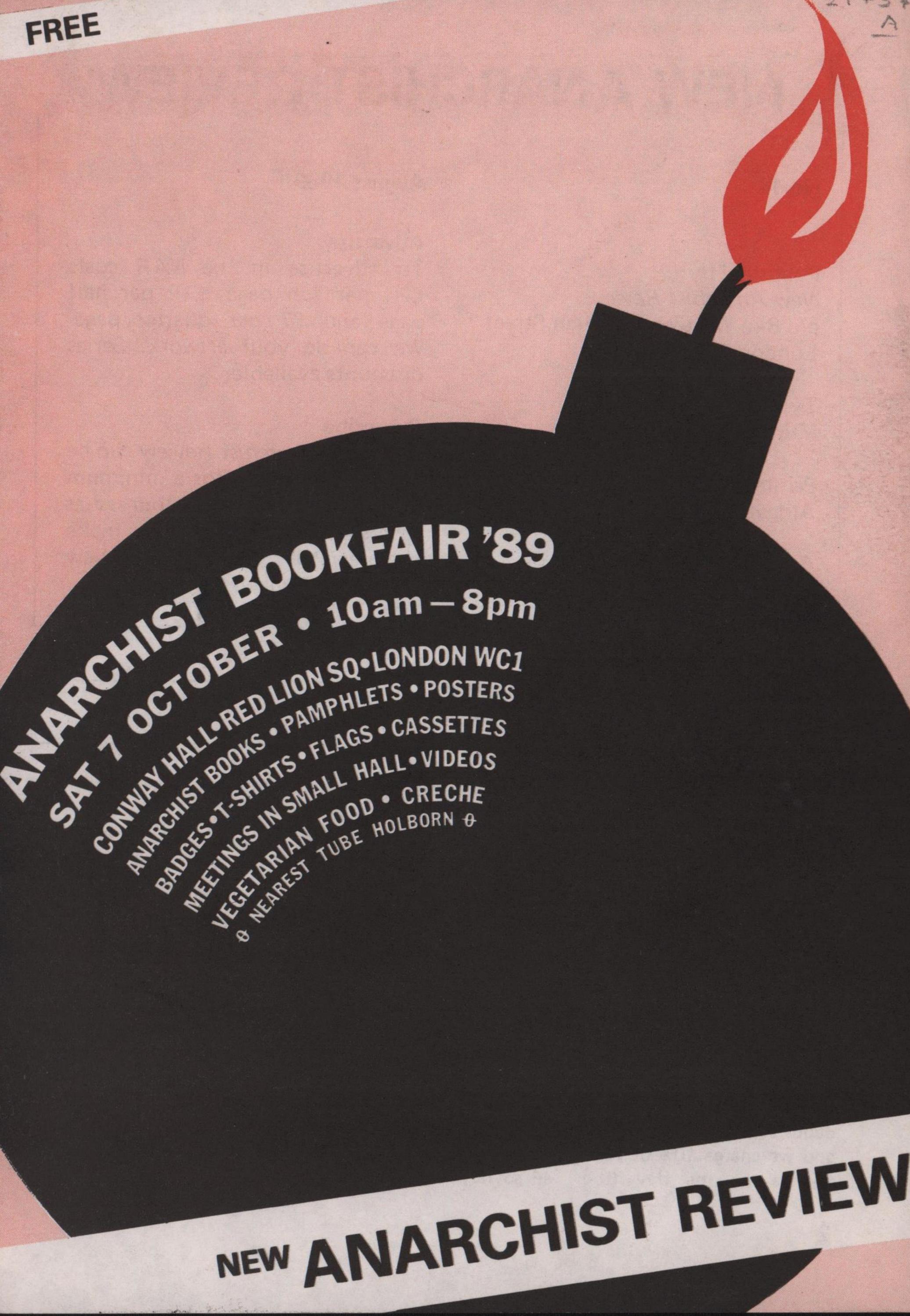


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Jonathan Bowden
Egotist Press
108 pages
£2.95 (A, F)

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Selections from War Commentary and Freedom 1939-1950

424 pages
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publishing date August 1989

As part of the Freedom Centenary, the latest volume of selected writings is *World War – Cold War*. A collection of fascinating articles, comments and bitter criticism, written during and immediately after the Second World War. It may be fashionable now to debunk the cosy images of WW2 as a 'we're-all-in-this-together' adventure, but it wasn't then.

There's considerable irony in the fact that *War Commentary*, which landed itself in trouble with the authorities more than once, was publishing then the sort of 'seditious' comment that passes as history today. (See also the three supplementary volumes detailed below.)

THE LEFT AND WORLD WAR TWO 1939-1945

80 pages
price to be announced
publishing date August 1989

Where was the rest of the Left while the anarchists

were opposing the war? As these articles show, busy destroying its threadbare credibility. Here the Communist Party is exposed for its slavish devotion to Stalin. The trade unions are shown supporting naked British imperialism — all pretence at internationalism gone, all pretence at protecting workers' interests shelved for the war effort. Only the anarchists pointed out the obvious — that only revolution could really rid Europe of fascism.

**NEITHER
NATIONALISATION NOR
PRIVATISATION**

1945-1950

88 pages

price to be announced

publishing date August 1989

From 1945-1950 the Labour government set about nationalising the very industries and services which the government is today busy selling. It was clear to anarchists from the start that the state would be no better as a boss than private owners. These articles expose the rhetoric of the nationalisers for the cynical lies they have proved to be. This was also the period when the National Health Service was introduced. Here are some damning criticisms of the NHS idea — criticisms which

today seem lost under the weight of the cuts versus no-cuts debate.

**BRITISH IMPERIALISM
AND THE PALESTINE
CRISIS 1938-1948**

96 pages

price to be announced

publishing date August 1989

Few people now realise that Palestine was once a British Mandate, and that many of the Arab-Israeli problems of today stem from a British policy which used Jews as colonists in a scheme to create an Ulster in Palestine. The articles in this supplementary volume to *World War — Cold War* cover the decade preceding the creation of the state of Israel. They do much to explain the mess that region is in today.

**FUCK AUTHORITY
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£1.50 (F)

Just received from the States, a poster with an unequivocal message . . . The poster is 560mm wide x 730mm deep. The background is red, with 'FUCK AUTHORITY' plastered in huge black letters. Little character in the bottom left hand corner is asking "What, all authority?"

His mate answers "Yep, all authority . . ."



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An Anthology of Political Buffoonery

1980-1988

48 pages

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A new collection of true stories of political pranks and practical jokes. A must for anyone who enjoyed the Spectacular Times *Buffo!* books. In fact this includes material Larry Law had ready for a *Buffo! 3*.

CROWBAR

Squatting News

40p

The brilliantly funny squatting mag from Brixton is BACK! The perpetrators

claim to have undergone two years' peace training, so that former battle cries of 'attack, attack, attack' shall henceforward be replaced by 'understand, understand, understand'. We remain to be convinced.

WILDCAT STRIKES AGAIN

Anarchist comics
Donald Rooum
Freedom Press
£1.95 (A, F)

The following review appeared in the 'Journal' of the Society of Strip Illustration.



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I must admit that my heart sank when I discovered that Matt had sent me a collection of anarchist cartoons to review. I thought I'd find them unfunny, obscure and pedantic. In fact, all that reveals is my own prejudice.

I found them humourous to the point of laughing out loud on occasions (a rare occurrence with political cartoons, where a wry smile is usually the best I can manage), easily comprehensible to anyone who takes an interest in the way of the world, and with a delightful way of spearing the bubble of ultra-left in-speak. To be able to laugh while still making a point and without making it cruel, is a gift.

Wildcat has a go at all aspects of the establishment — church, government, law enforcement, international affairs — and suffers all sorts of ignominious reprisals from persons in authority, but always comes back for more.

Donald Rooum points out that strip cartoons are full of cats (and he lists 38) but Wildcat is just that little bit different from any feline you've met before. For a start, Wildcat is a SHE ...

I don't usually read reviews myself. I don't want to know what other people think of a book, I like to make up my own mind. So I suggest you totally ignore what I've said above and go and read it for yourself.

Hilary Robinson

THE MYTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Stan L. Goddard

ITMA

16 pages

40p

Does unemployment really exist at all? A critique of ideas of work from conservative right to militant left.

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SITUATIONIST INTERNATIONAL ANTHOLOGY

Edited and translated by
Ken Knabb
Bureau of Public Secrets
408 pages
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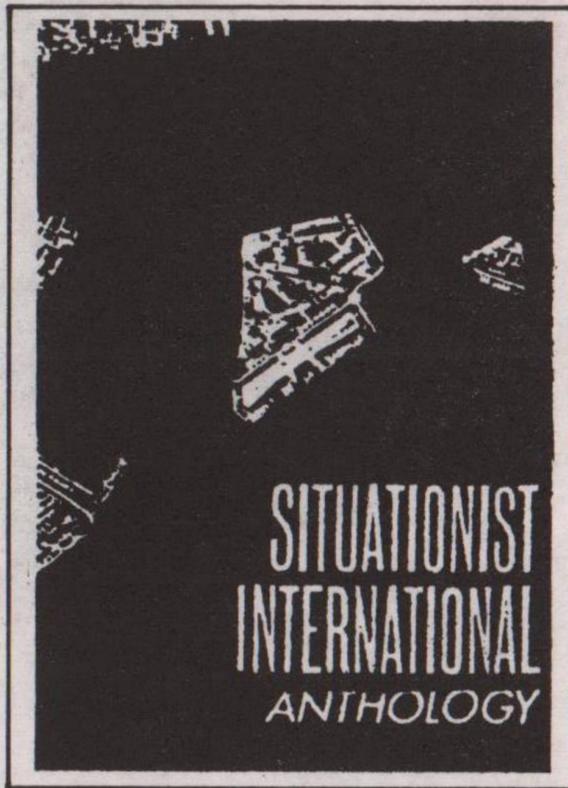
The definitive selection of writings from the Situationist International. Includes pieces from the French journal *Internationale Situationniste*, and complete versions of some of the shorter publications and documents. The first printing of this book sold out quickly, be warned.

CATECHISM OF THE REVOLUTIONIST

Sergey Nechayev
Voiette Nozieres Press/
Active Distribution
45p (A, F)

The Catechism of the Revolutionist has justly been described as one of the most disgusting documents ever written. For those whose bedtime reading (and fantasies) consist of Machiavelli's *The Prince* and Lenin's *What is to be Done?*, it will no doubt prove essential.

Reading like a character



expelled from the pages of Turgenev's *Fathers and Sons* for being too extreme, Nechayev, who obviously perceives any relationship between means and ends as some liberal aberration, gleefully advocates blackmail, coercion, exploitation, in fact "any means necessary" in actualising "the task of terrible, total, universal, merciless destruction".

The Catechism was not originally intended for publication, and is split into sections including *The Attitude of the Revolutionary Towards Himself*, and *The Attitude of the Revolutionary Towards Society*.

Bakunin described this document as a "catechism of brigands" and it obviously has nothing to do with

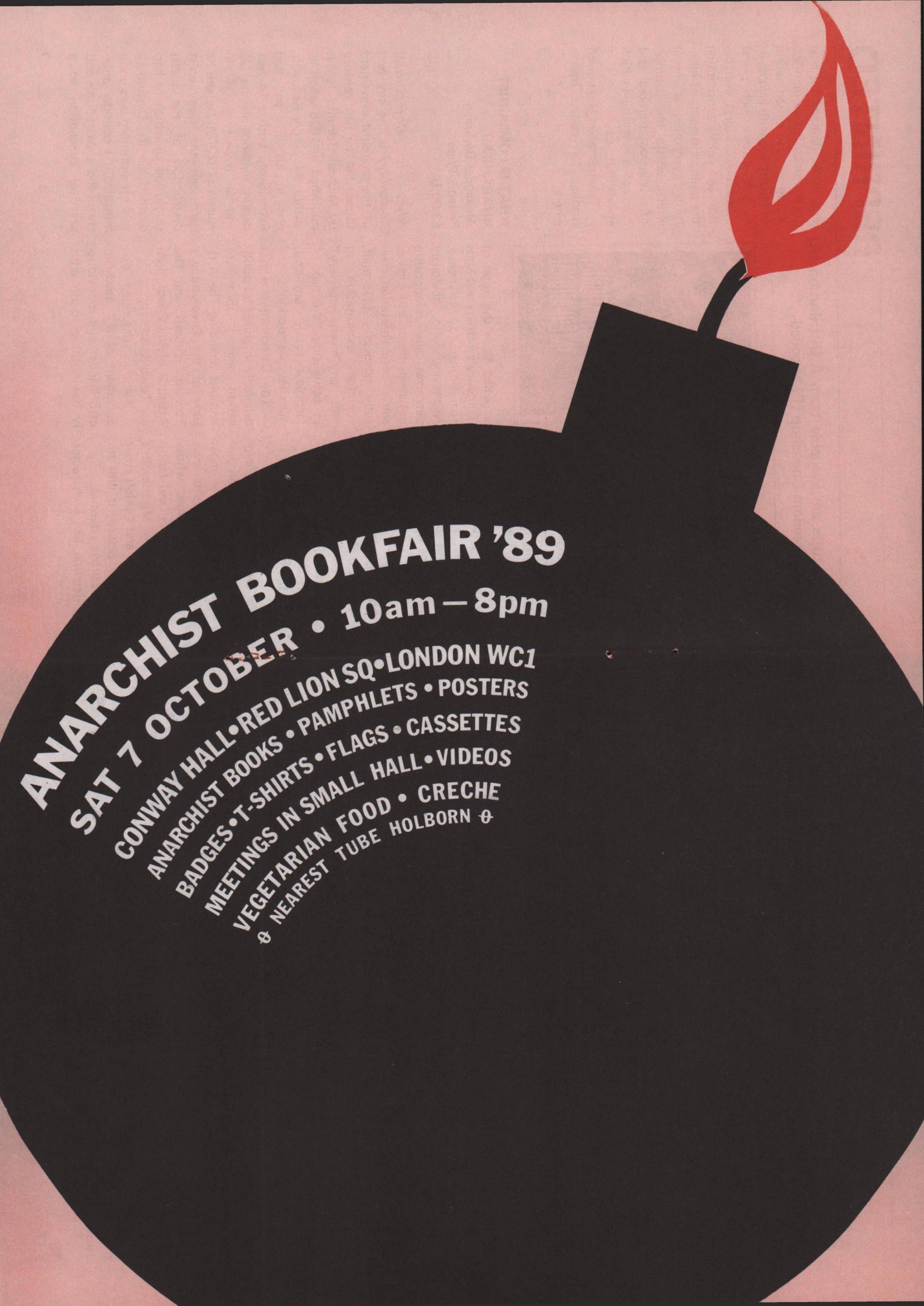
anarchism. Perhaps it is best to approach it as a manifestation of the closed world of fanaticism, with Nechayev as the austere high priest unleashing universal destruction and coldly proclaiming the commandments of nihilism: "everything is moral which assists the triumph of revolution. Immoral and criminal is everything which stands in its way".

This pamphlet is required reading for cadres everywhere.

WHAT IS COMMUNIST ANARCHISM?

Alexander Berkman
Phoenix Press
£3.00 (A)

What is Communist Anarchism? is the key text of the anarchist movement founded in the 19th century by Michael Bakunin. It was published in 1928 when its author, Alexander Berkman, was in his 50s and had experienced both a 14-year prison sentence in the US and a two-year stay in Russia (1920/21), where he had seen the Communist destruction of the social revolution to which he had devoted his life. Despite all this his optimism was undiminished. "I consider anarchism the most rational and practical conception of a



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social life in freedom and harmony, I am convinced that its realisation is a certainty in the course of human development."

What Is Communist Anarchism?

Alexander Berkman

Phoenix Press

Berkman was way off mark in his optimism about the nearness of the anarchist millenium. It is 60 years since he wrote, and we are no nearer a free society now than we were then. Nevertheless, much of what is said still holds good. He illustrates the class nature of the justice system using the cases of the Haymarket Martyrs, Mooney and Billings, Sacco and Vanzetti. He documents the reactionary nature of organised religion. He dismisses reforms because they treat the symptom but not the cause of social wrong. He

shows parliamentary democracy to be a fraud masking capitalist rule. Socialism to have become corrupted by power. He analyses the disaster of the Bolshevik victory in Russia.

Publishers note: this edition of 'What is Communist Anarchism?' is approximately three-fifths of the original text. The rest of the book is already available as THE ABC OF ANARCHISM published by Freedom Press.

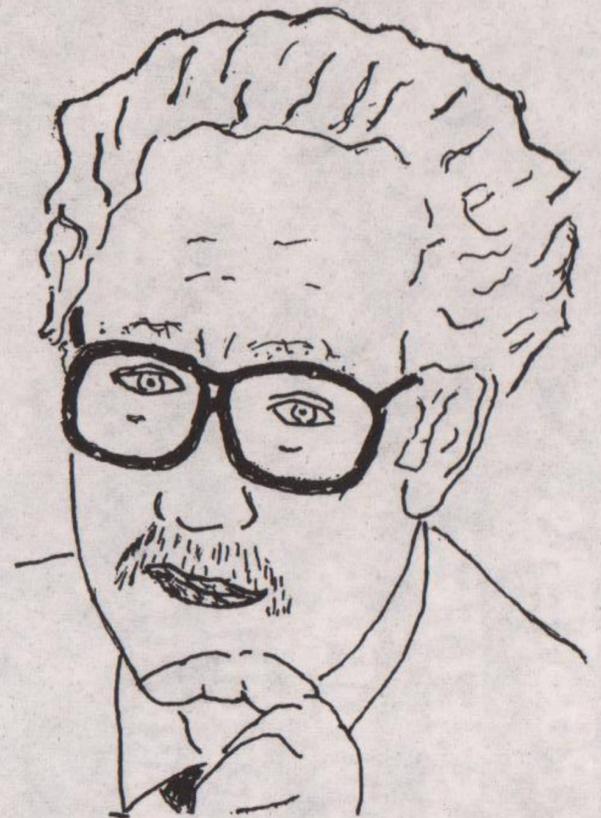
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Derrick A. Pike
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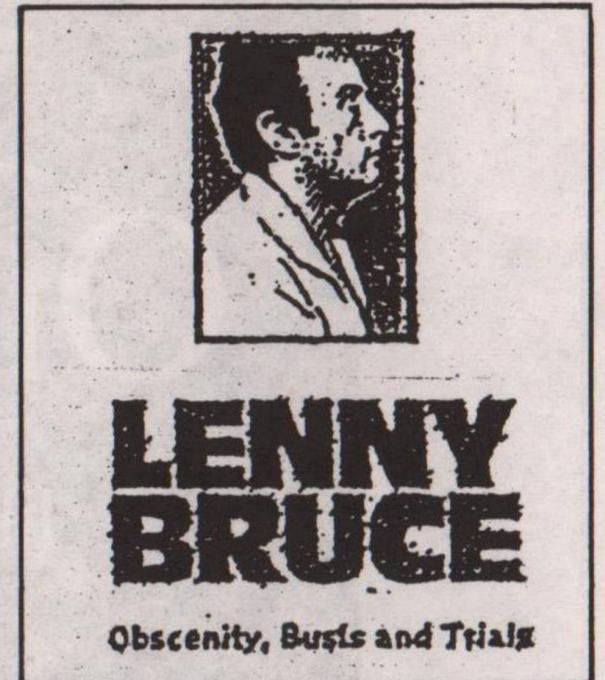


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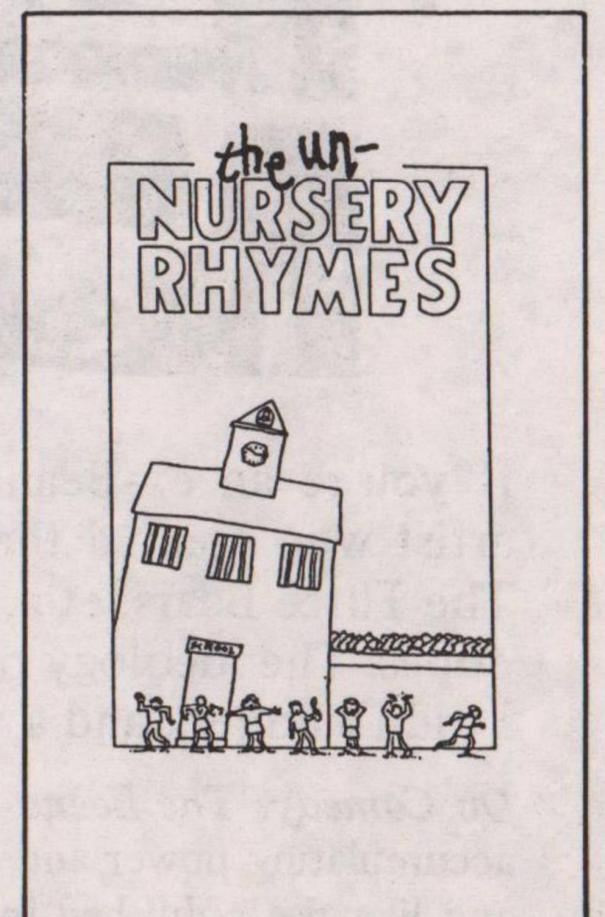
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Leo Baxendale

On Comedy

The Beano and Ideology



If you're an ex-Beano reader, this book is right up your street. The artist who created the Bash Street Kids, Minnie the Minx, Little Plum, The Three Bears, etc., gives you the inside dope on a bunch of endearing dopes. The ideology of bangers and mash, and everything else. "Brilliant. I didn't understand a word of it" — Smiffy.

On Comedy: The Beano and Ideology (and *The Encroachment Part I* — a study of accumulating power and control, and dominant ideologies, also by Leo Baxendale and likewise published by Reaper Books) are distributed by A Distribution and are also available from Freedom Press.

IN PRINT IN IRELAND

The Workers' Solidarity Movement, in existence since 1984, is an Irish anarchist group with a class struggle emphasis. The titles listed below are available from: WSM, PO Box 1528, Dublin 8.

WORKERS' SOLIDARITY
Periodical
(three/four issues p.a.)
60p

Irish anarchist magazine, with a class struggle slant. Contains news and views about both sides of the border.

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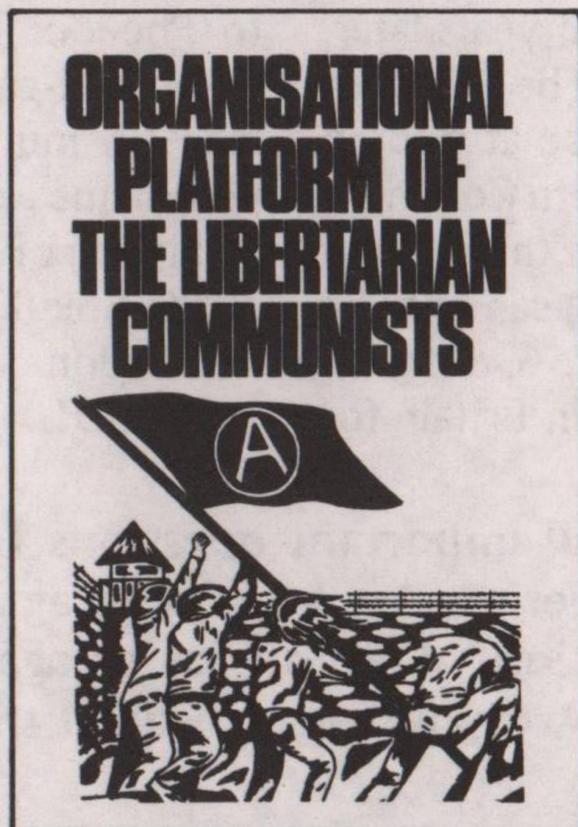


A good basic introduction to anarchism, from an Irish perspective. Special section on nationalism discusses the problems of the North and explains why national liberation, as talked about by Sinn Fein, is not an answer to the sectarian state or to British occupation.



ORGANISATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE LIBERTARIAN COMMUNISTS
34 pages
£1.50

Produced by a group of exiled Russian and Ukrainian anarchists living in France in



1926 (including Makhno, Arshinov and Ida Mett), this pamphlet was a restatement of anarchism, by those who had experienced Bolshevism first hand.

On first publication the Platform came under attack from some of the anarchist movement's best known names — Malatesta and Berkman among them. Its programme of libertarian communism was accused of being one step away from Bolshevism. Yet the platformists were to have some influence across Europe, and the questions of organisation it addressed would continue to resurface until the present time.

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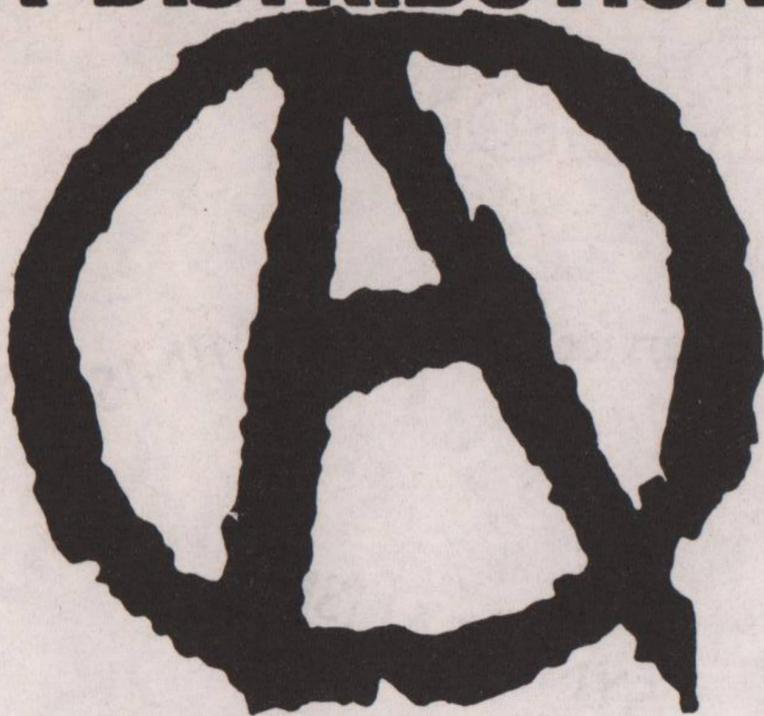
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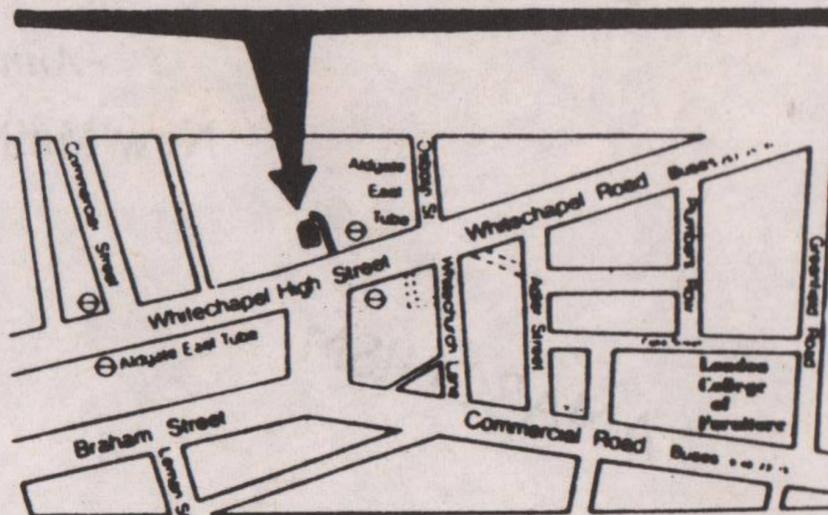


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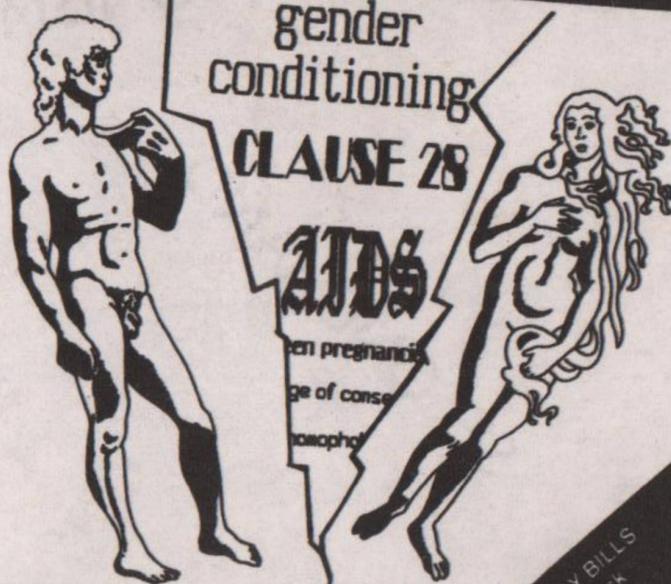
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