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? WHAT IS ANARCHY



Anarchism, according to a popular dictionary, is the 'Doctrine that all government should be abolished'

This, as an statement, is true but the question arises, 'Why abolish all government?'

The answer is to look around at the society built by our Parliamentary 'Democracy'. In the cities, violent crime is on an upward surge. The old are viciously attacked, women dare not walk out at night and the police are resented and ineffective. Housing estates crumble and industries move out, leaving people unemployed.

While the urban areas crumble, the countryside is being devastated by

Industries ripping up the Earth. Profiteering farmers choose to remove any tree, hedge or bush on their land, making deserts on which they spread all manner of toxic chemicals.

All these are results of a society which is greedy, uncaring and selfish and its no wonder, because honest people in this society lose out. Those lie, cheat and steal get places. The media and advertising encourage these attitudes. They say you should have your own washing machine, freezer, tumble dryer and the bigger car you have the better person you are. All this helps the rich to become richer, as one washing machine could suffice for 4 households, profits are the number 1 motive. Co-operation and consideration for anyone else is unimportant.



Can You Recognize A TERRORIST?

Do You Know The Difference Between:



A Terrorist,

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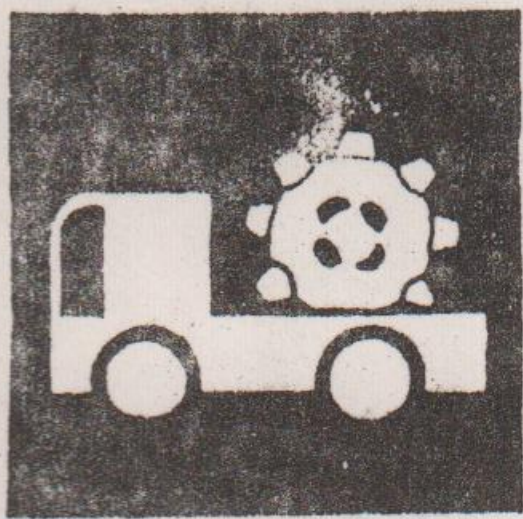
A Freedom-Fighter?



Hostages,

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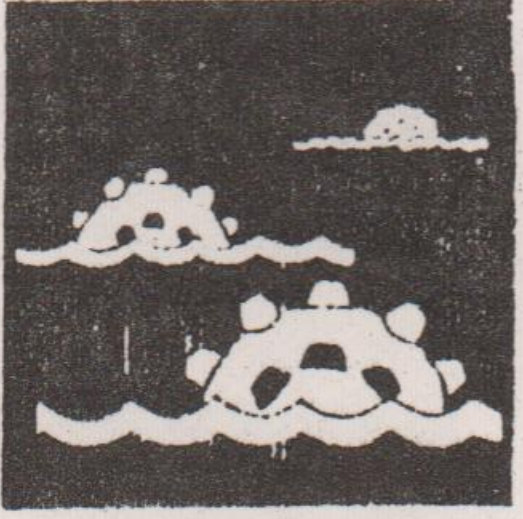
Political Prisoners?



Bombing An Embassy,

and...

Mining A Foreign Harbor?



Nationalist Fanatics,

and...

Patriotic Citizens?




The only way out of this deteriorating situation is for all of us to realise what is wrong with society and deal with it ourselves. This is the politics of Anarchism. The Hard Right would deal with societies problems by more oppression, the left with their beaurocracies are ineffective, the people of Toxteth certainly weren't rioting in support of Derek Hatton and the Militant Council last year.

We have to begin by setting up committees for communities, unions for the workplace which have no power to make decisions against the electors wishes. Power has to be taken from London and replaced in local areas and create a social structure in which there isn't opportunity for individuals to rise to positions of authority. Authority only leads to oppression.

Further articles going deeper into Anarchist theory will be presented in further publications. For any change to occur, we must all change our outlook on life. You can't be forced to live as an Anarchist, unlike Communism, but understand and accept it.

I believe we were born Anarchists but taught all our lives not to be. NOW is the time to UNLEARN.

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FEW PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE
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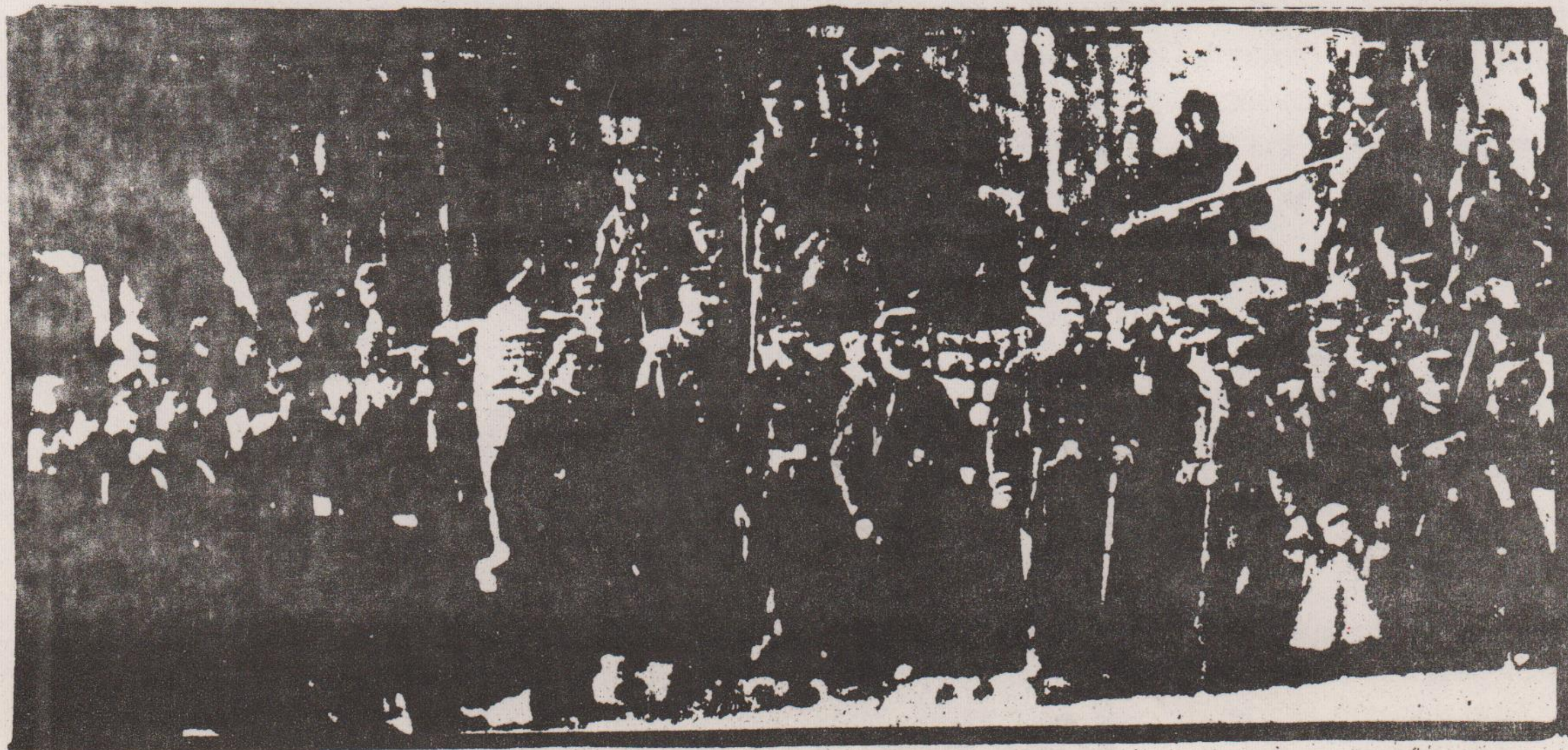
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BOXING DAY,
LOUGHBOROUGH:

Citizens wait for
the rich off the
Quorn Hunt



CLASS WAR

ARTICLE SUPPLIED
BY LONDON
CLASS WAR.
THANK.

Mention Class War to people, and (assuming they've heard of us) you'll most likely come across wild enthusiasm or implacable hostility. Either you'll be forced to endure them burbling on about how C.W. is the best paper on the planet, or you'll be subjected to a lecture about how we're not 'proper anarchists' together with sly innuendos about how we're a) police agents and/or card-carrying nazis.

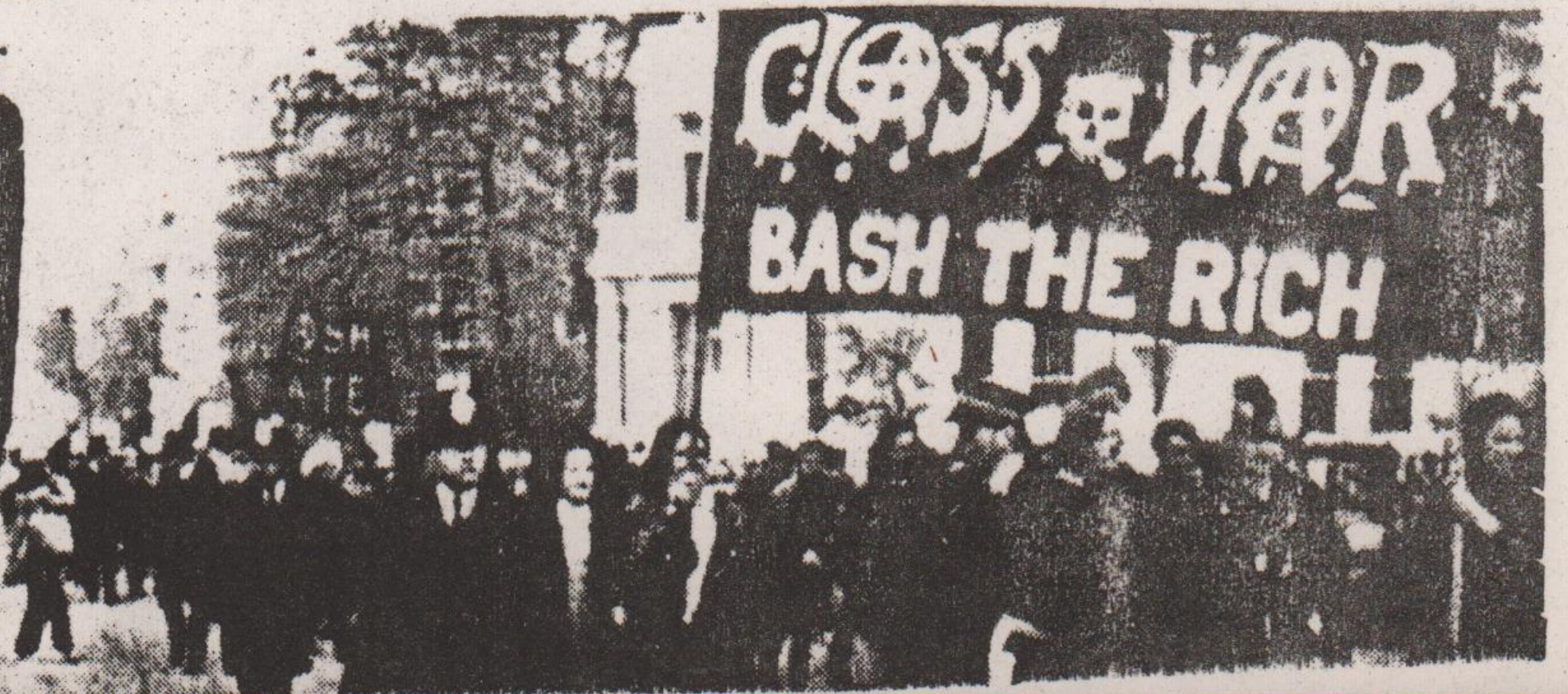
What is it that makes us the subject of such divided opinion and depth of feeling? Well me and the gang been doing a bit of figuring, and we reckon its a combination of a number of multi-dimensional historical currents, the main ones going down around now being the fact that a lot of the so-called anarchists are talking bullshit while a lot of proper people are being shat on from a greater height each day by the scum that run this sewer of a society. While others try to ignore them, we're talking class, and we're talking WAR!

Thatcher and Kinnock may be trying to tell us that class is a thing of the past, and a few scruffyuppy life-stylists may tell us that anarchy has nothing to do with class struggle from their secluded rural retreats, but anyone with open mind and eyes can see that they're lying through their teeth! What is it that distinguishes a super sloane like the late unlamented Olivia Channon from the grannies who die of a combination of hunger and cold in their hundreds every winter? What is it that seperates a chinless wonder in the City, coining it hand over fist buying and selling other people's futures from the people who earn a pittance cleaning his office, building his flash car, and cooking his big dinners? Is it luck, talent, or god's will? Bollocks! Its Class!

CLASS WAR CLASS WAR

A small group of people own the factories, offices, transport and communication systems. They are the ruling class and they're busy putting those Dynasty fantasies into practice. The rest of us, the working class, have to make do with the crumbs from their tables. Sure, after twenty years of sweat, toil, tears and overtime, we might get to own a poxy Barratt hutch, and a few shoddy bits of electronic leisure ware. But even these threadbare dreams are constantly under threat by the owners. We have no control over our destiny. Even if we don't all fry for 'our' countries, we all know that our work continues only as long as the parasites in the boardroom deem it in their financial interest. What happened to the miners could easily happen to us.

The first time for many years anarchist marched through the streets of London. The well-healed tenants of Holland Park watched with frozen smiles as the angry young anarchists threatened their comfortable insularity with the sight of the hard world outside. That march made it clear just how precarious is their wealth.



And its what happened to the miners that shows that there is a war going on. Seven miners died as a direct result of the strike, and hundreds more were seriously injured on the picket line, or just walking the streets of their village. Even when its not as blatant as that the class war is still claiming victims. The working class die in accidents in unsafe factories of radiation induced cancers, of suicide through poverty and despair. Thousands more are wounded, still more thousands go crazy. Meanwhile, in the Third World, millions starve while the food mountains of the west pile higher every day. Does all this suffering, the obscenity of everyday life happen by accident ? No fucking way! It happened so someone could make a quick buck.

And if we step out of line, or start asking awkward questions, the people making the money will see to it that something nasty happens to us. Every day new tools to control us , from community workers to plastic bullets and armoured transits; from trunks and smack to ECT, roll out of the gates of the death factory, trundling under that famous sign that says 'Arbeit Macht Frei'.

Faced with this situation, we have two choices, to sit there and let the bosses shit on us, or to fight back with every weapon at our disposal. We must realise that the only way we're going to seize the planet back from the ruling class and its hired guns, we're going to have a fight on our hands. Nobody but psychos actually looks forward to the prospect of violence, but nobody but dulos thinks that we'll get anywhere by asking nicely. We in Class War are not ashamed of the fact that we support working class violence directed against the state and its agents.

The Class War Federation is a collection of groups and individuals who believe that only the mass, violent, action of the working class against the ruling class can overthrow the existing order. We want to see the creation of a society where individuals have complete control over their lives, free from poverty and exploitation.

The Class War Federation is not a political party, it has no formal individual membership, dues or duties. It does not seek to become 'the leadership of the working class', the 'revolutionary movement' or anything else; indeed, we regard those who see this as their mission with complete contempt. Unlike the motley collection of motley leninist partylets and sects, we don't believe that working class people are too daft to look after themselves. We do not believe that we have all the right answers, and freely admit that on some issues, like Ireland, and animal 'liberation', we don't even agree amongst ourselves ! We see ourselves as a small but growing part of a totally new form of working class movement. We will work with any groups or individuals who we feel we have things in common. with, and will support and take part in those working class struggles in our communities which pose a real threat to law, order, and the fabric of a democratic society.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CLASS WAR IN YOUR AREA OR
JUST TO GET HOLD OF 'CLASS WAR' (THE PAPER)

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LET THE BLOOD
RUN BLUE

ANGRY!
CLASS WAR





ANGRY! CLASS WAR

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

- 1 The destruction of capitalism and the class system, and its replacement by a free equal society, where individuals have complete control over all aspects of their life is an immediate necessity (and has been for some time).
- 2 We are opposed to all forms of the state including so-called 'communist' states.
- 3 The primary division in the capitalist system is a class division, between the working class and the ruling class and its allies. We accept that the exact dividing lines are difficult to define and are subject to change.
- 4 The struggle to seize back the world from the ruling class necessarily involves the use of violence. We support the use of working class violence against the ruling class and its agents.
- 5 We support in theory and in practice, struggle by the oppressed, independent of parliamentarians, local governors, union bosses, or 'revolutionary parties'. We seek to increase the autonomous and revolutionary aspects of these struggles, by participation and communication, between ourselves and the rest of our class (as equals, not leaders) to advance and strengthen the struggle as a whole. We do not believe the working class needs leadership and we are totally hostile to all those who attempt to fill such a role.
- 6 Racism, sexism and heterosexism are an integral part of capitalism and are used as weapons by the state and capitalism to divide the working class. Successful working class struggle for a free society must incorporate the fight against racism, sexism, and heterosexism.
- 7 CWF is a federation of groups and individuals who support the aims and principles as stated above and below. The positions of individuals and groups may differ on certain issues. The CW conference is to meet twice yearly to decide on the position taken by CWF. Racial discrimination or violence, sexual violence, and the degradation or humiliation of, or discrimination against anyone on the grounds of their sex, sexuality or race, is incompatible with the struggle for a free society. Individuals or groups advocating or participating in such behaviour have no place in CWF. Conference will exclude any individuals or groups found to be acting in contravention to the Aims and Principles.
- 8 We accept that the CWF is not the sum total of working class struggle and that other forms of organisation are appropriate to sections of the working class.



Luddite rioters of 1810-12 and 1816-17 smashed factory machinery in protest against the introduction of new equipment in the hosiery and woolen cloth industries. The protesters claimed to be led by a "Ned"

or "King Ludd" whose name was attached to public letters denouncing the introduction of the new machinery. The riots caused a series of harsh measures to be enacted by the government.

THE LUDDITES FOUGHT IN OUR AREA. THEY LOST THEIR BATTLE, BUT WE'LL CONTINUE THE WAR.

BASH THE RICH

AN ANARCHIST record calling for riots and looting on Royal Wedding day has been withdrawn from many shops. The Virgin and Our Price chains acted yesterday after Tory MP Greg Knight urged the Attorney-General to take legal action over the single Better

Dead Than Wed by the group Conflict. The four-man band, who also sing about destroying Buckingham Palace and hanging the Royal Family, belong to the extremist organisation, Class War, which put up £17,000 to press more than 30,000 copies of the disc.

Anarchist record banned

DAILY MAIL

'Better dead than wed'

TODAY

record barred

by ANDREW MOGER

AN abusive anti-royal record inciting hatred against Sarah Ferguson and Prince Andrew has been banned by BBC's Radio 1.

"Better Dead Than Wed" is the chorus anti-monarchist fanatics will sing on the Royal wedding day.

Thirty-thousand copies have been produced for the extreme Class War

group, exposed by SUN-DAY TODAY earlier this year as being behind civil disobedience at Wapping.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority is set to blacklist the record.

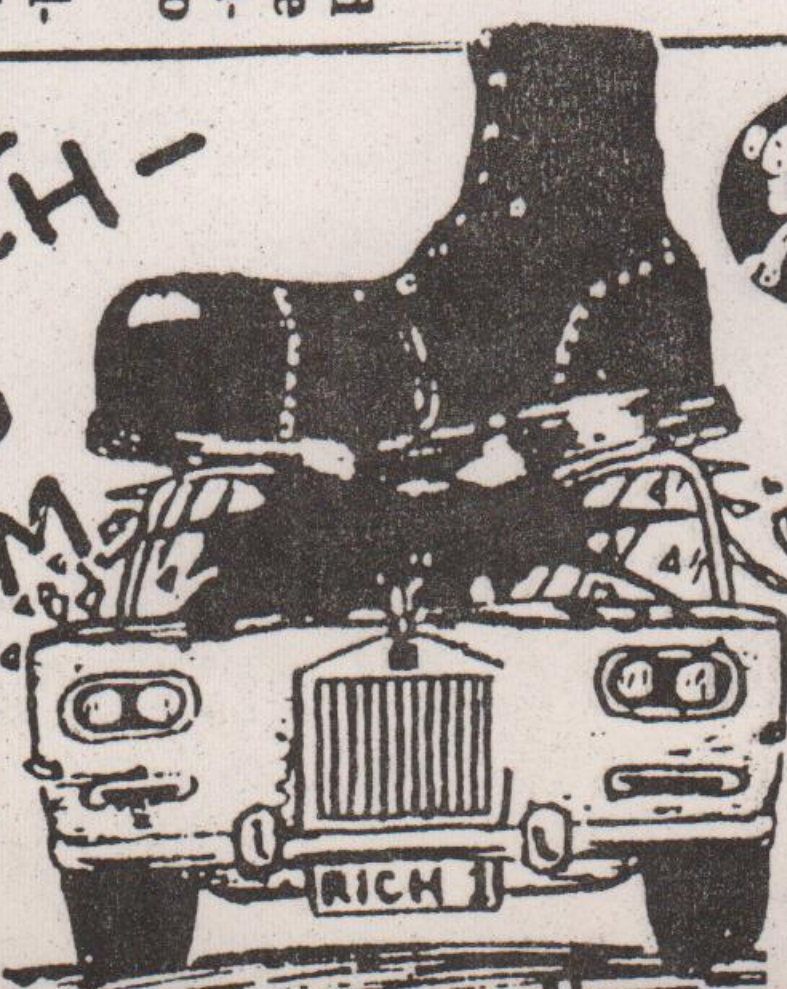
Greg Knight, Tory MP for Derby North and owner of a recording stu-

dio said: "Police should consider prosecuting the musicians and distributors for incitement to riot."

The discs will be available tomorrow in backstreet shops but 18,000 have been snapped up in advanced sales.


CORRUPT SOCIETY
CONSTANT HARASSMENT
LIVERPOOL - WHAT DO YOU EXPECT

THE RICH - ITS THEM



OR US

The Anarchist Communist Federation

Interest in anarchism is perhaps greater now than in any other period since before the First World War. Anarchist groups are scattered around the country and evidence of an anarchist presence, the  symbol is to be found almost everywhere.

The A C F, as a new anarchist organisation, is in part a reflection of this upsurge of interest in libertarian ideas and is partly our response to it. The A C F is new, having been formed about 4 months ago from the Anarchist Communist Discussion Group, the Syndaculist Fight Group and a number of local groups and individuals. Whilst our membership is small, around 70, the A C F is growing at a reasonable rate, eg it has doubled in size over a 2 month period.

The Anarchist Communist Federation tries to bring class war anarchists together with a definite and hopefully coherent political and ideological standpoint (See 'Where We Stand') We reject the idea that anarchists, of every variety should try to work together, in some happy family. An attempt to try and synthesise a workable approach on the basis of liberalism, individualism, pacifism, lifestyleism etc leads only to confusion and inaction. British anarchism has, by and large, taken this approach and consequently has remained thoroughly marginal.

The Federation is a membership organisation based upon autonomous local groups. There are no leaders, central committees etc and Federation strategies, ideas etc are decided by frequent conferences. Although it is expected that members will implement democratic


decisions, there is no political 'line' as such. The constitution of the A C F allows for the formation of factional groupings and all members can publish their own views freely within the A C F and elsewhere.



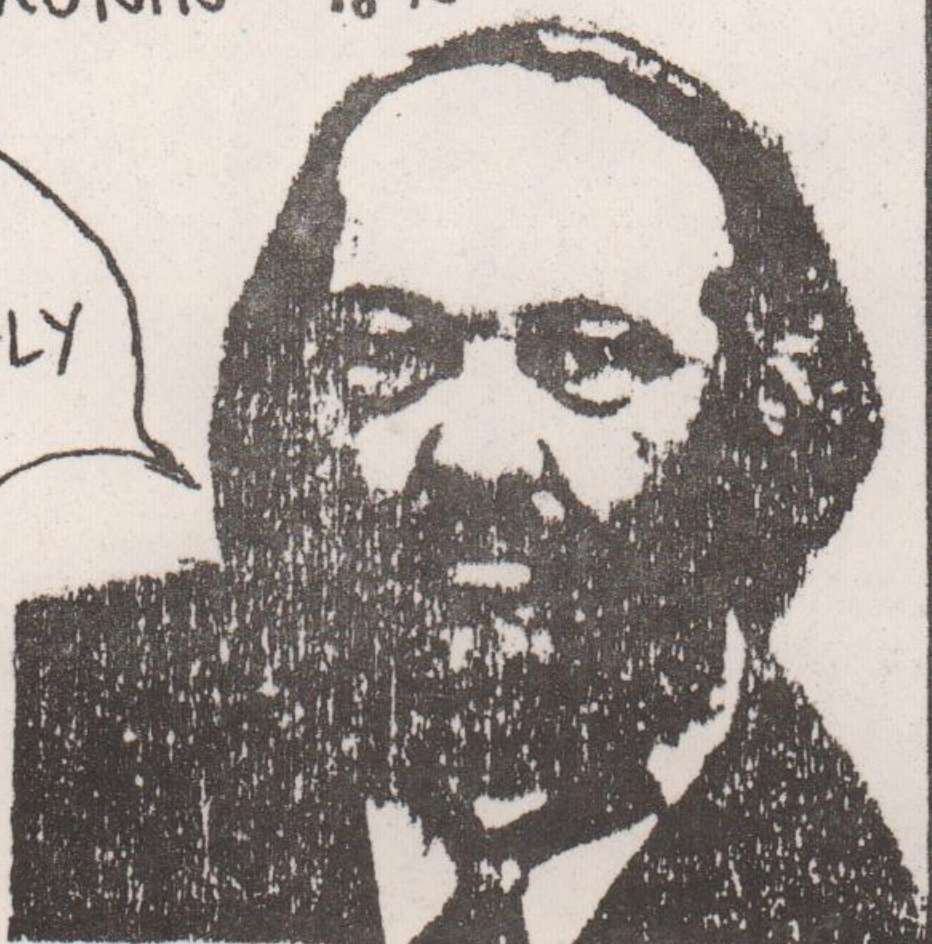
One of the most important sections of our aims and principles is the reflection of sectarianism within the anarchist movement. Whilst we have our differences with other class war anarchist groupings, it is felt that we share a fundamentally similar ideology, namely anarchist - communism. At the moment differences as do exist are more a matter of style and ways of working, consequently we are prepared to work closely with all class struggle anarchists.

The A C F publishes 3 papers, an internal bulletin which acts as a forum for discussion within the group as a whole, a propaganda paper 'Liberation' and our ideas/discussion magazine 'Virus'. This entails considerable effort but is felt to be worthwhile since our aim is to spread anarchist ideas beyond the anarchist ghetto and offer a revolutionary libertarian alternative to leftist-statist ideologies which currently dominate the labour movement. But we are not simply a paper selling group. Our members are active in many class struggles eg The Campaign Against Police Repression, the Wapping Dispute, anti-fascism, the Viraj Mendis Campaign etc.

We have no ready made solutions but we are optimistic that a large, militant anarchist movement CAN be built in Britain. The A C F is our contribution to that goal.

 ANARCHIST PREDICTIONS No1
- BAKUNIN 1870 -

MARXISM,
WITH ITS STRONGLY
AUTHORITARIAN
ELEMENTS, WILL
GIVE RISE TO NEW,
MORE DEADLY, FORMS
OF OPPRESSION.



ACF

Where We Stand

We believe that:

1. Capitalism and other social systems, in which wealth and power are the property of a ruling class/elite, must be destroyed.

2. Reformist and statist solutions will necessarily fail and therefore revolution is the only possible means of achieving anarchist-communism. How far such a revolution will be peaceful depends upon the degree to which the ruling class clings on to power through violence and state repression.

3. Genuine liberation can only come about through the self activity of the great mass of the population. We regard parliament, representative democracy and political vanguardism as being obstacles to a self-managed society. Institutions and organisations which attempt to mediate in the fight against domination cannot succeed. Trade unionism, as it is presently constituted, plays an important part in maintaining class exploitation, insofar as it regulates and justifies it through collective bargaining and bureaucratic structures. Nevertheless, it is important to work within the trade union movement, in order to build up a rank-and-file workers' movement which encourages workers' control of struggle and cuts across sectional boundaries.

4. Workers and other oppressed sections of society will, in times of revolutionary upheaval, create their own democratic institutions, whether they be based on the workplace or the community. To this end we encourage the creation of organs of struggle based on the rank and file, independent of political parties.

5. Pure spontaneity is unlikely to be sufficient to overthrow entrenched class domination. Anarchists must indicate the libertarian alternative to class societies, participate as anarchists in struggle and organise on a federative basis to assist in the revolutionary process.

6. Capitalism is international and needs to be fought internationally. We therefore try to maintain contact with as many anarchist-communists as possible in overseas countries as the preliminary stage to the creation of an anarchist international.

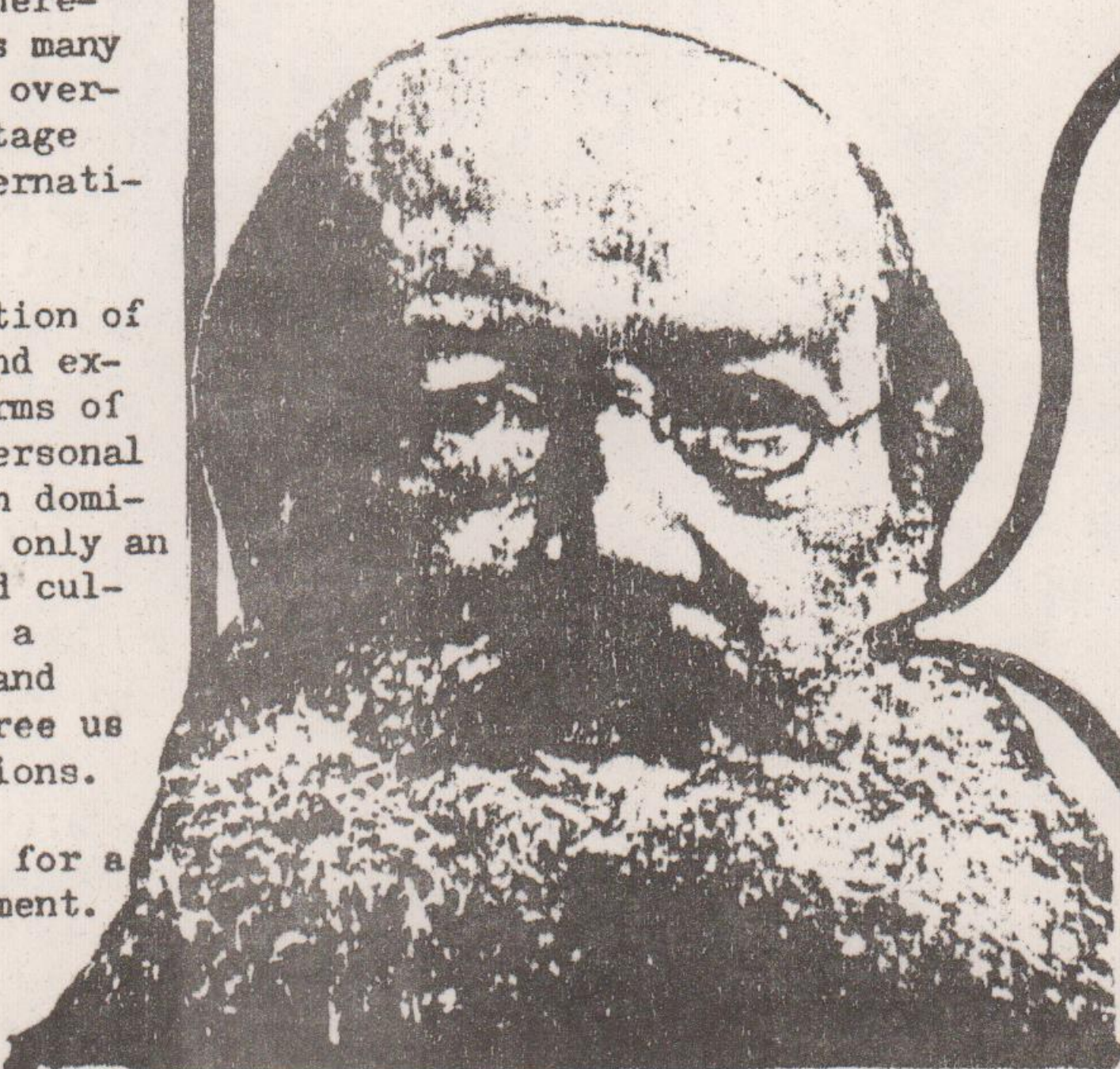
7. We do not simply seek the abolition of class differences, for inequality and exploitation are also expressed in terms of race, age, sexuality and gender. Personal relationships are now often based on domination and submission. We seek not only an economic revolution but a social and cultural revolution as well, involving a thorough-going change in attitudes and organisation of everyday lives to free us in our social and personal interactions.

8. We reject sectarianism and work for a united revolutionary anarchist movement.

MIDLANDS ANARCHIST NETWORK

In March this year at the Midlands Anarchist Conference held in Nottingham, the base of the Midland Network was formed. The Network is a means by which Anarchists can keep in contact with one another through delegate meetings and twice yearly conferences. A newsletter is produced by the group hosting the meeting which includes minutes of the meeting, contacts and other tid-bits. There is also a telephone tree by which groups can get in touch 'ON LOCAL RATES' (Brill). This years summer conference was a camp organised by Sheffield Blackberry Group, a weekend in the fields under the sun.

The Networks purpose is not that of the Class War Federation or the Anarchist Communist Federation, but just a means of communication between Anarchists in the Midlands. There are no aims and standpoints, as Anarchists of all persuasions are involved. The Midland Anarchist Network is in early stages, but it is a start to creating more unity and organization between groups to build a movement credible to its ideology.



FOR MORE DETAILS
ON THE MIDLANDS
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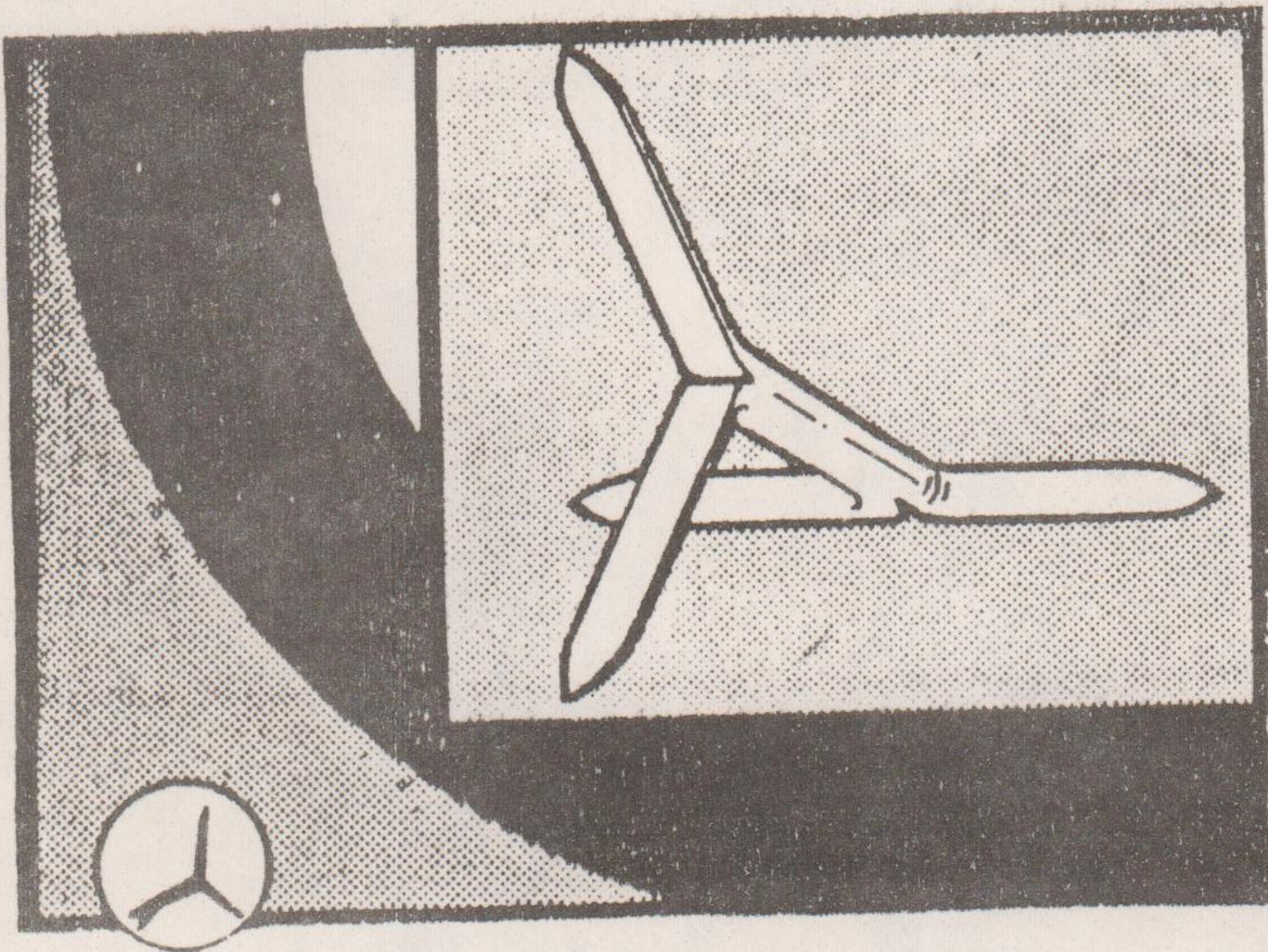
Sabotage on the roads

Vehicles themselves can be sabotaged in the following ways:

1. sugar in the petrol tank
2. water in the petrol tank
3. loosen oil drainage screw
4. loosen screw on oil filter
5. loosen oil pressure lead.

Sabotage in these ways leads to lengthy and complicated repairs. On the other hand, cars can simply be destroyed by opening the petrol cap, tipping the car on its side and throwing a match into the spilled petrol. Larger vehicles can be destroyed by burning newspapers under the bonnet or by soaking rags in petrol or oil and throwing them lit under the bonnet. Of course, explosives make a much better job of this than petrol-soaked rags but why use valuable explosives when a much simpler method can do the job?

Metal spikes to blow tyres can be made from a small piece of steel about 12 to 15 centimetres long and 5 to 8 millimetres in diameter. File both ends to sharp points. Cut both ends with a hacksaw about 3 to 5 centimetres and the four parts (they are only held together in the middle section for about 5 centimetres) are now bent outward. Though the spike may fall to the ground in any position one point will always be up. The strength of the spike and the length of each point are sufficient to penetrate even the heaviest of tyres.



INCENDIARY BOMB OR 'MOLOTOV COCKTAIL'

1. FILL A NARROW NECKED BOTTLE WITH PETROL, PARAFFIN OR FLAMMABLE DIESEL ADDING FLAKES OF SOAP OR SAWDUST MAKES IT MORE EFFECTIVE.

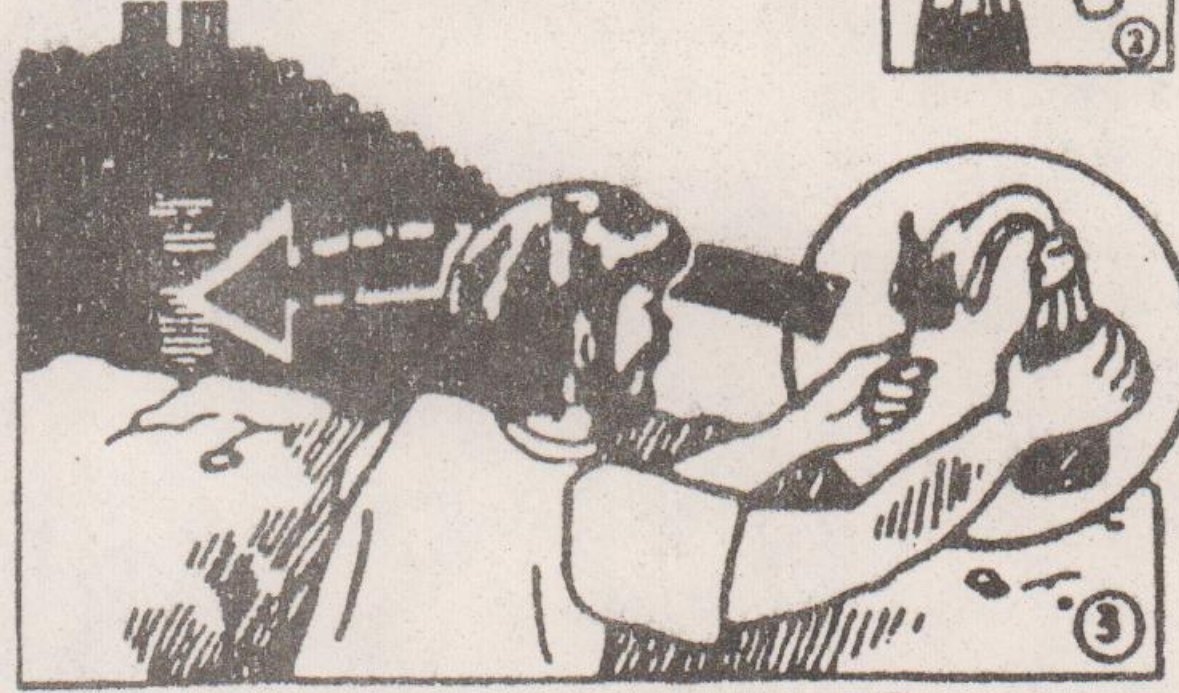
2. PUSH A RAG INTO THE BOTTLE UNTIL IT DIPS INTO THE LIQUID, AND THE OTHER END EXTENDS NO MORE THAN 8 INCHES FROM THE RIM. SEAL THE BOTTLE TIGHTLY WITH STRING OR TAPE.

3. TO USE THE BOMB:

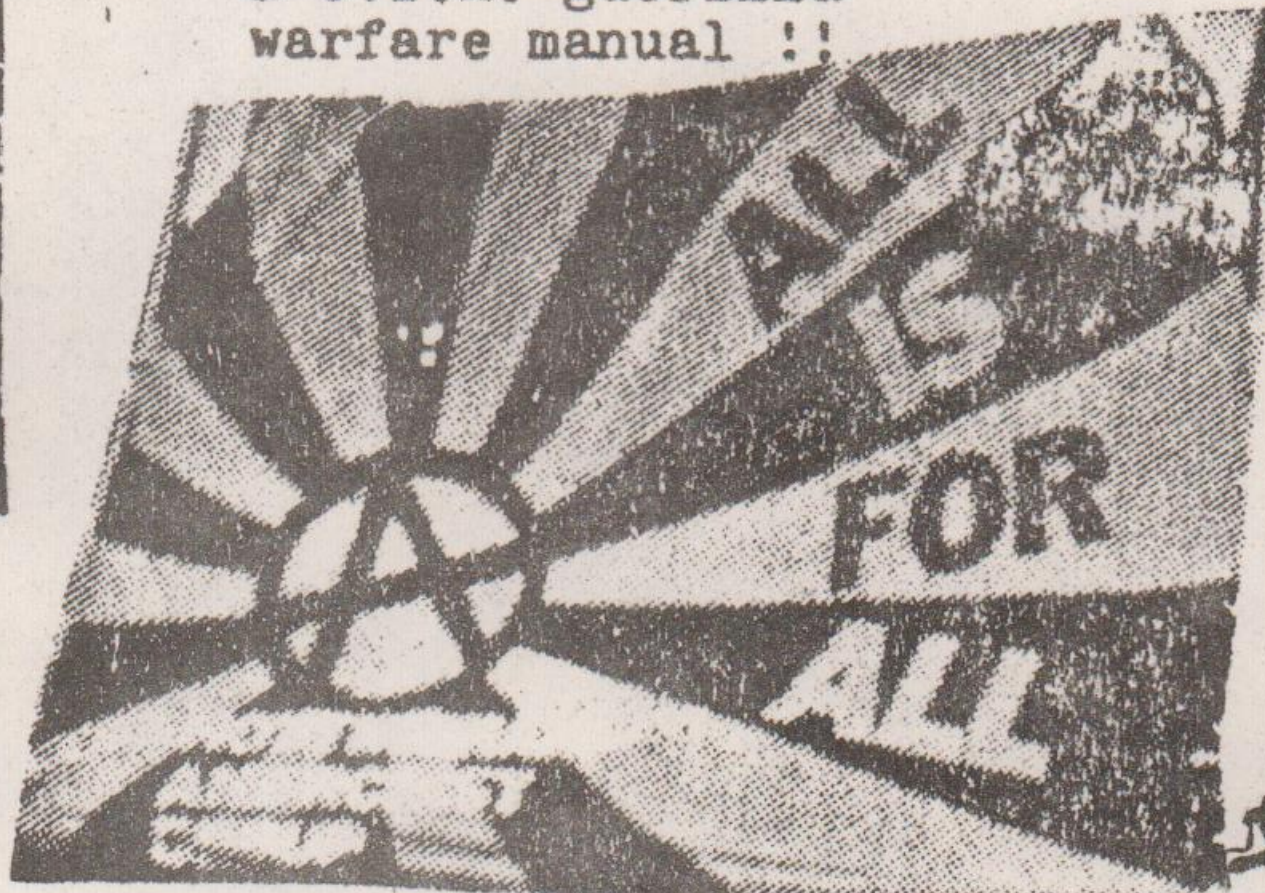
(a) HOLD THE BOTTLE IN ONE HAND WITH YOUR ARM EXTENDED.

(b) LIGHT THE RAG WITH YOUR OTHER HAND.

(c) THROW THE LIGHTED BOTTLE IMMEDIATELY AT THE TARGET. THROW IT SUFFICIENTLY HARD THAT IT BREAKS ON IMPACT.



This extract was originally taken from a C.I.A. guerilla warfare manual !!



The future of Socialism

'THE FUTURE OF SOCIALISM' IS A PAMPHLET RECENTLY WRITTEN BY NEIL KINNOCK - IT MAKES SAD READING.

The Labour Party has been in power for 17 years out of the last 41, yet despite their innocent faith in Parliament we are still not one step closer to any kind of socialism. The pitiful achievements of the Labour Party are falling one by one under the Thatcherite onslaught, demonstrating clearly just how secure 'change by legislation' is.

It is sad to think that so many people have given so much time and energy to this strategy for the creation of socialism, because though it may seem appealing, it is doomed from the start. The capitalist class has immense power to resist any gradual or legislative change and can all but dictate to parliament and the state.

But such an argument hardly seems relevant today since the Labour Party has given up any ambition to achieve socialism. Now they use the term as empty rhetoric to fill the space of Parliament and socialism has become to them nothing but a meaningless tag. The reality of the Labour Party is unswerving support for Parliament, unashamed electoralism and an elitist organisation where 'leadership' has be-

come a fetish and grass roots activity an embarrassment.

In a pathetic attempt to regain electoral popularity and therefore power, Kinnock calls for an 'assessment and redevelopment'. He states quite clearly that if the Labour Party wants to regain Government it has to appeal to more than unemployed and the minorities (included is what he describes as the 'traditional working class'). The 'redevelopment' Kinnock is talking about is an attempt to attract the votes of the 'new' worker, who otherwise wouldn't vote for socialism, even in a capitalist slump these workers are relatively well-off and don't see that their interests lie with socialism. Making a feeble attempt to boost the credibility of the Labour Party he argues that they are

well-off because of "the opportunities afforded them by our movement in the past" and he calls for a great rejoicing in their 'advance'.

He makes a passing reference to those at the bottom of the heap but his main concern is with the votes of these 'affluent' workers.

So Kinnock conveniently defines a brand of socialism which can be sold to these workers, a socialism which will allow these workers to realise their supposed 'aspirations'. His view of the welfare state is that "it has more to offer as a means of real individual emancipation..... than has the Thatcherite fixation with liberty by purchase."



But what Kinnock sees as emancipation is no more than being able to get on within a capitalist society. In his desperation for votes he proposes a version of socialism which will create equal opportunities for people to advance within capitalism. Whether present day capitalism could supply this is highly questionable, but in any case all Kinnock is offering is a wet 'caring' capitalism.

Central to Kinnock's argument is the idea that financial reward is everything and his form of socialism can provide this. But what the hell has socialism got to do with monetary reward? Central to the idea of socialism is the concept of control of our communities and workplaces and despite their affluence many workers are finding that they have less and less control as computers and technology advance and reduce the 'human' element to little more than a glorified machine minder.

Control is an alien concept to Kinnock, he states that "only a Labour Party that can illustrate the relevance of socialism to the manager and the mechanic....." can hope to gain power. But surely socialism is about eliminating such distinctions? When Kinnock accepts the giving and taking of orders he abandons socialism.

You can no more ask people to vote for socialism than you can ask them to vote for the man in the moon - when people are brought up in a capitalist society, educated in capitalist schools, brainwashed by the media and showered with images of consumerism, how can Kinnock expect them to wise up on election day and vote for socialism where their real interests lie. He is right to say that if Labour are to get votes then the Labour Party has to change to suit the voters but most voters aren't socialists! The end product is a liberal compromise - ideas are thrown out for the sake of electoral success. That the Labour Party would compromise was inevitable as soon as they stepped on the Parliamentary path.

Yet again Kinnock restates the fundamental Labour Party commitment "Democratic Socialism is built on Parliamentary Democracy. It is an essential implement for Democratic Socialism, it is our preferred and deliberately chosen system of Government."

Not only is Parliament pretty powerless in real terms but to be successful in the elections involves a constant watering down of socialist intent and the Labour Party also has a view of political activity centered around Parliamentary elites. This vision is totally self defeating. Socialism cannot be created by a Parliamentary elite, by representatives. Government is constrained by capital and legislation is weak and ineffectual. Socialism cannot be created by electing the 'right' people as the Labour Party seems to think.

Socialism is about grass roots activity, it is about the control and involvement of individuals in their communities and workplaces - Socialism is created by activity and must have its base in the daily reality and lived experience of people. Only through their struggles can come a force great enough to defeat capitalism and sustain that change.

All the Labour Party can offer is an elitism which reflects the capitalism it claims to detest.

If Socialism is to have a future, then that future must be Libertarian, our ideas and our practice must be consistent with that reality - all else spells compromise, wash-out and defeat!



The story of "A"

(A 'FREEDOM' PAPER ARTICLE)

ONE COMES ACROSS the circled A all over the place. In Europe one comes across it even more frequently than the marxist hammer and sickle. Yet its date of birth is fairly recent: 1964. It appeared for the first time in *Pourquoi?* the internal bulletin of the french anarchist group "Jeunesse Libertaire" in April 1964. It has since become a symbol uniting the different tendencies of the anarchist movement.

The circle seems to have been inherited from the peace symbol, while the A is the first letter for the word "anarchy" in all the european languages.

The symbol proposed by the French anarchist group did not, at

first, arouse any particular interest. In 1966, young anarchists of the "Circolo Sacco e Vanzetti" in Milan rediscovered it and adopted it, anticipating its proliferation in 1968.

In 1968, the circled A spread throughout Italy and was to be found on walls, banners and posters. Paradoxically, it was re-exported to Paris and from there spread round the world.

Despite numerous attempts to modify this symbol, it has remained substantially the same. The last few years have seen many new versions emerge from libertarian punks who seem to want to break out of the circle that surrounds the A. Attempts by commercial and political groups to hijack the A have failed and it is still one of the most effective graphic symbols anarchists have found to promote anarchism.

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Source: *Umanita Nova*



STONEHENGE

I expect that everybody has heard of Stonehenge especially since June 1985. But why is there such a large amount of attention focussed on this Stone Circle???

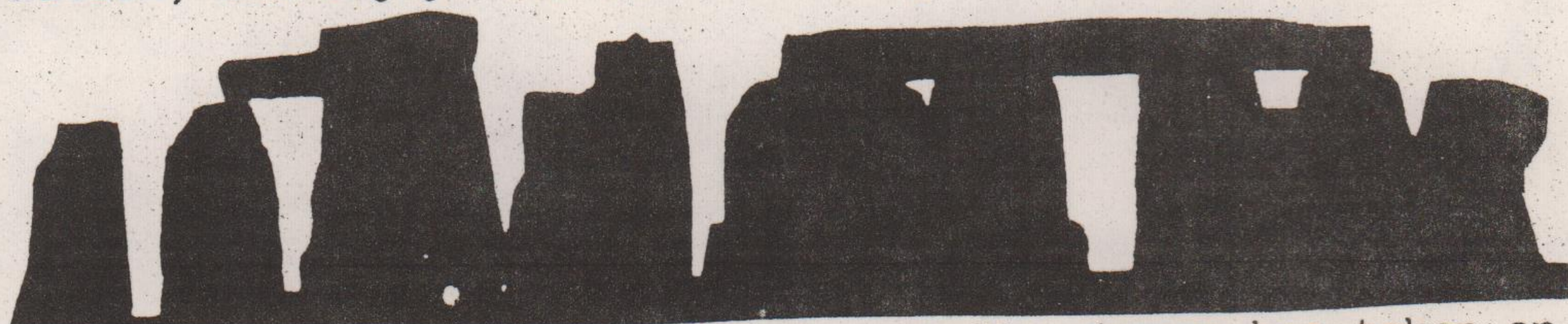
I am not going to give a history of Stonehenge as I do not know it, and I can't remember any of the dates, and I do not think this is the place to go into such details.

I have personally been going to Stonehenge since June 1982, I was totally amazed and freaked out when I arrived at the festival, it was just so friendly, I decided to go as I had been at Glastonbury Festival and got bored there. Ever since then I have back to the Stones for the Solstice Celebrations.

Stonehenge is important to us all for quite a number of reasons:
It is the focal point for various spiritual groups
It is the centre of modern druidism in this Country

Stonehenge is often referred to as the Temple of the Sun (The Temple extends for a radius of five miles from the Centre of the Stones. Every Solstice and Equinox, Pagans will go the Stonehenge to celebrate their beliefs. Many other strange groups have strong connections with Stonehenge such as the Extra-Terrestrialists!

The Stonehenge Free Festival has also become the central Free Festival of the year. It is the place where everyone meets up with each other after the long winter hibernation, and enjoys the summer living an anarchic lifestyle.

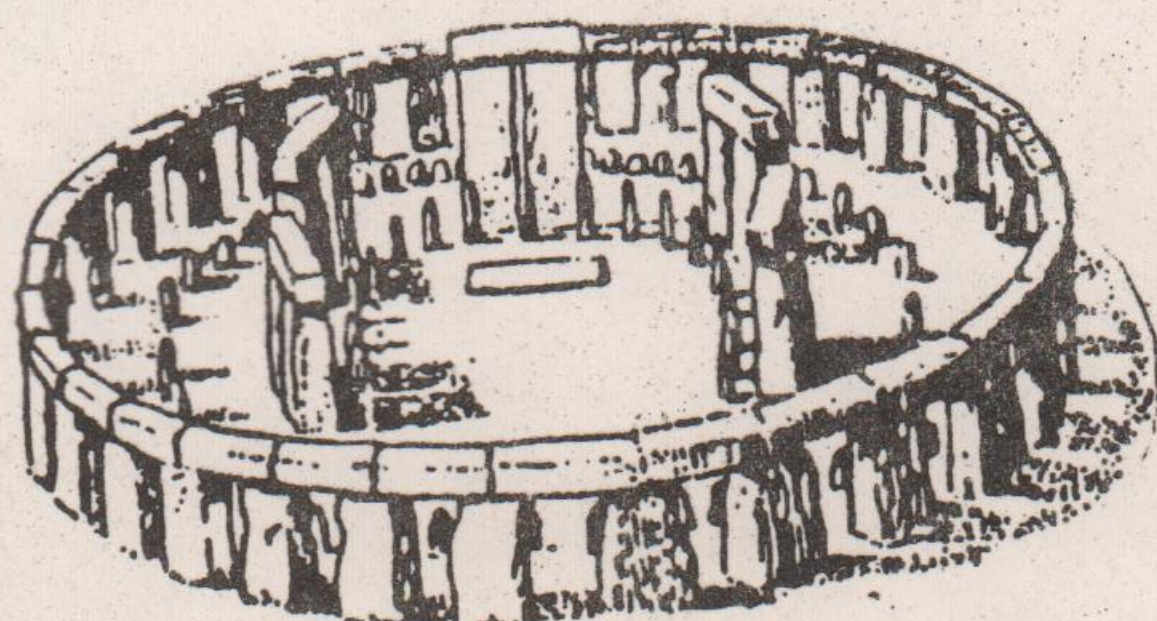


Since Stonehenge '84 the ritual of going to Stonehenge has taken on a new meaning. After Stonehenge '84, the authorities saw that over 20,000 people were enjoying themselves, and living in a mainly peaceful, anarchic way. This would not be tolerated, so they decided to stop Stonehenge '85 and any other future 'illegal' Stonehenge festivals at all costs. Since Stonehenge '84 the Solstice celebrations and the festival has taken on the meaning of the individuals right to worship where, what and when they want, the right to gather where and when they want and most of all it has become a struggle for Freedom from the people who oppress us. It is vitally important that we all go there for the Summer Solstice in June 1987, it is up to us to reclaim our Festival and our freedom. If we lose this struggle, then all Free Festivals and the Travellers lifestyle is under threat. If you do go, be prepared to be hassled and arrested and remember that it is all one big Mind-Fuck Game, so just play along and have a laugh, its not very nice, but then living is not very nice.

I got arrested this year on June 20 at Hanging Langford. I was standing on the pavement next to the van in which I was travelling. I was arrested along with about 200 others, and everyone was charged with obstructing the highway and resisting arrest. The resisting arrest charge has now been dropped, but I have been charged now with obstructing Inspector Evans (who's he????!???) I was not granted bail and had to wait 26 or 28 hours before I went to court at Swindon, where I was granted conditional bail, that I should leave and not re-enter the County of Wiltshire until my next court case. After I left the court I discovered that the van in which I was travelling and all of my possessions were impounded at a place called Everley Tip (an incredibly difficult place to find) It took us two days to get our possessions back. After staying for a few days at a site called Kings Soborn getting my mind and body together I decided to venture back to Fun City.

Love and Peace

TROLL



ANARCHIST DRINKING SONGS



THE BLACK FLAG (Tune: O Tannenbaum)

WHEN THE PEOPLE HAVE BURST THEIR CHAINS
(Tune: When Johnny Comes Marching Home)

When the people have burst their chains
at last

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The golden age will have to come to pass
Hoorah! Hoorah!

No child will starve and no soldier die
And we'll all be free beneath the sky
An no kings will rule when
The people have burst their chains.

WHEN the workers begin to organise

Hoorah! Hoorah!

The boss will be in for a big surprise
Hoorah! Hoorah!

With workers hearts and workers arms
We'll sieze the factories and the farms
And we'll all be free
When the workers have organised.

THE RED AND THE BLACK

(Tune: Pack up your troubles in your
old kit bag)

Fight all oppression

Be free! free!
End all injustice

Be free! free!
What's the use
To aid the
Seize

the red
Be free!

with the
and black
free!

with the
and black
free!
of property?

bourgeoisie so!

all the
factories with
and black
free! free!

- 1 The people's flag is deepest Black
So you can take that Red one back
The workers state is just the same
As any other power game.

Chorus:

We'll fly our Blackest Banners high
The people live, only leaders Die
The working class will smash the state
We'll shoot the vanguard while we wait.

- 2 It doesn't matter who you are
Priest, Bourgeoisie or Commissar
The working class won't kiss your arse
The workers state is just a farce

(Chorus)

- 3 People's Army, People's War
People's Police and People's Law
You'll protect the workers state
'Till workers cease to agitate

(Chorus)

- 4 The Road ahead is hard and long
So learn to laugh and sing this song
The Black Flag is for liberty
For One and all, That's ANARCHY



A ROYAL VISIT

The Queen visits China. For a whole week we found the news full of this historic visit. It was wonderful. Aren't we proud? Do we give a fuck? I think not.

A century ago, the British (I won't say 'we' because I don't think my great-grandparents sweating all day in the factories had much say in it) went to China with all the threats and intimidations a western empire could bring and extracted treaties, land and tribute from the Chinese.

The downtrodden Chinese people didn't take long to retaliate and kick the imperialists out.

So now, a long time afterwards and a different climate in China, the British Capitalists are returning with smiles and a gift visit from their expensive pet, Queen Elizabeth. On the royal yacht, Britannia, 16 industrial and commercial agreements were signed and promises were made. Is this good for us? The Chinese couldn't give a toss about this decaying little nation the other side of the world, when the King of Capitalists, the USA, sits over the ocean and the Champions of Industrial Enterprise, the Japanese, are right next to their shores. The reason for the friendly face towards Britain is Hong Kong. Until they get back that last symbol of British Rule in the East in 1997, it will be smiles and handshakes with the British, then afterwards a loud 'bugger off, we can get a better deal with Toyota'. The British Capitalists realise this, and so are only out to make a fast buck before the Chinese get bored with them. So much for our interests. Those of us who benefit from this visit won't get any secure, long-term benefits.

The Chinese were all out cheering the Queen and her Dickhead Consort. What the main press coverage didn't say was the children were given a day off school, and the workers a day off work, and told to take a flag to go and cheer the visitors. Most of them didn't know who it was they were cheering.

A small point which was noticeable was the Queen's visit to a school for the more privileged Chinese. More privileged?!? Hoorah for Communist

of Karl Marx leads to sellout and corruption. The best thing about the massive press coverage is that that Idiot the Duke was bound to cock up and we would hear about it. And he did. First he didn't know left from right and steered the Royal jet the wrong way, sadly though, there was no accident.

A line of incidents accumulated to the infamous 'Slitty eyes' comment to some British students. The BBC attempted to ignore the racist comment from a representative of the British People, thinking it undignified. Imagine if someone like Scargill had said it. Who says there isn't much bias in the BBC ???? The point to mentioning this scumbag and his escapades is that he is the hog that sired the Prince of Wales, our future Monarch, and has no doubt handed his traits on, that is a moronic, arrogant and racist attitude. The Duke's thoughts on those who oppose hunting in this country is that they are all ignorant and stupid. Recent surveys show the majority of British people oppose fox hunting. Can you doubt that the Royal family have anything but contempt for the ordinary people. You can't expect the press to say your Monarch and her pack think you are all peasants but there should be no disguising that these are their real feelings.

It's about time we became revolting peasants.



THIS PAPER

DISSENT: Refuse to ASSENT, Disagree, think differently or express such difference.

This paper was produced for the purpose of spreading the ideas which make up Anarchism. The State gives its unquestioned opinions every day through the national press. To show you there is an alternative, papers such as this need to be produced. The Anarchist movement grows every day, new groups and federations are formed by those who show dissent towards the system. We brought out this paper to, hopefully, create interest, response and perhaps even an Anarchist presence within the Loughborough area. There are already established groups in Notts and Leicester but a more local voice is needed. Our area contains those who would not like to see people free and equal, they thrive off jealousy, greed and oppression. If we want to live life as it was meant to be, with peace and unity, then now all those



who believe in working for change must join together.

'Dissent' is far from perfect, it needs much more improvement and this can only come if this first issue has a response. We need help and contributions from anyone who feels they want to help. We would like to feature local issues and campaigns in which people are trying to protect their lives from those who would rule as they wish.

If you have any comments please write to 'Dissent' at the address below, we would appreciate all queries, praise/ (constructive) criticism.

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We would like to have a more local address where people could contact us without paying postage.

This magazine was put together by Nick, typed and letrasetted by Liz, drawn by Luke and contributed from far and wide. Many thanx to those involved whether knowingly or not. This paper is an anarchist paper, the articles included were ones contributed by the various groups who bothered to answer our letters for articles. They do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of the people who put the paper together, nothing has been edited. If you want to see anything about a different group, send something in.

LIZ



GUY FAWKES

The only person
to enter Parliament
with honest intentions