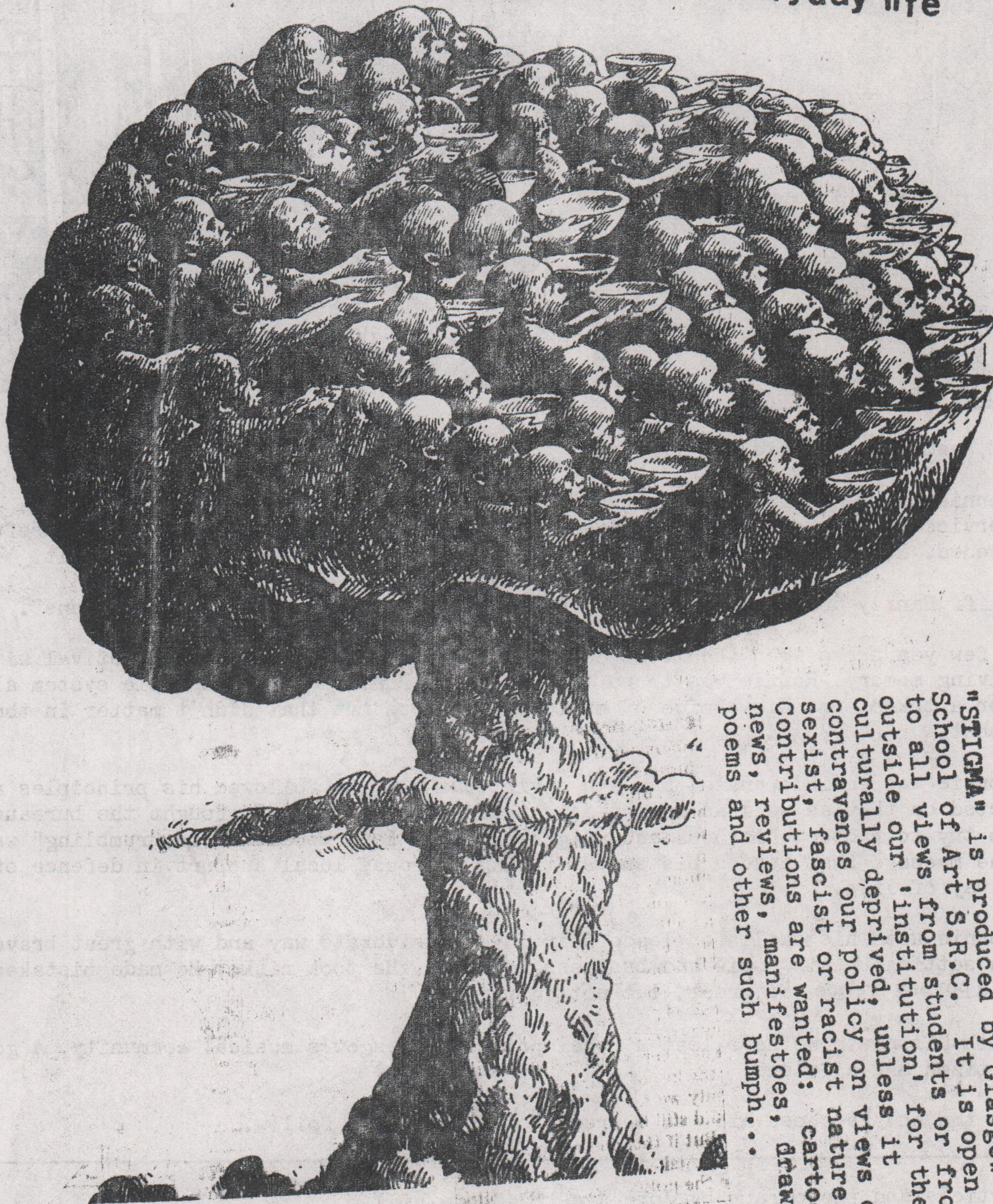




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RONNIE BROWN IS DEAD

It seems he took his own life.

Ronnie Brown was an important man in Glasgow. He was an enabler; providing a service to the bands and musicians in the city. He did things which were useful and needed. He is irreplaceable not only for what he did but for how he did it.

Cliff Hanley described Ronnie as "a midwife to Glasgow bands and musicians".

A few years ago when the local Garnethill people held their first Festival within living memory, Ronnie was there to supply and run the P.A. and music system all for a token sum. His choice of music was dubious but that didn't matter in the least.

Ronnie was an independent man and a virtuous one. He followed his principles and acted on them as well as he could in these stupid times. He fought the bureaucrats to try to protect his home and neighbourhood. "East Woodlands is Crumbling" was the message that headed his survey trying to rouse local support in defence of a way of life.

Ronnie used his skills of leadership in a considerate way and with great bravery in setting up his music and business ventures. He took risks. He made mistakes. His perseverance was great, but not infinite.

With his death we have lost a focal point in Glasgow's musical community, a good citizen and a friend.

In the end he chose his own course. No blame should follow.

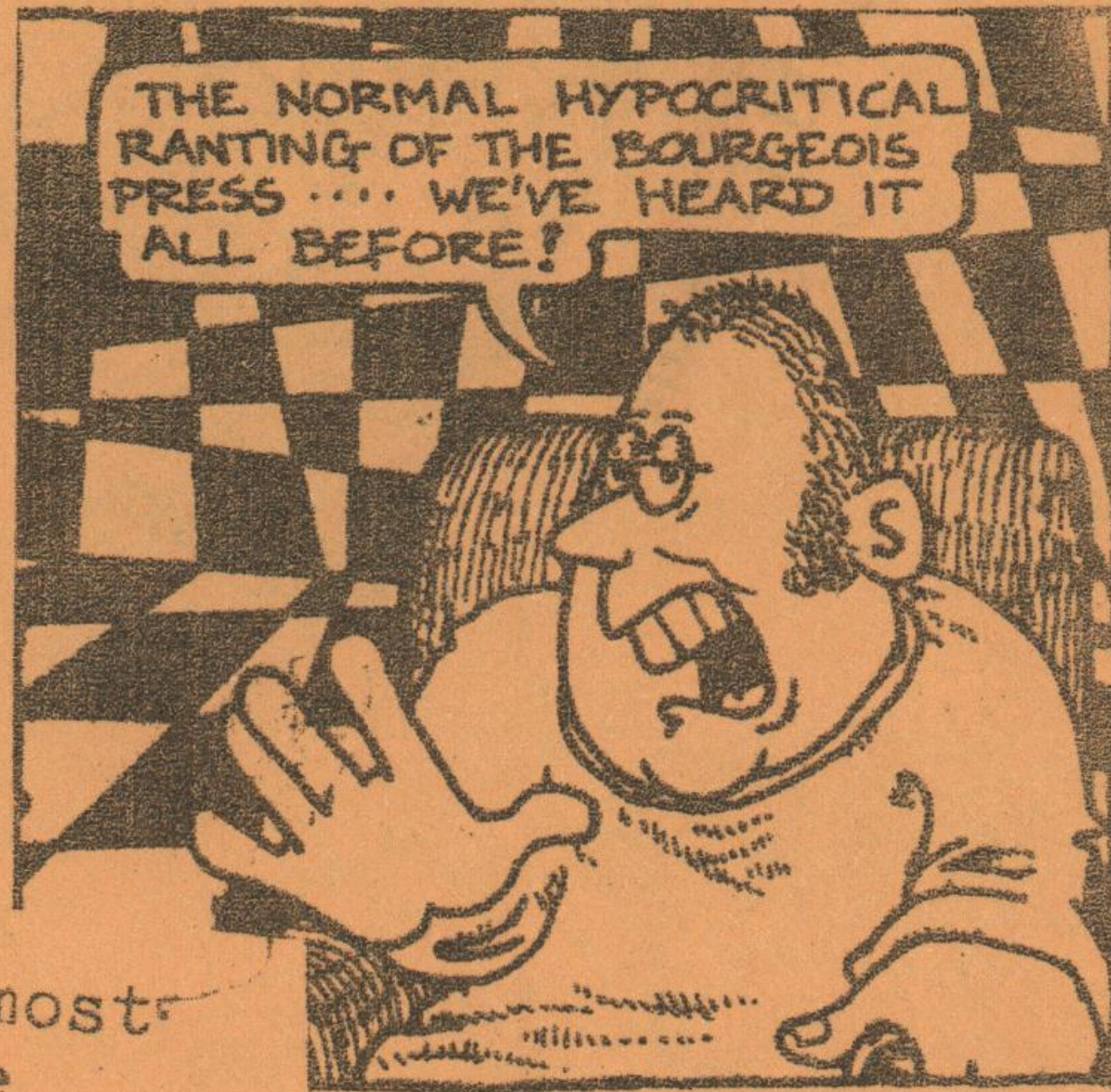
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THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY bookstall will be at the entrance to the Vic Cafe every Friday from 1.00 o'clock onwards.

A meeting of the new Womens Group will take place on Wednesday 4th May at 1.00pm in Assembly Hall. All welcome, and oh yes, 'men' too.



P.S., Duplicating on our equipment is not the most reliable method known to would be printers. We apologise for any difficulty you may encounter in reading this issue, and for that matter, the previous 3 issues.

POWER TO
 NO ONE & TO
 EVERYONE;
 TO EACH
 THE POWER
 OVER
 THEIR OWN
 LIFE, &
 NO OTHER

source: PIGS WILL FLY Issue 1



I am a vague shell
 and where is the kernel inside;
 that muscled nucleus to guide me?
 it is I sometimes think, a lie
 I have invented to spur me on.
 my limbs are heavy, lethargy
 my secret sin, no-one suspects
 but those I tell, who smile
 at true poetic licence.
 the grey airless void hounds me
 into corners. there is no drama.
 just a dim relentless
 restlessness.
 a clutch that folds on air.

happy families

how is it that when we meet
 we talk in niceties?
 circling our emotions like birds
 we keep set faces
 of normality.

only occasionally does
 the restraint slip
 a sly word escapes
 a tease of truth.
 soon rectified though,
 it is consumed by apologies
 not meant.

and then we part
 with smiles and kisses
 and dream tonight
 of threats.

WAYS OF REPLY

1:

Alan Wilson's letter in the last issue of Stigma made some worthwhile and sensible points - "we still find naive people wrapped up in the romantic notion of a just war where there is hope of victory" - e.g. Reagan and many of the supporters who are still talking about a "winnable" nuclear war. This is extremely dangerous thinking from the nation who were responsible for the dropping of two nuclear bombs on Japan and have extensive film and documentary coverage of both the explosions and the after effects of both devices. They, more than anyone should be doing their utmost to ensure that such a disaster never occurs again; large numbers of Japanese people are still suffering from the effects of these weapons and dying almost forty years after they were dropped - and these were bombs of very low power when compared to today's "defensive" weapons.

I totally agree with Alan Wilson's point "what is urgently needed is that multilateral disarmament be placed at the top of the international agenda" and if there was genuine and deep commitment to that end by the world's "leaders" then I doubt if I and many other people would be in CND - but so-called disarmament talks have been going on for thirty years and not only has there not been any reduction in nuclear weapons, but the arms race has actually accelerated. The present talks do not even include Britain and France who of course have their own "independent" nuclear deterrents.

Recently, when Russia made one of the first, if not the first positive offers of weapons reduction, they were turned down flat by the Americans without even an attempt to discuss the matter and maybe lead on to an agreement of even a limited nature.

Later, for good PR reasons, the Americans made their offer of an arms reduction deal, but it was so blatantly one-sided that the Russian negotiators immediately turned it down, no doubt at least in part due to the earlier lack of enthusiasm. I am not saying that there are no faults on the Russian side but anyone who places any great trust in the Americans is either extremely naive or exceptionally ill-informed. (I suggest reading "Missing" by Thomas Hauser for a start). Those who keep pointing at Russia's aggression in Afghanistan and Poland - including the majority of the British press - would do well to examine American policy and presence in Chile, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras etc. I am not condoning Russian activities but I think to describe Reagan's condemnation of Russian aggression as hypocritical would be a gross understatement.

Recently Bruce Kent, the chairperson of CND, offered to have a public debate with Michael Heseltine the British Defence Secretary. This was turned down and subsequently done so by twelve Conservative MP's. Is there not maybe a slight suspicion that they feel their case does not really stand up to very close scrutiny? This week the US Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger was "warned off" from having a debate in front of TV cameras with E.P. Thompson. Michael Heseltine feared that Thompson might do "embarrassingly well" before the live television cameras.

If Alan Wilson or anyone else has wondered why so many extremely affluent members of the Conservative Party and so many wealthy Americans are in favour of nuclear weapons I suggest they go and see "America - from Hitler to M-X" (Friday April 29th. at 7.30 in the Scottish Film Council's studio 1 Cinema, 74 Victoria Crescent Rd.) "The only film about nuclear weapons that pins them down to their real economic roots - the multinational corporations".

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Multilateral disarmament would be fine if it was taking place and/or there was any real commitment to its achievement by the "super powers", but I think after thirty years people have a right to be slightly suspicious that there is a distinct lack of effort being made to achieve a very worthwhile aim. In the absence of such progress I think that a unilateral initiative - preferably in very carefully planned stages (and I have never seen any suggestion that Britain should get rid of all nuclear weapons in one fell swoop) has more to recommend it than continuing with the present build-up. After all, there are very considerable dangers in nuclear weapons apart from use in war - the missile which was 'dropped' at the Holy Loch and the several mis-functionings of the US defence computer system, leading to the take off of nuclear-armed aircraft - and this with one of the world's most sophisticated and, hopefully, most-checked computers in the world. Also there are considerable dangers in transporting radioactive materials; disposing of nuclear waste; and the perfectly disgusting and irresponsible experiments with nuclear weapons on animals and even humans - large numbers in the US Army being ordered to take part in extremely dangerous tests at nuclear explosions.

See you at the film on the 29th.?

GRAEME CATHCART
3rd, Yr. F.I.P.

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SALARY NEGOTIABLE

2:

Concerning Alan Wilsons letter to CND supporters in the previous 'STIGMA'.

Points of concern:

- 1 All those who oppose nuclear arms and support unilateral disarmament are not necessarily CND supporters.
- 2 We do not have a the liberty of exercising "a careful stewardship of our enviroment". Our whole enviroment, be it way of life, is in the hands of specialists, town planners, architects, technocrats, admen, etc., and they are busily organising 'our' enviroment into more manageable structures. All human activities are secondary to physical obstacles. The ultimate purpose of all centres of population is to serve, in some way, work and profit.
- 3 There can be no reservations: it is "morally and justly wrong to be acquainted with the use, or even threatened use of nuclear weapons." But it is not as simple as this; ~~the temporal~~ and spacial segregation of activities touched upon in point 2 aids social control, as does the existence of, and the threatened use of nuclear weapons. We have become so accustomed to the tirade of lies and mystifications pumped out every day by the media, (that the USSR is ahead of us and if we are not ahead of them they will attack and put us all in concentration camps and make us wear funny hats and drink cheap spirits just like bla Winston in Orwells' bla "Nineteen Eighty-Four" bla bla bla..) that we have now begun to behave accordingly, we have surrendered our desires, hopes, dignity, and our mental health to the situation; 'we must have nuclear weapons to protect us against any would-be nuclear aggressors, our leaders know best, nuclear war is inevitable, that's the way things have always been, that's the way things will always be, and there's nothing I or anybody else can do to change it etc, etc, etc'.
- 4 "The argument of the scale of destruction" isn't meant to impress, the anti-nuclear campaigners are not trying to sell anything. (except Arman sweaters)
- 5 You speak of the "guilt of the aggressor and those who react against the crime". There is no such thing, nuclear weapons are a crime, who uses them makes no difference.
- 6 1st inconsistency, paragraph 3; "...the evils would be far greater than any thinkable evil which a war is intended to prevent. Here however, a distinction must be made..." Correct me if I'm wrong but are you saying that despite massive destruction and the inconceivable horror of the situation such a situation must occur to prevent such a situation? Who would be defended here?
- 7 "capital punishment and imprisonment..." are not effective restraints, and anyway, restraints against what? What constitutes a criminal act? Who is the criminal in this case when a young man (Wade Winston) is fined £214 £155 for smashing a Barclays Bank window because he objected to the bank's involvement in South Africa through their condoning of a fascist/rascist system which carries out widespread acts of brutal violence on the countrys black and coloured population every minute of their ~~existence~~ existence? Prisons do not just contain villains (in the sense of having committed anti-social acts, such as murder, rape, meaningless ~~ass~~ assault or robbing from your poor neighbour) they contain a large number of people who it is thought better to filter out of society; politicians, trouble-makers, subversives and those termed psychiatrically suspect. Looting Barclays Bank, ripping-off supermarkets, burning down boutiques, (modern slave houses)* I just cannot consider being acts of criminal intent, because something else is put in its place; human rationality and integrity and self-defence against oppression and repression. Much to the bosses class' dismay. Who guards the guards, who polices the police.
- 8 "The nation that launches nuclear war, by nuclear war shall be exterminated. Is there any injustice in that?" This is a dangerous, and may I say it, misguided view. Nations do not launch wars, ruling elites of nations do. It is the people (i.e. the non-ruling classes) who, as always, die and suffer as a result of someone others

festering perversions (quite a good ring to it, that one, one to savour), never the bastards who started the thing. As someone once said "It is a privilege of the great to watch catastrophe from a balcony". Where is the justice in that?

"WAR IS NOT PEACE,
SLAVERY IS NOT FREEDOM,
MURDER IS NOT JUSTICE,
BARBARITY IS NOT CIVILISATION,
AND LIES ARE NOT TRUTH" (Chris Cutler)

9 Yes I agree, "it is only conjecture that such an aggressor wants any other part of the world. Maybe he just wants other countries with their people and ideologies destroyed". Just like Reagan.

10 It would be "ill-advised to believe ~~that~~ America will always defend Europe", but on the other hand, would Russia want to attack?

We are not protected by the bomb. People are suffering and dying right now, in Latin America, in the Third World, in South Africa, in New York, Moscow, and in London, whether in the dungeons of the state (prisons) or whether privileged to half exist in the open prison (the industrial prison, Consumerdom, and the city) of this big slave compound we call advanced living. Are we being protected against death so we can continue to exist as the living dead?

11 "...the British government has no moral right to leave its people defenceless in the face of a nuclear attack..." !!!

Militarism does not defend people it defends power at the expense of people. Governments don't give a shit about defending 'their' people. In this country, the governments 'people' have been under considerable attack ~~for~~ for some time now. These leaders of ours will quite calmly and happily dictate the living standards to the population, take away everything we've got and sleep soundly whilst assaulting millions, economically, socially and physically. I know who my enemies are, and it ain't Joe Worker from the people's barracks in Russia.

The nuclear weapons and military forces on British soil have little to do with defending the people. They are there to defend the economic and political interests of Nato's ruling elites.

12 No, I don't think America would have dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki if Japan had the same bombs and were willing to retaliate in the form of Washington and New York. This can hardly be a justifiable reason for a 'balance of terror' (can it be reasonably justified?). If it were not Hiroshima or Nagasaki it would have been somewhere else,. Remember that the bomb was newly invented, it had to be tested on a population target, and it doesn't matter who invented it, Russia would have done the same. (It has been quietly said of the USSR conducting similar experiments on their own population in some parts of the Ukraine.)

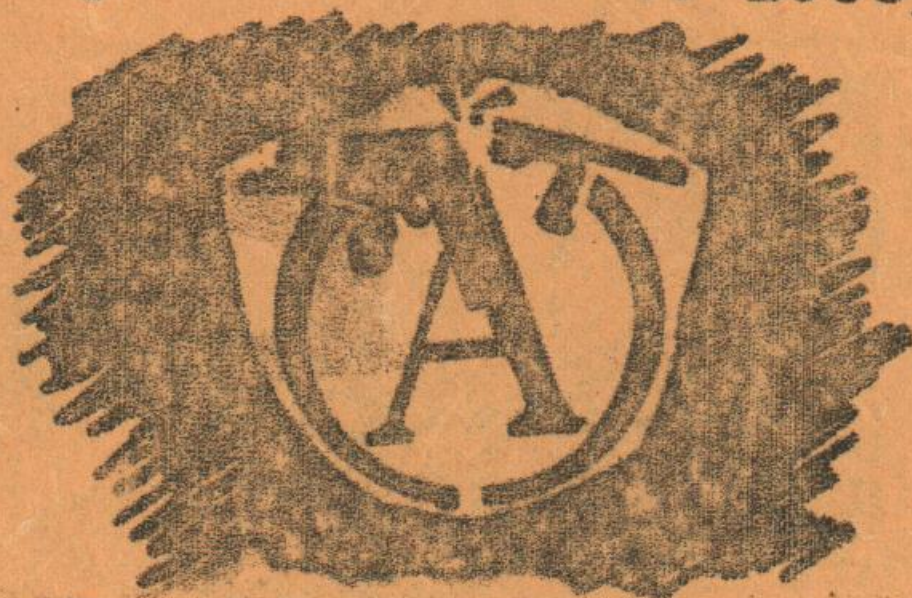
The 'balance of terror does not maintain peace it maintains terror. Millions have died since the invention of the bomb at the hands of the two superpowers. Our so-called freedom has been bought with the lives of many and at the expense of many raped lands and cultures. What also has been maintained with the balance of terror has been our ignorance.

The USSR is comprised of a nation of people psychologically and physically devastated as an event of World War 11, 20 million died, many more, under Stalin (the consequences of Leninism), ended up in labour camps for their contribution to the revolution's defence against the fascist hordes. The people of the USSR desperately want peace, they are held hostage and terrorised by this balance of terror. The same applies to us in the West, except through a subtle blend of manipulation and persuasion, most of us now ~~accept~~ accept nuclear war as inevitable. (Still many, a large majority in some cities, in the USA, would rather be 'dead than red'. Of course these polls are conducted on the white middle class, "the salt of the earth folk" who register to vote. It is also known that a majority in some cities don't bother to register, thus their opinion is not counted.)

13 You say that there is no argument for stockpiling..."why do we need Trident? The answer is of course, technological efficiency." Is this not stockpiling?

14 You want a deterrent, you want Trident, and you say that unilateral disarmers
What is 'overkill' if it is not 'technological efficiency'.

miss the point (by concentrating on individual governments,) which is "the existence of nuclear weapons". You suggest that what is needed is an international agenda" with multilateral disarmament at the top. You also say that it is idealistic, then why support it? I think it is idealistic to assume that governments and the military elite want to reduce their military capacity, let alone call an end to the nuclear snooker match. This would not be in their interests as a ruling elite who want to remain a ruling elite. Governments of the world want a nuclear weapons capacity because it maintains them in power, the threat of thermonuclear annihilation keeps the 'masses' submissive, prevents them from thinking too many of their own thoughts, prevents them from treading new paths, because it would just fuck things up because our leaders are so busy trying to create peace! What a con! That, of course, is just one of many factors adding to the phenomena that people continue to accept the shit that is thrown at them.



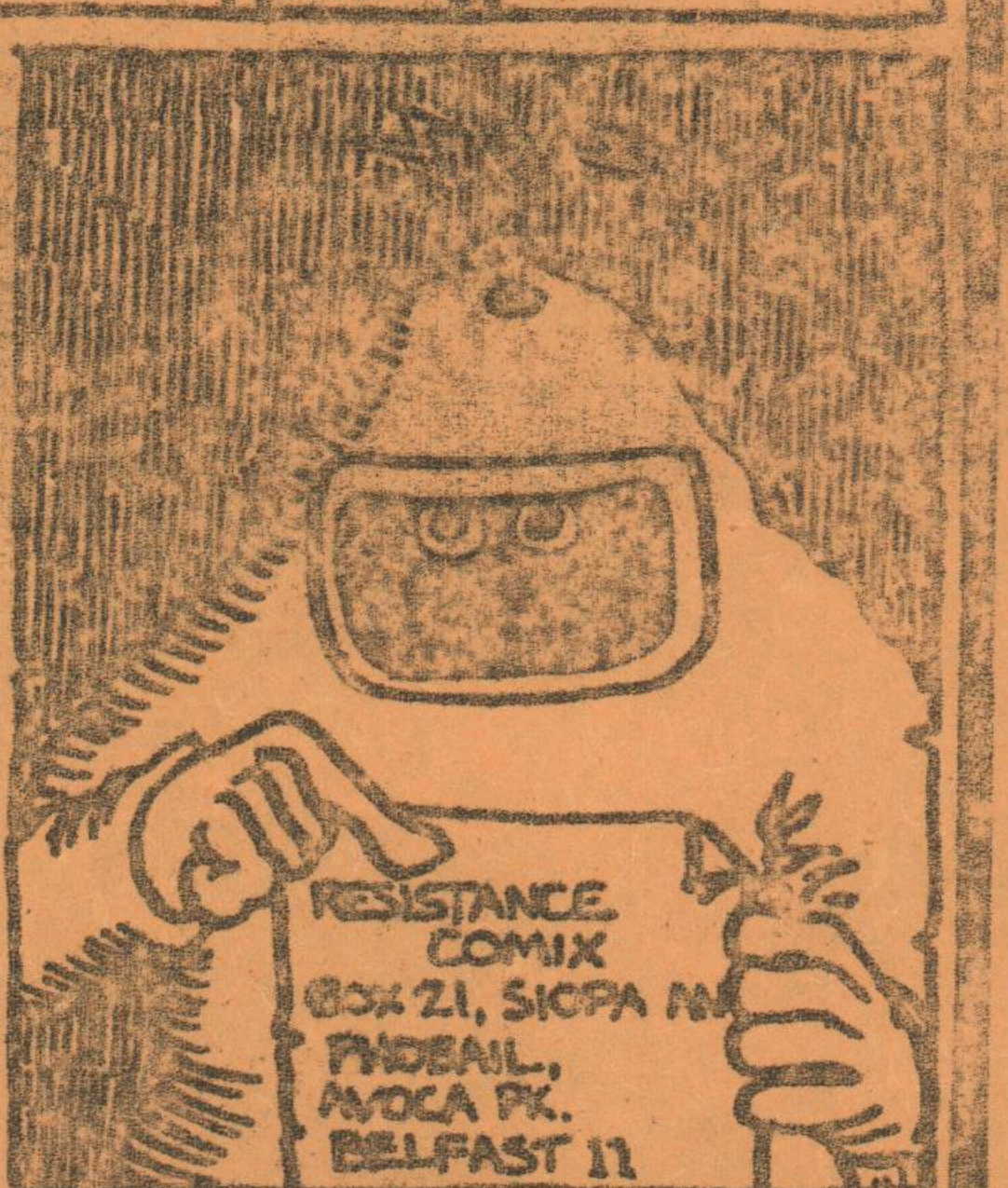
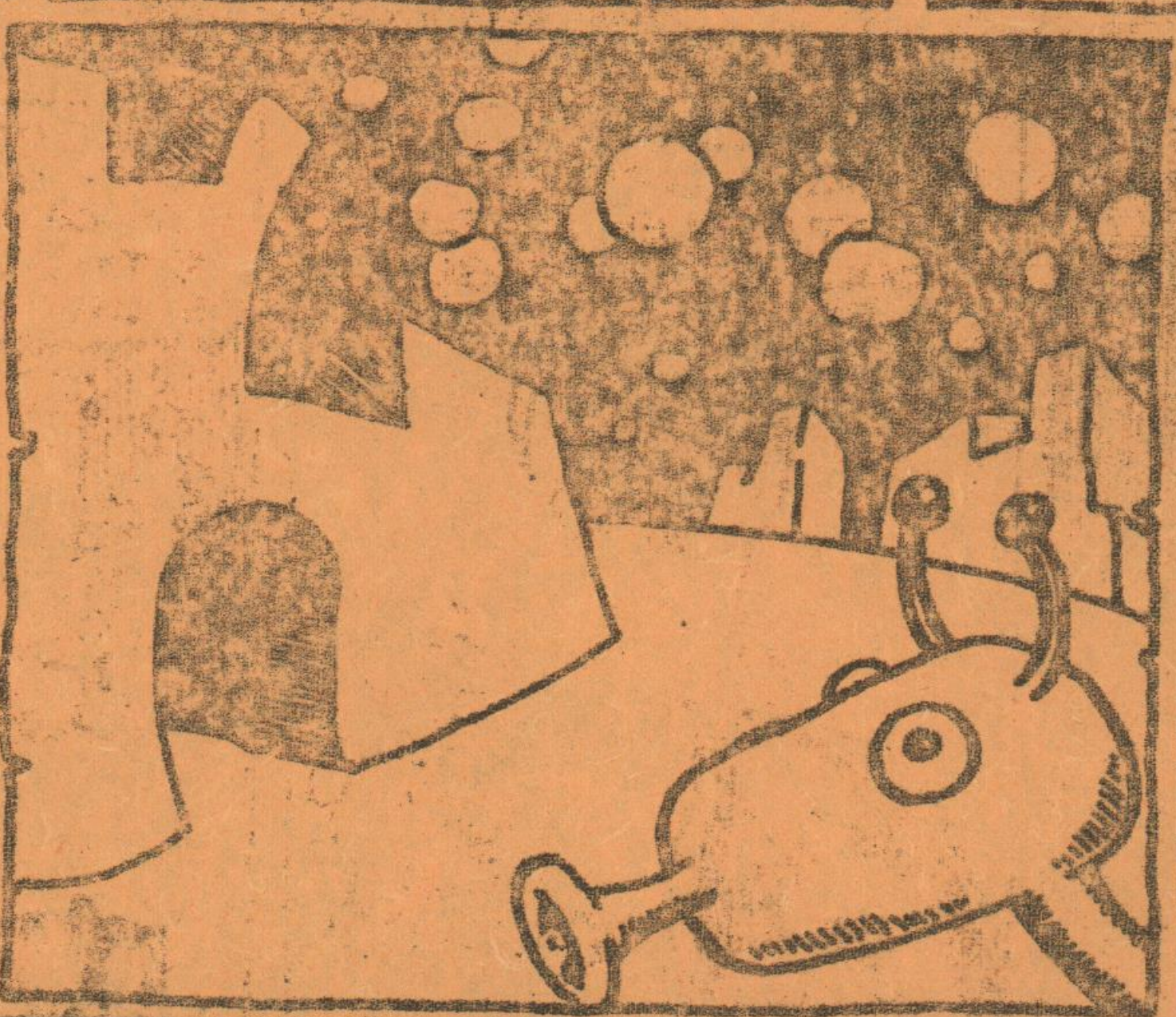
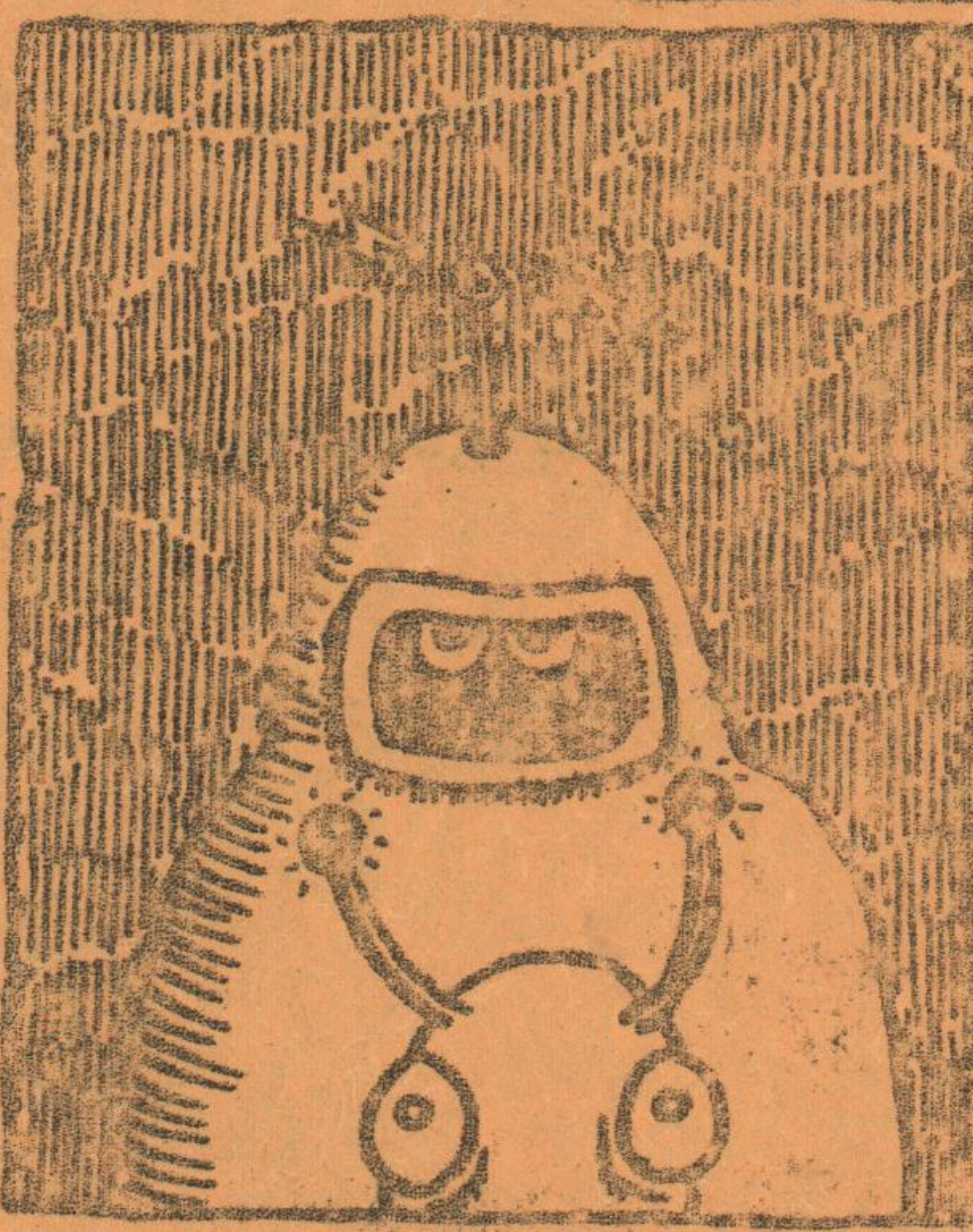
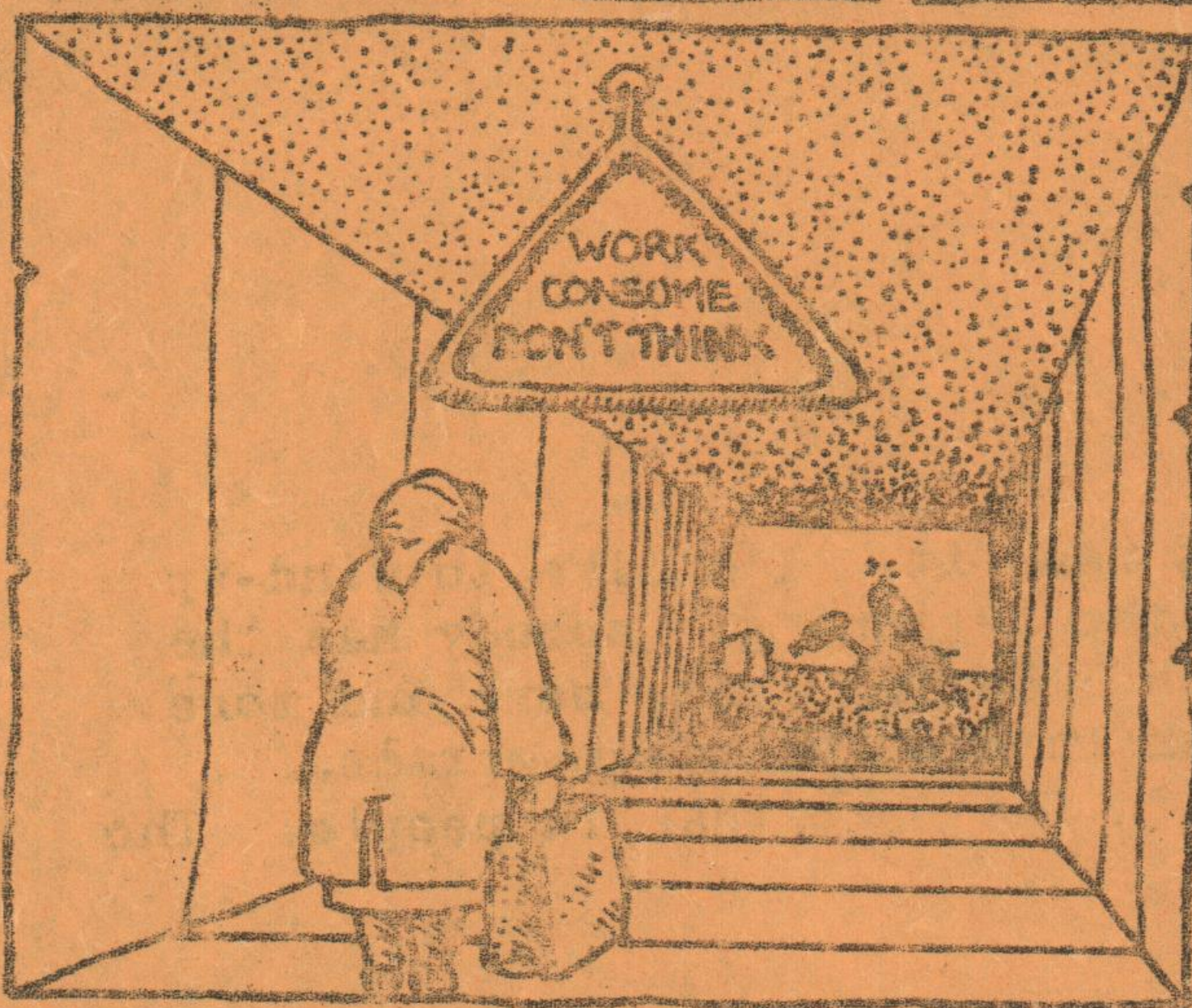
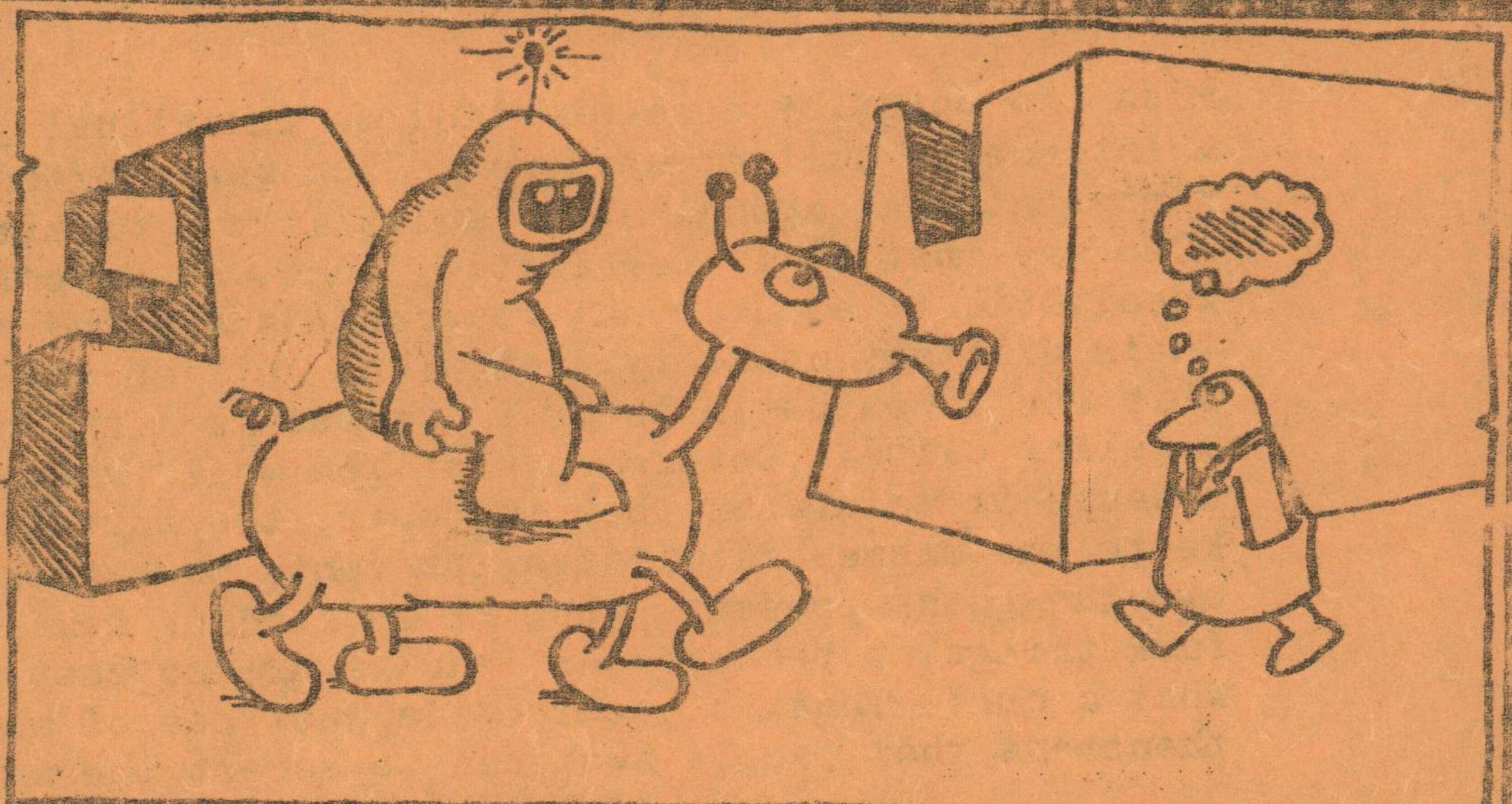
I apologise for my ramblings, though I don't mean it. I'd like to wind-up this letter by saying what I meant to say at the beginning: nobody has the right to hold over our heads atomic megadeath. Saying that, more and more people are refusing to be held hostage to our rulers' fucked-up morals. It is unfortunate that most have more faith in the Bomb than in people. The rest just don't give a toss.

The nuclear bomb is the bosses bomb.

FIGHT WAR, NOT WARS
DESTROY POWER, NOT PEOPLE
QUESTION AUTHORITY

As that old Arthur Askey song goes, "There's no government, like no government."
Malcolm Dickson
3rd year D & P.

THE
THOUGHT
POLICE
ARE
HERE



Another letter to CND supporters and non-supporters:

PROTEST WITHOUT ILLUSIONS

Another demo, another day out with the kids, another load off of the liberals conscience. I refer to the demonstration and rally on April 2nd at Kelvingrove Park. Of course, it's right that people should protest against the siting of nuclear missiles in this country, or in any other for that matter. But let us not be fooled by this form of protest action, it was fossilized, and useless. Of course, it's right that we should demonstrate, I mean you know and I know that the government are not going to change their policy of massive nuclear arms build-up just because they got out of the right side of the bed for a change!

If you agree with me up till now, you may also be asking yourself why we continue with these passive and contained demonstrations? Is not the whole purpose of a demonstration ~~to~~ to force the State to act? Personally, and many agreed with me on the march, that the Scottish CND officials acting as stewards might as well have been the police. Different make-up, same purpose; controlling the march, making sure things don't get out of order, and that people don't get too angry, that they walk three or four in a line, shouting the same old songs; Give Peace a Chance, 2/4/6/8 We don't want to radiate, or the supposedly more militant one, Kick the Tories Out (a Struggler Worker Party hit that one).

So are these organisers holding the reigns or not? We see it again and again, march after march. We know that this sort of action is not going to convince government, much less the sceptical bystanders. Direct Action?! £13,000 spent on that 'theatrical spectacle' in George Square and on crowd control! Rather it was 'Directed Action' (Practical Anarchy).

So what is the issue here? Why were so many people there to show their strength of feeling against nuclear arms? It is not the destructive capacity which is the real issue - something which CND try to monopolize upon. No! It is the economic and social mechanisms which continually sets nations against each other in both 'peace' and 'war' and which encourages the development and use of such weapons. This is the real issue. For those involved in the anti-militarist campaigns of varying sorts; this must be our concern. The fact that a small elite entrenched in positions of power throughout the world - in the state, big business and the unions - is able to take such life and death decisions about us! Its the same elite, with its legitimating ideology, that keeps us powerless in every aspect of our lives. The undermining and eventual elimination of the power of this elite and the destruction of the competitive world economy are the only guarantee of world peace and social harmony.

That undermining cannot be achieved through moral crusades, pious pleas to governments or appeals to humanity. Any attempt to base a political campaign purely on the emotional horror which people feel towards the threat of nuclear war; any attempt to raise such a campaign above the apparently mundane struggles of everyday life - over wages and working conditions, education and sexual relations - would be a grave error. Such an undermining can only come from a movement of working class people in action, beginning to recognise their common interests AGAINST 'their' respective nation states and attempting to take control of their own lives. (This does not mean joining a TUC pilgrimage to 10 Downing Street demanding the right to work - surely the most potent political and social demand the youth can make, and have been since the late sixties, is the right not to work - It appears to me that the Right To Work is no less than a front organisation for the Labour Party and Trade Union hacks manipulating young peoples anguish and poverty, not for the right to work but for the right to return to Government; generals in search of an army.) In this struggle we must oppose all governments and ruling classes, whether in the state capitalist Soviet bloc, in the "private enterprise" West, or elsewhere.

Such a movement will not be assisted by appeals to "forget our other differences in the struggle against nuclear weapons", or to line up in a common front with the very institutions that keep us alienated and enslaved - the churches,

political parties and Trade Unions - however sincere some individuals representing these institutions might be. To repeat the mistakes of the CND in the 50's and 60's would be sheer farce. Those moving in a radical direction must not get bogged down in this swamp but make a clean break with establishment politics.

This movement will neither be assisted by uniting around survival:

"To merely express outrage at our subjugation to the death merchants without conveying our desire for a qualitatively superior life is either to rattle our chains or to court the danger of contributing to a statist solution to the nuclear question...What we do by uniting with others specifically around the question of nuclear war is to tailor our activities, our desires, and our language to the limitations imposed on us by the project. We createa politics which merely reacts to prior outrages perpetuated by the system, rather than taking our desire for a new life as a point of departure...What the world lacks is a visionary conception of a desirable life, and people willing to act on such a vision..."

(Detroit @ paper "Fifth Estate")

Remember that something the authorities can ignore isn't worth doing. More will end up ~~dis~~ demoralised than convinced of their struggle if we continue to avoid the issue. Without confronting the forces of law and order and the forces of oppression we are wasting our precious time. Furthermore, to get to the root of the problem, a criticism of our daily lives under the commodity and military system is vital, because without doing such, we leave the root of power unscathed; the State.

'SURVIVAL IS NOT THE SAME AS LIFE. A WO/MAN IN A TRULLY FREE SOCIETY LIVES'. My final message to CND and their supporters is that it must stop suckling up to the authorities they should be fighting, that is they must not ever present the government as the responsive instrument of the people's will and not an agency of repression (one example, the continual uselessness of petitions). If CND continues the way it is, and if it did manage to become a broad based movement and did manage to force the cancellation of Trident or even succeeded in the transformation of Europe into a nuclear free zone, who do you think would take the credit? It wouldn't be the people's committed struggle, it would be those in power who would wear the floral bouquet. The state would further be promoted as an "expression of the democratic aspirations of human freedom and life, rather than their archenemy."

Protest yes! But do not expect governments or parties to take heed.

DIRECT ACTION - the self-managed, independent revolutionary activity of workers is the only alternative to the useless Saturday and Sunday strolls and resolution mongering of actual and would-be bureaucrats. The only way to guarantee a world at peace, a world without bosses, bombs, armies and rival nation states, is to overthrowall ruling classes and build a new society based on the power of mass democratic, autonomous working class organisations, self-managing their own affairs at work and in the community.

NO BOSSES, NO BOMBS

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WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

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FOOD POISONING AND HOW TO AVOID IT

At the last Refectory Advisory Committee meeting, 3rd. March '83, I put forward the proposal for a suggestion box to be installed in the ref, with a view to giving students a means of putting forward complaints/suggestions about your refectory.

This proposal was rejected by the Committee, as it was thought that you were all brave enough to complain to Ms. Searle, Refectory Manager, without suffering from any affects of food poisoning whatsoever !

But, if anyone has any doubts about this, and would like to speak to someone who has absolutely no connection with the food in the Ref.

Please contact: Joyce Mutch
2nd. Year Sculpture
Haldane Building

HE NEEDS A NEW IDENTITY CARD

The accused, a 20 year old Arab, was identified as Muhammad Rahman Muburraq bin Ali Bellamchi. He said he was an artist and had come to the United States to make a name for himself.

"The New York Times"

SOME FAVOURITE QUOTES

"He was a self-made man and worshipped his creator" (Said of Disraeli).

"He hadn't an enemy in the world, and none of his friends liked him"

Oscar Wilde

"I have only two words to say, Im Possible!"
Sam Goldwyn.

"Gentlemen, include me out!"
Sam Goldwyn

Sam Goldwyn to someone after the premiere of one of his films, "...and tell me how did you love the film?"

--
Dorothy Parker on hearing of the death of Calvin Coolidge - "How could they tell?"

Sam Goldwyn to James Thurber,
"I'm sorry you found the film so blood and thirsty"

James Thurber,
"Not only that, but I was horror and strucl"

"Lets find some new cliches"
Yes, you've guessed - Sam Goldwyn.



IT is no secret that there is a close connection between art and the ruling class. In *Ways Of Seeing* — a series of television programmes and a book published in 1972 — John Berger drew attention to that connection. He wrote, for instance: 'The special relation between oil painting and property did play a certain role even in the development of landscape painting.'

The rich liked, and still like, having their portraits painted. The classical portrait of the landowning gentry in the 18th century would show them in fine clothes surveying their property. The 20th century equivalent might show the corporate boss in his (or rarely her) office.

While, in the past, painters were patronised by wealthy individuals — today painters are more frequently patronised by the state or commercial corporations. The corporation strives to improve its public image by subsidising art out of the profits it makes from its commercial activities. It may obtain its profits from banking (a polite term for usury) or from manufacturing processed foods — it doesn't matter what it makes or does, it can still give money to art.

But in supporting art, the modern corporation is not, of course, making an appeal to general public opinion. It may be a public relations' exercise, but the target audience is primarily that group which regards art as worthy and actually visits art galleries. On the whole, working class people do not visit art galleries. Art galleries are mainly visited by middle and upper middle class people.

It must therefore come as no surprise that the opening art exhibition at Britain's latest arts complex, the Barbican in London, should be sponsored by the American Express Company. It is quite fitting that an American corporation, whose activities literally permeate the globe in the form of credit card finance for the richest people in the world, should be responsible for making this French exhibition in a British art gallery possible.

The exhibition, by the way, is called *Aftermath*. It focuses on French art in the decade immediately after the second world war. But, really, its subject matter is as irrelevant to the purposes of this article as it must have been to the directors of American Express when they decided to hand over so many thousands of dollars to the Barbican administrators. Perhaps they argued long and hard whether the money would benefit their image more if it was to be spent on a tennis tournament rather than an art show. No doubt, the accountants recommended the final

choice. I leave it to the more knowledgeable pen of Arthur Moysé to inform you of the art objects themselves.

So here we have a brand new arts complex which cost £153 million to build, housing an art exhibition 'made possible by support from the American Express Company' — in the words of the official handout. The company which attempts to sell its wares through sexist advertisements whose grovelling flunkies repeatedly mouth the phrase, 'American Express — thank you, sir, that will do nicely' — is now a patron of the arts.

The contradiction between the world of credit, interest payments, usury, the counting house and the world of art and the artist is nowhere explored in the official handouts or the exhibition catalogue. Yet the one 'made possible' the other.

On page 54 of the catalogue appears this quote from Andre Fougeron, a French artist: 'Here are *The Judges*, three disabled miners, their flesh scorched and maimed, with arms wrenched off, collapsed vertebrae, missing eyes, a sorter with a mutilated hand, an emaciated orphan who often has to go hungry. These five accuse, relentlessly accuse those responsible for their pitiable state: State control, the ministers who pride themselves on producing coal "at rock bottom prices", the so-called defenders of the working class who simultaneously proclaim themselves "the loyal administrators of capitalism".....Here is the place of the greatest desolation, of the highest courage, of the most immense hope....'

And all made possible by American Express.

The official handouts contain a brief message from the sponsor. It is headed: 'American Express And The Arts.' The text runs: 'Art is a universal language, reaching across borders and bringing people closer together. American Express believes the arts play an integral role in enhancing the quality of life for individuals, communities and nations and in 1980 initiated a cultural underwriting programme to make the arts more accessible to the public. As an international company, American Express supports quality visual and performing arts programmes which cross national boundaries and foster understanding among the different people of the world.'

The words are meaningless — 'universal language'; 'enhancing the quality of life for individuals'; 'more accessible to the public'; 'quality visual arts'; 'foster understanding'. Do American Express executives believe any of that? Do

they seriously expect anyone else to believe it?

The Barbican arts centre is suitably positioned in the City of London where the banks, insurance companies, multi-nationals have their offices. It is part of an ambitious development scheme - called the Barbican - which attempted to integrate offices, shops, museums and so on with high rise living accommodation.

The publicity says it has been a success. Nicely spoken people who live there are interviewed on television and they say they love it. A penthouse flat costs £125,000 - a bedsit costs £30,000. The council is selling the housing stock off. Plenty of the residents are willing to buy. They mostly work in the City - lawyers, accountants, executives, that sort of thing. They now have art on their doorsteps and no doubt they will form the backbone of clientele drawn into the new arts centre. They are the kind of people who possess American Express credit cards.

In keeping with the right security always in force in and around the Barbican development - saturation policing, large closed-off areas to the public, surveillance television cameras, alarms, the Barbican arts centre has an extremely large body of security personnel, all equipped with blue uniforms, radios and threatening manners. They patrol their small beats in the arts centre with considerable enthusiasm. They are truly worthy of American Express sponsorship..... 'We believe in security as a universal language.....'

In order to view the exhibition at the Barbican you will have to part with two crisp pound notes. Apparently there are no reductions available for the unemployed - and, anyway, why would an unemployed person want to visit an art gallery in the first place? The bulky catalogue for the exhibition costs another £5.50 - well within the price range of a plastic card carrying member of the American Express Company.

The words of Jean Debuffet, another French artist, are quoted in the catalogue. He wrote: 'Real art is always lurking where you don't expect it. Where nobody's thinking about it or mentions its name.' Those words have the ring of truth in them. The Barbican art gallery with its guards, its admission charges and its subsidies from the likes of American Express is virtually the last place on earth that you would expect to find art.

Finally, to return to John Berger's *Ways Of Seeing*. In that book he wrote: 'Publicity is the life of this culture - in so far as without publicity capitalism could not survive - and at the same time publicity is its dream.' If you march up to the pay-desk at the Barbican art gallery entrance and present your payment for admission in the form of a credit card, the beautiful, white woman sitting at the desk will smile at you and say: 'American Express - thank you, sir, that will do nicely.'

GRAHAM WADE

Half the world starving and the City of London
builds a vast entertainment centre!!!
That proves that capitalists don't care

Ah, but we call it
an Arts centre.
And somehow that proves
we do care.



CAMPAIGN FOR LESBIAN AND GAY LIBERATION

It has been over ten years since NUSUK debated Lesbian and Gay Liberation and at long last it was discussed at NUSUK Conference at Warwick University in April. The debate was successful, in that we achieved most of the demands of the motions submitted, but in other ways it was disappointing. Although there was unanimous support for the final motion, the general feeling amongst lesbian and gay delegates was that the majority of the Conference did not really understand the issues. However it is an enormous step forward for NUS and the Campaign to have the present policy.

What We Achieved

Probably the most crucial element of the policy document was the request for two two day lesbian and gay liberation conferences instead of just one. One of the major problems for the Campaign has been our inability to organise effectively at a national level and through that take up co-ordinated activity at a local level. The allocation of a second conference will allow us to do this and hopefully we will be able to take it forward effectively. Also, NUS has finally recognised the student lesbian movement and that the oppression of lesbians is quite distinct from that of gay men. We now have a commitment to finance and adequately resource the student lesbian conferences, which till now have existed without any aid from NUS. The rest of the motion covers a wide area of support and commitment from NUS as requested by the Campaign, including fighting discrimination in the law, housing, education, employment, child custody etc etc.

We will be supporting the establishment of telephone lines, Gay Centres, Lesbian and Gay Groups in colleges and universities. With the proposed introduction of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill it is crucial that NUS take a positive stance in defence of lesbians and gay men and to some extent this will be achieved with the new Policy. I believe that the policy has the necessary elements to strengthen and build the Campaign. Much of the basic work still has to be done. Like the establishment of active Lesbian and Gay Groups in colleges and universities and involving the entire membership of NUS in sexual politics.

The re-election of the Tories has frightening implications for women and gay men. We can be sure that their policies will be geared towards eliminating everything that allows women the limited freedom they have just now and anything which threatens the nuclear family unit. Lesbians and gay men pose an obvious threat to that and the Campaign must become a priority for NUS if we are to defend ourselves. Everyone has a part to play, regardless of whether or not you consider yourself lesbian or gay. The immediate activities of the Campaign will be the organisation of a one day conference at the end of the third term to co-incide with Gay Pride Week. This will be to determine the nature of our activities from the Summer onwards, including building massive support for the conference in Northern Ireland in October. If you want to attend, look out for information in Scottish News, NUS News, contact NUSUK to ensure you are on the mailing list. There have been a series of regional activities although Scotland has sadly been very inactive. A major priority for the Lesbian and Gay Network will be to initiate activity in colleges during this term.

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Note

Glasgow University Gay Soc (Queen Margaret Union) are having a Week of Action in May. There will be a torchlight demonstration on 3rd May leaving Queen Margaret Union at Midnight and marching along Kelvin Way to commemorate the 600,000 lesbians and gay men murdered by the Nazis during the Second World War. For further information contact Malcolm Clarke, c/o Glasgow University Gay Soc., John McIntyre Building, University Gardens, Glasgow G12.

Russell McVean

RMcV/MR
20 April 1983

PICTURE THAT DROVE A WIFE TO SUICIDE

LORRY GIRL DIES IN Hairbrush blast

TEENAGE girl was burned alive in a horrific crash yesterday after she hitched a ride in a lorry

Hunt for murdered wife's son

Girl abandoned

Police are trying to trace her

young love

she was eighteen when she met him and she got him so he said, because her hair was blonde and silky with curls like a sunilk ad.

her mum always said she was lovely and his mum and dad agreed her nice slim figure was what mattered girls dont really need degrees.

so she married him quite quickly (no point in hanging about) her dad thought she might get cold feet there was a bit of it about.

it wasn't on her wedding day that she started to feel some doubt but some months before on the cold front door that she felt like copping out.

everyone thought it was natural that she should feel unsure so she couldn't really make a fuss though next morning her eyes looked sore.

now five years have passed come friday week she's had samantha, emma, and john the nicest little house in morden with a garden 20 yards long

and as she said to her next door neighbour what more could she ask from ken ? and if her eyes look sore some morning

that's what you'd expect now and then

Obedience is suicide

a woman, awife, mother alone maintaining necessities accepting the suffocating demands for attention and their isolating pastimes accepting their usage feeding their greed

with her.

she goes on allowing their claims, willingly. willingly allows their claims of her.

i cannot comple. i can only alienate myself from this violence. this love i will not love.

Why doesn't she doll herself up a bit more?

Uniformly sexy, that's the look for autumn

there is no glory in being woman, only in her death, her abuse, her squalor, material for thrills, orgasmic excitement, piss all over her blonde/brunette laquered hair. rub her nose in semen, she cannot be base enough. steal her baby, fuck her daughter, mutilate her body. dress her in fantasy, high-heels, tightly bonded, then name her whore. spit on her generosity, call it weakness. cage her, be enraged by her dependance. for titillation or service she is ready. no humiliation is too much. her exploitation is always at hand. easy enough. she is the devil, the man-defiler, the castrator. she will be blamed. she will be punished. there is no escape. he regains his self-esteem through her abuse. punish her, stamp on her, kick her down. she must not rise up to threaten his privilege, his superiority. protect her beautiful, stunted growth. wait! she is growing taller! strap her down. jump on her head. scream her futility in headlines. boast of her negativeness. teach the next generation to guard her. his most potentially dangerous possession must not escape. communicate to her oppressor in headlines.

Nutty Norah's cash battle

It's so lonely being a female star Female non-hero

Mum who died is 'reborn' woman

'tortured

in prison'

Whip-round wedding makes the bride weep

Sex beast gave girls KO cocktails

CAROL LEAVES KIDS FOR TORY LOVE

support the peoples march

On Saturday, April the 23rd, the 1983 Peoples March for Jobs set off from Georges Square in Glasgow on a long, hard six week trek to London when it will arrive on the June the 5th to a huge demonstration. It was a historic day for Scotland - marking the beginning of a popular campaign to highlight the scandal of mass unemployment in Britain today - showing that people are prepared to fight this Tory Government whose policies have caused so much misery and despair.

About sixty man and women from all over Scotland are marching some five-hundred miles through villages, towns and big cities carrying the message - "We want jobs. We DEMAND a Future!". They will be joined by many more marchers on the way, and intend to cover an average of 18 miles a day with only three days rest throughout the whole six-week period. It is a broad campaign uniting people with differing political and religious beliefs - socialists, christians, women, ethnic minorities, etc - all of whom are deeply concerned about mass unemployment in Britain today.

Unemployment is often blamed on "the recession" - as if it were some natural disaster like a flood or a plague. The recession is caused by the economic system under which we live - a system based on the profit motive and the 'free' market. A system which gambles thoughtlessly with peoples lives and thinks nothing of throwing millions out of work to maximize profits.

The fact is, unemployment is a convenient device for the Tories to implement their anti-social and anti-human policies. In fact unemployment has been directly encouraged by Tory policies. In their obsessive attempt to drive down inflation they have seen it necessary for people to pay the price of their jobs - this is the immoral social cost of policies that bring down inflation. The fact is, our economy should be planned in such a way that inflation and unemployment should'nt be ~~xxx~~ mutually exclusive.

Mass unemployment helps the Tories by forcing workers to accept lower wage rises and even wage cuts through fear of redundancy. Unemployment, or rather fear of it, destroys the moral of the workers in resisting reactionary Tory policies - from cuts in public services to anti-trade union legislation.

In order to keep 5 million out of work the Tories are making massive cuts in public expenditure such as the NHS, social services and education. However, they have no scruples whatsoever in pursuing this end since they utterly detest the very notion of education for all or health care for all.

The Tories want mass unemployment because it is a useful weapon against working people. It has become a cruel instrument of policy and an efficient political tool for them. That is why we must ignore Thatcher's crocodile tears - she has never shed a genuine tear of compassion for the unemployed in her life; it's more likely to be tears of joy....

As art students the majority of us will face a long period of unemployment when we leave. There are no longer jobs for all in teaching, community art, art therapy, industry and commerce. A spectre is indeed haunting the art school, it is the spectre of unemployment and a bleak future.

This is why it is essential that we support the Peoples March for Jobs. It could be the event which sees the election of a Labour government committed to full employment through an expansion of the economy and a massive increase in spending on public services - a government committed to the creation of Jobs, not Bombs.

Fight for your future - Kick the Tories Out

SUPPORT THE PEOPLES MARCH FOR JOBS 1983 !

K. Currie.

Socialist Society.

Hear My Brave

Hear my brave a-coming, down your undertrack
 Ever since I went away I've been wishing I was back,
 Oh yeah, I've been wishing I could quack,
 Feel my head a-coming, through your window pane,
 The glass melts when the head comes through
 Then seals up again, oh yes, indeed, quite so, in fact.

Look Into Your Mirror

Look into your mirror and say goodbye from me,
 Look into your mirror and say goodbye from me,
 Talking to you is like trying to talk to a gramophone,
 My head's an egg, your hands a spoon,
 And everything you do is so overgrown,
 I'd rather be on my own,
 See the eager boys looking all enthusiastic by the garden gate
 See the pretty girls using lots of talcum powder, 'cos they've got a date,
 Man they can hardly wait.

I fell for you when the night was young ,
 We danced till two when I trod on your tongue,
 Your kisses flooded me with joy
 And then you told me, that's when you told me,
 I wish I was a boy.

Bananas

I stood by this conference on the corner,
 Just to watch a funny looking man,
 This is what he said,
 I heard every word,
 And I'll tell you so you'll understand
 He said, "I don't like your peaches,
 They are full of stones,
 I like bananas, because they have no bones,
 Don't give me potatoes,
 Can't stand ice cream cones,
 I prefer bananas, because they have no bones.
 Anywhere I go with Suzie, May or Anna,
 I want the world to know I must have my banana
 Cabbages and onions hurt my singing tones,
 I prefer bananas because they have no bones".

Ralph Godleman.

from an unexpected reading from
 NUS National Conference, Warwick April 1983.
 Cheers Ralph,
 may your bananas grow and explode.

I Hate Thatcher
 I hate Thatcher
 I hate Thatcher
 And even if she only wants a teensy bit of guidance,
 She gets it down the throat from NOLS and the Left Alliance.

PURE DREGS PLAIN PLEBS



Why are the masses
(i.e. the non-ruling
classes) not concerned
with art? Why does art
remain the privilege of
certain 'educated' sectors
of the bourgeois
class?

Who knows?
Who cares?

WORK, CONSUME, DONT THINK!

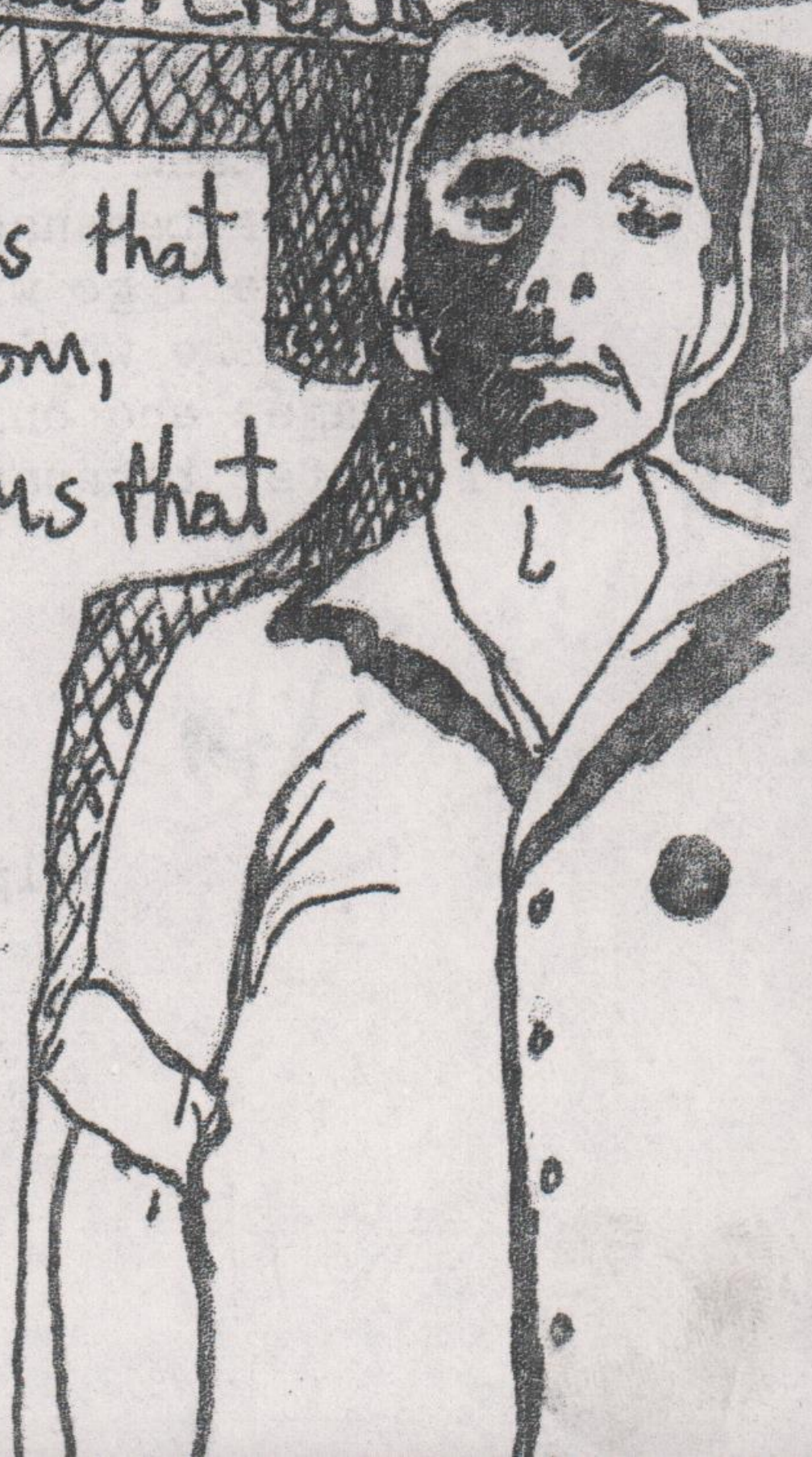
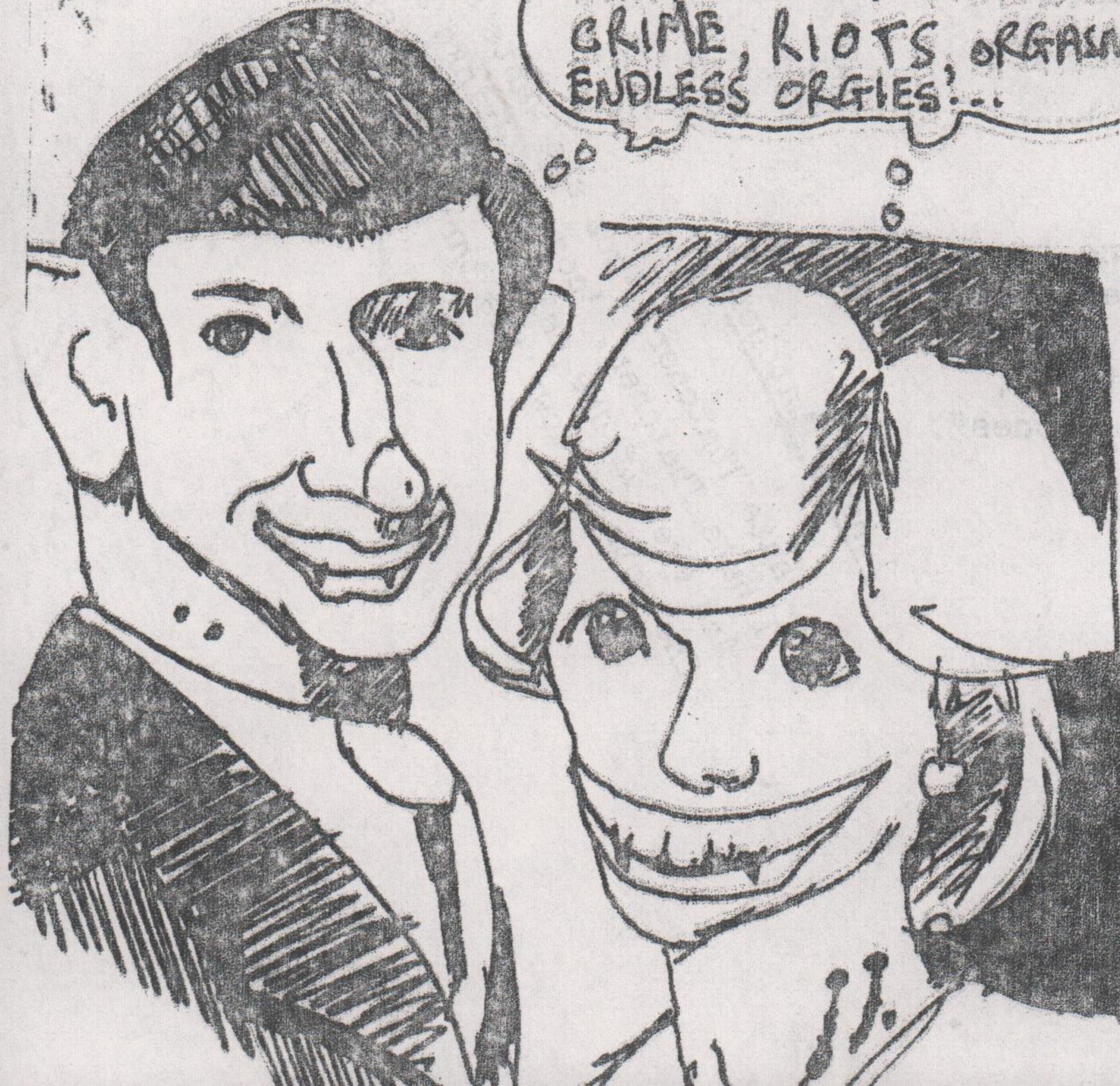


EXISTENCE IS TRANSITOR
AND OTHER SUCH NONSENSE

In our producer-consumer society, the structure of our daily lives is totalitarian, it simply produces in order to consume what it produces, from baked beans to Shakespeare to Paul Weller. In art school, every precaution is taken to ensure that life cannot ever emerge or develop. In our ideological slumber, we stumble aimlessly in the dark. In our blindness this aimless mechanism continues in its course of producing well conditioned, obedient students of the commodity economy. Art is dead. It has been reduced to a decay of art, an academicism, a slow death. 'Culture is dead. Create'

SEX, DRUGS, VIOLENCE
CRIME, RIOTS, ORGASMS
ENDLESS ORGIES...

The problems that
you suffer from,
are the problems that
you make.
The shit we
have to crawl
through,
is the shit
we choose
to take



Our rights are inalienable. Each person born on the world is heir to all preceding ages. The whole world is ours by right of birth alone. Duties, imposed as obligations or ideals.

such as patriotism, duty to the State, worship of God, submission to higher classes or authorities, respect for inherited privileges

If we accept the principle of a socialized society, and abolishing hereditary privilege, and dominant classes, the State becomes unnecessary and unnecessary government becomes tyranny.

Liberty without socialism is exploitation; socialism without liberty is tyranny.

Big Mike Bakunin

The Masses

Let us put a stop to this chatter about democracy meaning self-management, freedom, equality, the dispensing of government or other such matters. Everything is as it is, the whole truth.

Anonymous Botsch

SPEAKING DIRECTLY

ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE CRIMINAL PROTECTION RACKETS, LIKE THE MAFIA ON A LARGER SCALE. DEMOCRACY IS A CHOICE OF DICTATORS. COMMUNISM PRETENDS TO GIVE EQUALITY BUT DENIES FREEDOM. CAPITALISM PRETENDS TO GIVE FREEDOM BUT DENIES EQUALITY. EQUALITY AND FREEDOM ARE NOT OPPOSITES. EACH IS NECESSARY TO THE OTHER.

ALL CRIMES EVER COMMITTED BY INDIVIDUALS DO NOT AMOUNT TO 1% OF THOSE PERPETUATED BY GOVERNMENTS. THE STATE WILL DESTROY SOCIETY UNLESS HUMANITY DESTROYS THE STATE.

THE SECRET MISERY OF DAILY LIFE IS THE REAL STATE SECRET. EACH MISERABLE BEING THINKS S/HE IS THE ONLY MISERABLE BEING AND HIDES HIS/HER MISERY BEHIND A WALL OF APPEARANCE. EXISTENCE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO SUCH MISERABLE IMPOTENT BOREDOM THAT WITHOUT ORGANISED EXCUSES TO BE HAPPY (XMAS, BIRTHDAYS, FOOTBALL) THERE IS NO HAPPINESS AND NO COMMUNITY IN THIS SOCIETY.

THE LAW IN ALL COUNTRIES PROTECTS THE PRIVILEGES OF THE RULING MINORITY. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE ANTI-SOCIAL ACTS OF INDIVIDUALS - IN ANY CASE IT CAN'T - BUT TO LEGALISE THE CRIMES OF THE RICH AND POWERFUL AGAINST THE MAJORITY. AS FAR AS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR GOES THE LAW MERELY ACTS AS A BRAKE ON PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE TO PUT IT DOWN. VIGILANTE GROUPS CAN SUCCEED IN DRASTICALLY REDUCING CRIMES AGAINST ORDINARY PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT CRIMES WHEREAS THE POLICE FORCE IS INTENDED TO CATCH AND PUNISH CRIMINALS AFTER THE EVENT. 'LEGAL' AND 'ILLEGAL' ARE NOT THE SAME AS RIGHT AND WRONG. THE WORST CRIMES IN HISTORY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THOSE FOLLOWING LEGAL ORDERS. THE TROUBLE WITH PEOPLE WHO'LL DO NOTHING AGAINST THE LAW IS THEY WILL DO ANYTHING IT REQUIRES.

THE MASS-MEDIA SERVE THE RULERS BY REDUCING DAILY LIFE TO A SERIES OF PASSIVELY-OBSERVED SPECTACLES AND COMMODITY-CONSUMPTIONS TURNING THE MAJORITY INTO EASILY-CONTROLLED UNITS OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. THE SYSTEM WHICH ABOLISHES ADVENTURE MAKES ITS OWN ABOLITION THE ONLY POSSIBLE ADVENTURE.

SEXUAL REPRESSION IS THE FOUNDATION OF OBEDIENCE. THE FAMILY CHAINS THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE STATE. THE ANXIETY WHICH IS FELT AT ALL REBELLIOUS THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS STEMS FROM THE EARLY EXPERIENCE OF THE PARENTS HOSTILITY TO INFANTILE SEX-PLAY. THIS IS WHY SEX AS A SPECTACLE IS NOW AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF SOCIAL CONTROL - AN IMPOTENT FANTASY A DAY KEEPS THOSE EXPLOSIVE FRUSTRATIONS AT BAY.

IN 'COMMUNIST' AND OTHER DICTATORSHIPS PEOPLES POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING IS LIMITED BY THE SUPPRESSION OF NEARLY ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AND OPINION. IN 'DEMOCRATIC' COUNTRIES SUPPRESSION IS ONLY PARTIAL BUT THE SAME RESULT IS ACHIEVED MORE EFFECTIVELY BY BOMBARDING THE POPULATION WITH IRRELEVANT INFORMATION (ADVERTISING, ENCOURAGING THE BELIEF THAT LIVING MEANS CONSUMPTION, ESCAPIST 'ENTERTAINMENT' ETC.)

AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEMS CREATE THE EVILS THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO PREVENT. THE SUPPRESSION OF INDIVIDUAL DESIRE INVOLVED IN ALL SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY LEADS TO THE PHENOMENON OF REDIRECTION OF AGGRESSION, IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL, DEPRIVED THROUGH FEAR, HELPLESSNESS OR FALSE BELIEF OF THE ABILITY TO REBEL AGAINST THE CAUSE OF HIS OR HER FRUSTRATIONS TURNS TO A WEAKER TARGET. THIS LEADS TO SUCH THINGS AS CHILD-BATTERING, RAPE AND MOST CRIMES OF VIOLENCE. IT ALSO EXPLAINS WHY THE MEMBERS OF HIGHLY-AUTHORITARIAN ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE ARMY AND POLICE HAVE A HIGHER THAN AVERAGE RATE OF WIFE OR CHILD ABUSE AND WHY SUCH ACTS ARE OFTEN MORE COMMON IN DICTATORSHIPS; REDIRECTION OF AGGRESSION ALSO EXPLAINS THE APPEAL OF RACISM, NATIONALISM AND RELIGION AS MEANS OF SUPPRESSING THE PERFECTLY NATURAL AND RATIONAL URGE TO REBEL AGAINST AUTHORITY WITH IRRATIONAL AND UNNATURAL SUPERSTITIONS. THIS IS WHY RULERS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS HAVE ALWAYS TENDED TO PROMOTE SUCH IDEAS AMONG THEIR SUBJECTS. NONE OF THIS MEANS THAT 'HUMAN NATURE' IS ESSENTIALLY EVIL OR COWARDLY. IN FACT A FAR MORE COMMON REACTION TO THE PRESSURES OF AUTHORITY IS TO TURN AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SELF. THIS IS SEEN IN SUCH THINGS AS SUICIDE WHICH IS TEN TIMES MORE COMMON THAN MURDER AND, LESS DRAMATICALLY, IN THE EXTREMELY HIGH

Cont/.....



CRIME IS
the highest
form of
Sensuality



RATES OF ALCOHOLISM, SMOKING AND DRUG ADDICTION SEEN IN TODAY'S CONDITIONS, CAUSED MOST OFTEN BY FEELINGS OF INADEQUACY IN THE COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION OF POSSESSIONS.

PROPERTY IS THEFT ALTHOUGH THE ALLEGATION OFTEN GOES BACK IN TIME AND IS NOT LEGITIMIZED BY THE STATE. LOCKS ARE THE PASSIVE DEFENCES OF PROPERTY, PRIVILEGE AND POWER. WHEN A LOCK IS GLUED UP ITS OWNERS ARE DEPRIVED OF THAT WHICH THEY SOUGHT TO DEPRIVE THE COMMUNITY.

ANY WORKERS WHO CANNOT SET THE PRICE OF THEIR LABOUR ARE SLAVES. TO COMPETE WITH SLAVE-LABOUR, IT IS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS OF SLAVERY. THE WORLD MARKET

MEANS THE EXISTENCE OF SLAVERY IN ANY COUNTRY THREATENS THE JOBS OF WORKERS IN 'FREE' COUNTRIES THROUGH CHEAP IMPORTS AND THE EMPLOYERS ABILITY TO TRANSFER THEIR CAPITAL TO WHERE LABOUR IS CHEAP. RISING UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSED BY THE PARTIAL OR COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF WHOLE INDUSTRIES UNDERMINES THE BARGAINING POWER OF THOSE STILL IN JOBS, SO THAT THEIR REAL WAGES FALLS TOWARDS SUBSISTENCE LEVEL.

MONEY IS THE MAIN RELIGION OF THE MODERN WORLD. MORE GOOD BUILDINGS ARE WASTED ON THE WORSHIP OF PAPER (BANKS) THAN ON THE WORSHIP OF NON-EXISTENT GODS, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BECOMES THE ACCUMULATION OF ABSTRACT WEALTH THROUGH THE SQUANDERING OF REAL RESOURCES (SOIL FERTILITY, FUEL, RAW MATERIALS.) THIS INCREASES PRICES ADDING TO THE EROSION OF REAL WAGES DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE SO-CALLED 'SCIENCE' OF ECONOMICS IS BASED ON THE IDEA THAT THERE CAN BE ONE UNIT OF MEASUREMENT FOR ALL MATERIAL PRODUCTION. THAT A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF CHALK IS EQUIVALENT TO CERTAIN QUANTITY OF CHEESE (OR WHATEVER). QUALITY OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES BEING CONSIDERED TENDS TO BE REGARDED AS IRRELEVANT IN ECONOMICS. BUT IN THE REAL WORLD THIS IS FAR FROM TRUE. THE DOMINANCE OF THIS SIMPLISTIC NOTION OVER THE MINDS OF POLITICIANS, BUSINESSMEN AND PEOPLE GENERALLY LEADS TO SERIOUS DISTORTIONS IN POLITICAL & SOCIAL THINKING. FOR INSTANCE BRITAIN SPENDS ABOUT 8% OF ITS NATIONAL INCOME ON SO-CALLED DEFENCE. WHICH DOES NOT SOUND TOO BAD BUT WHAT IS LESS WIDELY KNOWN IS THAT HALF OF ALL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH IS DEVOTED TO WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE RELATIVE BACKWARDNESS OF BRITISH INDUSTRY.

THE POWER, PROPERTY AND MONEY SYSTEM IS THE BIGGEST 'RESTRICTIVE PRACTICE'. TWO-FIFTHS OF BRITISH WORKERS ARE ENGAGED IN IT FROM POLICE TO BANK CLERKS, FROM THE ARMED FORCE TO SUPERMARKET CASHIERS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE OTHER 60% ARE ALL DOING SOMETHING USEFUL. TOO MANY PEOPLE SPEND/WASTE THEIR LIVES DOING BORING OR HARMFUL JOBS IN ORDER TO WASTE MONEY ON THINGS THEY DON'T REALLY NEED.

WAR IS THE HEALTH OF THE STATE. IF WAR IS DUE TO 'HUMAN NATURE' WHY DO ALL STATES FIND CONSCRIPTION ESSENTIAL IN WARTIME?

THE RETURN TO 30's-STYLE UNEMPLOYMENT.

IS INEVITABLE DUE TO THE PROCESSES DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THE SPREAD OF AUTOMATION.. THIS WILL CAUSE MASS DISCONTENT. WHICH GOVERNMENTS EVERYWHERE WILL TRY TO DEFLECT FROM THEMSELVES BY USING SOME MINORITY GROUP AS A SCAPEGOAT OR BY USING THE THREAT OF AN EXTERNAL ENEMY TO UNIFY THE POPULATION BEHIND THEM. WAR WAS THE ANSWER LAST TIME, THAT WILL BE THE SOLUTION THISTIME IF GOVERNMENT CONTINUES (NUCLEAR DETERENT? THE RULERS HAVE FOR YEARS HAD DEEP SHELTERS FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION. THEY WILL HAPPILY SACRIFICE US WHEN WE ARE ECONOMICALLY USELESS TO THEM.) BESIDES THE WEAPONS AND TACTICS OF NUCLEAR WAR ARE CHANGING. WITH FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS SUCH AS CRUISE MISSILES SOON TO BE DEPLOYED BY NATO. THESE WOULD BE USELESS IN THE EVENT OF A FIRST STRIKE BY THE 'OTHER SIDE', SO THE ONLY POSSIBLE REASON FOR THEIR PRODUCTION IS TO LAUNCH A WAR.

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THOSE WHO ARE ALLOWED TO RULE SOCIETY ALWAYS MANAGE IT IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS, NOT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MAJORITY. AT A TIME OF FULL EMPLOYMENT AND AN EXPANDING ECONOMY THEY NEED A HEALTHY, EDUCATED WORKFORCE. IN THE COMING PERIOD, WHEN AN INCREASING SHARE OF THE NATION'S SHRINKING RESOURCES WILL BE GOING TO FEWER PEOPLE, THEY NEED NOT BOTHER. THE WELFARE STATE HAS ITS ORIGINS IN RULING-CLASS CONCERN THAT NOT ENOUGH FIT RECRUITS WERE AVAILABLE AS CANNON-FOOD TO FIGHT THE BOER WAR. TO THIS DAY, PENSIONERS ARE ALLOWED TO LIVE AND DIE IN POVERTY, LIKE THE UNEMPLOYED, SICK AND DISABLED. THEY ARE ON THE SCRAP HEAP AS FAR AS THE BOSSES ARE CONCERNED. THE CUTS IN THE HEALTH SERVICE, HOUSING AND EDUCATION SHOW THAT THE RULERS REALISE THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE OF NO IMPORTANCE TO THEM IN THE FUTURE.

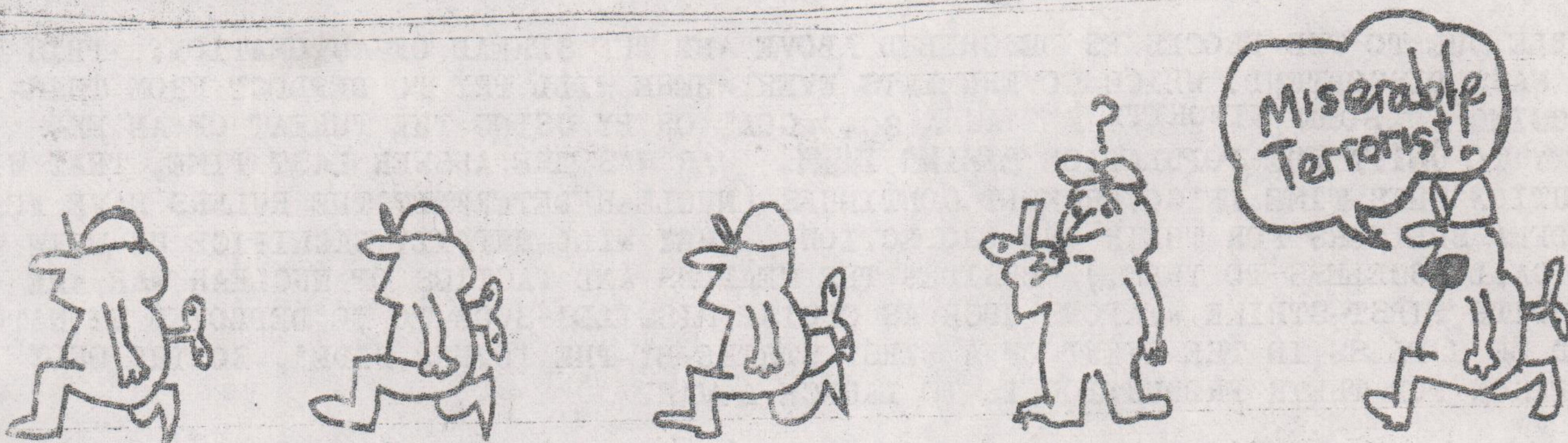
PATRIOTISM AND NATIONALISM ARE VALUES PROMOTED BY THE RULERS FOR CONSUMPTION BY THE RULED. THEY HAVE NEVER ALLOWED SUCH NOTIONS TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR POWER OR THEIR PROFITS. IN WORLD WAR II, I.C.I. SOLD CHEMICALS TO NAZI GERMANY THROUGH MIDDLEMEN KNOWING THAT THEY WOULD BE USED IN BOMBS ON BRITAIN. TODAY, EVEN THE MOST VIOLENTLY 'ANTI-COMMUNIST' NEWSPAPERS REGULARLY CARRY ADVERTISING FOR RUSSIAN CARS AND OTHER SOVIET-BLOC PRODUCTS, EVEN IF THEY DID OPPOSE THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS. POLITICIANS ENCOURAGED IMMIGRATION DURING THE 'BOOM' YEARS OF THE 1950s AND 1960s, IN ORDER TO KEEP DOWN THE PRICE OF UNSKILLED LABOUR. NOW OF COURSE DURING THE RECESSION, IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS ARE USED AS SCAPEGOATS TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE FAILURES OF THE SYSTEM. THE COMMON MARKET WAS SET UP NOT TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE BUT TO APPEASE THE GREED, VANITY AND MEGALOMANIA OF POLITICIANS WHO WERE TIRED OF BEING IN THE SECOND DIVISION OF POWER COMPARED WITH THE U.S.A. AND THE U.S.S.R.

THERE ARE REALLY ONLY TWO NATIONS ON THIS PLANET THE RULERS AND THE RULED. THE RULERS REALISE THIS AND ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY UNITED.

EVERYTHING THAT WAS EVER DEVISED OR INVENTED WAS THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE BEFOREHAND. THE SAME GOES FOR A FREE SOCIETY WITHOUT RULERS AND AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM CONTROLLED BY WORKERS, THOUGH BOTH HAVE EXISTED BRIEFLY AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND IN DIFFERENT PLACES (FOR INSTANCE SPAIN 1936/37).

THE ONLY COURSE LEADING TO HUMAN SURVIVAL, LET ALONE HAPPINESS, IS THE ABOLITION OF GOVERNMENT, CENTRAL AND LOCAL, THE DISBANDING OF THE POLICE AND ARMED FORCES, AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY NETWORKS OF COMMUNITY AND WORKPLACE ASSEMBLIES, WITH ALL DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THEM, AND ANY WAGE LABOUR, WITH PRODUCTION FOR SOCIAL NEED AS DETERMINED BY THE PRODUCERS. AN END TO THE DOMINATION OF DAILY LIFE (BY THE CONSUMPTION AND SPECTACLES, AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE OF REAL FREEDOM, WHICH FOR AN INTELLIGENT SPECIES CAN ONLY MEAN THE CONSCIOUS AND CONTINUOUS RECREATION OF OUR OWN ENVIRONMENTS BY AND FOR OURSELVES, AND NOT FOR THE BENEFIT OF A POWER - AND WEALTH - OBSESSED MINORITY. READ:- ANARCHY.BLACK FLAG.FREEDOM.PRACTICAL ANARCHY. SUBVERSIVE GRAFFITTI.SOLIDARITY.XTRA!

THESE LINES ARE NOT WRITTEN FROM A BELIEF THAT WORDS ALONE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. STILL LESS IN ORDER TO SELL PAPERS. BUT BECAUSE A FREE ANARCHIST SOCIETY CAN NEVER BE CREATED WHILE AT LEAST 99% OF THE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER HAD IT SUGGESTED TO THEM. IF SOME COUNTRIES ARE FREER THAN OTHERS IT IS NOT ~~BECAUSE~~ DUE TO THEIR RULERS' GENEROSITY. BUT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE IN THE PAST HAVE FOUGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOMS. IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT GO ON FIGHTING FOR MORE AND MORE FREEDOMS, THEY WILL LOSE THAT WHICH THEY ALREADY HAVE.



Support Castlemilk Sit-In!



▲CASTLEMILK IDEAL HOMES EXHIBITION?

their old address with the presently existing security measures for the empty buildings being retained. This security consists of ten guards on a round the clock watch. This is presently costing the rate-payers thousands of pounds per week, which is an unacceptable financial burden on the area, and an unacceptable burden on the tenants who would be expected to live in a fortress like existence. The offer of the guards proves the point that the tenants originally made: that there is a real fear of a repetition of the last fire. This measure is not a solution, either for the tenants or the area.

Rumours that the families are trying to be rehoused in King's Park, Carmunnock, Buckingham Palace etc., are unfounded- help stop these rumours by speaking to the tenants themselves. Help the campaign grow by learning the truth.

LOCAL SUPPORT

The camp is now in its third week and the tenants are determined to remain there until their request is met. They have been given tremendous support from local residents and shopkeepers who have provided a constant supply of hot water, coffee, tea, soup and sandwiches and donations of money. As a result of this kindness the morale of the tenants has been raised and their determination strengthened.

A TYPICAL SITUATION

It is felt that this specific tragic situation is not an isolated one and is typical of the treatment handed out to their tenants by the housing department, whether the problem be serious like this or a minor household repair.

EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM

We call upon all organisations and residents in Castlemilk to rally round and support this action as our problem is their problem; our fight is their fight. Faced with such support the housing department would be forced to climb down from their present stand and end this ludicrous situation.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

SUPPORT THE FAMILIES BY JOINING US AT THE SIT-IN

- SENDING UP TEA OR SANDWICHES
- SMALL DONATIONS TO OUR CAMPAIGN FOR LEAFLETS etc.

REMEMBER- IT COULD HAVE BEEN YOU!

P.S. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE CAMPAIGN SO FAR. YOUR HELP HAS BEEN APPRECIATED.

IN THE EARLY HOURS of Wednesday 6th April, four families had to be rescued from a blaze in their tenement homes at 19 Scarrel Drive, Castlemilk. Given the speed at which the fire spread, it is believed that the fire was started deliberately. Two small children had to be thrown from an upstairs window, others had to risk their lives clambering from one balcony to the other to escape dense toxic fumes; all had to be given oxygen. It was only the prompt action by neighbours and the fire department which prevented a tragic loss of life.

The families were given temporary accommodation on Wednesday 6th April for one night only, and were told that in the opinion of the housing management 'the houses were habitable' and they were expected to move back to their former address. The tenants strenuously disputed this claim and were supported by the local MP, the organisation Shelter, local Citizen's Advice Bureau, and an independent architect's report.

REAL FEAR

The tenants not only felt that the houses were uninhabitable but that the housing department has a moral obligation to rehouse them on a permanent basis because of the REAL FEAR that this incident could be repeated, this time with tragic consequences.

REASONABLE REQUEST

This is not an attempt to queue-jump or to be rehoused in a higher amenity area, but to be given houses in a comparable but different area of Castlemilk, acceptable to the tenants.

The attitude of the housing department to this reasonable request has been inhuman and insensitive as they have refused point blank to accede to it, despite the fact that there are literally many hundreds of empty houses in Castlemilk.

ARRESTS

The tenants plus others in Castlemilk sympathetic to their plight insist that their request is reasonable and have supported their demands by holding a sit-in protest outside the Dougrie housing department offices.

The housing manager, who we feel has been incompetent in handling this situation, called in the police and as a result 48 arrests have been made.

In order to step up our campaign it was decided to camp outside the housing office to bring to everyone's attention the seriousness of the situation of these now homeless people.

LATEST OFFER- LIVING UNDER GUARD!

The latest offer from the Director of Housing, Mr. [Name], is that the tenants move back to

Wherever you turn you will find that our entire life is built on violence or the fear of it. From earliest childhood you are subjected to the violence of parents or elders. At home, in school, in the office, factory, field, or shops, it is always someone's authority which keeps you obedient and compels you to do his will.

The right to compel is called authority. Fear of punishment has been made into duty and is called obedience.

In this atmosphere of force and violence, of authority and obedience, of duty, fear and punishment we all grow up; we breathe it through our lives. We are so steeped in the spirit of violence that we never stop to ask whether violence is right or wrong. We only ask if it is legal, whether the law permits it.

You don't question the right of a government to kill, to confiscate and imprison. If a private person should be guilty of the things the government is doing all the time, you'd brand him a murderer, thief and scoundrel. But as long as the violence committed is 'lawful', you approve of it and submit to it. So it is not really violence you object to, but people using violence 'unlawfully'.

This lawful violence and our fear of it dominate our whole existence, individual and collective. Authority controls our lives from the cradle to the grave - authority parental, priestly and divine, political, economic, social and moral. But whatever the character of that authority, it is always the same executioner wielding power over you through fear of punishment in one form or another. You are afraid of God and the devil, of the priest and the neighbour, of your employer and boss, of the politician and policeman, of the judge and the jailer, of the law and the government. All your life is a long chain of fears - fears which bruise your body and lacerate your soul. On those fears is based authority of God, of the Church, of parents, of capitalist and ruler.

Look into your heart and see if what I say is not true. Why, even among children the ten-year-old Johnny bosses his younger brother or sister by the authority of his greater physical strength, just as Johnny's father bosses him by his superior strength, and by Johnny's dependence on his support. You stand for the authority of priest and preacher when you think they can 'call down the wrath of God upon your head'. You submit to the domination of boss, judge, and government because their power to deprive you of work, to ruin your business, to put you in prison - a power, by the way, that you yourself have given into their hands.

So authority rules your whole life, the authority of the past and the present, of the dead and the living, and your existence is a continuous invasion and violation of yourself, a constant subjection to the thoughts and will of someone else.

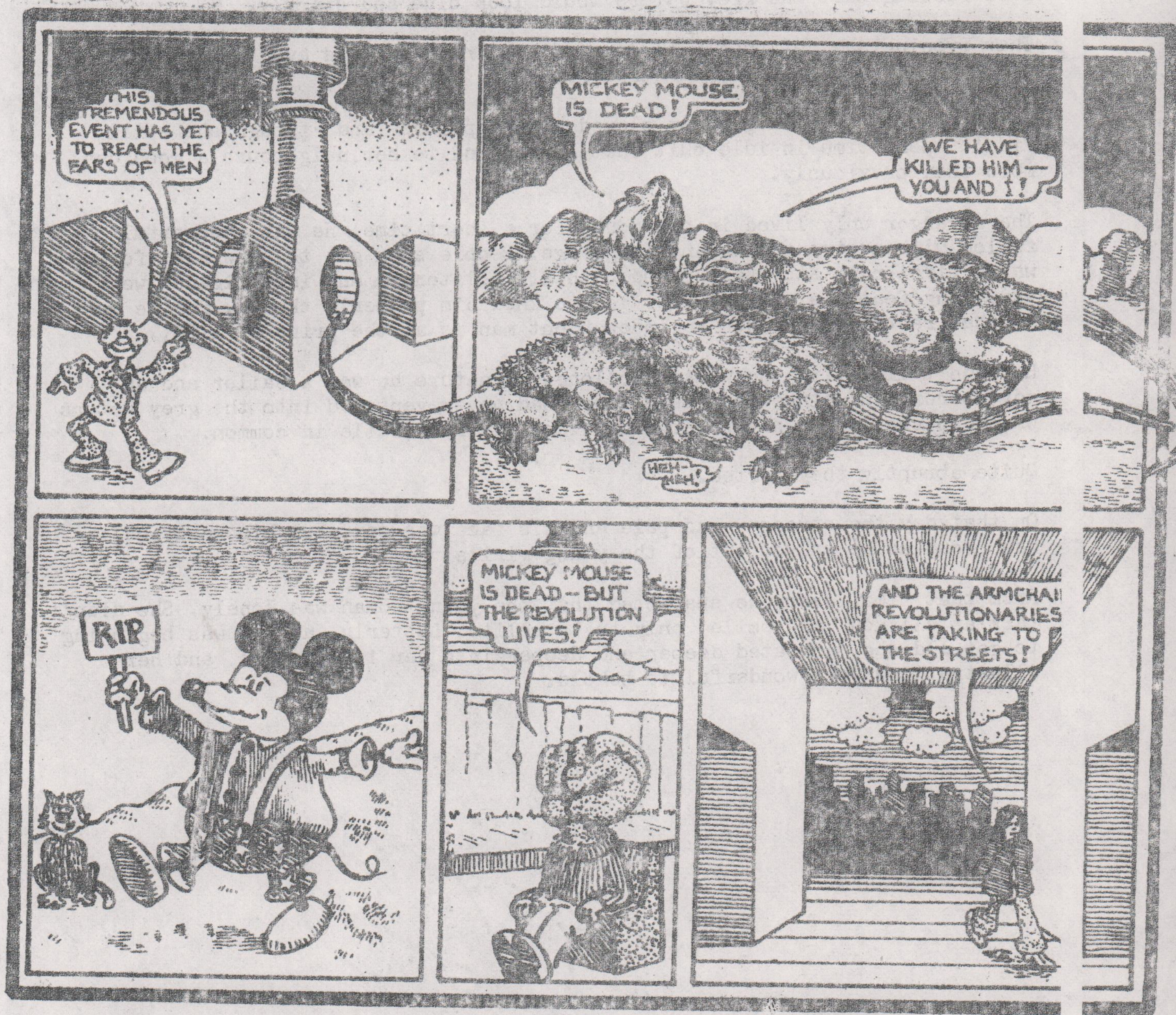
And as you are invaded and violated, so you subconsciously revenge yourself by invading and violating others over whom you have authority or can exercise compulsion, physical or moral. In this way all life has become a crazy quilt of authority, of domination and submission, of command and obedience, of coercion, and subjection, of rulers and ruled, of violence and force in a thousand and one forms.

Can you wonder that even idealists are still held in the meshes of this spirit of authority and violence, and are often impelled by their feelings and environment to invasive acts entirely at variance with their ideas?

We are all still barbarians who resort to force and violence to settle our debts, difficulties and troubles. Violence is the method of ignorance, the method of the weak. The strong of heart and brain need no violence, for they are irresistible in their consciousness of being right. The further we get from primitive man and the hatchet age, the less recourse we shall have to force and violence. The more enlightened man will become, the less he will employ compulsion and coercion. He will rise from the dust and stand erect; he will bow to no tsar in heaven or in earth. He will become fully human when he will scorn to rule and refuse to be ruled. He will be

trully free only when there shall be no more masters.

Anarchism is the ideal of such a condition; of a society without force an compulsion, where all wo/men shall be equals; and live in freedom, peace an harmony.



SHORT STORY

Once upon a time there lived a young woman. She lived in a curious country. It was not a big country. It was so small in fact, that if you stood on the tip of the mountain which was right in the centre, you could see oceans of grey water all round.

She was a rather solitary young woman. Not ugly, she was polite and had been well taught in the social graces. However she rarely spoke, and this perplexed her neighbours. They could never tell whether she was sullen, or shy, or whether she was quite contented to be wrapped up in her business. Her business was illustrating fairy tales, her imagination was important.

One day when it was particularly sunny and warm, the young woman decided to walk to her favourite spot, which was the top of the high mountain. She had a sure feeling that the grey waters would look blue and sparkly.

That evening she returned home long after dark. What was even more unusual was that she returned with a stranger.

Quite clearly the young woman glowed with happiness and 'though she still didn't spend time in idle chit chat she smiled to her neighbours a good deal more than previously.

The stranger only lived in her house for a short time. He was a powerful fellow with a strong back and long legs. People soon got to know him, for he was a first-rate storyteller and both his politeness and intelligence were endearing features. Nobody ever got to know him properly though, for he was at that restless age when an independent man is at the prime of life.

He didn't live with the woman for long. By nature he was a sailor and an adventurer, and since the young woman had never ventured into the grey waters which so challenged his power, they can have had little in common.

Quite abruptly they parted.

On that day the stranger was pale and his face was sad. But his manly gait was proud as he walked out of the young girl's view.

From that time, everyone suspected that the young woman was lonely. She didn't talk at all now, and smiled only to be polite. Latterly, as she was beginning to get old she retreated deeper and deeper into her imagination, and her illustrations were wonderful to behold.

Often, in the enclosed world of the art school, it is difficult to see how wider social, political and economic issues affect us both as individuals in society and as students. It is vital to understand the forces which operate in society - particularly government policies - which affect our lives directly. We must therefore attempt to understand the policies of our present government, one of which is the cuts in public expenditure - an issue that affects the majority of the people in Britain today.

Cuts in public expenditure are part of long-term Tory plans to dismantle public services. The Central Policy Review staff - the "think tank" - has written papers for the government which contain proposals:

- to end the NHS, and make people pay through private insurance.

- to end free higher education, so that students at universities and colleges will have to pay full fees.

- to steadily reduce the real value of social security benefits.

- to abolish council housing, leaving house-building to the private market and all the costs on the occupiers.

The "think tank's" proposed solutions would not of course 'save' money for most people. If the NHS were replaced by private insurance, the poor would not be able to afford it, and the rest would have to pay the profiteers for treatment which would be supplied according to how much money could be made from it. Health would become a commodity that we would have to afford, or go without.

Private health care would cost us all more money than the NHS; because the NHS is not only fairer but cheaper than private health care - the USA spends a much greater proportion of GNP on its private health care system than does Britain (10% compared with 6%).

The "think tank's" next bright idea is to charge full market rates for university or college courses - about £4,000 per year - and

abolish student grants. There would be a limited number of state scholarships instead. Higher education would thus become the prerogative of children with rich families.

The plan to cut the real value of social security benefits confirms a policy the Tories have already adopted. It amounts to a simple, vicious principle - cut the income of the poor to pay for tax cuts for the rich.

The final proposal to scrap council housing emerged in December 1982. It would amount to making it compulsory for council tenants to buy their existing flats or houses, however bad the condition, and maintain them at their own expense. Homebuilding would be left entirely to the private market, which has slumped even worse than council building in recent years. The Tories are hoping to dump the decaying housing stock resulting from their own neglect onto the backs of the poor. The latest Housing Condition Survey shows that both council and private housing is in a very bad state of repair - and private housing is in a worse state, because many older occupiers cannot afford the repairs. In Glasgow alone it is estimated that some 28,000 people live in sub-standard housing, for example, dampness, structural defects, no inside toilet and lack of other vital amenities. This amounts to one of the worst housing problems in Europe.

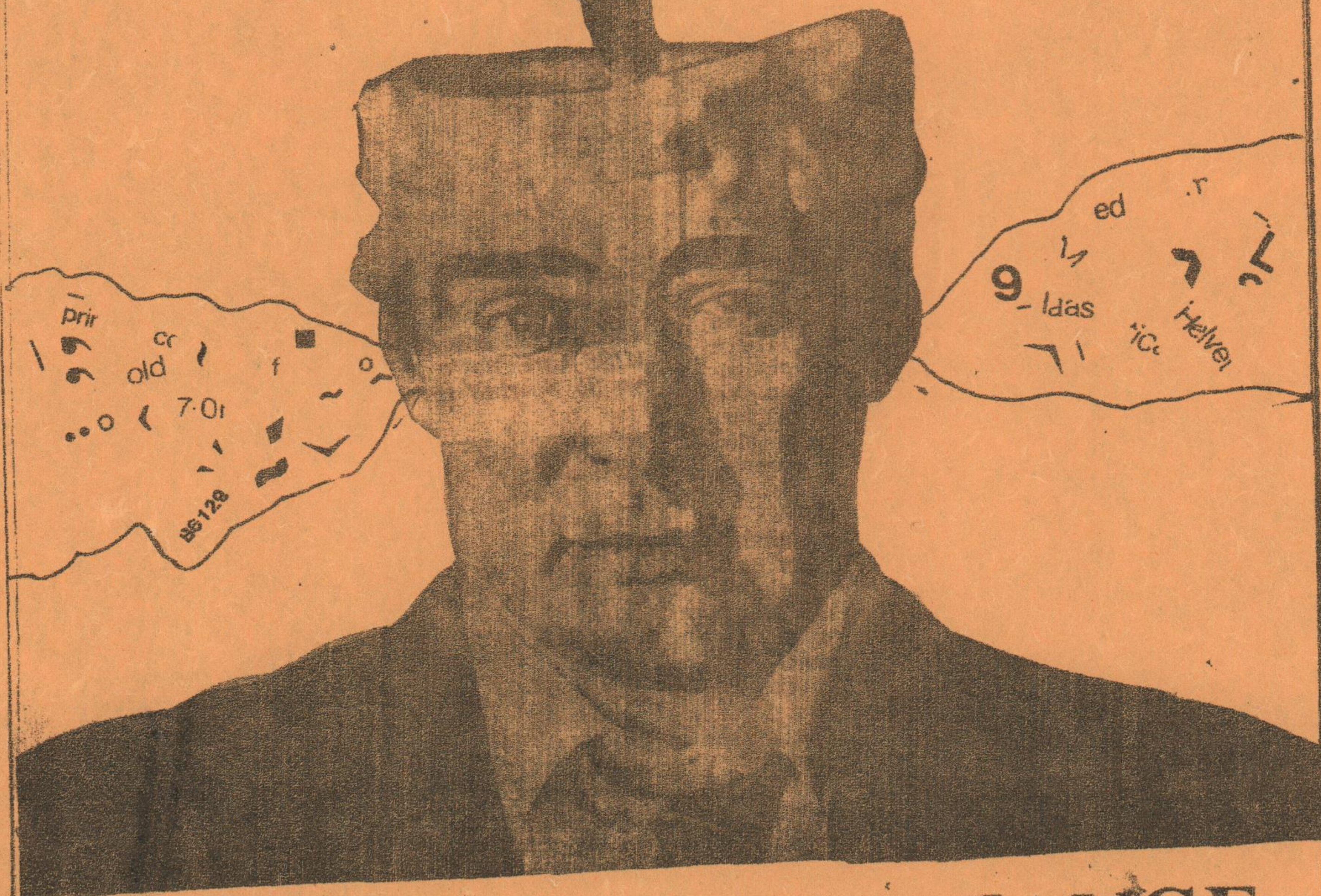
~~The Tories~~ have effectively shown what their election platform on the public services is going to be - an end to the NHS, an end to free higher education, an end to public provision of housing and cutting benefits to the poor to keep the rich even richer. They will continue to cut worker's pay and continue to throw the juiciest cuts of the butchered public sector to the greedy jaws of private profiteers.

It is vital that we act against the implementation of these proposals if we hope to maintain a decent standard of living. The proposals on higher education affect us directly in that they seriously undermine equality of access to education, which is a fundamental human right. We must campaign against the implementation of these proposals by making protests, joining demonstrations, signing petitions and taking

direct action against them. Hopefully this will see the reversal of the Tories anti-social and anti-human policies.

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