

# SENSE

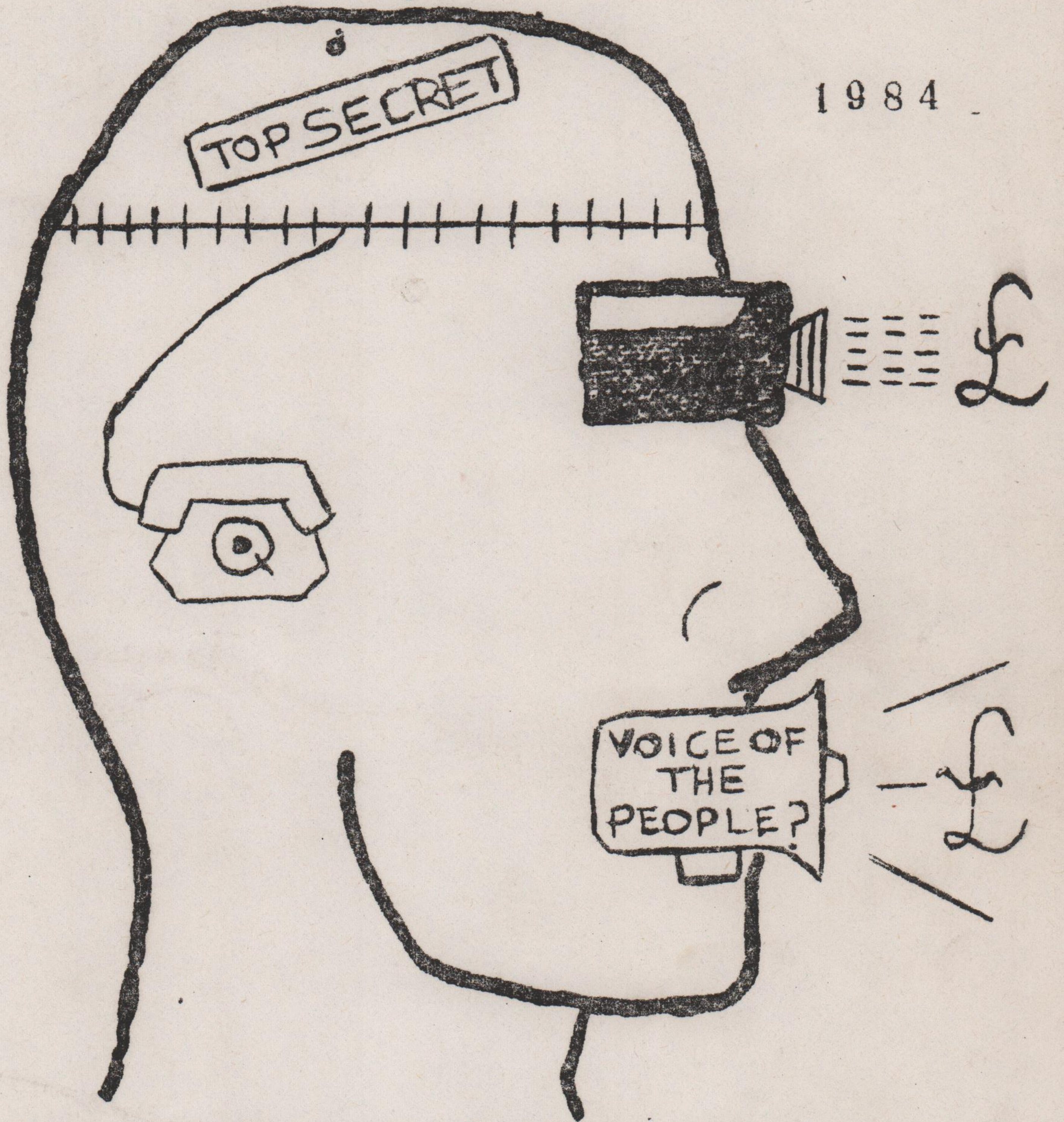
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TELEPHONE TAPPING,  
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FAMILY PLANNING,  
ISN'T DEMOCRACY FUN?



SENSE NO. 2 SEPTEMBER 81.

This is issue 2 of Sense and we feel it is a great improvement on issue 1. If you have any strong feelings on what we write about please let us know. If you agree don't sit back and wait. Do SOMETHING, if you disagree write and give us a chance to maybe explain what we say.

Right this is the end of the introduction.

#### THE POLICE.

In our first issue there was an article praising the police for the good job they do! The article concluded with, "They are a necessary part of our society and we must respect them for this." This was met with total disagreement by almost everybody who spoke to us about the magazine. There was the same reaction from the rest of us concerned with the magazine.

The police do a job but sometimes their methods leave a lot to be desired, i.e. S.U.S. Do they do a good job? We don't think so, they just do a job.

They are not a necessary part of society, they are a product of our society, it's not a police force we need, but a new society. Besides if a police force is the answer, and if they did do a good job, surely they would have put themselves out of work by now!

We disagree with what the police represent. Primarily it is protection of property. To own something material is selfish. Secondly, the police protect the state and help prolong this disastrous society's ideals. There are good policemen and bad policemen but the police force as a whole is wrong because it protects selfishness.

The protection of 'mine' through the police is the train of thought which has created nuclear weapons. They protect 'mine' on a national scale. Are you willing to die for the protection of material values? Will you spend your life insuring your property and buying burglar alarms because your stereo means so much to you?

The article in issue 1 praised the police for protecting us from our own stupidity, why do we have to beat each other, there is no need for it. It proves NOTHING.

#### RACE RELATIONS?

It's disturbing to think about the racist groups in this country. How long will it be before they start using arms and bombs? They've probably already used an incendiary device to murder with. For some reason the police seem intent on proving otherwise. It's not surprising there were riots in Brixton and Bristol. If that is the police attitude all of the time, how can the black people trust the police? How can anyone?

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The face on the front cover is Big Brother. All it sees is money it is motivated by greed. The police megaphone represents the mouth, the eye is a closed circuit security camera, the ear is a bugged phone with the line leading to the lobotomised skull. It is a monster. What goes on in its brain (AT THE TOP) is highly secretive. Family planning. This is 1984.

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By the way, some of Sense's mail has arrived already opened, with some material missing. BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU.

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## ANARCHY

Do It Yourself. We would like to make it totally clear that we do not support violence. The media reported that anarchists were behind some of the July riots. Most anarchists are pacifists so statements such as those by the media are an attempt to discredit anarchists. they are pure propaganda.

The blame for the riots has been laid on racists, socialists, anarchists, agitators, criminals, in fact everyone by all major parties, they all missed the most obvious reason **SOCIETY IS FUCKED.** ~~Politicians~~ have **ruined** it but they blame each other instead of themselves.

The riots will not change things they will only make things worse. A policy of passive resistance would succeed in creating a **better** society but before that could be employed everyone would have to be responsible enough to trust themselves and each other.

If you want houses and jobs, create them yourself, organise a supply of the necessary equipment and knowledge to build them and do it! If you want food and clothes grow and make them yourself from the knowledge and supplies within your community.

No one else will do it for **YOU!** They will only do it for themselves.

Those who take the attitude that there is no hope of changing anything are one of the biggest barriers against change. How can anyone be so sure there is no hope of change when they haven't even tried? Do you want to be burnt to a cinder? Will you be happy to know that you were right all along when the bomb drops? Will you be happy cos you know that at least YOU will have done it your way? Will you be happy to DIE, will you be happy to see death, illness, madness, crime and misery before your very eyes? Its out of sight now - its not your problem- **YOU ARE THE PROBLEM!**

### **WHY IS THERE THIS STUPID ATTITUDE?**

The only people who have ever tried to change things are politicians who wish to set up equally stupid societies of their own. It has never been the choice of individuals how they live, always some leaders.

Each of us has the right to choose our own lifestyle. Society does not permit this as the aim of society is to satisfy material goals, that's why you go to school and get a job, money is the primary aim. We all have a right to live the life we choose, if you choose to be an anarchist then you are saying what you are. You are not voting anarchist because it gives you most of what you want, you are being an anarchist, anarchy is you! It means you believe in yourself, a state of anarchy is a place where each person plays an equally important role, each person chooses how to live, every one is responsible enough to work for one another. Working for yourself causes unhappiness.

**ANARCHY IS NOT CHAOS!** The world is in chaos already. Chaos is every one out for themselves, survival of the fittest. **FASCISM!**



To be an anarchist is to be a person who has chosen to live his or her own life-style, an anarchist is one who feels he or she can trust themselves to make their own choices. Anarchy is about people living together and trusting and respecting each other to love one another.

If there was a state of anarchy there are those who would ask: "who would run the Post Office?" People would. There would not be a complete breakdown of everything. People would realise that they need to post and receive letters so they would create a postal service for each other because they would care for each other.

No government, regardless of their political persuasion, will ever solve anything. They will only give the public education, hospitals and all other services to retain power, people don't matter except for their votes.

Some people don't want to change because, they argue, society is doing fine on its own. Well if you're happy with the lies and pain around you then we suggest you think again. Governments don't want to help anyone but ~~themselves~~. By becoming an anarchist you make a statement of rejection of society. You live the life you want.

Richard.

"Anarchy is not a country without a government, its individuals working together because they don't need a government." Claire of Nottingham.

#### NO CHOICE FOR YOU

You are forced to go to school. You are forced to do homework. You are forced to do what the teacher says. You are forced to take part in exams without which you cannot get a well paid job. You are forced to go to work to keep your family and yourself alive. You are forced to join a union in many jobs. You are forced to kill people when the government says so. You are forced to endanger your life for the sake of those who have shown scant regard for your feelings during your own life. ARE YOU GOING TO ACCEPT THAT?

Richard.

#### NF (NATIONAL FARCE)

"Surely the biggest farce of politics of the last ten years is the National Front. skinheads parade round the streets bearing swastikas as they declare their sick admiration of such monsters as Hitler.

Most of the participants in the marches of this right wing movement are juniors many are as young as ten years old. The party shows these youngsters openly in political broadcasts. It is lucky, however, that the majority of NF supporters are so young, so that they cannot vote for such a demon party. Most of these young participants know little of right wing ideals and adopt them to hearts because of the "go home niggers" policy adopted by the party. Most sickening about it all is that these youngsters have been conned by the government. they have been fooled into accepting the negroes as the governments scapegoats for all of the evils that the governments in the country. The people of the NF do not recognise this, partly because some do not realise and partly, because those those do just see the NF as an excuse for violence.

The NF is a group for racial prejudice to thrive among dense, violent bigots. If the NF ever got in power, the first thing they <sup>would</sup> do would be to abolish youth cults as a threat to their security and power. DONT BE EXPLOITED!"

Anon. letter

AND NOW.....YEUCH!!!!IT'S HIM!!!!..GOD!!!!..NO..oh alright then.IT'S:  
THE CURSE OF THE GLOVED HAND (part two).

If you want to find out about part one you'll have to give us ten pence for issue one so there you scumbags....yours GH.

At the Grange, home of the famous politician Herbert Fotescue-hyde, Herbert was making one of his long inspiring speeches about nothing in particular.

"...This country is on its socks! It's got to pull its knees up and show the world what it's made of! Let's rebuild the empire, I don't want to beat around the point, I'll come straight to the bush."

Just as he was about to launch into a stirring rendition of Rule Britannia, there was a knock at the door.

"DAMN!!!!!!!!!! What is it THIS time, JEEves?" He demanded. His obedient butler replied:

"Well sir, I've had a phone call from the police station sir in the village sir and apparently your daughter has been kidnapped sir."

"WHAT?????"



"Well sir I said I've had a phonecall from the police station sir and ...."

"Yes yes you've told me that and stop saying 'sir' all the time will you?"

"Yes sir sorry sir." Replied Jeeves.

"When did it happen?"

"Well sir about an hour ago sir, on the road to the village sir, but that's all we know at the moment sir."

"DAMN!!" Said Herbert again. "Well ask the police to send a chappie over will you?"

"Actually sir, I used my initiative sir, and asked them to send a man whilst I was on the phone sir, and they're sending Inspector Corner of the Yard to investigate the case sir"

"My God, not THE Inspector Corner of the Yard, not the same one who solved the mystery of the missing star of the East?"

"Well no sir, not that one, but apparently they are quite good friends."

The black van containing Penelope arrived at its destination a black house in the dark regions of the New Forest.

"SO VOMIT, you have captured her" Boomed a voice that stank of an evil aroma. As a matter of fact the whole house stank, not of evil, but of something pretty close to it.

"Now" continued the voice "we shall send the ransom note and if we do not receive £500,000 in a case of live ratskins in a month's time, we shall make a sacrifice of her!"

"Oh Gloved Hand, shall I take her to the Dungeon Of Death?"

"Yes, along with the family of insane rats in dungeon 13, will you?"

Vomit took the gagged and bound Penelope down to the Dungeon Of Death, the deepest darkest and dankest dungeon in the entire history of dungeons and left her there along with the family of insane rats. Fang, the lunatic keeper of the dungeon grinned at the prospect of another long term prisoner

"KILL! KILL! KILL!" he shouted, banging his head against the door, wondering why it hurt.

Vomit returned to the main hall where he was joined by Disease, the GLOVED HAND'S personal scribe. The three figures, all wickedly deformed, were resplendent in their black clothing.

"Now, disease," growled the Gloved Hand, "let me dictate a letter of ransom to that sewage brained oaf Herbert Fortescue-Hyde."

"Yes, your Wickedness," cringed Disease "do you want it in "Death Black" or "Blood Red" ink?"

"I think "Blood Red" would be more suitable for this occasion, Vomit. Go and get me some Rhesus Negative from the Pit of Blood."

"yes, oh Vile One" said Vomit and bounded off to the Pit of Blood.

"To Herbert Fortescue-Hyde, I am holding your daughter prisoner in my Dungeon Of Death. Unless you, you rat-faced baboon with the intellect of a mangled intestine, give me £500,000 in a case made of live rat skins, I will dissect the misformed wart stomach with my fingers and chew out her entrails and offer her as a sacrifice to Hell!!!!!!!"

Yours, with extreme malice,  
THE GLOVED HAND.

WILL HERBERT PAY UP? WILL FANG EAT PENELOPE?

JUST WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? WHY? WHO? WHERE? WELL? WHAT?

If we can be bothered to type out the next episode of this you'll find the answers to these stupid questions.

KEEP YOUR TEETH WHITE  
DRINK BLEACH



### PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS OF PRISONERS

This is the full title of PROP, the prisoners rights organisation and it exists to draw attention to the atrocities going on inside British prisons

There are for example, the mass druggings of women prisoners, the three screws charged with murdering Barry Prosser, and prisoners being kept in a cell for pretty much the whole day in Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight there is a solitary confinement cell in which prisoners can be kept for up to 24 hours; one man was kept in for three months Brian Stratton, who wrote an excellent book exposing British Prisons called, "Who Guards the Guards", has been told by a screw at Croydon Crown Court that if he ever goes back inside he wont come out again. These are not isolated incidents

No one has the right to drug people, to threaten their lives to keep them in the same room for three months, to murder someone. You may argue that they deserve it because they caused harm to people outside. Well firstly prisons are supposed to be for reform, then what if some prisoners are innocent, you cant be sure who is and who isnt, so no one should be able to beat up prisoners. Prisons are supposed to deprive people of their liberty, you dont need to do anything else. It is one of the most tormenting things in the world not to be able to go where you want, when you want. Prisoners are still human beings and they have the same basic rights as everyone else. All the present system offers is revenge, 'a guy robs someone so he deserves to be imprisoned for it', The system should offer forgiveness, to do something more than imprison people. If someone keeps you in the same place for five years with the same routine then the chances are you'll resent them. This is all the prison does, it doesn't help anyone. The screws feel tense about it and the prisoners feel tense about it because both are trapped in the same place. When someone gets beaten up the Home Office plays it down and every one says he deserves it. Except the prisoners. No one ever asks the prisoners, thats because the public thinks they are less worthy specimens.

If you want to help the prisoners, write to;

PROP,

97 Caledonian Road,  
London N 1

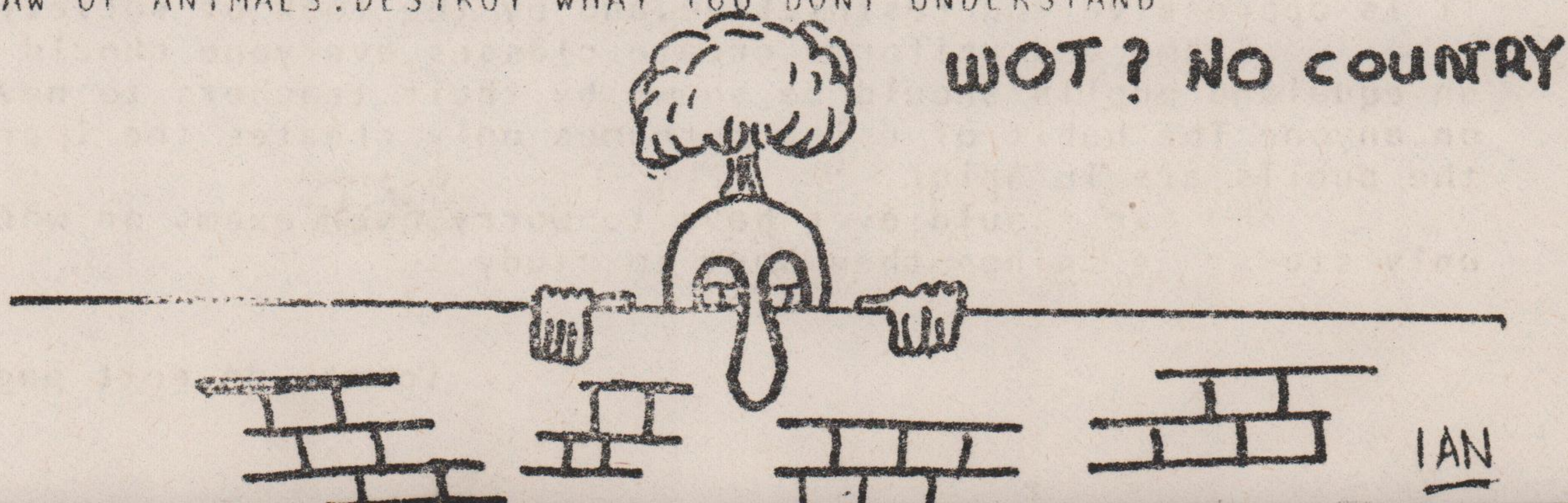
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If you want any further encouragement then there was the incident at Wormwood Scrubs on 31st August 1979. Prisoners staged a peaceful protest against poor conditions, so in came MUFTI (Minimum use of Force Tactical Intervention Squad). They beat up disabled prisoners and smashed prisoners property, amongst other things. They arrived in full riot gear armed with long staves; very tactical.

The aim of prisons is to help prisoners fit back into society, be model men and women, nice, apathetic, materialistic. Reformed into creatures subjected to materialist stress, insecurities; exploitable commodities. Who wants to fit in to society?

Richard.

THE LAW OF ANIMALS: DESTROY WHAT YOU DONT UNDERSTAND





### SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

I've been in hell for forty days and forty nights,  
Hell is ~~hell~~ I'm on my own ~~hell~~ thing.  
With no one to talk to but myself.  
The light is never out,  
The naked bulb swings  
Tick Tock.  
I wonder if my friends remember me,  
I wonder if my parents grieve for me,  
I wonder what's for tea tonight,  
The same as yesterday.  
I sometimes see a guard  
He brings me food and water,  
I sometimes hear a scream  
From the cell next door to mine,  
Or was it me that screamed...  
I don't know, it might have been.  
I know I am alive  
I can hear my breathing  
I can hear my heartbeat  
I can feel my chains,  
They rattle when I move.  
The light is never out,  
The naked bulb swings  
Tick Tock.  
Will I ever get out of here.....  
Will I ever see trees and fields again.....  
Or hear human voices talking and laughing.....  
The light is never out,  
The naked bulb swings  
Tick Tock  
I'm dying.....

Tracey Toulouse.

### EDUCATION

School is not for education, it is for social training though. You are trained that in order for your life to be good you must work hard, pass your exams and get a job with a CAREER.

School trains you for your role in life, you are not allowed to mature at school and you are never given the chance to be responsible. If you don't like it then you are called a failure and regarded as being inferior.

School should allow people absolute and total freedom in their education. A child should be able to decide if it is to go to school. The choice of subjects should be up to the pupil, the amount of time spent at school should be up to the pupil, there should be no examinations for classing people. School should be purely for enjoyment, as that way a pupil will do his or her best in a subject.

There is a hell of a lot wrong with our present education system. It is oppressive and restrictive, and by the look of society destructive.

Exams and uniforms create classes, everyone should be treated as an equal and pupils should be shown by their teachers to never look down on anyone. The habit of using surnames only creates the impression that the pupils are inferior.

No one should ever have to worry over exams or work, they should only study the things they want to study.

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CAN YOU THINK

OF ANY REAL

JUSTIFICATION

FOR THIS EVIL?

YOUR GOVT

needs you



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RELIGION O LEVEL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THERE ARE MANY TEMPLES IN OUR CITY  
THEY HAVE GLASS BOOTHS AND IMMACULATE PRIESTS  
WITH SPRAY ON FACES AND SPRAY ON SMILES  
I GO TO THE TEMPLE EVERY FRIDAY  
AND I WORSHIP THE LORD WITH MY CASHPOINT CARD  
AND MY HOLY BLUE CHEQUE BOOK  
LET US SING A HYMN OF PRAISE  
NUMBER 42668044  
THE PRIVILEGED ONES HAVE BARCLAY CARDS AND MORTGAGES  
FOR THE GOOD LORD SMILES ON THEM  
HE IS MORE TO YOU THAN BREAD AND BUTTER  
HE IS SOCIETY AND THE GOOD LIFE  
FORGIVE ME LORD FOR I HAVE SINNED  
I AM 21 POUNDS OVERDRAWN  
OUR FATHER WHO ART IN BARCLAYS BANK  
HALLOWED BE THY CHEQUEBOOK  
THY CASHPOINT CARD COME  
AND THY WILL BE DONE  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN BARCLAYS  
AND HOW STRANGE IT IS THAT THE POOR ARE POOR  
I SUPPOSE THEY'RE SINNERS, SUCH IS LIFE  
.... FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN



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It seems to us that there are a vast amount of people; pupils and teachers who dont like our current education system. Unfortunately, <sup>they feel</sup> that change is out of the question. It is not. A co-ordinated, determined and above all, peaceful, plan of action and the will to change by all of us could create the type of schools we want. People are shaped by their experiences so if we give each other the chance to be responsible and mature, if we trust each other when we are young, we will all see that love is the right way, because it will work. The change should be gradual and careful. Perhaps a school seperate from the current education system could be set up. People who teach there could do it purely for love and not money. It would be the type of school we want. If anyone is interested in this suggestion please contact us, if we all work together, perhaps we could create it.

Richard

1984

1984 world is no more,  
Nuclear destruction,  
Total devastation,  
No more world,  
Just atomic radiation.

Peace is what they said,  
No more hate;  
But now they're dead,  
Now is too late,  
VOID.....

Ian Hough.

Here is a poem sent to us which shows that there is always hope, even ~~when~~ if you cant be good all the time.

HOPE FOR US ALL.

If some are dominated by their former bad habits,  
And yet can teach by mere words,  
Let them teach.  
For perhaps being put to shame by their own words,  
They will eventually begin to practise what they preach.

John Evans.

MONEY OR PEOPLE?.....

Time and time again we are being told by the government, ' Everything will be alright soon, the recession will be over, the boom will start.' Mean while millions are on the dole, with more to follow; spending on public services is being cut, hospitals and education especially are suffering. It's there for all to see. All that the government worrys about is reducing inflation and therefore making the wealthy even wealthier. Who cares about the rate of inflation and the strength of the pound. It isn't as important as people. People can exist without money, but money can't exist without people. People can exist without a government, but there can be no government without people. It's time they got their priorities right. It's time we got our priorities right. If or when we do, people will come first, money and governments will be forgotten.

Ian Hough.

THE ARMY(DONT JOIN)

They take you in your teens,  
So that you can be used,  
Sixteen and still growing,  
You're easily confused.  
They'll take away your youth,  
They'll tell you it's great,

You'll learn later on,  
But then it's too late.  
Too late to change,  
There's nothing you can do;  
You were tricked into signing,  
So they own you.

Ian Hough.



### LETTERS SECTION.

People complain about the state of the country, economywise, and with the way many people are out of work. It is time to do something about it.

If the primeminister gave more money to industry there would be space for more jobs, and less people out of work. We could stop some of the cheap foreign imports and manufacture our own goods. This may mean buying materials from abroad, but it would keep the country in work...

Many of the Lancashire cloth mills which manufacture British goods have closed down because of cheaper cloth from Italy, Taiwan, etc..... If the cloth from abroad was stopped from coming into the country we could make our own cloth. It may be more expensive but at least you know that you've got great British Quality. A lot of our ~~max~~ cars in Great Britain are foreign, (mostly Japanese) people fail to realise that we have good quality cars of our own such as, Vauxhall, Ford, and British Leyland (when they are not on strike). We should do something. How about the appalling situation of our Great Kingdom, and let's have a bit of sense, and support our country.

T. Watton, "Scarr Wheel"

The Cliff

Salford 7

Manchester M7 9FX.

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Dear Mr T. Watton,

thanks for bothering to write to us, it seems that you have misinterpreted the aims of our magazine, you assume that we are here to rebuild Britain, economically. We are not. We offer SENSE as a way to live by, if people adopt an attitude of caring for each other then they can set about rebuilding the economy.

To us it does not matter what products are on the market, it does not matter who makes them because all private firms are profit maximisers and they only want money. That the goods are British makes no difference, so what if more people are employed, ~~society~~ society will still be materialistic so nothing will be any different.

We don't necessarily aim to rebuild Britain, which is something you also seem to assume. We don't regard ourselves as being English, we are us and that's as far as it goes. Sense is for everyone regardless of nationality, religion or colour.



(Mr. Tatton Cont.)

Before the government could pursue the policy you offer, it would have to arrange trading links with other countries, if you didn't buy their goods they would not buy yours so your industry would suffer. All countries need to trade so your policy would not work. There are various other economic factors to consider before putting your ideas into practice, and these factors would undoubtedly ensure the failure of your plans.

To summarise we do not support your views at all.

Richard.

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ANOTHER LETTER.

Dear Maureen,

I have read Sense this week and it was your letter that most stuck in my mind.

I could not understand, "How we feel and think.....  
...I want to live.....I'm the only one" versus collective moan.....  
supporting the Stranglers."

Your faith in a pop group (sorry 'serious collective of rich men expressing universal truths through the medium of music, image and possibly mysoginism' at only £3.99 at W.H. Smiths + Sons)..

Please Maureen don't replace your faith in the local Trade Union Committee by the Stranglers. Feel and think yes, live yes, do anything yes, but when do you replace the ideas you have by more heroes. And don't look to any party in Parliament either because that just leads to cyclic change of dogma. If you think that's cynical, with the next party conference, rosettes, ribbons, slogans, my my just like a football match. I don't want Liverpool or Spurs in Government.

Anyway whatever I think and where ever we disagree I enclose an article in response to your final question;

How about you? ?

P.C.

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STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Some years ago there was an unexpected change in youthful attitudes, after many happy days of love, peace and dope something happened.

Youth, in London at least, were dancing and speeding in the rubble of middle class values. The Sex Pistols startled many of us awake



## STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION(CONT)

awake and were also great unfn. Anyone who went to one of the concerts in the beginning will remember the hate, sweat and violence. At last British youth (for want of a better word) were waking up and reacting against the complacency of their elders and of course their lousy record collections. And so on etc... see glossy mags. Of course everything is different now, the kids are so politically aware they can now feel great wearing leather with this weeks group white painted on the back, badges and more badges labelled on lapels, haircuts as second rate imitations of their musician heroes, and those boots trousers scarfs and opinions yet more pilfered shreds of yet more heroes, for heroes read, Stranglers, Clash, Spandau, Killing Joke, Genesis, Floyd, Mantovani.....

Understand you idiots that you have just replaced one icon by another, how will your younger brothers and sisters think of you Oh yes you've got guts with your new lousy records.

Recovery plan, read on. Throw away those badges, posters, adorned jackets, and flog your cherished vinyl sentiments (50p off at Rough Trade huh...) and give your consumer habits a scrub. Start using your mind, your thoughts, hates and loves everyday, do not look to musicians for truth and style. It is yourself that is important, talk, coerce, act, criticize, fight, change, laugh, dismantle, but, but, but through your own abilities. Surprise me sheep.

P.C.

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Dear P.C.?

Thank you for your communication. It's a pity you wouldn't tell me your name - and you typed the letter - Why do you need to stay anonymous?

I don't believe you think so very differently from me. But I feel you have totally misunderstood my original letter.

I have no faith in a pop group - I never intended my letter to mean that. I am not setting the Stranglers - or indeed anyone on a pedestal. No.

I am not particularly politically ~~mind~~ aware - maybe to my cost? I'm too busy getting on with life - I think life is political enough. I lost faith in my Trade Union through being there, and seeing what was happening, and realising that I couldn't change things. However I digress.....

Your last paragraph interests me the most. Recovery plan. You are saying use your mind, thought etc... etc. That was what my letter meant. So I'm not disagreeing with you entirely.

I am not a spotty misinformed kid of sixteen (and okay



REPLY TO P.C.S LETTER(CONT).

before howls of protest. I know for fact not all people of sixteen are kids, and maybe alot of them are a lot better informed than I am.

I am 29 years old,

I am married,

I work full time in welfare. That means dealing with people all day, everything. Old people, young people, unhappy, sick-sometimes dying. I'm being melodramatic, thats my job.

In my spare time I'm a samaritan, suicides, junkies, alcaholic -s, homeless, mentally disordered and childeren.

Now thats nothing great, but in my own way. I'm trying to help people to help themselves. My original lwtter was just a plea to other people to do something too-anything, maybe not in my line-but just not to be .Not be apathetic.

I like. people. But I think society is strangling itself-burning itself out-through greed, stupidity, unawareness (the old head in the sand syndrome). I just dont like whats happening to the world with me having no say in it.

Please dont call me a sheep unless you know me- then you have the right to form your own opinion.

Maybe because of the work I do (and for others because of the work they cant find) I need light relief .I dont see any harm in supporting bands like Stranglers, Clash, Spandau , etc.- whatever you, re into. For christs sake, dont lets get so bloody serious about thi--ngs that we cant have an evening out without analysing our reasons for enjoying it. I wear Stranglers sweat shirts-they keep me warm, I like the pattern on the front-I enjoy the band. I have no heroes, neither musical, political, sexual or otherwise.

I have only my awareness of the world as I see it, and I-like many others, do n't a lot of what I see, but in my own small way I am trying.

So Far, you have only told me what I already know. So why dont you write again and tell us who you are and what you are doing?

Cheers

Maureen.

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**BELIEVE  
IN  
YOURSELF**



WILL WE NEVER LEARN? (TOM NORMANTON, CON MP FOR CHEADLE M/C)

Will we never learn that the world is not full of altruistic, kind hearted, do gooders, anxious to provide us with a world of peace and plenty? People do not seem to have learnt very much from history. There is only one imperialist political power today... USSR. The fact that USSR has irresistably expanded... Ethiopia, Aden, Yemen, Vietnam, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan, and Cuba... seems to be ignored by many people.

When the Soviets saw a vacuum developing in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland their tanks and troops moved in. Why did 40 million people die between 1939 and 1945? It was because of the megalomaniac ambitions of Hitler. Had the Allies (Britain, France, Poland) established and maintained a credible military capability during the years 1933 to 1939, and backed their military power with political resolution those 40 million people need never have died.

For the last 25 years the political will of the West (including USA) has weakened, and the Soviet Union has become the leaders in the world in subs, tanks, and aircraft. In gas and chemical weaponry, she is uniquely equipped to launch the greatest military offensive in the history of the world. The Soviet Union is firmly resolved to making Western Europe an extension of its empire by using every political technique, including war.

This is fact, not fiction. The greatest danger to world peace is the lack of an adequately credible defence capability by NATO. The possession of a powerful retaliatory nuclear armoury and the firm resolve to use it, if necessary, is the only way we can convince the Soviet Union that we mean what we say.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance with a truly powerful nuclear deterrent. "Freedom is that which we only appreciate when we find we have lost it", said Winston Churchill. Will we never learn?

----- Taken from Manchester Evening News

28 September 1980

Dear Mr. Normanton,

Are ~~xx~~ you and your party incapable of making peace? Must you resort to violence each time you feel threatened?

Why instead of building up arms, can't you reduce them? Britain is supposed to be a 'Christian' country, since when has war been 'Christian', since when has spending millions of pounds a year on arms and letting people starve been 'Christian'??

That crap you wrote for the Evening News was sheer propaganda. It was alright for Britain to go colonising in Africa and Asia and exploiting those people but when Russia does it, it's a threat to world peace. If you're so interested in history how come you never mentioned this?

If your way of life is so great how is it that we are on the verge of our third and most devastating war this century?

If you don't answer this I'll know everthing I've just written is true, so it's in your interests to write back.

Yours,

Richard Evans.

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House of Commons

London SW1A 0AA

15 October 1980

Dear Mr. Evans,

I won't waste your time in trying to persuade you to open your eyes and see the facts of life as they really are. If your views and attitudes had prevailed in 1939 then Hitler and his acolytes would be our masters today. These dictators were defeated by men and women who put freedom from oppression before a full stomach.

Today "Hitler" is rising again in the form of Russian expansionism. The Russian people have been oppressed and gradually one ~~naka~~ nation after another has fallen victim to the same fate.

Will we never learn?

Yours sincerely,  
Tom Normanton.

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And now a replay to Mr. Normanton.

Dear Mr. Normanton,

Well firstly we'd like to point out that you did not actually answer any of our questions so that you and your party resort to violence each time you feel threatened. Also that Britain is not a Christian country and that there is no justification for spending millions of pounds a year on arms then letting people starve and that you have a very narrow minded view of history.

Secondly Hitler was not defeated by men and women who put freedom from oppression before a full stomach. These men and women had no choice but to fight as they were conscripted. We think you'll find that the vast majority of them did not want to fight. Hitler was defeated by men and women who had no choice. Who were victims of oppression.

A reason why Hitler got as far as he did was because of the apathy of the League of Nations (the forerunner to the United Nations) of which Britain was a member. Leaders of that time didn't seem to put freedom from oppression before a full stomach because they were too scared to do anything. They didn't believe in themselves. Hitler could have been stopped by taking the necessary economic steps to ensure that his country could not survive unless he changed his ways. Hitler succeeded because of the tradition of nationalism that arose in Germany, the human trait of blaming somebody else, "it's never me, always him". If people like us - pacifists - had had their way then Hitler would never have succeeded at all.

Your attitudes of nationalism the world over have caused you your problems, we didn't create them. You did. We don't create the policies of economically starving a country - you do. We don't create the propaganda to say which country belongs to who - you do. You are a representative of governments internationally - you create your own problems.

We offer a way out, we don't oppress people, we don't tell people to fight or that they have to do what we like. You do.

You have also said that there were 60,000 Soviet supporters active in the U.K. Again you're shown to be trying to build up a fear/hate of Soviet attitudes. We do not in any way support Soviet activities but statements such as that make people blind to the oppression practiced by your and other governments in what you like to call the free world.

War means pain.

Will we never learn?

Yours,

SENSE.

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Dear Jodie Foster,

I saw your film.....

#### CONSCRIPTION

The government are introducing a new Youth Opportunity(?) Scheme. Instead of spending a year counting dustbins or digging up gardens, school leavers can now join the army. Confused adolescents with no other choice will be conned into accepting no doubt. Run sweep clean and be disciplined for a pathetic wage. What a cheap convenient way of getting rid of unwanted unemployment figures. Why do people sit back and let a group of old mad people destroy the future of the young?

SAY NO TO CONSCRIPTION.

IAN.

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**FIGHT WAR -  
NOT WARS**



## The Price of Being Female.

As you have probably learned from your Biology lessons at school if you are male or from personal knowledge if you are female, women experience a strange bodily phenomena every twenty-eight days of their lives. This phenomena is known as 'menstruation' (although some including myself would call it "a bloody nuisance" which is highly appropriate-but I digress) it involves up to seven days of bleeding from a certain part of the anatomy which shall remain nameless because I don't know any printable terms by which to refer to it, and it necessitates the purchase of sanitary protection. Menstruation is frequently messy, painful and highly expensive-no, I'm not protesting about the design of our bodies, I'm complaining about the price of Tampons! It's absolutely outrageous to charge one pound forty for forty tampons, ninety pence for a pack of sanitary towels, and one pound ten for a pack of Feminax "period pain killers", women can't help their bodily functions, and they certainly shouldn't have to pay for them. It's about time sanitary protection was available on the National Health Service, or at least subsidised by the government. I bet Maggie Thatcher doesn't pay for hers-but then again she's probably past the change in life and doesn't need them any more. Come on Maggie -pull your finger out!

-----Tracey Toulouse.

## First Impressions

Have you ever judged a person's character by their physical appearance? Or to put it another way, have you ever crossed the road when a guy with pink hair and bondage trousers was coming towards you? I first started thinking about the impression our appearance has on other people last year, the result of a strange experience following a visit to the hairdressers when I had some blue streaks put in my hair, for no other reason than I like the colour blue. The reaction to my new hairdo was amazing, it ranged from both curious and hostile stares on the bus, rude remarks from passersby, and even being spat at by a denim clad youth, to complete outrage at work. My boss, who happens to be chairman of the local Young Conservative Club, but we shouldn't let this influence our judgement of the guy (or maybe we should),

He dragged me into this office where I received the following interrogation;

Boss: Now Tracy do you really think that the colour of your hair is suitable for your chosen career with the electricity board?

(chosen career! I only do it because I get paid).

Tracy: What exactly do you mean? I like the colour blue (at which point in time, a variety of remarks such as blue for Tory blue for electricity were running through my mind).

Boss: Well what I mean is that it doesn't really reflect the right impression of my section does it?

Tracy: What impression do you think it reflects?

Boss: Um-Well-blue is associated with punk rockers.

Tracy: I've got eight holes in my ears, isn't that connected with "punk rockers" as well.

Boss: yes but blue is a bit obvious I think you should get rid of it.

Tracy: It doesn't affect my attitude to people or work and it cost me twelve quid, so no I won't get rid of it.

Boss: Right, then I'll speak to the manager about it.

Tracy: don't bother, it's semi-permanent, it'll wash out in a few weeks. I really don't know what all the fuss is about.

Boss: Washes out? Ah in that case, there's no need to worry.

Tracy: Who's worrying?

So I had apparently developed a new personality to go with my hairdo, and a sudden penchant for beating up pensioners and spitting at housewives and doing all the things that so called punk rockers are supposed to do (but don't)? Did my blue hair affect my behaviour and attitude to such an extent that it turned me into a freak and had to be



## FIRST IMPRESSIONS (CONT).

removed immediately so that I could return to functioning as a normal human being? No I was still the same person underneath the dye, and I was disgusted by the sudden outrage and hostility I was receiving. Sadly, it would seem that the majority of people are prepared to reject anybody who looks strange to them, instead of trying to get to know them. In other words, they cross the road when they see that guy with pink hair and bondage trousers (or that girl with blue streaks in her hair) coming towards them, instead of walking by.

Tracey Toulouse

## NO MORE HEROES.

Everybody loves a hero. Schoolgirls scream and foam at the mouth when confronted with Adam Ant resplendent in his warrior finery, or Sting from the Police with his glorious cheekbones and earsplitting falsetto. Schoolboys pant with lust at the sight of Deborah Harry, the bleached eyelinered Marilyn Monroe of rock, or Kate Bush, wailing and screaming from the confines of her bulging leotard. And even mom and dad sigh nostalgically when strains of Glen Miller and Frank Sinatra waft sweetly from their Fidelity record player. But is hero worship a harmless activity, or is there more to it than meets the eye? Personally I would suggest that the latter is true in many cases.

To admire someone for their achievements, their singing, or simply because you like their body is harmless enough, but when that person develops into something of an obsession, that's when the trouble starts. How many prospective husbands have been driven into the arms of someone else cos their girlfriends insist on describing the sexual

habits of Paul Weller in great detail or are forever bringing up the topic of JJ Burnell's inside leg measurement? Yes perhaps I am being too extreme but raving on about someone else is hardly going to enhance your personal relationships.

Hero worship can result in such a desire to emulate the object of your adoration, that you begin to cultivate the mentality of a robot. In other words, a person can become so obsessed with their hero that they begin to see him as a god and adopt his appearance, his mannerisms and his lifestyle, whilst taking his word as gospel. They therefore lose their individuality and the precious ability of thinking for themselves, preferring to await the pearls of wisdom dropped by their idol in the music press or his autobiography. This creation of carbon copied human beings is not only pointless but it can also harm other members of society. For example supposing the latest fad in hero worship is some guy who hates blacks, or a band who detest women it is inevitable that their followers will turn to ~~xxxxxx~~ racism or misogyny in order to imitate their heroes - without stopping to think whether they really share the band's opinions.

It's about time people realised that their heroes are exactly the same as they are. They eat, breathe, sleep, and even go to the toilet, in fact they are normal human beings and should be treated as such. There are two wrong ways to treat a person - as dirt and as a god, both ways are equally damaging to both parties involved. Stop wasting your energies on someone you'll probably never get to meet and start loving yourself, then maybe you'll turn into the kind of person you want to be.

Tracey Toulouse.

The media create heroes as well in a way cos that way people will buy their papers when they print something about the hero. Young people are enticed by the pretty face on the cover of the music paper. They buy the records and cos they idolised whoever in their difficult teenage years then they look to their heroes with thanks

as the ideals of their heroes helped them through a difficult period in their lives. They find it hard to part with these idols and so continue to buy their records and any papers with pictures in. The heroes make their money and so do the music papers. Ever felt like you've been used?

Richard.



IF LOOKS COULD KILL.....THEY PROBABLY WILL.

Grow Up.

Come on lad get a beer,  
Join your dad, there's nothing  
to fear,  
Grow up now and get a drink,  
If you dont what will they  
think?  
Go on just one more,  
It's what your right arm is for.  
His round your round, it's all  
the same,  
You're all playing that stupid  
game,  
Drink till you puke for your  
ego's sake,  
Impress the girls with how  
many you can take.  
Go on just one more,  
It's what your right arm is for.

IAN.

Voice.

Voice from home tells me what to  
do,  
Voice from home tells me what to do,  
Voice from school tells me what to do,  
Voice of religion tells me what to do,  
Voice of parliament tells me what to do,  
Voice of media tells me what to do,  
Voice of fashion tells me what to do,  
Voice of society tells me what to do,  
do,  
SO WHY DONT I KNOW WHAT TO DO?

IAN.

UGLINESS.

It seems that being beautiful is a definite asset in life, what a pity we're not all beautiful. But we're not, in fact a lot of us are downright ugly, yet we still have to cope with survival on planet earth, in spite of a barrage of taunts and jeers from the pretty people.

So what is beauty and what is ugliness? All a matter of taste, you cry! Some people like blondes, others are turned on by dark hair, and others still opt for red hair. However, THERE ARE CERTAIN PHYSICAL -ties that are deemed as being beautiful by those who consider themselves experts in the beauty game, for example, the straight nose, the high cheekbones, the large eyes, the muscular torso, the big tits, and so on. In the same vein, there are certain features which are considered to be definitely ugly - ACNE, squint, glasses, obesity and protruding ears, to name but a few. Few of us with perfect faces and exquisitely proportioned bodies yet we manage to camouflage our faults by wearing well cut clothes and make-up having our hair cut at the right salons and attempting to project our personalities (and theres always plastic surgery.)

Many ugly people live through day after day of hell cos of the way they look. Their lives are filled with acidic comments and remarks and piteous glances yet it is through no fault of their own that they are that way. It seems they're being punished for a crime they did not commit which is to say the least unfair. But who said life is fair anyway? I'm sure the vast majority of us are guilty of victimising an ugly person at some time in our lives. I remember someone telling me once that they couldn't stand a certain male person whose name escapes me. Why? Because he had spots. Yet, spots are a perfectly natural phenomena experienced by 99.9% of the human race at sometime in their life-span, so why all the fuss? The guy in question was actually being ignored because of his facial expressions or blemishes, so god knows what people with squints, birthmarks and deformities have to go through.

Looking good is a major part of peoples lives, just take a look around you at the millions of clothes shops, hairdressing saloons, make-up counters, all charging ridiculous prices to make



### (Ugliness CONT.)

you look the same as everyone else. I suppose I am partly guilty of vanity myself, because I like to paint my face and I also wear contact lenses... At the same time I also receive a fair amount of hassle because I happen to have red hair, eight holes in my ears, and a leopard skin coat (imitation), and when I walk down the street I receive enormous amounts of attention, because I don't look the same as anyone else. This naturally(?), makes me weird, abnormal and different to everyone else.

if you happen to be ugly, there are ways and means of compensating for your lack of talent in the looks department by far the major one being money. Is it a sin to be ugly (yet I am not particularly ugly myself)? According to our society, yes it is a sin to be ugly or different to others. Everyone enjoys looking at pretty people, don't they? An interesting suggestion:-

I suppose advice to an ugly person would be to get rich and then, to get popular. Money does seem to account for a lot in the world. In the words of the Stranglers an "ugly looking guy attracts a good looking chick if he's got money" which is sadly true. Excuse me while I go and put some make-up on.

Tracey Toulouse.

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### BEAUTY?

Since there is no specific definition of ugliness, apart from that given to us by those who wish to make money from exploiting this human fear of being an outcast, then we conclude that in order to create a little more happiness in the world, it is futile to argue and bitch about looks. Putting people down satisfies a strange need we have which wants us to be respected, to be one of the crowd. Human greed, when let loose, is damaging to everyone around. Selfishness is not liked by any one, so to make ourselves happy we should do our utmost to contain our greed. Why should you let anyone say you are pretty or ugly? It doesn't matter what you look like, it's what you think and do that matters. Beauty can be anything, to us sense is beauty, a sensible person is a beautiful person. Don't worry about the way you look, worry about the way you act. Looks change nothing, words and actions do.

Richard.

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### THE END.

#### Change?

We'd like to see change, how can we change things though? What can we do? No matter how many people there are who are bothered enough to protest, there always seems to be more who couldn't care less. Even if everyone could agree and work together a few old people in the Government could stop everything. The Government, left-wing or right-wing, wants things to stay the same. Other wise there is no future for them. Apathetic people always follow without questioning, until it's too late.....

To really change society for the better, people will have to get used to a new basis for their attitude to life. We should care for each other and always be prepared to listen to and understand each others views. Do this on an individual level and after a time it might happen on a larger scale. You've got to at least try it.

Ian and Richard.



## WHERE DOES THE POWER LIE?

The government is elected by the people to control the economy in order that the peoples living standards can be at a decent level. The government puts forward ideals to be achieved which are, mostly, for the satisfaction of our greed. However to supply the necessary equipment for this human greed there are companies. There are big companies and there are small companies and there are giant all encompassing multi nationals.

United Technologies is a multi national, last year one of its subsidiaries did a deal with USSR to introduce coca cola as a national drink instead of vodka. Deals like this go on all the time, what they do is boost the economies of nations and make people rich. United Technologies is an armaments firm, one of its bosses is Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, the war monger. Perhaps he thought that if he helped start a cold war, sent troops to El Salvador and Angola he could make money for his company. Despite the fact that we can already destroy our selves several times over he might have wanted to make some more business for himself by introducing Cruise to Europe. Perhaps by building up the Russian economy, he could quote figures, instil a fear of Russia and then make more weapons and sell them. Perhaps it is just a coincidence that the American government will only buy off American armaments firms, perhaps the fact that United Technologies is the biggest is just another nice coincidence for Alex. Perhaps it wouldn't be too surprising to find that the senior officials in the US government all stand to profit by what they do.

The way the world flits from cold war to detente is just a front, influential leaders plan it for their businesses, for the satisfaction of their greed. They don't care about you or I, unless we make trouble for them, Cruise isn't coming to protect you from the red threat, Cruise is coming to make business for Alexander Haig to protect his possessions, his power, his government. IT'S ALL ONE BIG FUCKING CON.

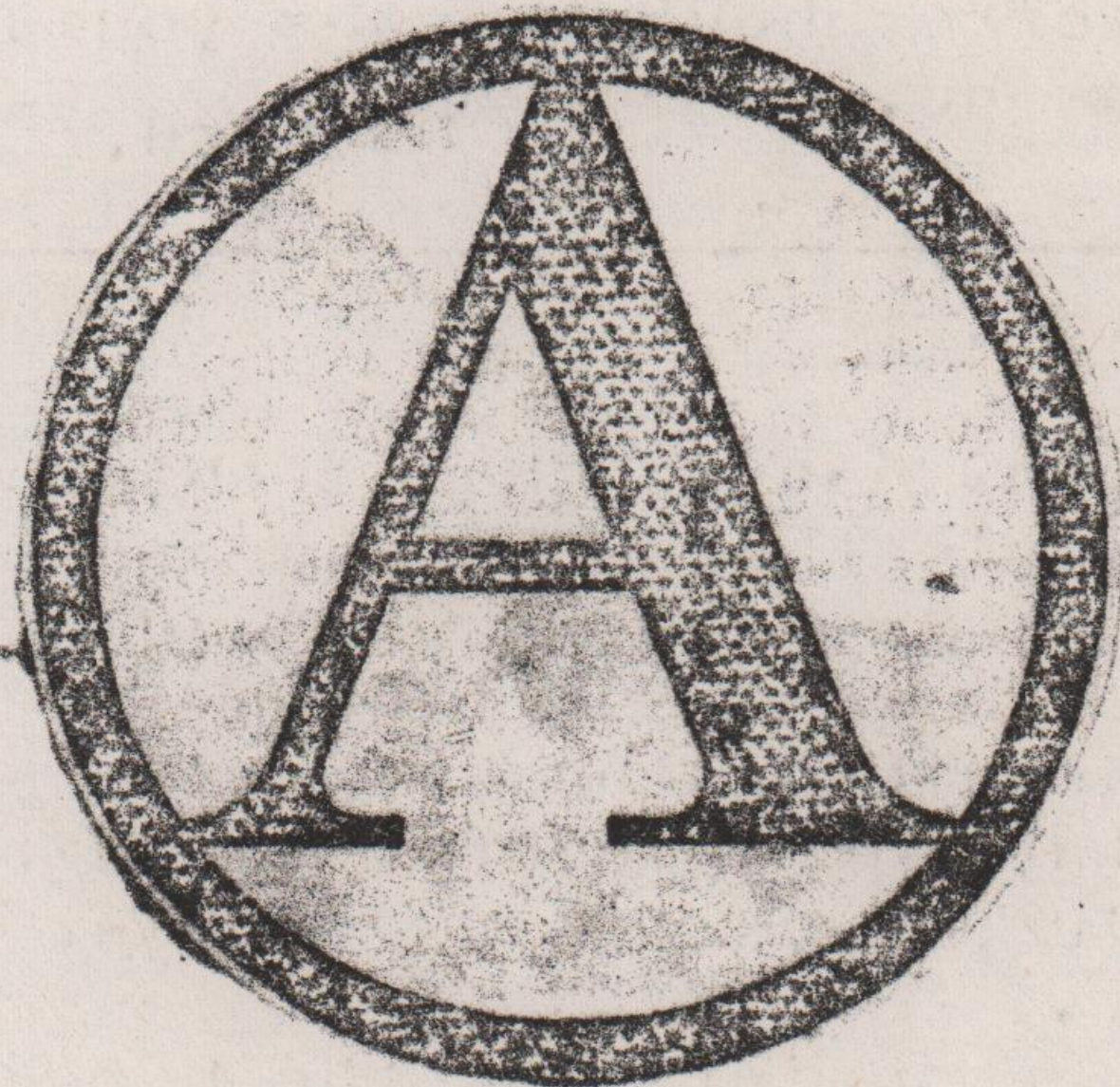
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This is what the farce of democracy has led to, this is what happens when we ignore our responsibilities.

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Richard.





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Apologies for the terrible typing and spelling it's cos me(Richard), Ian, Moira and Paul are all new to the typewriter.

Issue one got us a little support but not as much as we would have liked. The future for this place is a grim one and something needs to be done NOW. We believe a policy of passive resistance could take things away from the "final abyss" and would help us get the kind of life we want, one where people care for each other. It's no use replacing this with another democracy cos people have done that for all time and it hasn't worked, you must look after your own life. We believe in anarchy peace and freedom-the right to run your own life. We'll only achieve this by constant hard work and thought and a belief that we can succeed.

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