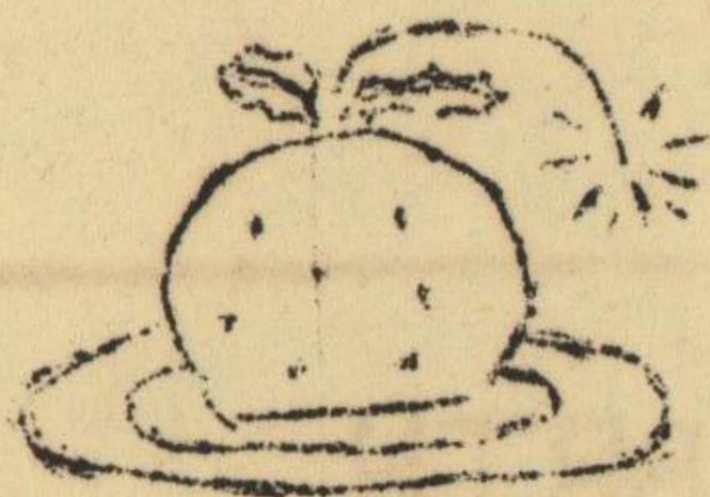
## LESSONS TO BE LEARNED...

Lessons to be learned from Cocksparrow farm are: first, that the police are not as invincible as they are made out to be. When they are in a majority, they are able to do virtually anything they want, whether it is legal or illegal, and because the way the legal system is organised they can get away with it. Witness the 'STOP THE CITY' incident where 50,000 Police were controlling 3000 demonstrators - a situation which meant they could be as unreasonable and nasty as they wanted. At Cocksparrow farm they couldn't resort to brute force so they attempted to appear reasonable and appeal to the respect and fear of the uniform which is taught at school and through the media - "Crime doesn't pay", "The mounties always get their man" etc. ; fortunately most people saw through their duplicity.

The second point of interest is that despite peoples programming against using aggression to get their ends (unless its approved by the State) most people there (old people, legalistic Animal Rights campaigners as well as anarchists and A.L.F. People were caught up in the dynamic atmosphere and were involved in the 'constructive vandalism'. This can leave us with much hope for

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## COCKSPARROW FARM CONT....

future protests and even for the social revolution - the final piece of direct action of the people to rid themselves of their chains.

...THIS IS THE VIEW OF SOME MEMBERS OF " CARELESS TALK "WHO WERE THERE.....Careless Talk as a group is opposed to all single issue campaigns because they tend to cloud over the real problems and convince people that once a particular reform or series of reforms has been implemented everything will be fine. However we agree with the statement of the Solidarity group that: " Meaningful action for revolutionaries is whatever increases the confidence, the initiative, the autonomy, the participation, the solidarity, the equalitarian tendencies and the self activity of the masses and whatever assists in their demystification ", so that Cocksparrow farm and similar incidents which have encouraged mutual support when confronted with the police and direct action against the common enemy count as meaningful action.

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(no callers, please)

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## IDLE CHATTER...IDLE CHATTER.....

Linda McCartney, who earns a meagre 25million a year, has graciously donated the Greenham Common Women a Fortnum and Mason's Christmas Hamper ... her generosity amazes us.....

## FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.....

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and the Libertarian Communist  
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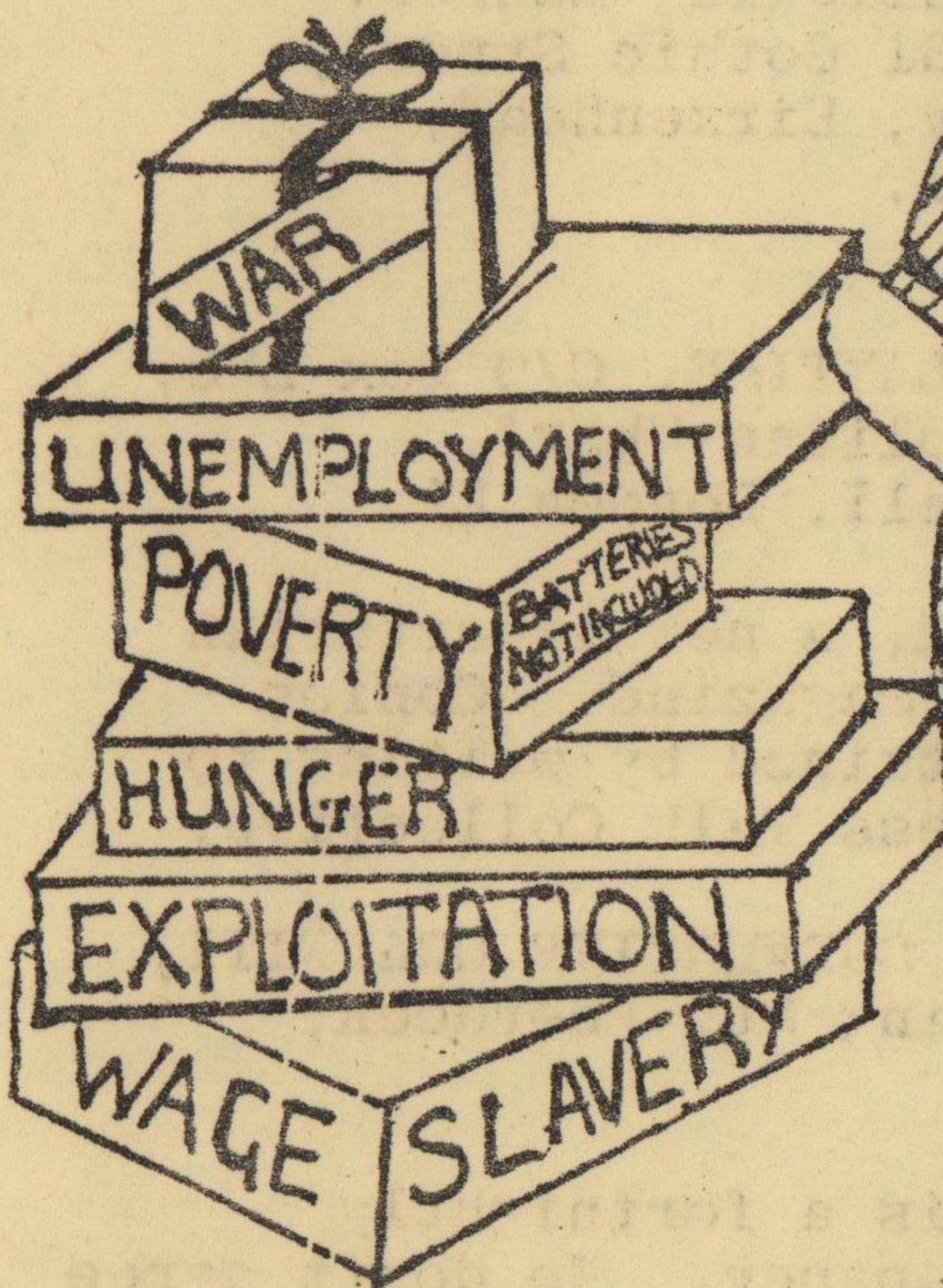
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