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CRUISE MISSILES HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED IN BRITAIN, DISPISTE SURVEYS showing 60% of people in this country oppose them and many large demonstrations against them.

At the moment Cruise missiles have only been delivered to Greenham Common, but they are planned to be delivered to various other nuclear bases throughout 1984.

At Greenham Common there have been many large, and increasingly more militant, actions against Cruise including blockading the entrances to the Base and cutting down large areas of the fence surrounding the Base. There have even been incidences of American soldiers cutting down the fences themselves.

In London there has also been many demonstrations against Cruise, outside parliament, with up to 400 people arrested so far.

Dispite the deployment of Cruise Missiles the peace movement is still growing and is also getting more radical. This has been shown by an increasing no. of direct action events like 'stop the City' where 1500 people took to the streets of the 'City' of London with the intention of linking big businesses with the arms race.

Lets hope that eventually enough people will have the guts and common sense to stand up and fight against a system that puts profit before people.

NUCLEAR WAR;
DON'T LET IT HAPPEN.
IT DEPENDS ON YOU.

THE MONEY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FOOD, WATER, EDUCATION, HEALTH + HOUSING FOR EVERYONE IN THE WORLD HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT \$17 BILLION A YEAR. IT IS ABOUT AS MUCH AS THE WORLD SPENDS ON WEAPONS EVERY TWO WEEKS.

LONDON C.N.D.

RALLY: Oct. 22nd.

AN ANARCHIST VIEWPOINT

A quarter of a million people marching to a secluded spot in Hyde Park to ask politely for a "nuclear freeze". Do they really think they will ever change anything this way? What would a 'nuclear freeze' prove? The worlds leaders would still have the capacity to destroy our planet several times over, even if they did halt the escalation of the arms race tomorrow.

Every year it happens, every year, same place same time, the same people, the same old bullshit. "Please Mrs. Thatcher, if you wouldn't mind too much, could you stop planning world destruction?" Surely people must realise, surely some of these nuclear families who turn up in Hyde Park every year trying to 'ban the bomb', somewhere amongst their guilty feelings about the neighbours seeing them on T.V., their isolation paranoia, their ultimate fear of each other, some of these people must realise that their anger, fear or frustration they feel over the build up of the arms race is being utilised by power hungry politicians, even if they won't admit it to themselves. Every year a Labour Party politician addresses the CND masses; "Vote for me! I'll halt the arms race!" Do you think that any politician doesn't manipulate people to further his/her own personal aims? The Labour party; the very party who in the late sixties brought Polaris nuclear missiles and submarines to this country after getting into power by promising not to. PROTEST AND SURVIVE??

As Anarchists we are against ALL wars, ALL violence, all control through fear of violence (Authority), and we want to make this known. We want to communicate our hopes for a truly peaceful world, based on trust not fear, love not hate, co-operation, individual responsibilities.

In order to make this known we have to confront the state Thatcher, the Government and show these people up for what they really are; power hungry selfish, inhuman, warped, INSANE. Many anarchists lives are a constant confrontation with the state because we try to live our own lives, free from authority and violence. We believe in Direct action in terms of direct confrontation. ~~with the state because~~ We don't just go to Hyde Park once a year and say "Please Mrs. T". We are constantly working towards a peaceful world. As a result of this, being in a minority, we are constantly walked all over.

CND is another form of State control. Bruce Kent (and other CND leaders) receives £250 a week. It has a hierarchy, a beurocracy, and as with all such organisations everything just boils down to money. You have to pay to join CND, then you must abide by their rules. You march for them in an orderly fashion, don't say the wrong thing or step out of line. CND doesn't allow for individualism. They are polite, careful, they play the game by the systems rules. They won't demand anything, they won't confront the government in any way. They won't ask for too much, too much being everybody's natural birthright; the right to live our own lives based on co-operation and mutual aid. They are too scared, too insecure, they have too much to lose, a nice wage packet every week, nice cars, secure homes. Any direct confrontation, and real protest is too uncomfortable for them. They argue that a 'nuclear freeze' is just the first step on...

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LONDON CND RALLY CONT...

...the path to peace. But have we got the time to do things in stages? Cruise Missiles are at this very moment being installed on British soil. CND is putting too much energy into the tip of the iceberg. They are protesting against a very small part of a whole system based on war, conflict and control through threat of violence. Our whole society is based on fear and isolation, "Divide and Rule" is the ultimate tool of those in power (the Thatchers, Foots and Kinnocks).

"THEY LEAD YOU TO SLAUGHTER
LIKE YOU LEAD A HORSE TO WATER
THEY CANT FORCE YOU TO DRINK
BUT YOU DO"
'YES YOU DO!'

Several of us went along with the CND march to Hyde park, and up to the front of the stage, in order to cause a direct confrontation with the left-wing powermongers and try to communicate our feelings about CND to the other people present. We planned it, took megaphones and flags, most of all a feeling of hope. We wanted, perhaps in vain, to get a message across to at least a few people; DON'T FOLLOW LEADERS, THINK FOR YOURSELF, REJECT ALL WAR ALL VIOLENCE; we were crushed.

We were bullied, harassed, punched and kicked by CND stewards throughout the march, simply for trying to get our banners and flags seen. Do these people really wish for peace? The CND POLICE.

Upon entering the park and moving to the front of the stage, we began to chant, to shout, harass the politicians, give out leaflets and try to talk to the other people present. We began to get our message across.

Of course, the police moved in; we were asking for too much; FREE SPEECH. They were indiscriminate and extremely violent. They made organised charges against us? People were trampled, beaten and arrested. Some of us struggled, some of us defended ourselves against the hail of fists and boots, this was organised state violence. The police know they have the law on their side, and they use this to their advantage at any given time whenever they feel like taking out a few frustrations on other people.

Several of us now face possible prison sentences for trumped up charges of 'assault'.

As with any 'extremist' anarchist action, from destruction of state capitalist property to the papers and fanzines we produce, there has been the usual number of self righteous bastions of the peace, CND and 'law and (dis)order' criticizing us and putting us down as nothing but 'trouble makers'. We are too extremist, too 'violent'. 'WE WANT TOO MUCH'. ARSEHOLES, be realistic demand the impossible; THE RIGHT TO LIVE OUR OWN LIVES; ANARCHY PEACE.

~~FREEDOM~~
Thus can become an eventual reality if we are not too scared to step out of line.

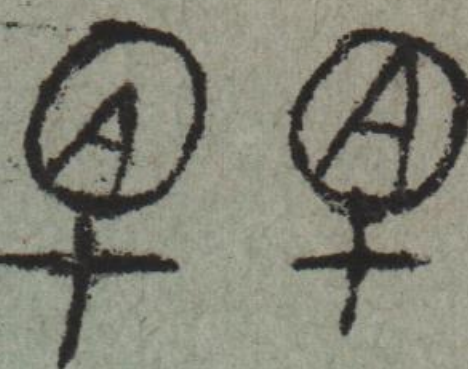
'Stop the City' was much more successful, in terms of getting ideas across to people, than any CND march is ever likely to be, because it confronted the whole war machine at the very root of the matter; the big business and financial institutions which profit from dealing with death.

Let's have more positive actions like 'Stop the City' and less weak minded 'protest' if we really want a peaceful, co-operative society to be an eventual reality.....

This article was reproduced, more or less, word for word from a leaflet I recieved at an animal Liberation demo. so if you have any complaints about it don't write to us. Thanx..

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TRUE LIFE ADVENTURES



I'm wearing Dr. Martens
I've got an orange and black mohican
I'm not wearing any make-up
Baggy black trousers conceal my shape
But I've made a fatal mistake....
My arms are bare, they can see my flesh. I'm wearing a T-shirt,
They can see my breasts. They can tell I'm female. "very nice".
He leers. He is overweight and ugly. I feel sick.

Shaved sides and spikes. Big boots and baggy clothes. We've got to get from A to B and We've got no money, so we hitch to the gig. We do everything we can to "NO, we are not sex objects. We are not your property" from the way we dress to the way we talk. So we get into the lorry. After the usual round of small talk, they pop the question, "Any chance of taking you for a drink tonight girls?" They have listened to nothing we have said, they have seen nothing past the shape of ~~xx~~ our bodies. When we say No, they ask us why. We remain silent. Do they want us to tell them we find them sexually repulsive? We descend from the lorry in disbelief, How can they be so stupid? How many times and in how many ways do we have to say NO before it sinks in?

How much more can we do? We rejected the stereotypes years ago. The songs say girls have to stop wearing frilly dresses and boys have to stop playing tough. Well, We've done our bit.....

The man gives me a lift. He says he'll take me where I want to go. I don't want to trouble him. I tell him to drop me off at the junction, But he says he'll take me where I want to go. Wonderful. Then he asks me what it's worth. I tell him to stop the car. He offers me money. "I'll even give you twenty pounds". As if he's doing me a favour. I escape, and I'm sitting on the roadside writing the words to the tango, when he appears again, tooting his horn and shouting at me. I scream at him "WHY DON'T YOU JUST FUCK OFF!!" Blind anger. Hatred. I hate him. I hate men.

I've done everything I can short of self-mutilation, and it still doesn't get through. So what's the answer..... separatism??? Well, men, If we're not to be driven to hatred, then we need your help on this one. It is not an abstract feminist debate. Every woman you know, from your lover to your mother to the checkout girl at Tesco has been sexually harassed. You have got to talk to the other men, because we are running out of patience.

Back home in Birmingham I am walking down the road to cash my giro.

There is an urban renewal scheme operating, and every few houses there is building work going on. It is a woman's idea of hell. Sometimes I feel strong and the witty replies fly thick and fast. But this morning I am feeling weak.

I'm wearing Dr. Martens
I've got an orange and black mohican
I'm not wearing any make-up
Baggy black trousers conceal my shape
But as I walk towards them I know what is going to happen

...BECAUSE IT HAPPENS EVERY FUCKING DAY.

ANARCHISM AND DEFENCE

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A problem many people find when thinking about the nature of a libertarian society is the question of how society would defend itself against attack by outside forces. To ignore this problem would be counter-productive for the spreading of anarchist/libertarian ideas, as most people (including) (the writer) feel they do need some sort of defence against invasion by outside powers.

The first possibility seems to be nonviolence. A total rejection of weapons in a pacifist approach to violence at first may be appealing. However to do this, people in society would have to be absolutely sure that non-violence (perhaps in a Gandhian style) would be able to repulse an act of aggression by an outside force perhaps or very probably equipped with many weapons. Sadly it does not appear to be certain that non-violence is up to the task put to it, as a sole method of defence.

From this it seems likely that the capacity to inflict violence on enemy forces would still be needed in a libertarian society. A problem that comes to mind is the danger of a military elite controlling society. If defence was something that everybody in society had some sort of participation in, then much of this danger would be averted. Incidentally "by ~~xxx~~ everybody" is meant, people above a certain age. (this avoids the problem of young children acquiring weapons)

A defence force could be viewed as another collectivised industry. Militias could be created on a federal basis and train themselves. They could have possession of fairly light armaments; their delegates could liaise and take part in the community councils used in administration. Obviously they would have to be part of and accountable to, the community. Participation in this type of organisation would have to be organised on a rotary basis with as many people as possible participating.

There would probably also need to be a more heavily equipped force. Something like this could again be run on a council basis. Discipline could be decided on by the soldiers' councils in the organ-

isational running of the force. Again the organisational basis would be federal.

It would seem to be from this brief survey of defence for a libertarian society, that some sort of armed force would be necessary. Recommended reading, is a book called, 'Nuclear Free Defence: a symposium of non-nuclear ideas', published by Heretic Books where ideas about defence are given in greater detail. Also see 'Alternatives to Defence' by Stuart Christie, in 'Black Flag' Quarterly Volume VII No. 4 Autumn 1983.

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'STOP "THE CITY"'

On Thursday 29th. of September, 1982, the first Stop the City protest/carnival took place between 6am and 6pm at the heart of Europe's largest financial centre, the 'city' of London. This was the day when summer profits were reckoned up- and a lot of them are profits from death. Some of the institutions which deal in death and armaments are well known: the Bank of England, Barclays Bank, and the stock exchange, etc, where they mark up the profits.

About 1500 people turned up to the protest ~~xxx~~ which was intended to show the links between big business and war, (not just nuclear weapons). The protest was open and festive - an event organised without leaders and authority. People were making efforts to talk to workers in the area as well as slowing up work by picketing and occupying the streets. X

The only violence came from the police - 15 people who arrived in a 'peace convoy' coach were grabbed by the police, beaten up and then charged with 'assault'. Over 200 people were arrested.

The next Stop the City will be on the 29th. of March, and should be even bigger and better. Anyone interested should contact: STC. c/o. 6, Endsleigh st. London W.C.1.

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