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This publication is produced by the Sheffield Anarchists as an aid to the wider dissemination of the libertarian viewpoint in the Sheffield Area and elsewhere.

Vol 1. No. 1 was originally published in 1891, and was intended to be published at fortnightly intervals. However, pressure from the law, christians, police and authority in general (anti-terrorist activity was used as a pretext) ensured its closure after only ten issues. It has been produced intermittantly ever since, issues being numbered consecutively.

The paper has no arbitrarily fixed price, a continuation of previous policy that ensures that want of a few pence shall not prevent the sharing of ideas. However, if you dn give generously, it will mean that we shall be able to produce more copies for free distribution. Monies received are used in this way, we pay ourselves an wages, under any guise, have no expense accounts and support no other enterprise.



Well here it is, at last, the Winter edition of The Sheffield Anarchist. Sorry it's been a long time coming out; the original (Autumn 83) edition has been awaiting printing since last November, and so ,obviously, we have had to update it.

Many, many thanks to the people who contributed in all the various ways. Even if some of the articles did take quite a while at least they got here.

The last issue 'sold' about 500 copies. Thanks to comrades going out to Fargate, etc. and selling them.

Hopefully, the next issue won't be so long coming out, so please send articles, drawings, poems, etc. Everything of an Anarchist nature will be included exactly as written although a typewriter may be used to save space. No editorial control is exercised over contributions, and inclusion is only subject to available space, although space has never before been a problem.

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MORE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHISTS

We are a very loose conglomeration of people, having in common that we are anarchists and live in Sheffield. We are not a formal group, and have no membership cards or anything like that, although we do try to meet together whenever possible. Our diversity acts as a safe-guard against 'leaders', police-infiltrators, etc and ensures that space is offered to Anarchists of differing opinions, for instance; pacifists and non-pacifists. The looseness of our grouping ensures that we do not become dogmatic and examine all avenues of anarchism. Also, as we are not a formal organisation as such we do not suffer from the same diseases that seem to afflict these structurees i.e. buracracy, intimidation of the less verbally articulate, oppression of minorities, hierarchy, etc, etc.

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HOME NEWS

What a way to spend a Saturday afternoon - The 'Campaign Against the Police Bill' Conference, Sheffield Poly, 4/2/84.

This lot turned out to be the usual Labour Party clique of would-be professional politicians, as I suppose should have been expected. Bill Mitchie M.P. guest (whose?) speaker was unable to cope with any serious opposition, but after a few "down at the house" stories he did have the good sense to fuck-off before the meeting got even worse. One member of the Law Society tried to impress us all with his idea of "street-cred", but this seemed to consist of his telling us about his "black friend", his having a conversation with somebody with long hair, and his being burgled seven times (the bastard must have something worth nicking).

The Labour Party left used all the usual trot tactics to try and get themselves into positions of pay and privilege. They seemed to have come all the way from London to have a conversation with themselves, as they were the only people freely allowed to speak. Any opposition to the party-line was ruthlessly put-down or ignored, and then, as usual, they started passing resolutions and co-opting their pals onto the central committee.

Nobody seemed exactly sure why these people had come to Sheffield, perhaps it was just a nice quiet spot to carry out a coup well away from anyone in London who might object.

If the Police Bill isn't passed by Parliament I certainly shalln't be shouting "hooray, hooray!" for a status-quo that contains meglamaniacs like these.

Frank Stagg Memorial Demonstration

On Sunday 12th February, the anniversary of Frank Stagg's death while on hunger strike in Wakefield Prison, a few of us forwent the opportunity to act in the peace film 'Threads' and went to Wakefield. We had hoped that it would be not only a demonstration commemorating Frank Stagg's death, but also a show of solidarity with those prisoners still alive in Wakefield. Generally however, it was merely used as an opportunity for the trot-leaders to teach their lesser comrades to chant parrot fashion the inane slogans of the mouth. 'Four legs good, two legs better' has now been replaced by the new favourite 'Irish freedom fighters are not British criminals'. They declined to justify their position towards "British criminals". It is a shame that prisoners generally have to die before they get any form of solidarity from the broad left.

The N.F. who had been half-expected, didn't turn up to liven things up and sort out who were the better racists, and even the police contingent was very thin on numbers, not to mention the trots, or for that matter us Anarchists. It's a shame a few would-be actors couldn't pass up the opportunity to pose in front of the camera's outside the city hall, and help turn the Wakefield Prison demo into something worth doing.

SHEFFIELD'S ANARCHIST'S NEWS.

Since the last Sheffield Anarchist came out quite alot has happened, we have had three Anarchist Centre's. The first - the old courthouse and mortuary on Nursery st., The second - the gas place opposite the courthouse on Nursery st. and the last one, Church House, St. James' st. near the cathedral. A pamphlet about the centres will be out soon.

While we were at the centres we went to a full council meeting to tell them that we didn't like them giving us summons' to evict us.....they wouldn't listen and suspended the meeting for 15 minutes.

A council foreman somehow got locked into the first centre while we were over the road in the second centre. He was there for an hour and a half - till the pigs got him out.

There was also a Black Flag readers meeting and a North East Anarchist Federation meeting in the second centre.

A newspaper photographer had his film 'taken off' him when he took pictures of people inside the centre when the comrades had asked him not to.

Anyway all this in detail and more will be in the pamphlet.

HOME NEWS

On tuesday 15th November the final nail was hammered into the coffin of the Sheffield Peace Centre (also known as the Masonic Hall) when Mansfield Breweries were granted a licence to use the building as a ground-floor pub with a 'health' club upstairs. They were aided in this by Sheffield Council who prefer to have an up-market trendy pub, (one of the main so-called attractions of which is a 'Jacuzzi'. This is not for the use of the pub users, but will have glass panels so that they can ogle at the half-naked occupants while getting pissed) and an exclusive health club, with a yearly subscription of £100 or daily admission for £5, rather than a Peace Centre directly behind the Town Hall. Mansfield took the almost unprecedented step of hiring a Q.C. to push the application through for them. The (in)famous John Hughgill Q.C. who last met the head magistrate when cross-examining him in the witness box, ensured that considerable public opposition to the plans was brushed aside.

Thanks to Sheffield Peace Action for all their help and support in opposing the licence (this amounted to less than nothing). We do realise it's winter now but we were still surprised not to at least have the Peace Bus park outside the courts for 5 minutes on it's almost daily excursion into town.

Congratulations to the person who sprayed Michael Heseltine with red paint when he recently visited Manchester University. Heseltine who was speaking there the day after Cruise missiles arrived at Greenham Common was covered with the paint as he was about to enter the building after being escorted through angry crowds of demonstrators. Immediately afterwards cries of "Better red than dead, Michael!" could be heard. Heseltine's ordeal was not yet over, and as he mounted the speakers platform (after being cleaned up) he had to continually duck eggs that were being thrown. Naturally enough C.N.D. condemned the incident.

On the 14th November, the day Cruise arrived in Britain, about 200 people demonstrated outside the town-hall. Some demonstrators lay down in front of buses and one arrest was made.

COMPETITION TIME

SPOT THE PARASITE.....

A competition to pick the area with more social workers per square inch than any other. Likely suggestions are;

- 1) Broomhall
- 2) Broomall
- 3) Broom Hall

The prizes for this competition are as follows;

1st Prize

An afternoon in the Broomspring Centre justifying some middle-class tendencies over-inflated wage-packet.

2nd Prize

A day out in the winning area with the community probation officer.

3rd Prize

A lentil burger and a "chat" with a social-worker of your choice.

Send all answers to:
S.T.P. Competition,
Box 217,
Sheffield.

OWING TO GROWING TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET BLOCK, A STATE OF WAR HAS JUST BEEN DECLARED. THE FULL EFFECTS OF WHICH WILL BE FELT IN FOUR MINUTES

NEWS FLASH

By

TDX

TUFF -SHIT!
AT LEAST I'LL BE
SNUG AND SAFE
IN THE BBC
BUNKER

AND TO END ON A LIGHTER
NOTE, WE HAVE SOME
RECENT NEWS FOR ANY
AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS
AMONGST YOU...

NEWS
FLASH

NOT LONG NOW
AND IT'LL ALL BE
OVER. THAT'LL SHOW
THAT BLOODY NEIGHBOUR
OF MINE! WE'LL SEE WHO'S
GOT THE SAFEST
SHELTER NOW!!

NEWS
FLASH

SCIENTISTS INFORM
US THAT THE SOLAR
SYSTEM WILL GAIN
A NEW ASTEROID BOLT
IN APPROXIMATELY
FOUR MINUTES!!

ALTERNATIVE CENTRE

On Tuesday 6th September about 40 people squatted St.Ives House,99-119 Rosebery Avenue EC1,a disused (for four years) office building in the heart of Islington. Our aim was to turn it into an Anarchy/Peace centre where people could come and get information on anarchist/peace issues and just chat in a friendly atmosphere away from the oppression on the streets,factories etc.

There's been plenty of activity generated.Many large meetings have been held there for Stop The City(a recent demonstration in London aimed at the business world) and for the London Squatters Network.There's a fairly active animal rights group, a womens group,a bookshop,yoga ,a printshop(not yet working properly)and gigs in the basement.... The cafe has been running sporadically.We were doing hot vegan food until we got victimised by the health inspectors and had to close.Since then we have tried to carry on tea/coffee and sandwiches but this has been difficult due to the apathy and pessimism of many people involved-which is frustrating as, along with the gig venue in the basement,it is the main way people are attracted into the centre,to see what we are doing and to talk with us about it.Without the cafe the centre is not a centre-the building just gets insular and domestic. The balance between domestic squat and centre is bloody difficult to achieve.There are conflicting interests between the 25 or so residents and the centre as a whole. It would be really nice to have an open house,but that's not so easy when facilities are stretched enough just for the people living there and we can't cope with people who take and don't give. These people in the past have made us wary of other visitors which is a state of mind we don't like falling into.

The G.L.C. 'bureaucrats' have now got a possession order on the building, but negotiations are going on with the G.L.C. politicians to stop an eviction order being carried out. There is a pretty good chance of staying since Ken Livingstone (G.L.C. leader) sees himself achieving political points if he supports us.All the hard line left wingers are predictably into us as well. The police have raided us twice-only one arrest so far, for hash.They just want to hassle us-whats new?

We have all the classic problems of an anarchy/peace centre;people who take advantage of the desired open house attitude, people riding on each others backs by not taking responsibility - leadership tags have been given to the few who do take on responsibility. Arguments have flared but major splits have been averted... People may leave due to bad 'vibes' (maan!) but others will persevere, others will stay quiet, others will just do.....

SQUATTING FOR PEACE

rob & sarah (a personal view).

MANCHESTER ANIMAL DEMO

We started off from Sheffield at 10.30 a.m. to go to Manchester Anti-vivisection funeral march. Got there about one o'clock and saw that the National Anti-Vivisection Society had arranged a hearse type car and mourners to carry small coffins representing the animals subjected to torture in Manchester University.

The march was better than the usual shouting because it was supposed to be a funeral, a silent march and people had been asked to wear black. The people watching seemed to be more affected by the sight and loads of people took and read leaflets.

We marched slowly to the University building holding up loads of traffic. When we arrived some people chanted for the press, the coffins were delivered, some windows were smashed around the back of the building and people were arrested and taken to the nick, but some people got arrested and were helped away. Everyone went around the corner to eat vegan food (which is good, as there's more and more vegans-VEGANOK)

I think if the people who were arrested for breaking windows when the police were expecting it most, thought about their actions they might come to the conclusion that Direct @ction, i.e. raids on labs, hunt sabotaging etc might be far more constuctive and help more animals. ANARCHY IN ACTION.

The story begins in early 1983, when a group of Anarchists squatted the Masonic hall (soon to be a pub) They squatted it as a peace centre, it lasted for a few months before being evicted. (by our caring socialist council). One thing that did happen at that time was that the council realised something had to be done to counter this..... They came up with a peace shop and according to them we could have a building that they didn't want to use (which never came about).

Anyway soon after the Anarchists left the peace shop opened it was to be run by the P.L.C (peace liason committee). They started paying two workers but didn't make enough money so now they are unpaid. They also have volunteers working there.

So what does the shop sell? Books about the bomb (boom industry, lots of money to be had) stickers, keyrings, some records, posters, kites, T-shirts etc.

Now to what the article is really about. The shop is run by a self appointed committee who decide what goes in the shop. The committee used to be called a collective but it fooled no-one.

The committee has decided that some, not all Crass records are offensive Linda Hoy brought it up (she is a Quaker). I don't think she likes swearing but most people swear anyway. They've had complaints from other people, but those people don't have to read inside the covers or listen to the fucking record. Anyway they are being really petty about it.

So what about us getting on the committee, well we can't because the P.L.C. votes people onto the committee and the committee is the P.L.C.. Linda Hoy and Jim Coleman have the most say as to what goes on. (Jim just happens to have got a job off the Council recently- creeping shithead)

Trev was on the committee, he was a friend of ours, he didn't agree with Linda Hoy about the sale of second hand books (which were sexist and pro-war). She got embarrassed about the whole affair when the story slipped out to a local paper, thus causing a big stink. Trev is not on the committee any more...

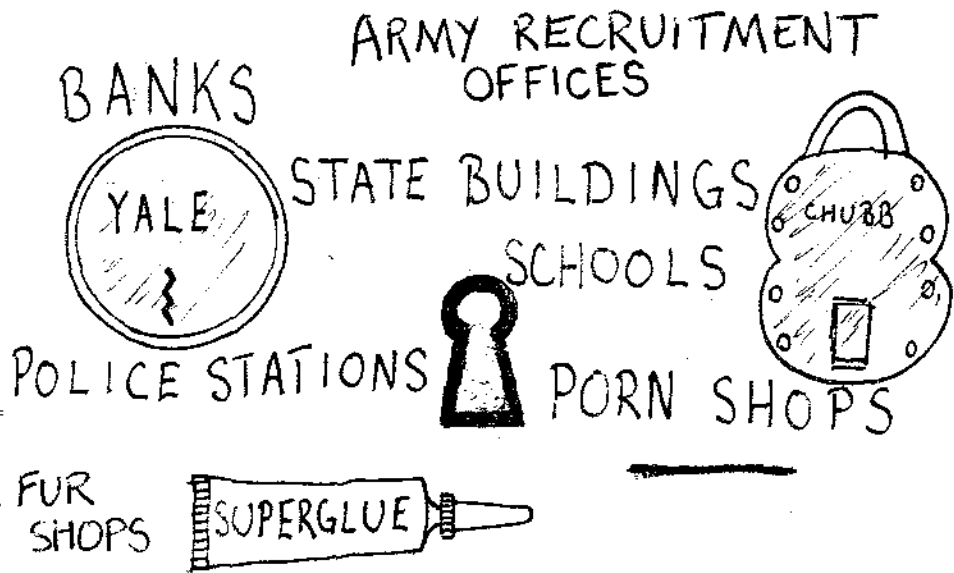
Anyway getting on with the story the people on the committee have got it nicely sewn up and their real love for capitalism is showing through, they have made the shop into a limited company and are all directors.

NEED I SAY MORE.

AMERICA

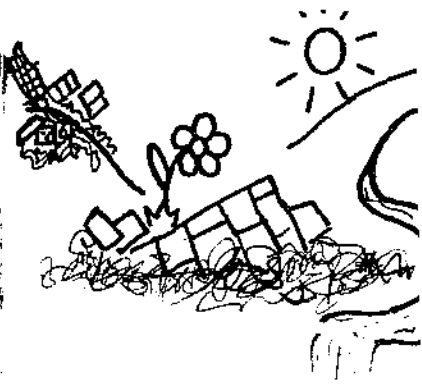
Dead Indian smoke spirals
 Upwards, the bleached charred
 God lying dying over a
 Minute portion
 Of a huge land. In
 Between the fires starving
 Figures pick their way through
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 Of a life.
 Once whole brown earth killed
 Caked in blood
 And hide and hair and sperm,
 Blackened bones and horn smoulder,
 The ruins of a species
 Wasted to destroy a culture.
 Junning food for the vultures.
 And now?
 Even the vultures starve, for
 The bones have turned to cold
 Hard steel and pipes of death
 Rule this once alive land and
 The vultures
 Hide in dread and cower from
 The grim touch of now as it's
 Barren black fingers reach
 Ever further. Offering
 US a
 Selection of dead forest
 Things to possess and
 Maul in ignorance
 As we trample the flowers to
 Plunder the fruit.
 For we have lost innocence
 And love.

BY SEAN.



STAMP SOAPING... A good way of getting a bit of money out of the post office is to soap stamps. To do this simply wet your finger and rub on a bar of soap then smear a thin film of soap onto the stamp, this allows the postmark to be rubbed off thus allowing the stamp to be used again, but after a couple of times the stamp becomes grubby and worn, so it is best just to use the stamp twice.

TAKE IT BACK



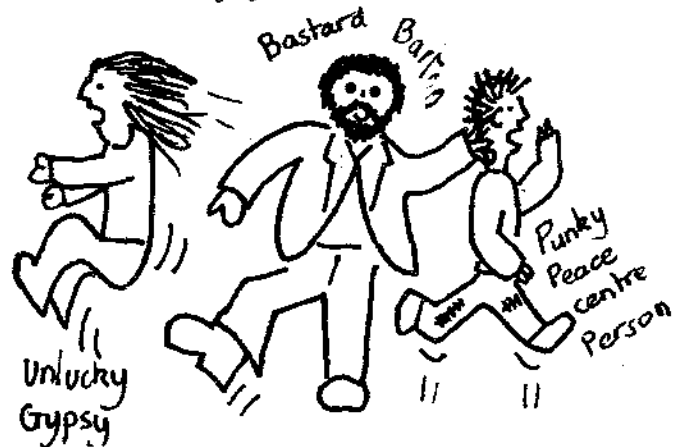
Everyday, people are treated like dirt by government, government policies, the police, councils, the dole office, the bosses and so on.

We, those very same people, never do anything about the way we are treated but there is nothing that we can do'.

Is there nothing we can do? For how much longer will we be treated like shit by governments' uncaring policies, for how long are we going to be treated like pawns in their stupid games of killing?

I've just seen on the news that british aerospace are making 3,000 redundant because they are not able to sell commercial aircraft, but if the government gives a nod, they will go ahead and start making a new missile for Harriers which will create more jobs, more jobs for the people, more bloody weapons to kill those very same people. Doesn't the state seem a bit sick when the only jobs are for callous bloody murder?

The council in sheffield call sheffield 'PEACE CITY' and yet the wonderful socialist council evicted the people from the Peace Centre (offering temporary accomodation, which never came about,) and promised a Centre in April, which also never came about. Councillor roger barton (along with blunkett) spread alot of lies about the Peace Centre and played some very dirty tricks..... barton also (it's said) is the person who kicks the Gypsies off the land that they surely have a right to if it is not being used.



Troops were sent in to Greenham Common today to protect missiles that will be arriving within the year, but round the world a bit is a starving child..... a child that doesn't understand or care about the world of economics or the politics of food, a child that doesn't even know about the millions of tons of apples, grain, butter and meat that cannot be given to her/him because it is burned, dumped or kept.....to make sure the price stays high.

That food belongs to the people, it was sown, planted and collected by the people, yet we allow it to be taken from us, just as we have allowed, our dignity, our labour, our children, our everything to be taken away from us.

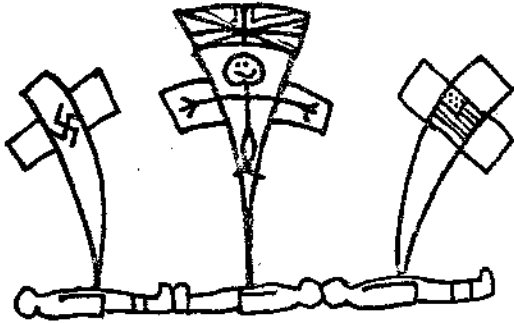
All money, all wealth stands for the millions of deaths, murders, wars and exploitation, there is no way all the blood can be measured.

Thatcher is trying to bring back hanging...again, she's obsessed with deterrence. she'S obsessed with murder, there are too many people in the prisons that the people built.

People sweated for a pitance hoping to be able to carry on another week, hoping to stop the rent man coming round, hoping to prolong the baliffs coming round, hoping always hoping that they wouldn't have to steal, hoping they wouldn't be in prison next week.

As every moment passes the rulers who thief, torture, murder, lock-up and try to capture and pervert our bodies, become stronger and stronger, more and more names go on the computers and lists, they keep us content with their lies in the media, I hate lies and more lies, everything that the government does is a lie, a perversion, they blind us with morals yet they are above morals, and we give them the power to destroy us singularly or as a whole.

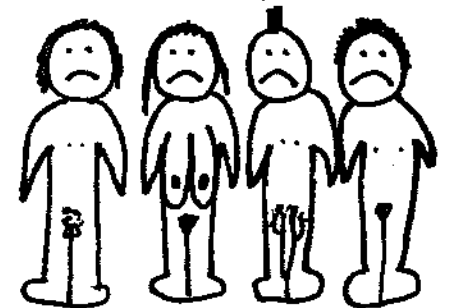
They blind us and beat us, kick us and break us with their morals, the morals are our oppression, the church will tell you that 'you shouldn't kill' but there have been countless religious wars, the church has taken so much wealth off us, they own so much land, they have killed so many people.



In countless wars the church has supported both murderous sides, the church is a supporter and helper to the government's murder, just as they supported the murder of the inhabitants of america, so they supported the americans in the second world war, and also supported the germans in the same war. They supported the czar in russia and in most cases have supported both sides in every war, and then in the same sentence say that they believe in god and jesus. Surely they must have seen the ten commandments or is it that they only see what they want to.

The state does the same, it only see's what it wants to see, and only allows us to see what it wants us to see. Meanwhile they allow pornographic magazines, they promote the perfect woman that is never seen, they fuck up minds, with girls magazines portraying the perfect love with perfect people.

The people in their magazines are always so perfect, they never get spots, only the people who never get in their magazines get spots. So we all aquire guilt complexes, we become scared of our bodies, 'is my prick to small' 'are my breasts too big' 'is my prick to big' 'are my breasts to small', only the people in their magazines have perfect sized breasts. Does my breath smell? Am I dirty? Is my hair greasy? We are forced into total fear, fear of our bodies. I feel alone, very alone with my fears and guilt, guilt for allowing the fear that was instilled in my mum and dad the fear that has made them into robots, they can hardly think for themselves, the thought that they have left is drowned in alcohol, watered down and pushed aside.



Normal, normal, are you normal?

Any joy that I feel is half hearted because in the back of my mind I know that at any minute a powermonger could destroy all life, I know that at that moment when I am laughing someone, somewhere is screaming, hundreds are killing, thousands are starving and that the scientists are working on a new way to kill us, some weapon that is more powerful than we already have or some chemical or germ that could be used to protect us, us who won't be in the bunkers, who will be drinking from the contaminated stream and us who will be vomiting and have dihoera and us who will fall down and decay into a mass of radioactive flesh. We will act out the parts of the donkeys that they contam-inated with their fallout, we shall be the ones that will have blood dripping from our mouths. To them we are the ginuea-pigs, they don't care, they never care. Every six seconds an animal dies in a british laboratory, who knows how many die worldwide, they are mutilated and killed purely for money, for cosmetics that we don't need, for twenty types of floor cleaner, so many useless items, we are told that we need them, the real story is that they want their bloody money back in their pockets, more money to spend on war, more money to kill us with. More money to pervert our minds, more money to spend on dividing us, football team supporters fighting, whites and blacks fighting, countries fighting, it's what the government or state wants to see, they want you to beat people up then you end up in their prisons, they then tell us we were lucky the police and army are there, otherwise we would have been beaten up - what crap.

Sheffield city council wouldn't support the peace centre because we were squatters and obviously no one in sheffield could need anything that the wonderful socialist council didn't provide already. Sheffield C.N.D. wouldn't support the peace centre, splitting the movement etc.....it can also be noted that mick elliot, chairperson, or chairman as they used to say, was on two council committees and that jim coleman was in line for a council job, no wonder the C.N.D. leadership didn't support the centre, especially when the unbiased chairperson does not support any kind of direct action and gave a five minute summing up speech against the centre. We were squatters and squatting is illegal...in their eyes, but not in the eyes of the law.

There are hundreds of empty buildings in sheffield, these are our buildings, why shouldn't we use buildings that aren't being used.

For how much longer are we going to sit around doing nothing.

THIS IS OUR WORLD, LET'S HAVE IT BACK.

BOOK REVIEW

The Christie File.

Easy to read unlike lots of books, very interesting and comical all the way through and even though it is an auto-biography, it tells a lot more than just a part of Christie's life. It gave me a more sussed view (and more caring) about prisoners, which is something that I never really thought about before. Anyway it is a really good book and well worth reading, even for people who don't agree with Christie's views.

Don't mark his face.

Horrible but mind opening book, tells what happened during the Hull prison riot and what happened to the prisoners afterwards. The way these men were treated is disgusting, but expected. This really does give you an insight into how bad British prisons can be/are. A lot of the people who have written articles for this pamphlet are not Anarchists, well maybe they are now. It is very easy to read and really good value, 40p I think.

BE WARNED These books make you wonder what you can do to help prisoners. All I can suggest is get Black Flag and write to them...and give them support.....

BARRIERS

A large part of our work towards anarchy must surely involve breaking down the barriers and the prejudices which exist between people. We need to destroy the bigoted attitudes which lead people to hate each other (dislike each other etc,) simply because they are black, white, jews, mods, punx, etc. We all need to learn to respect each others individuality. Everybody has their own level of personal responsibility, their own morality, their own eyes and their own fucking minds. Its not hard to recognise this fact, YET so many people are scared of hurting others if they speak their mind, scared of offending others if they spoke their mind, scared of what other people will think if they express their true feelings.

So many people criticise each other, but not on a personal level, not to each others faces. They moan about another person for months on end, criticising them and slagging them off into the ground, but never tell that person how they feel about them, not to their face / This is fucking dishonest and my morality calls for honesty, I dont know about yours.

If criticism could be kept to honest discussion between people, and not used as an abstract form of putting people down when they arent around, the world would be a healthier place to live in.

Do you want anarchy? We wont achieve it if people carry on slagging each other off for being vegan, meat-eaters, pacifists, violent people etc. Discuss your differences, but dont use them against each other. Lets all work against the real enemies; the wealthy, powerful governing elites who thrive off the blood, sweat and tears of humanity for the sake of their own greedy selves.

Those of us who seek the truth know the meaning of loneliness, we must learn to be alone together.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY.

ANARCHY PEACE FREEDOM LIBERTY
FIGHT BACK SPIKE

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

1. ARREST In most cases you have no legal duty to answer police questions. In the following situations you can be prosecuted for not giving your name and address (ONLY) when asked: Driving a motor vehicle (also your age)

Suspected of creating a disturbance at a public meeting.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS cont

Suspected of possessing drugs.

In possession of firearms.

SUSPECTED OF POSSESSING offensive weapon in public place.

Failing to pay fare on train.

If the police ask you to go to the police station, ask if they are arresting you. If no you can decide whether or not to go. If you go, voluntarily, get someone to go with you. See 'questioning' below.

warrants Ask to see the warrant, check it for correct name and address and for details of bail. If no warrant, you can still be arrested if the police think you are:

Committing, about to commit or have committed an offence carrying a max. penalty of at least 5 years.....breaching the peace...obstructing the highway...possessing offensive weapon...refusing or failing breathalyser...involved in terrorism...drunk + disorderly in a public place.

at the station you should be told what you are charged with and allowed to contact a friend, lawyer or member of your family, allowed to talk privately with your own solicitor. You are not compelled to answer questions, give fingerprints, take part in an I.D. parade or sign any statements. They can get a magistrates warrant later to compel you to give fingerprints. (similarly photographs)

If you go voluntarily to the station you can leave at any time. If arrested without a warrant you should be taken to a magistrates court within 24hrs (48 at w/e). If arrested with a warrant they should take you to a magistrates court as soon as possible. Ask for bail at court if not mentioned on warrant. Ask for legal aid.

2. QUESTIONING You do not have to make a statement if you do not want to. If you decide to do so, you may write it yourself. You can refuse to sign until you have seen a solicitor. Never believe threats or promises. Co-operation solely for short term benefits (e.g. promise of bail) will probably harm your case.

3. SEARCH

on the street Police have the power to stop and search if they are looking for drugs, firearms, documents or articles relating to terrorism, stolen goods. They should have reasonable grounds for suspicion (unusual clothes are NOT reasonable grounds). Also have power if they arrest you.

before agreeing to be searched ask if you are being arrested, ask what they are looking for and what grounds they have for suspicion and under what authority they want to search you. You can ask for a private search at the police station (take someone with you). You are free to leave unless you are arrested. Ask to see the officer's warrant card and note down the no. in case you need to make a complaint later (see later).

if you are arrested they do not have unlimited power to search you. THEY CAN DO SO TO remove weapons, to obtain and keep evidence in connection with the crime for which you were arrested. They will search you if they are putting you in a cell. THIS IS NOT THE POWER TO STRIPSEARCH. If you are arrested in the street, the police have no power to take you and search your home or workplace without your consent unless they have a warrant.

4. SEARCH OF PREMISES The law is confused and seldom tested. The police can enter premises to stop or prevent a breach of the peace or serious personal injury,

to carry out a warrant for arrest,

to carry out a search warrant,

to arrest someone if a warrant isn't necessary (see arrest)

They can use reasonable force if you refuse to let them in. A right to enter does not mean a right to search. If police enter and refuse to leave in other circumstances, they are trespassing, contact lawyer

Always ask to see the warrant before opening the door (through the window or under the door) You only see it once so read it carefully and make notes of any limits on the place to be searched and items to be looked for. Ask to see the warrant card of the police officer in charge (note the number) Check if the warrant expires after 1 search or can be used again. Check the address in case they have made a mistake in your favour. Call a solicitor. Watch what the police take. The warrant must specify if they have the power to search PEOPLE as well as place. They can however, search someone who has been arrested.

taking away property with a warrant they can take evidence from the named place or person they can take evidence of other offences, they can take evidence of involvement in terrorism. They are NOT allowed to take evidence that someone other than the occupier or the arrested person has been involved in an offence. Without a warrant they can take articles if they have reasonable grounds to believe a serious offence has been committed (murder, armed robbery.....) They should provide signed receipts and should return the goods within a reasonable time. REMEMBER-PIGS MAY NOT GIVE YOU YOUR RIGHTS AND PIGS ARE BASTARDS.....

LEADABLE LEADABLE

By
TAK



LONDON C.N.D. RALLY - OCT 22ND AN ANARCHIST'S VIEWPOINT

A quarter of a million people marching to a secluded little spot in Hyde Park to ask politely for a 'nuclear freeze'. Do they really think that they will ever change anything this way? What would a 'nuclear freeze' prove? The World's 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 C.N.D. masses; "Vote for me. I'll halt the arms race." Do you think 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 and promising not to. PROTEST AND SURVIVE?

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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 responsibility. 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. 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.

C.N.D. is another form of state control. Bruce Kent (and other C.N.D. leaders) receives £250 a week. It has a hierarchy, a bureaucracy, and as with all such organisations everything just boils down to money. You have to pay to join C.N.D., then you must abide by their rules. You march for them in an orderly fashion, don't say the wrong thing and don't step out of line. C.N.D. 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.

Several of us went along to the C.N.D. 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 C.N.D. 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 C.N.D. stewards throughout the march, simply for trying to get our banners and flags seen. Do these people really wish for peace? The C.N.D. POLICE.

Upon entering the park and moving to the front of the stage, we began to chant, to shout, harass the politicians 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 charges like '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 peace, C.N.D., and 'law and order' criticising us and putting us down as '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.

This is an article sent to the Sheffield anarchists by a person calling themselves Spid@. Here it is, care of your anarcho-facist friend, the typist.

Sheffield Anarchist Article Sept. '83.

It would seem that in Sheffield today there are 3 distinct ways in which people are 'working' towards an 'anarclist' state. Firstly there are the people who believe, as I do, that the only true revolution will come through re-education/socialisation of ordinary people (through discussion, films, music etc.) and actually try, non-violently to open non-anarchists minds to the good of an anarcho-society - a society without oppression, repression, violence, hate. This article does not concern these activists.

But then we come to, firstly, the anarcho-facists (a new form of bully boy) and then we look at anarcho-lazy (a new form of bed warmer). But first things first:

Anarcho-facists:- These are anarchists (either individually or as part of a group of like minded friends) who say that they do not believe in state violence as it seeks to oppress them, but they do see situation which would call for them to be violent either as a mean of promoting an 'anarchist' society or violence just on a personal basis. Are these people too blind or stupid to see that violence used to change society would inevitably oppress those who do not believe as they do, as so they would just be removing one oppressive state only to replace it with one different only in name. The only true and lasting anarcho-revolution will come through individuals' personal realisation that there is a better alternative to what they now have, and such a personal realisation will come, not through violent overthrow of the present system, but through a re-education in the form of music, talking, film etc. People must be allowed to take anarchy to their heart and not have it forced down their throat at gunpoint.

Then there is the personal basis argument in favour of violence. The most common argument I have come across is:-

'If you found that someone was attacking, causing physical harm to, perhaps raping someone that you were deeply involved with (as friend or lover) then is it not reasonable for you to feel and act violently towards the assailant.'

I say that it isn't. There are just as many non-violent ways to protect yourself or others as there are violent ways. If you agree with violence against the violent then it follows that you feel it would be right for the family of a murdered person to hang (or otherwise dispatch) the murderer. If you differentiate between one kind of violence and another then I call you a hypocrite /

Part II : Anarcho-lazy : This group of 'anarchists' seems to spend the majority of it's day looking for free (usually hallucinogenic) drugs, sleeping and lazing around. It's fine to call yourself an anarchist, but why not try and do something positive to promote yours (and my) ideals? Try getting involved in actions (be they for animal liberation, peace etc), produce anti-state leaflets (and give them out), flypost the city etc...etc. Just don't waste your time, we may not have much left.

I hope to see you all in London on Sept 29th 1983 for the 'stop the city' demo. Lets everyone strive for an anarcho-future.

ANARCHY, PEACE, FREEDOM, LOVE SPID@.

ANSWER TO LETTER (ABOVE)

Well Simon, it seems you feel the time has come for a purge in our not exactly huge movement. A purge which you seem intent to pursue with the rabid authoritarianism of any new convert to a true faith.

Firstly, I hope that no-one is working towards the 'anarchist state' that you refer to. Secondly I don't think that there are three distinct ways in which Anarchists in Sheffield are working towards an anarchist society. How dare you try to pigeon-hole Anarchists into football team-like categories, shouldn't we be trying to fight against the politics of conflict?

ANSWER TO LETTER CONT....

As your article does not concern the first football team (the winning side) referred to as the 'activists', I will move onto your second category 'The Anarcho-Fascists'. Before I go further, let me say that you do a great dishonour to those people who have died at the hands of fascists by using the term so loosely and flippantly. Furthermore by the perverse coupling of anarchism and fascism in this way you doubly insult the many Anarchists who have been murdered by fascists or those who still rot in fascist prisons.

I have been an active Anarchist for several years and I have never come across any Anarchists who I feel fit into this category. Perhaps you have been reading the wrong kind of newspapers, if you really think that some Anarchists want to force their ideas down other people's throats at gunpoint. You speak against violence and yet your article is full of violence, your authoritarian zealotism stinks of bigotry, coercion and intolerance, surely the very roots of fascism. Could it be that you have been scared into this state by a total misunderstanding of non-pacifist Anarchism (I am yet to meet a complete pacifist) rather like the early Christians seeing the devil in anything that they did not understand.

It is very easy for you in your white, male, middle-class, holier-than-thou smugness to think of yourself as a pacifist. It is a luxury that at the moment you are able to afford. Unfortunately however, it is a luxury that most people in the world are not able to afford. Would you deny the Palestinians of Lebanon for instance, the right to defend themselves against an aggressor intent solely on their genocide? Would you deny a woman the right to defend herself against a rapist? You are not in a position to do so.

Your only understanding of violence is as an emotional response. It is very fine of you to say that you would not be prepared to use violence to any extent under any circumstances, (which I doubt), but many people have been put in positions where they have had no choice but to defend themselves with violence. If you were a genuine pacifist who believed that it was better to die rather than use violence when faced with an aggressor that is one thing, but you have no right to condemn people who live in a harsher world than your white, male, middle-class cocoon. After all, when is anyone going to threaten your existence in the immediate term, you're on the winning side.

On a more personal level, it is important to understand violence rather than poo-poo it because it is unpleasant and undesirable, this is the first step to controlling the emotional violence that all human-beings at time feel. Then perhaps when an individual is confronted with a violent situation, personally or as a third party, (your example was a rape), they will have already thought over the situation, and their response will be based on logic, compassion and self-restraint rather than emotion and vengeance. Is a woman being violent simply by asserting her right to walk anywhere, at any time, in any form of dress she chooses, and be left unmolested (a right you probably take for granted)?

The third football team you name as the 'Anarcho-Lazy's'. Certainly there are some Anarchists who may not go to quite as many demonstrations as you, they perhaps don't write articles for the Sheffield Anarchist as often as they could, and maybe they haven't handed out any leaflets for a while. But surely it is up to each individual to decide in which way and to what extent they feel best able to work for Anarchism and not for you to sanctimoniously spell out "three distinct ways". Criticize their lack of revolutionary fervour if you really feel you must, but not their Anarchism.

Anyway Spid@, why not crawl out of the closet of anonymity and talk to a few of the non-pacifist Anarchists and perhaps some of the less active Anarchists, you might find that you have more in common than your preconceived misconceptions suggest. If however you don't wish to this might I suggest that you really do devote your time doing something constructive instead of wasting your energy by conducting personal jihad's against non-existent political factions and those Anarchists who don't wish to toe your party-line. The gutter-press, not to mention the state, make plenty of accusations about armed Anarchist conspiracies, 'Anarchist' drug fiends etc etc, without your help so why not leave it to them. Your suggestions are unwise and could be dangerous to many people who might well consider themselves your comrades. Kindness, tolerance and trust please.

Unity in Diversity, BARN.

AN ADDRESS TO THE ARMY -

FROM THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST - JULY 19TH 1891

Fellow Workers-For fellow-workers you were before you sold yourselves, and fellow-workers you may be after your term of servitude as soldiers has expired. We, the Anarchist-Communists of England, being the English section of the Anarchist-Communist groups of the world, appeal to your manhood to listen to us through this address, and to be careful before you cast aside what is on the one hand an appeal and on the other a word of warnin-g.

The world-wide struggle on the part of the wage-workers against the tyranny of Capitali-sm is becoming so severe that recently, in various parts of the world, the military have been used by our masters in order to crush the rising aspirations of the people. In America, men, women, and children have been shot down by the soldiery for daring to prote-st against the starvation wages paid to them. In France, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Belgium the same thing has occured. You may say, what has all this to do with me? Well, stop and listen. Recently in Scotland, at Motherwell, at Liverpool, at Southampton, Leeds and Bradford, the services of the soldiery-in whose hands this may fall-were utilized to put down the meetings of working men and women, who were attempting to protest against the miserable wages paid, and the horrible conditions under which many of them lived. The capitalists, in their attempt by "blackleg" labour to crush the workers are, and ever have been, ready to use the soldiery in order to achieve their damnable ends; only recent-ly the soldiery in Maryborough, Australia, were made howling drunk and then let out in the town, committing many brutal assaults, yet the workers were quiet even under these circumstances, and this is in one of our own colonies. Other governments in various parts of the world have used soldiers as "blacklegs" to defeat the workers in their attempt to better their position. The governing powers of England, made up of our masters as they are, and must necessarily be whilst they hold the means of life in their hands, are not one bit behind their "co-thieves" the capitalists of other lands. Recently, during the threatened Gas Strike, it is well known that accomodation was made for the soldiers, not only to occupy the Gas Works, but also to "blackleg" against those on strike. Is this to continue? The answer lays with you, largely. You who are the sons of workers, you who have known the hard conditions of factory life, you who when your services were no longer required by a boss were cast aside and forced (in most cases) to enlist or starve, are you to be the men to crush others whom you left behind in factory, mine, field, or works-hop, when they try to resist being slowly starved to death? Nay, surely you will never butcher your own class like wolves eager for blood. Our fathers, mothers, and kindred have, like many of yours, ended their days in the workhouse, whilst we, and many of you, have had to eke out a miserable existence as best we could. And why? In order that an idle class of landlords and Capitalists may live in luxury and debauchery, whilst we work hard and starve. They are able to maintain their power over us simply because they can hire you to shoot us down if we should rebel to alter our conditions, paying you out of what has been wrung from the blood and sweat of your brethren. Need this be? No, a thousa-and times no. There is land enough for all to live upon; nature has endowed us with skill to be able, not only to exist, but to live the lives of happy men, women and children.

We are striving to bring about a condition of society in which there shall be neither slave nor master, neither poor nor rich, where all shall be able to satisfy their human desires, in a word we are striving for FREEDOM. Shall it be said that you-part of our class as you are-will aid in suppressing our noble efforts? Remember you also will have the battle of life to fight, that you will on the day of your discharge have to begin the struggle for existence; what sympathy can you expect if today you use your weapons agains-t those who are fighting not only their battle but yours. Pause, comrades, and on the words "Make ready, Fire!" shoot the scoundrels who you murder the people. You do your duty and we will do ours. We have put our hand to the plough and do not mean to turn back whether we achieve VICTORY or meet DEATH. We have nothing to lose but our chains, and we have a world to gain. We, therefore are working for the destruction of private property, believing that the holding of land and capital by the community will be the best and safest way to obtain the greatest amount of happiness for you and all the human race.

ADDRESS TO THE ARMY - CONTINUED

When the people attempt to take back the wealth they have created, your services will be called in; THINK carefully, and decide on which side you will fight. Science has placed in our hands a weapon also and we shall not hesitate to answer back when once you have begun the bloody work of our task-masters. We appeal to you in no idle manner, we are in earnest; we ask you to choose whom you will fight for and with. Shall it be for our masters or with us? The history of the world testifies to cases where the soldiery have joined the people against their rulers; let us hope that history will record that the soldiers of England stood beside the people and against the thieves who robbed them. We appeal to you to choose, and we warn you on the other hand that, come what will, we will not turn back. Every means we know of shall be used by us in our struggle, and if you are against us, we can only look upon you as traitors to your class and enemies of mankind. We ask you again to show your sympathy by joining the revolt of the people, which may not be long coming. Whilst determined to resist force by force, we would rather greet you as comrades than enemies. Our watchword is "REVOLT! REVOLT!" What shall yours be? Several of our comrades are in your midst, will you answer their signal, or obey the commands of your officers? Let us hope when our comrades cry "REVOLT!" that your answer will thunder forth "Revolt! Revolt! against tyranny and robbery; hurrah for Anarchy and the Social Revolution."

GOODBYE

No T.V. in my cell,
No turkey dinners either,
All I got
For 18 monthes
Was abused,
And shoved around,
And shit upon
By society.
All I got
For 18 monthes
Was Hate,
And Oppression
A steel-shod boot
Stamping
Down,
Down,
Down,
On my face,
For 18 monthes.
And I am Angry!

22/7/81
Maidstone Prison

PRISON INDUSTRIES

In Britain's prisons the inmates are forced to perform menial tasks for the Home Office, Armed Services or for some commercial companies. They must sit for up to eight hours a day folding bits of cardboard, sewing mailbags or doing some other boring, repetitive, wasteful, and mind-destroying labour. The wages they receive for this are usually less than a pound, sometimes very much less than this.

Safety-regulations are almost totally non-existent, (in one prison inmates pack poisonous soap without any adequate form of protection), and if they are injured they are not covered by Industrial Injuries Benefit.

Those prisoners that refuse to be used as slave labour are punished by loss of remission, (ultimately increasing their sentence by over 30%), segregation, and confinement to cell for nearly 24 hours a day (this includes loss of association with other inmates, loss of access to educational facilities, loss of pay, no access to media, etc, etc) without a bed or mattress, (except for a few hours at night), without tobacco, and in some prisons without clothes. On top of this those who continue to resist will be punished by the many sadistic and cruel methods employed in all Britain's prisons, from beatings, being kept awake and continual harassment to the "liquid cosh". These punishments are designed to break the prisoners' will to fight and force them back to sit like zombies at the treadmill, where they even have to raise their hands to ask to use the toilet in many prisons.

The barbarity of this forced-labour is condoned, and indeed encouraged, by the Home Office and the private firms who use prisoners as a source of cheap labour.

Some of the companies who use prisoners in this way are; Dunlop, Britians Toys, Empire Stores, Brian Mills Catalogue, Arronson Furniture, Nelson Labels, Invicta, and the G.P.O. We ask our readers to boycott these companies to the best of their abilities. We should also like to hear from any ex-cons who know of any other companies of this sort.

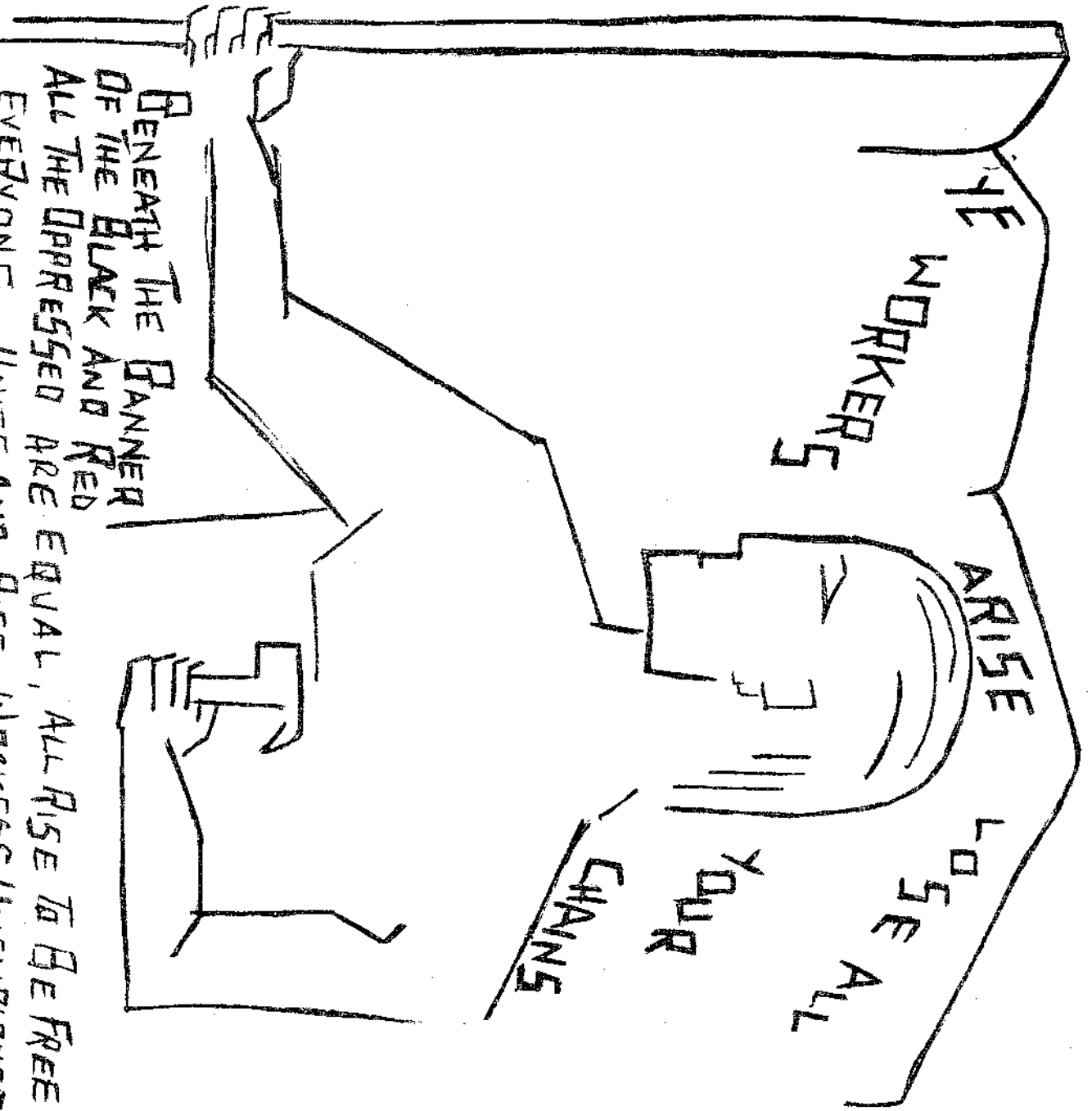
We hope to have more about the Campaign Against Prindus in the next issue.



THE BLACK IS THE COLOUR OF
 OPPOSITION TO AUTHORITY
 THE RED IS THE COLOUR OF
 THE POOR AND WORKING CLASS
 TOGETHER THEY SYMBOLISE
 THE POOR AND THE OPPRESSED,
 OF ALL RACES, ALL AGES, ALL
 KINDS, UNITED AND FIGHTING
 TO ACHIEVE THE DESTRUCTION
 OF ALL OPPRESSIONS, ALL FORMS
 OF AUTHORITY, ALL FORMS OF
 ENSLAVEMENT.

THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY,
 THE POVERTIES OF MIND, BODY
 AND SPIRIT AND THE FIGHT
 AGAINST AUTHORITY, BE IT,
 STATE, UNION OR BOSS, ARE THE
 SAME.

THE BLACK AND RED.



BENEATH THE BANNER
 OF THE BLACK AND RED
 ALL THE OPPRESSED ARE EQUAL, ALL RISE TO BE FREE
 EVERYONE, UNITE AND RISE, WORKERS, UNEMPLOYED,
 BLACK, WHITE, YELLOW, BROWN, MAN AND WOMAN, YOUNG
 AND OLD THE HINDU AND THE ISLAM

A WEB OF LIES

In what is surely one of the most lying and vicious attacks ever to be published in a libertarian journal, (a recent copy of 'Panik'), the sanctimonious "Spida" chose to attack the Anarchist Centre. A pretty vehement attack for a person who a month after the centre had opened had only been in twice: The sort of support you could expect from a so-called "activist" who had to be dragged down by a comrade for a first visit as he could only spend his time in a drug-imposed stupor. Then the hypocrite has the nerve to attack others for similar activities in his article in this issue.

We could spend our time in better ways than by trying to unravel the web of lies spread by this self-righteous bigot.

Petit D'Jeuner

Even your sick little mind couldn't possibly believe that crap. So why don't you and your pals stop playing silly mind games.



THE PILLARS SUPPORT THE BUILDING.

THE "PILLARS OF SOCIETY" SUPPORT THE BUILDING OF OPPRESSION.

REMOVE THE PILLARS AND THE BUILDING WILL COLLAPSE!

Home Secretary condemns **TOUGH BOSS** terror

acts by extremists Man was killed after being caught raping girl of 18

Nato missile pads go astray

Note the actions, not the words

Arrest at No 10

They wanted us to be afraid of their tanks. Instead we don't fear them at all

Police kill four as mobs go on rampage in Gujارات

is Tory message

East German attack on free trade union

Squatters eviction procedure

Officer gets 15 years for killing black boy

prison terms

Man found hanged

Terrorist suspect caught by West German police

THE LIMITS OF REASONABLE FORCE

Nobel winners head drive to ban chemical weapons

Two to face car arson trial

600 faint in the cold as Pope says Mass

Home Office figure confirm police harassment

vote on leader Clergy given pledge on nuclear aims

Health group methods criticized

escape from war killers

Executions soon for Liberian murderers

BBC feared effect of nuclear film on elderly

victory

15 shot dead in Guatemala wave of violence

Soviet attack might convince hesitant Europe

Spend arms money on handicapped

Women shot by error in Italy

Police kill five Dispute over equality follows death sentence

Right-wing protests Pope reaches Japan

Violence on the terraces

shooting Profit Apathy kills

Thousands in protest march over jobless

Police take over under threat rights Moscow feels banned

PART OF THE SYSTEM

The Pope says Mass for 48,000 in Nagasaki

Russia: a society in collapse

THE BAD NAME OF CAPITALISM

Plea for Budget to ease burden on poor

Children dying daily in Ogaden camp

Pound falls further against dollar

A fight against Left and Right student riot