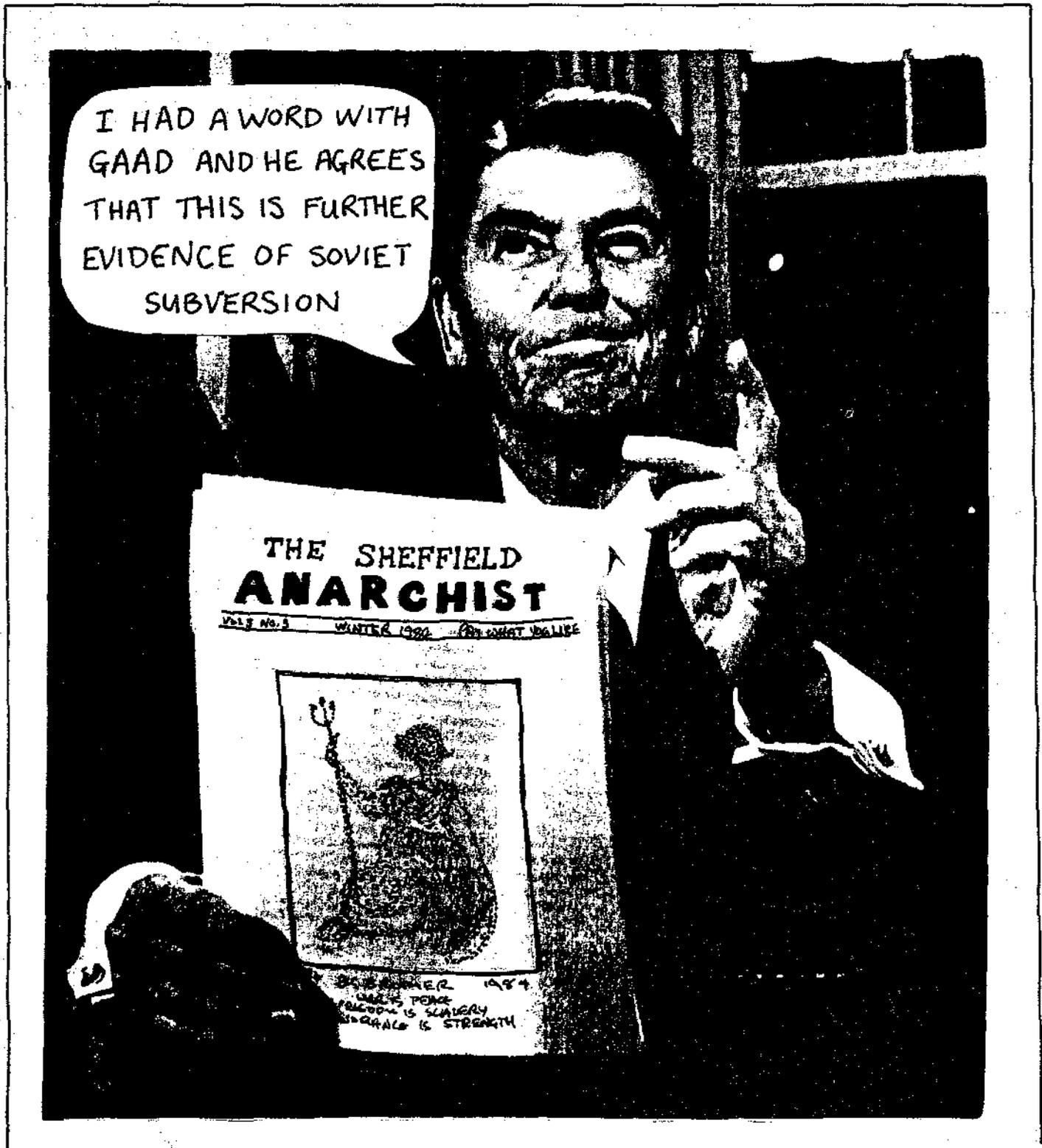


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The paper has no arbitrarily fixed price, a continuation of previous policy that ensures that want of a few pence shall not prevent the sharing of ideas. However, if you do give generously, it will mean that we shall be able to produce more copies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



Summer is acoming in and the riot season is almost upon us. Along with a new edition of The Sheffield Anarchist we have a stock of Anarchist literature to keep readers going through the long, hot summer. These books are often difficult to get hold of but can now be bought by post through the Sheffield Anarchists. A full list of the books available is printed on page 10. We also hope to see at least one "squat gig" staged in the city before the autumn. Your hardworking newsgathering team is now back at the typewriters preparing the next edition of the paper, but we need help. Any articles, cartoons or other submissions will be gratefully received. Write to us at the P.O.box.

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217,
SHEFFIELD.

There is a rumour going round that the leader of the Labour Council, David Blunkett, is moving house and going to live outside of Sheffield in order to avoid having to pay such high rates.

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HOME NEWS

YET ANOTHER LEFT-WING SELL-OUT : THE DAY THE FASCISTS CAME TO SHEFFIELD

Three marches had been organized for Saturday the 3rd of March. The first was the Irish Freedom Movement march, the second in protest against this was a National Front march, and the third supposedly in protest against the N.F. (but in reality a ploy by the council to disrupt the I.F.M. march) was a march by Sheffield Campaign Against Racism.

Nobody seemed clear as to what times any of them were, what routes they took, and what the real purpose was. But, incredibly, the 3 marches all took place on the same afternoon in Sheffield with an absolute minimum of confrontation.

The original I.F.M. march, on the anniversary of Bloody Sunday, was banned by the council, but when they applied to march on March 3rd there was no ban, and so the N.F. applied to march, and so did S.C.A.R.

A dozen of us met in town on the Saturday morning in order, we hoped, to confront the fascists and stop them from marching in Sheffield. We went to Spittal Hill where the I.F.M. and S.C.A.R. marches started, in order to find out what was happening, and trade information with all the other supposed anti-fascists who would be there. On the way we passed the S.W.P. papersellers, they turned out not to be interested in confronting the fascists at all, they made a weak attempt to excuse themselves by saying that there was a miners strike the following week - pathetic, gutless, wankers.

On reaching Spittal Hill the turn-out seemed a little small, from everybody but the police. However, all the usual vendors of the 57 varieties of marxism were there. In fact, everybody except us and the Asian Youth Movement, seemed to be trying to extort money from their "comrades".

There was a very obvious split between the people attending the S.C.A.R. and I.F.M. marches, or certainly their leaders, and bitter squabbling went on with at least one fight. However, among the megaphone arguments about which was the anti-racist march, and calls from the R.C.P. to smash fascism on the streets, etc, etc, none of them seemed at all interested when we identified one of Sheffield's old N.F. candidates standing watching what was going on.

The S.C.A.R. march eventually went off carrying their crosses and trades council banners to be herded out of the way into a rally at the City-Hall. This left the trots with nothing more to do than sell more papers/badges/stickers/etc. After what seemed like ages of waiting, and no more sign of the front, who were pledged to demonstrate against the march, we got bored with slagging off the trots and decided to catch a bus past the police ranks and reconnoiter further along the march's route.

A couple of hundred yards down the road, sure enough, stood the afore-mentioned old N.F. candidate, Ken Brack*, and a few of the more mature (i.e. older) members of the fascist fraternity. One comrade managed to get into some 'direct confrontation' before the filth (in this case the police) arrived and we had to split.

We now found ourselves outside the Castle Market, which was now crawling with pigs, and with the I.F.M. march slowly approaching to the sound of the pipes and drums of The Rabid Catholic Patriotic All-Irish Bigot Band or something like that. At this point we figured the best place to find the Fasc would be on the march so we unfurled the black flag and decided to join it at the front. We edged through the police, kicked aside the stewards, and did our best to liven things up with a few good Anarchist chants. The trots didn't really like this very much, but never mind.

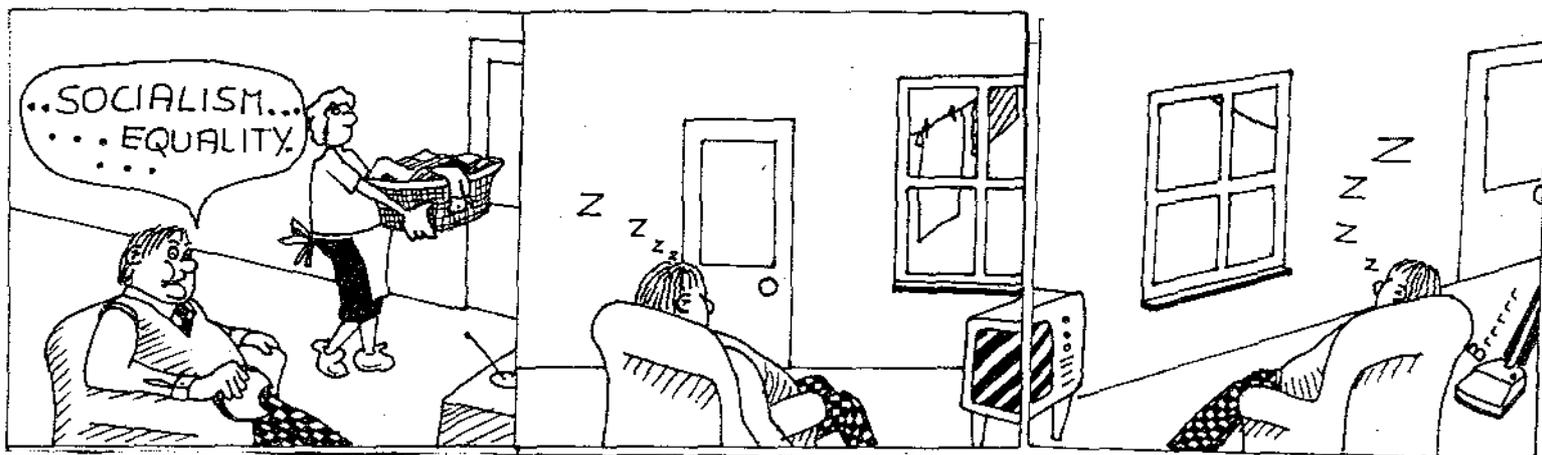
Eventually, after only a very few close encounters with the patriotic British we reached Speaker's Corner at the Top Rank. The rest was boring crap; we were actually asked to stand for the Irish national anthem. As the rally progressed or should I say went on (and on) those in the know about what the fascists were doing were forced to cover up the truth more and more. The organizers of both marches (the I.F.M. and S.C.A.R.) conspired with the police to mislead real anti-fascists about what they and the N.F. planned to do. Time and again we were told that the N.F. would be coming or that after the rally people would be asked to oppose the N.F. march taking place later in the afternoon. By the time we found out the truth the N.F. had been and gone. The R.C.P. and others deliberately lied to people in order to smash any real anti-fascist activity, boost the numbers at the rally, and wank-off their own fucking ego's. We were sold down the river.

HOME NEWS

The fascist machine raised it's ugly head in Sheffield practically un-opposed, and because of that they will be back. They have grown stronger because of what happened.

LET IT BE TO THE EVERLASTING SHAME OF THOSE WHO DID NOTHING THAT FASCISTS WERE ALLOWED TO MARCH ON SHEFFIELD STREETS. THE BLOOD OF FUTURE FASCIST ACTIONS WILL BE ON YOUR HANDS.

Next time we must stop them ourselves, and leave the trot's to hide behind their papers and their over-inflated ego's.



The latest batch of Stones adverts feature a diminutive metal creature which proceeds to pour a glass of ale down a hole in the top of its head. The caption that goes with this strange being reads "Everyone's welcome in a Stones local". I doubt if those customers who have been refused entry to the 'posh' Stones pubs in the city centre because their attire was unsuitable, or the caravan dwellers not allowed into the majority of pubs in Attercliffe will agree. Oh well, it is 1984, obviously "Everyone's welcome... But some are more welcome than others".

The above is taken from Sheffield CAMRA's magazine "Beer Matters".

NEAF CONFERENCE

The quarterly North-East Anarchist Federation Conference is to be held in Huddersfield over the weekend of the 12th and 13th of May. Any new comrades wishing to attend for one or both days should write to the P.O. box.

The New Bus Fares - The Biggest Con-Trick Since Decimalisation

Read this lately : "If you're a regular bus traveller in South Yorkshire, you'll know how long it takes to sort out the change when you pay your fare. And when there are lots of people getting on the bus, all paying different fares and all wanting change, doesn't the whole thing seem a long winded business?"

Sounds like they're about to abolish bus fares doesn't it? But of course not, it's just a crafty dodge to put them up without causing a political stink. Not only have all the busfares gone up (with the exception of some 6p fares) by as much as 4p per busride, but they've got the nerve to try and make us believe it's for our own good.

"Nice round figures aren't they" the ad drones on - not as nice as 0. Sabotage the con-trick, pay as little as possible.

Articles sent to us for 'home news' are very, very welcome and needed

STOP THE CITY

22ND MARCH
1984

MANCHESTER



Manchester action began about 9.00am as people began to assemble ready for the day's activities. People met up around several benches in Market Street (paved shopping street) the main shopping street, and this area became the central point from which people organized activities.

Various large placards/posters were fastened to the advertising hoardings and trees were strung with tinsel. The pavement was covered in chalked pictures and slogans which attracted many people to find out what was going on.

Our first activities were attacks on the army careers office, Oldham St sex shop, and Top Shop with stink bombs and smoke bombs. At 12 O'clock the majority of people went to occupy Barclay's bank leaving about 6 or 7 people to leaflet around our "base camp". This action caused quite a few headaches for the bank and police who were caught totally unawares. After being moved on, we went to the fur coat department of Lewises which again caught the authorities unawares. (This attack resulted in a series of phone-calls to other fur shops in Manchester, who promptly shut up shop for the day to avoid our attentions). Then we returned to base and harassed McDonalds restaurant staff by chanting anti meat-eating slogans and chalking "Meat means Murder" all round the place.

At this point several vans full of police turned up and tried to break up our gathering, but as we split into small groups and lost them round the back streets they soon gave up. At 2 O'clock the whole crowd moved off for an occupation of the Manchester Stock Exchange.

About 30 to 40 of us rushed into the building and installed ourselves in the main board room and offices where we stayed until the police arrived after ten minutes. This action resulted in our first arrest, Mick from the Northern Animal Liberation League, so the next stop for our group was Bootle St. Police Station.

Here we sat outside demanding information about the arrest, but were moved on by a group of police, punching and kicking some of us. Again we split up and returned to Market St. stopping only to let off some stink bombs in the Cross St. Sex shop.

Back in Market St. we began some street theatre involving a die-in, the mock slaughter of an animal on McDonalds door step, and a game of "Margaret Thatcher says..."

Our next protest was directed at South African Airlines office which was occupied, graffitied with anti-apartheid slogans, and had the brochures, telephones and office equipment scattered about the floor. We quickly left to avoid the police and made our way to Manchester Town Hall, where we were told to move on by the guardians of law and order, so we returned to Market St. once again, attacking the Cross St. sex shop with stink bombs.

If anything, this day of action created a sense of unity between the Manchester Anarchists, and many people agreed to hold events like this fairly regularly. Another lesson learnt was that by trusting each other and moving quickly from one place to another, we could keep one step ahead of the police and thus make effective protests with arrests kept to a minimum

Anarcha & Love & Peace
Yours in Freedom

CONSERVE ENERGY

The money required to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated at \$17 billion a year. It is a huge sum of money ... about as much as the world spends on arms every two weeks.




 WYERS

Wyers, a massive squat complex in Central Amsterdam has been going for the last two and a half years. As well as being just a squat (a place for 125 people to live), it was also a place to work. Inside the building it had a shop, bar, art gallery, coffeeshop, restaurant and a place for bands to play. As well as a squatters information services organisation and meeting place for for actions and demos..

After two and a half years this was too much for the authorities so they decided to sell the property to Holiday Inn and evict the squatters. Most of the people of A'dam supported Wyers as it was a place to live and work. So before the eviction there were many mass demonstrations.

On the night before the eviction about 2000 people came to support Wyers and to help prevent it getting evicted. It had been decided to leave the building peacefully, as 7000 riot police were expected.

The tension grew as the night went on, the police were expected sometime around nine in the morning. But at six, things started to happen outside, reporters and Television crews started arriving. Then at 6.30am the electricity was turned off and the trams were diverted. At about 7.00am the police arrived with 3 Bulldozers, horses and dogs. They cut the whole street off by ~~dumping~~ massive skips at either ends of the street.

Then at 9.00am the burgermeister (mayor) of Amsterdam came and asked us to leave, but of course we told him to 'fuck off' and everyone in the building (2000 of us) started shouting 'WYERS INN; HOLIDAY OUT.'

The police decided to take us out one by one, put us on coaches and drive out of Amsterdam, so about 40 of the 7000 riot police took their helmets off and put their shields and clubs down, and started taking us one by one, to three awaiting coaches. The first coach got all its windows smashed by the squatters, the second coach got smashed and the squatters climbed onto the roof and the third coach, the driver went on strike.

After this the police realised that this was not a good idea, so they decided to let us have our way and all leave together. So at about 11.00am that's what we did, all shouting Wyers Inn, holiday out. As soon as we were all past the skips we turned around and started rioting, smashing windows and throwing bricks at the police.

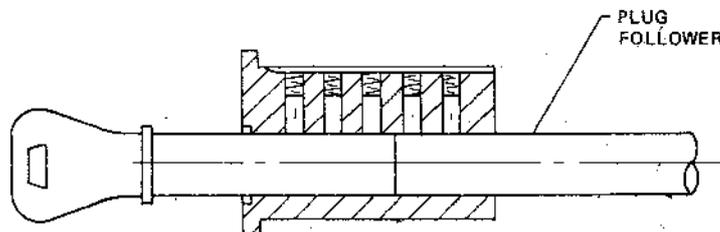
This went on until early evening. At 8pm there was a big Wyers demonstration organised. About 7,000 people turned up, most of them very angry about the eviction. We marched round Amsterdam smashing windows at banks, churches and the palace and shouting. Then the march ended at Wyers.

As soon as people arrived at Wyers bricks were thrown at the awaiting police but there were too many of us, they were too paranoid, so they charged us with dogs, horses and vans. This was not enough so they shot tear gas into the crowds. This, along with a water cannon, finally split us up and we all returned to wherever we were staying.

Wyers will squat another building. We will not be shat on anymore. Support Amsterdam squatters - smash up your local Holiday Inn. International solidarity. Anarchy, peace and freedom.

CHRIS

'Home locksmithing for beginners' hint no.1



① Practice first with an old lock at home.

Fig 5

② A 'Yale' type lock is only a revolving barrel inside a stationary barrel.

③ Five tumblers hold the revolving barrel, until a key is put in

④ THERE IS A SPLIT IN EACH (SPRUNG) TUMBLER, TO OPEN - ALL the splits you have to line up these with the shear line.

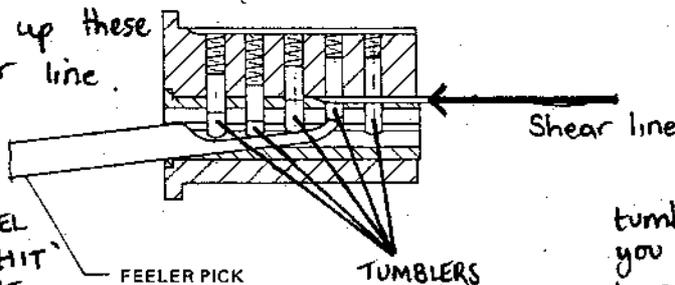
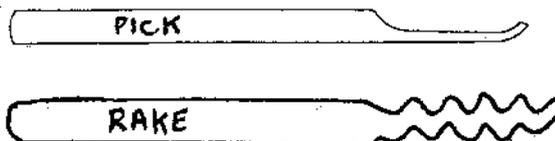


Fig 6

⑤ WITH A FEELER PICK YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FEEL THE TUMBLER 'HIT' THE SHEAR LINE.

⑥ To get all the tumblers onto the shear line you will need a rake or two (shown below)

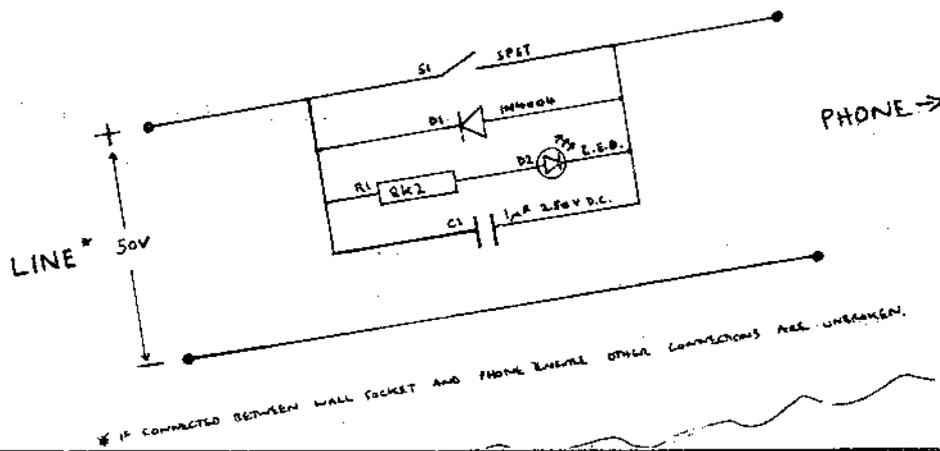
⑦ RAKES need to be pushed in and out at a great speed



⑧ A Torsion tool is also needed, this is just to turn the barrel when the tumblers are on the shear line. (screwdriver etc will do)

* TO MAKE PICKS AND RAKES USE JUNIOR HARK SAW BLADES and a grinding wheel. (You can try with a file)

FREEPHONE



This is the text of a leaflet that's been circulating in photocopy form.

"British Telecom's recent record profits and continued appalling service have prompted the circulation of this information. It comprises a method of making telephone calls free of charge.

The circuit inhibits the charging for incoming calls only. When a phone is answered, there is normally approx. 100 mA DC loop current but only 8mA or so is necessary to polarise the microphone in the handset. Drawing only this small amount of current is sufficient to defeat BT's ancient 'Electric Meccano'.

It's extremely simple. When ringing, the polarity of the line reverses so D1 effectively answers the call when the handset is lifted. When the call is established, the line polarity reverts and R1 limits the loop current while D2 is an LED to indicate that the circuit is in operation. C1 ensures speech is unaffected. S1 returns the telephone to normal.

Local calls of unlimited length can be made free of charge. Long distance calls using this circuit are prone to automatic disconnection; this varies from area to area but you will get at least 3 minutes before the line is closed down. Further experimentation should bear fruit in this respect.

With the phone on the hook the circuit is completely undetectable. The switch should be thrown if a call is received from an operator, for example, or to make an outgoing call. It has proved

extremely useful, particularly for friends phoning from payphones with permanently jammed coin slots."

The leaflet and diagram are written in technical jargon. A few notes to assist decipherment by those of us who have yet to progress beyond blue touch papers. What the device does is allow people to call you without paying for it - you only directly benefit from the virtuous glow this gives you.

S1 - SPST : An on/off switch. (Single position single throw).

IN 4004 : A type of Diode. An electronic device which only allows current through in one direction. The charging system is initiated by the reversals of polarity - current changing direction - so this inhibits the reversal of polarity which sets off the charging system. (But see below.)

R1 8K2 - A type of Resistor. This only allows 8mA of current through - undetectable

R1 8K2 - A type of Resistor. This only allows 8mA of current through - undetectable by the charging system but enough to be audible.

LED - A Light Emitting Diode. A little light which tells you that the system is in operation (and reminds you to switch it off if necessary).

C1 - 1µF 250 v. DC. : A type of Capacitor. This stops direct current but accepts alternating current (I don't fully understand it but basically this means it lets through sound waves - in this case voices.)

A simple book on basic electronic construction should be enough to enable you to translate the circuit above into a working device. (Being totally ignorant myself it seemed possible to me after it had been explained to me.) The tricky bit will probably be working out which is the positive wire in the phone cable.

A friendly telephone engineer speaks : This device probably works but I have a few reservations. I'm not sure about local calls of unlimited duration - this device only affects the first unit of a phone call. Subsequent units are metered differently. It might work - I just don't see how.

I disagree that its undetectable when the handset is in place. I'd recommend leaving it switched off until the phone rings and only then switching it on before lifting the receiver. Engineers can detect unauthorised devices on the line, and in any case the metering on all lines is checked annually. Call boxes are regularly monitored to check that money is being put in - if it isn't but a call takes place questions will be asked.

This device will only work on old mechanical exchanges, and perhaps (I don't know) on newer TXE exchanges. It will not work on the System X exchanges but these will only be coming in over the next 20 years. However the new method of recording itemised bills which is to be introduced over the next 2½ years will probably be triggered off before the phone is answered - this may make this scam more visible, and if so will constitute evidence of your misdeeds.

Another method of making free 'phone calls. British Telecom are rapidly replacing the 5p & 10p in the slot, public dial 'phones. This is perhaps due to the fact that with a little practice calls can be made free of charge from these machines. The only equipment needed is a length of thin but stiff wire. This wire should be slightly curved.

If the wire is inserted through the money slot to a depth of about six inches and it is curving away from you, a spring loaded 'trigger' can be located. This 'trigger' is normally activated by an inserted coin, provided that first it passes certain tests to ascertain that it is genuine. If the coin is not genuine or is damaged, it bypasses this trigger and is returned.

To make your free call, find the trigger mechanism and leave the wire in place. Dial the number you want and wait for the pips. At this point, raise the bar in the coin slot with a coin or some other object, release the bar, wait half a second or so and then press the trigger with the wire. This will convince the machine that a genuine coin has entered the box.



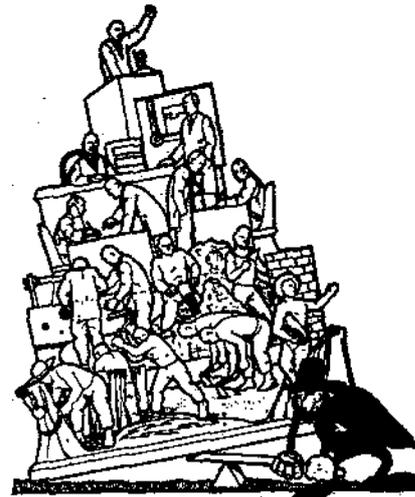
WHO SINGS THE TUNE

Who leads the chants
Whose tune to sing
Pauper at play
Beggars is king

Mercy and love
Don't get a chance
Who sings the tune
Leads the dance

Who leads the band
Whose chants to sing
The opposite is still
The same for beggars
Is king.

FAZZ.



Ⓐ BOOKSHOP

The following books are now available from Sheffield Anarchists, P.O. Box 217, Sheffield. Cheques, Postal Orders, etc. should be made out to Sheffield Libertarian Society.

The Impossibilities of Social Democracy by Vernon Richards, 142 pages, £1.00

The author shows with some thirty articles examining 'socialism' as practiced by the Labour Party and Trade Unions how the struggle for power has reduced the radicalism to the minimum, Socialists in name only.

ABC of Anarchism by Alexandre Berkman, 86 pages, £1.00

The classic and very readable work on Anarchist-Communism.

Without A Trace, 125 pages, £3.00

Technical manual about police forensic techniques, essential reading for the armchair terrorist.

Bakunin & Nechaev by Paul Avrich, 32 pages, 50p

Now out of print but we still have a few copies left.

The Kronstadt Uprising by Ida Mett, 93 pages, £1.50

Excellent work on Kronstadt with introduction by Murray Bookchin.

The German Guerilla ; Terror, Reaction, and Resistance, 106 pages, £2

Anarchy in Action by Colin Ward, £2.00

Theories and examples of practical Anarchist organisation.

Anarchy by Errico Malatesta, 54 pages, 75p

A writer of passion and conviction, here Malatesta expounds his theories on Anarchism.

A New World In Our Hearts edited by Albert Meltzer, 100 pages, £2.00

Interesting reading on Spanish Anarchism.

We Want to Riot Not to Work, 48 pages, £1.00

Documents the 1981 Brixton uprisings.

Armed Struggle in Italy, 96 pages, £1.20

Fra Contatini - A Dialogue on Anarchism by Errico Malatesta, 43 pages, 95p

Anarchism and the National Liberation Struggle by Alfredo M Bananno, 24 pages, 50p

Another Bratach-Dubh pamphlet concerning the refusal of mainstream Anarchists to participate in national liberation struggles.

The Struggle against Fascism Begins With the Struggle Against Bolshevism by Otto Ruhle
20 pages, 50p

Fighting the Revolution, 44 pages, 75p

Short biographies of Anarchist revolutionaries Makhno, Durrutti, and Zapata.

Towards a Citizens Militia by Stuart Christie, 29 pages, £1.50

Large format book - All you wanted to know about armed struggle but were afraid to ask - well nearly all.

Land and Liberty by Ricardo Flores Magon, 156 pages, £2.50

Anarchist influences in the Mexican Revolution.

The Anarchists in London by Albert Meltzer, 41 pages (large format), £1.50

Documents history of London Anarchists from 1935 - 1955.

Quiet Rumours, An Anarcha Feminist anthology, 72 pages, £1.50

Cienfuegos Press Anarchist Review No. 5, 121 pages, £2.00

Another excellent collection of Anarchist articles, poems, cartoons, etc.

Anarcho-Syndicalist History and Action, Direct Action Movement pamphlet, 50p

We also have a few copies of the last two editions of The Sheffield Anarchist left. You can have these for the price of a few stamps (although we will accept a further contribution if you wish to make one).

Please note: All prices include postage.

LIBERALISM - ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

Why we should turn our attentions from those who attempt to deliberately suppress the expressions of the working class, to those who attempt to channel it into 'single issue' politics.

If there is one movement that has deliberately neutralised the voices of the working-class throughout history, it is that of the Labour Party.

The Labour Party, along with many of its satellites (C.N.D., Communist Party, Trade Union movement) are guilty of the most deceitful and traitorous avoidance of working-class needs.

They have failed in every major attempt of public reform, where they have reformed successive Tory governments have dismantled, and when the working-class have shown defiance, they (the Labour Party) have shown silence.

The resistance against the growth and import of nuclear weapons has only resulted in useless marches throughout London (which have only isolated the struggle by women at Greenham and elsewhere). The C.N.D. are guilty of the most petty-minded resistance a movement could offer. WE ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE MOST SERIOUS DANGER TO HUMANKIND for pete's sake.

Bruce Kent and his chums are only mere followers of the system that has created these weapons. - The capitalist state and nuclear weapons go hand in hand.

It is the same reason why the Labour Party have failed to offer anything of significance to the working-class of Britain. Because they all believe in a commitment to the state. It is the state that gives rise to nuclear weapons, it is the state that becomes a major cause of social inequality, it is with the state that all problems politically begin and end.

The Anarchist fight should be strengthened against those who neutralise social expression, especially the Labour Party and C.N.D. Fuck-off to single issue reformists. Anarchists will bring the great divide, the road to revolution.

Civil Rights and the police.

In theory the law gives us protection against the state in the form of "civil rights". In practice, however, civil rights are illusory. We have no power against the increasingly monolithic powers of the state. Even in a time of supposed civil order the police have powers beyond those necessary to perform their declared job of protecting us from so called criminals. In the cities a virtual state of curfew exists whereby anyone seen walking at night without apparent reason can be stopped, questioned and searched. If they refuse as is their right, they are treated with further suspicion and can be detained at the police station for interrogation. The existence of two way radios and computerised records means an instant check on a persons records can be made. It has recently been shown that the special branch and M.I.5 keep political records on over 1.5 million people, and the number is probably much greater. If a suspect has a criminal or political record this inevitably prejudices the way s/he is treated.

Even if our "rights" are infringed we are unlikely to be able to do anything about it, as the procedure of complaints against the police is actually controlled by the police. This is a ludicrous system as the police protect themselves and cover-up misconduct. All these facts just go to show that the role of the police is more than to protect us from a lunatic fringe, it is to protect us from our own rights, to prevent us from taking autonomous control of our own lives, to watch and monitor any activity which in some way undermines the state and its oppressive rule. The individual stands no chance against the state even when it is running at relatively low intensity. What chance do we stand when it goes into top gear and starts to round up those who merely question its policies? NONE.

It is truly 1984 and Big Brother IS watching you. Ask yourself do we really need protecting in the way the police operate? Are the police protecting us, or our rulers? Should we reinforce their power over us when we have no real rights anyway? Should we not question their right to decide who we need protecting against and who is a social deviant? We should be attacking these powers, attacking the power base which they protect and which protects them, attacking the ruling class and military men who the law protects!

Nearer, my God, to thee...

Ronnie is just a regular guy. He gets up in the morning, cleans his teeth, and sets about the business of upholding civilised Western values against the unstable Muslim hordes of the Middle East whose religious fanaticism predisposes them to dangerous acts of self-sacrifice.

He's the sort of guy who cuts poor relief but uses the Bible to justify building up a nuclear arsenal. The sort of God-fearing Christian who said (on October 18 last year):

"You know, I turn back to your ancient prophets in the Old Testament and the signs foretelling Armageddon and I find myself wondering if we're the generation that's going to see that come about. I don't know if you have noted any of those prophecies lately, but believe me, they certainly describe the times we're going through."

They certainly do, do they Ron? At least five times in the last four years the US President has stated his belief that Armageddon may come within our lifetime. He is wary of elaborating on this in public but we do have a record of the views of his number one evangelical fan and personal friend, the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

To Falwell, Armageddon runs something like this: the final battle between good and evil (USA versus USSR) takes place in the Middle East - the bomb is dropped - Christians everywhere are saved by miracles predicted in scripture (being spirited to Heaven just before the blast) - the second coming of Christ brings a thousand years of peace - we all live happily ever after... well, those of us with a Bible in our hands,

Reagan is a born-again Christian, a fundamentalist who believes in the literal fulfillment of every word of Old and New Testaments. When he speaks of Armageddon - the violent end of the old world heralding in a paradise on earth - he's not just using colourful language.

If a very powerful man who believed Jews were the root of all evil could send six million of them to the gas chamber; what about a very powerful man who believes he can hasten the inevitable second coming of the source of all good - just by pushing a button? Put simply, will Reagan blow us all to kingdom come?

Don't miss the next exciting installment of the crisis in the Middle East....

The Policewoman who was pictured in several newspapers throwing a smoke bomb back at the 'Stop the City' demo in March is facing disciplinary procedures as a result. She managed to hit another pig with it. The 'Sun' referred to her as a 'brave' and 'courageous' 'Police girl'.

At a seminar for the International Association of Chiefs of Police held recently near Newcastle, the head of the West German Federal Police told delegates that Britain may well be facing a 'major problem' presently causing the continental police a great deal of trouble. The Police chief referred to this menace as 'weekend terrorists' because, apparently, they work all week and set bombs of as a hobby at weekends. Last year there were over 300 attacks on NATO bases, especially USAF bases, as well as on consular buildings and other targets. These weekend terrorists operate in autonomous groups of eight or nine and have no apparent command structure. "We have made a few arrests but each individual has refused to talk. We have no definite idea who most of these people are" said the German Police Chief.

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Autonomous activity of this nature is nothing new. It is a logical response to the State's ability to neutralise other forms opposition by absorption or successful manipulation of the media and 'public opinion'. The various media, almost all of which are either entirely State controlled or are capitalist enterprises, have a vested interest in retaining the present social system. Like Parliament itself, the forces of political opposition are an integral part of the system.



Investigative journalism and political criticism are not only tolerated but encouraged since they show up the weaknesses in the system without challenging the whole notion of having a system. Public attitudes can be assessed and modified if necessary. Many forms of opposition need only be ridiculed since noone wishes to be associated with a fool. References to the "Loony Left" are typical. Blatant attempts to associate people like Benn with some kind of mental disorder are commonplace (despite the fact that Benn in particular displays far more intelligent reasoning than

most other politicians). To cultivate the lie that within a "democratic" country the opinions and needs of the individual are of importance, there must be the facility for political opposition. There must be dissention and debate. Like one big happy family we have our squabbles but, basically, we all get on. All of us, that is, except those who really are sick - the criminals and the insane. No "Loony Left" jibes at the I.R.A. for instance, even though people this side of the Irish Sea are encouraged to think that the Irish are inherently stupid. Unlike Wedgie Benn or 'King' Arthur Scargill, they are not considered 'wacky' enough for a "Question Time" show.

'Terrorism', that is striking terror into the heart of the State and its servants, is the only protest that cannot be contained by the State. All the time the State is creating its own enemies. So many European 'democracies' have spawned violent revolutionary movements. The State and its media must take these people a bit more seriously. These 'terrorists' are not 'of the people'. They apparently have no families, no real friends; they have no personal histories, no likes or dislikes, no interests - no traits of human

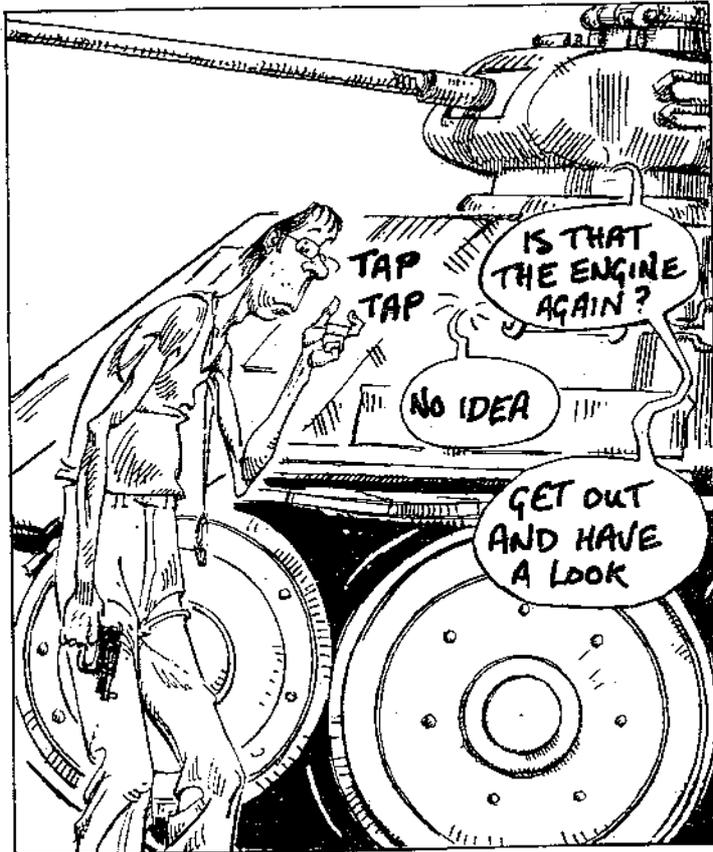


personality at all. They are monsters in human form. The 'weekend terrorists' mentioned by the German police Chief do not even have the motivation of an obsessive fanaticism accorded to the likes of the I.R.A. and other 'terrorists'. They cynically pose as human beings for most of the week and then, indifferent to the consequences, leave bombs lying around at weekends.

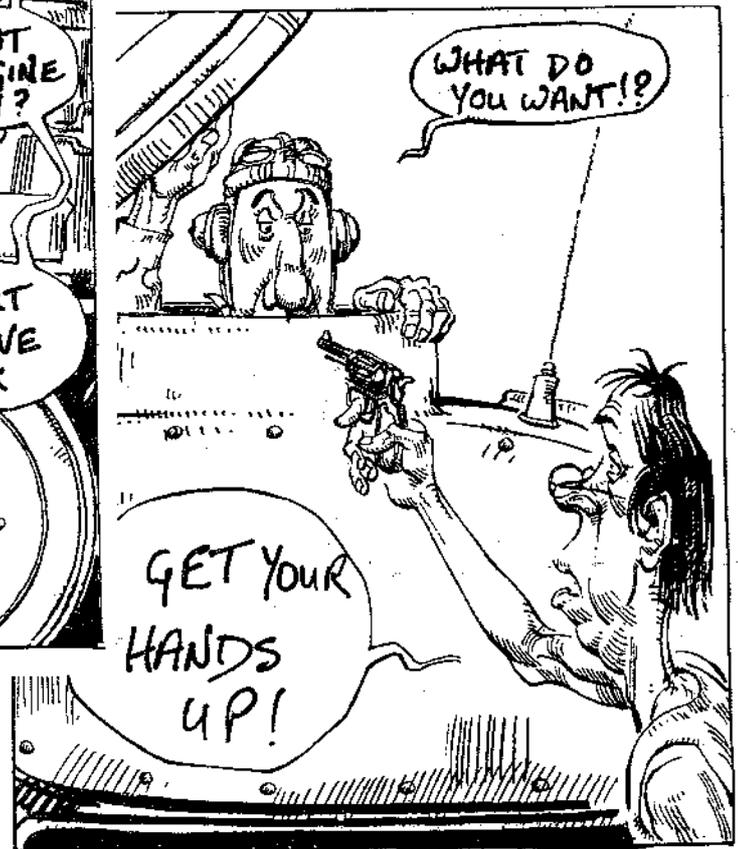
In Germany guerilla attacks, especially on U.S. force bases, are carried out by various groups ranging from Anarchist, through ecology militant to fascist groups. They all consider the armies of other NATO countries to be forces of occupation. I am not wishing to argue for the politics of these or any other armed revolutionary groups but it is important that Anarchists realise that this is now the only effective way of opposing the State.

The State has shown that it can contain, divert, ridicule or absorb all forms of political protest. Anarchists demand social change, not political change. We want a completely different society, not just a change in the faces at the top of the pile. We are not striving for political influence on the State's institutions, we want an end to those institutions. How can the State compromise these aims? There is no way that it can unless we

allow ourselves to be led into trivialising our struggle becoming obsessed with one or two lesser demands that the State may concede without fundamentally changing the nature of society. These include campaigns such as anti-vivisection, the campaign to get rid of specific types of weapon, hunt

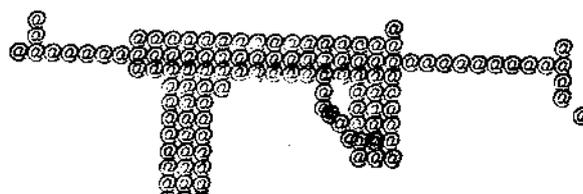


sabotaging, supporting various industrial disputes and struggling for the emancipation of women within the confines of



a largely unaltered social structure. These are all very important demands but they are still revisionist, not revolutionary. These forms of political activity, even demonstrations like "Stop The City", are at best ineffective gestures and at worst very useful to the Police as a means of identifying those who in years to come may well try to turn to more covert and violent actions. Being fingerprinted and photographed as a result of some spurious obstruction charge may cost comrades dearly in the future. The Police invariably film demonstrations and these records will remain in the hands of our enemies until the revolution.

Increasing bank security does not stop robberies, it just makes the robbers resort to more drastic methods. As long as there is a need for radical social change there will be revolutionary activity. If non-violent means are rendered ineffective then sooner or later 'terrorism' is inevitable.



YOU CAN STILL FUCK THE RIGHT TO WORK

The text of the following is reprinted from a leaflet, which was distributed at a rally to mark the end of the "Peoples March for Jobs" in May 1981.

Except for the lucky few in leftist collectives (or running right to work campaigns?), work is fucking awful. While most of us have a need or desire to do something useful or creative, a few memories of our last jobs should dispel the illusion that 'work' has anything to do with that. Very few of us actually *want* to spend most of our lives in some factory, office or shop for piss-all money – or for that matter, any amount of money. Trained to perform repetitious and boring tasks of dubious social value – in a situation over which we have no control – we spend the rest of our time preparing for those eight hours – travelling at ridiculous fares to and from work, shopping, cooking, going to bed early so we can get up early for work...

Even when we're on the dole, much of our time is controlled. Hours are spent waiting on lines for overpriced and shoddy goods, sitting through banal TV shows because we can't afford to go out any more, doing more housework because the kids don't have any where to go. Then we've got to argue with the social security bureaucrats over the money we receive, while they punish us for not working by cutting our dole so that we can barely eat and only pay some of the bills. The time we may have has no value because everything must be paid for and we have no money. After a while the worst job looks good because it'll give a little extra cash.

In this situation the TUC and the left (from the Labour Party to the SWP and beyond) is attempting to organise us to appeal to the capitalist state for jobs. This time around, the 'reserve army' of the unemployed has exchanged the traditional Right to Work orange vests for green anoraks and perhaps nicer manners. The involvement of the TUC in this latest 'right to work' frolic does not reflect any real unity between employed and unemployed to actually claim control of their lives. The trade union bureaucracy is attempting to channel discontent among the unemployed into a conservative and manageable form – a vague 'campaign for jobs' that is supported by employers, the Labour Party and the clergy. They are disturbed by the prospect of people *acting* outside the conventional 'labour movement', potentially threatening the fragile system of negotiation and compromise in which union officials as well as employers have a stake. Labour, left and community leaders who put the 'blame' for unemployment on riots miss the point. Many unemployed people involved in uprisings in Zurich, Berlin, Amsterdam and Derry – as well as

Bristol and Brixton – were rebelling against all useless boring jobs, against hierarchies and controls, and against state repression. Such demands can't be arbitrated or negotiated in a contract!

Groups like the Socialist Workers Party say that they are to the 'left' of Labour and the TUC leadership, but don't offer anything *that* different. For all their claims to be revolutionary and anti-capitalist, they only want to reform the same system. An example of their 'socialist society' – "If an ambulance driver or a solicitor earned the same as everyone else, then it would be irresponsible for him or her to go on strike for more money." (Paul Foot - *Socialist Worker* 27th, January 79). So we'll still have jobs, and wages – and solicitors – but no strikes. Their touching concern for our 'welfare' ensures that the left can't understand the struggles that they hope to lead, they cannot see that we want to get rid of isolation, sacrifice, roles and hierarchy. The SWP betrays itself with slogans like "Vote Labour without illusions" – rather like asking people to pray for rain but not believe in God.

Most work is useless in terms of our real social and personal needs. For example, jobs connected with advertising, insurance, bureaucracy, armaments, sales, and the production of useless commodities – they all do nothing but directly service capital and the state. Whole industries devote themselves to social manipulation – social work, management, law enforcement. In addition, a large percentage of productive jobs which involve repetitive assembly-line work could be done by machines. Some say 'we don't mind robots doing our work but we don't want them taking our wages.' We say, 'Let robots do the work – fuck wages – we don't want our "fair share" of capitalist profits – we want it all. Dignity of Labour!' Crap! If people didn't have to spend eight or nine hours in the office, factory, or site plus two or three hours travelling then they wouldn't. Whatever necessary productive and creative work that remained to be done in an anarchist/communist society would be organised and distributed equally by all of us, amongst ourselves. Technology could be further applied to lessen the few nasty jobs that remained to be done. But we will control it – it won't control us.

Unemployment isn't going to go away no matter how many 'socialists' we elect to run capitalism. The most optimistic election promise is that it won't increase quite so rapidly, or for packages of special measures

to disguise the problem — 'Youth Opportunities', 'job opportunities', 'retraining', 'early retirement'. Right to Work campaigns that rely on employed workers using their industrial muscle to force 'full employment' from the state lead only to Public Works schemes and labour camps, as in the thirties. The conservatives fancy that much 'reform' themselves just to let us qualify for any dole at all. Any intelligent capitalist must be pissing themselves with laughter at the idea that people are fighting for *that* - and this time they're putting up the cash. Official sponsors of the march for jobs include Tysons contractors, one of Mersy-side's largest employers. (*Guardian* 25/4/81.) The far-sighted CBI member would find the spectacle of a hand-picked, sore-footed uniformed 'army' of unemployed humbly petitioning the state and capital for jobs a reassuring sight. Large numbers of people questioning and acting against the grind of 'employment' and the poverty of 'employment' would be cause for real alarm.

**DID YOU
EVER WANT
TO KILL
YOUR BOSS?**



THE THINGS WE GIVE UP IN ORDER TO WORK ARE NEVER RETURNED

We won't be forced into choosing between waged and unwaged exploitation. We don't want the 'right to work'. We will do what we need to, to survive, but basically want to have a fucking good time. That means we have to control what we have to do, be it surviving now or organising for a better future - not leaders, parties, cops, SWP or TUC stewards, or 'anyone else. No more waiting for the 'right time' or until 'after the revolution'. We've lived with the results of 'realism', of negotiations and compromises by left 'leaders' long enough.

We'll act directly in the streets, the workplaces and the supermarkets, seizing for ourselves as much time, money, and control as we can. This means both positively pooling ideas, skills, and energy amongst ourselves and disrupting the everyday conditions we've been taught to see as unchangeable. If we want to travel somewhere we won't pay. If we need or want something we'll take it. If some of us have children or dependants to take care of, we'll share the responsibility.

If we don't want to work for a day, we'll sabotage the production line or office procedures. If we don't want the cops in our area, we'll throw them out. We'll occupy any useful building, workplace or facility - and carry on production and services as we want them to be. All the politicians, bureaucrats, union officials, and bosses have to be bypassed and ignored. Lets throw the failed slogans and fake corporate ruling class 'solutions' from the thirties on the dustheap where they belong! We can find ways to shatter the existing order if we use our imaginations - organising with our friends, neighbours, work-mates against the 'proper channels' and for ourselves.

BOOKS FOR BURNING IN '84

In the year that brought you I.D. cards, & trade union bans H.M. Government are proud to present more banned books. It is now nearly two years since the first raids on establishments selling literature relating to drugs.

Since July 1982 officers of the Obscene Publications Branch of the Metropolitan Police have carried out themselves or advised local police, on 24 visits to bookshops and suppliers throughout the country. There are charges in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, and other towns, under the Obscene Publications Act. The police still hold over 20,000 books of some 250 different titles.

The main cases, against Knockabout Comics and Airlift Books will be heard at the Old Bailey on May 8th by Judge Argyll. The Director of Public Prosecutions has stated that he considers this to be a test case under the Act and is using these charges to define the law in the Central Criminal Court.

For further information about the case contact RIGHT TO READ, 249 KENSAL RD, LONDON W10. TEL. 01-969 2945.

Remember the trial is about books not drugs.

Here is a list of some of the titles charged;

- ELECTRIC KOOL AID ACID TEST
- FREAK BROTHER'S COMIX
- FAT FREDDY'S CAT COMIX
- FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS
- BEST OF HIGH TIMES
- HAROLD HEDD COMIX
- ADVENTURES OF LAZARUS LAMB
- HomeGROWN MAGAZINE
- MARIJUANA MEDICAL PAPERS
- HERBAL APHRODISIACS
- PEYOTE
- MILLBROOK

ROYAL WEEK in The ANARCHIST

MY FIRST DEMO (a pathetic way to try and change things)

Thursday 15 March 1984.

Today Charles and Di, the perfect model of good Christian living, visited Sheffield. Mr. R. Sharrock, headmaster of King Edward VII School, decided that as the glorious motorcade would be passing by his college of knowledge he would allow his pupils time off to go and cheer the VIPs and wave DIY union jacks. The same union jacks that flew above the rotting corpses of many a battlefield.

Some friends and myself decided that we would take this opportunity to peacefully express our disgust at the whole charade of the happy masses cheering their media stars. To this end we prepared two posters which we were going to display at the roadside for other people and the lseches in the motorcade to see. Our actions were to be totally "respectable" (we thought this would lessen the chances of being 'moved on') and the exercise was undertaken as we thought it would stimulate thought and conversation amongst people so they might realise that while they stood cheering and waving their symbols of imperialist perversion, two thirds of the population of the world starve.

We used two slogans obtained from CRASS records as we felt that these represented our feelings in the most succinct manner possible. A member of the school Art Department (whom I will not name for their own protection) was willing (just) to let us use school materials to prepare our token gestures to the rich excreting on the poor. Having prepared our banners we sat on a wall on Clarkhouse Road, outside one of the school annexes, displaying our words and awaiting the Royals' arrival.

After about ten minutes, and countless dirty looks, we were approached by a teacher of the school who told us to turn round our signs as they were disgracing the name of the school. We refused. She then told us to get off the wall as it was school property. So we got off the wall. Then she told us not to stand outside school property, so we crossed the road.

By now vans full of jackboot clad pigs had arrived to hold back the masses who were going to cream themselves when the VIPs arrived. The teacher who had told us to move and who was now hysterical because pupils from her perfect school should act in such a manner, approached an

"officer of the law" and asked him to do something about us. This he most certainly did. With help from another policeman he tore up our banners and said if we chanted anything we "would not be going home tonight".

To most people reading this article this will be no surprise, but to us it was a great surprise. We had no idea this was what the police would do. The policeman said that we were "acting in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace." Politicians daily act in a manner likely to, and which often actually does, "cause a breach of the peace."

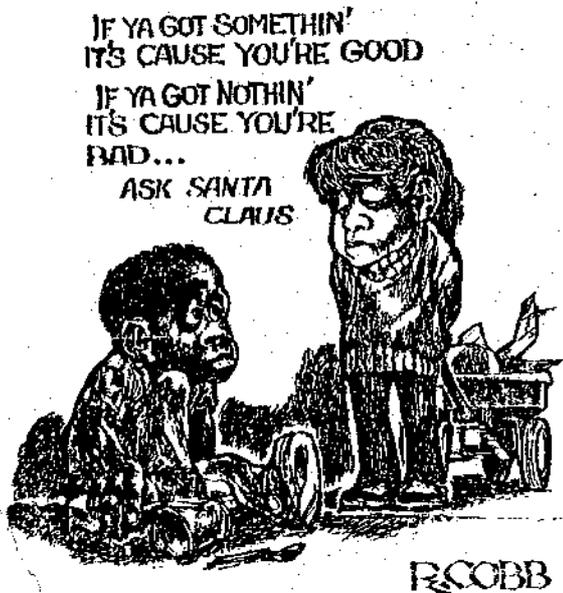
This was our first such confrontation with a nice policeman and we didn't really know how to handle it. Next time we will prepare ourselves, or limit ourselves to direct acts of sabotage if that's the way they're going to play. What little confidence we had left in authority "for our good" was gone. We left the scene.

On the bus on the way home I saw a child holding an union jack. "Have you seen THEM?" an old man asked the young boy. "Yes!" said the child's mother. I looked at the smiling child and his mother, I saw the union jack and thought of all the soldiers who had murdered or been murdered for it's wondrous cause, of all the people who had been enslaved under it through imperialism, I thought of the starving millions from whom we have stolen, and of the multinationals who daily bleed these countries dry.

It is a case of "No time to be nice, it's time to fucking act" after all.

Any hypocrisies in this article are totally my fault; a person who claims to be Anarchist when he's just passive to the System's fuck-you-up DEATH machine.

Bye, Bye.... G.G.



LOOK OUT FOR THE
'SCHOOL STOPPERS HANDBOOK'
COMING SOON FROM
THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHISTS

WHOSE SAFETY FIRST? - an everyday story of government priorities.

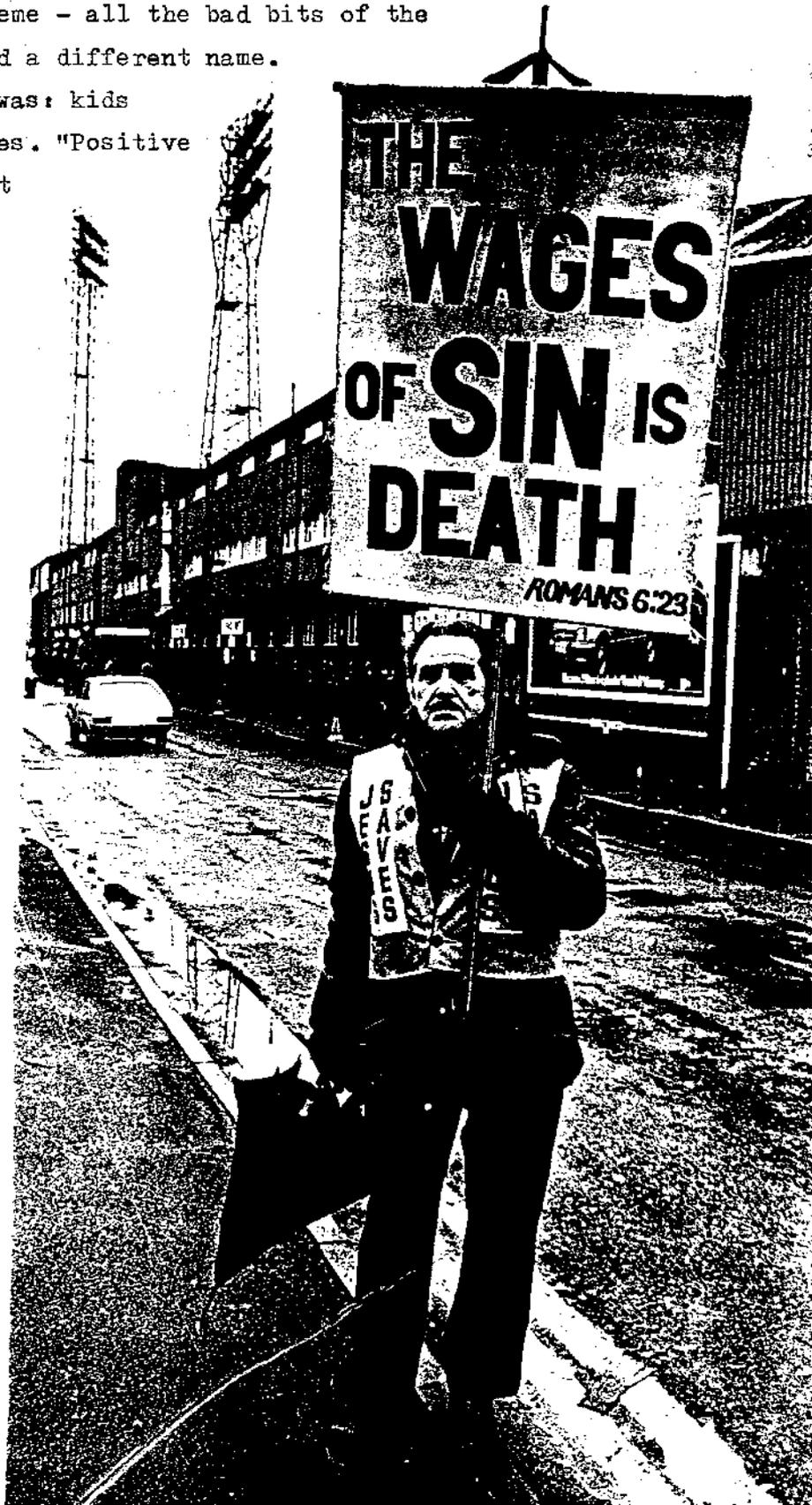
Remember YOP? That was the teenage job-creation scheme where kids showed an unfortunate tendency to get killed or maimed working in unsupervised sweatshops on ancient machinery.

Not surprisingly, YOP scored a few black marks on the old public relations front. There were answers to the problem: the government could have tightened up regulations and increased the number of factory inspectors spot-checking on dangerous workplaces and conditions. Instead they introduced a radical new scheme - all the bad bits of the old scheme, some new bad bits, and a different name.

YTS was born. The only problem was: kids still got chewed up in the machines. "Positive Action" was needed. The government continued to trim the already anorexic factory inspectorate but appointed new "safety advisers" to recommend on working conditions under the scheme.

These "advisers" were hand-picked from the pool of retired civil servants who once worked for the factory inspectorate but are by now eadly out of touch with current health and safety legislation. On top of their comfortable index-linked pensions (proportionate to the £10,000 - £20,000 salaries they earned while working) these people are paid £90 A DAY for their obsolete information. They must work between 75 and 150 days each year which puts their annual income, before pensions, at between £6,750 and £13,500. Meanwhile the youngsters whose safety they are responsible for earn less than £1,500 a year.

And they are still getting injured.

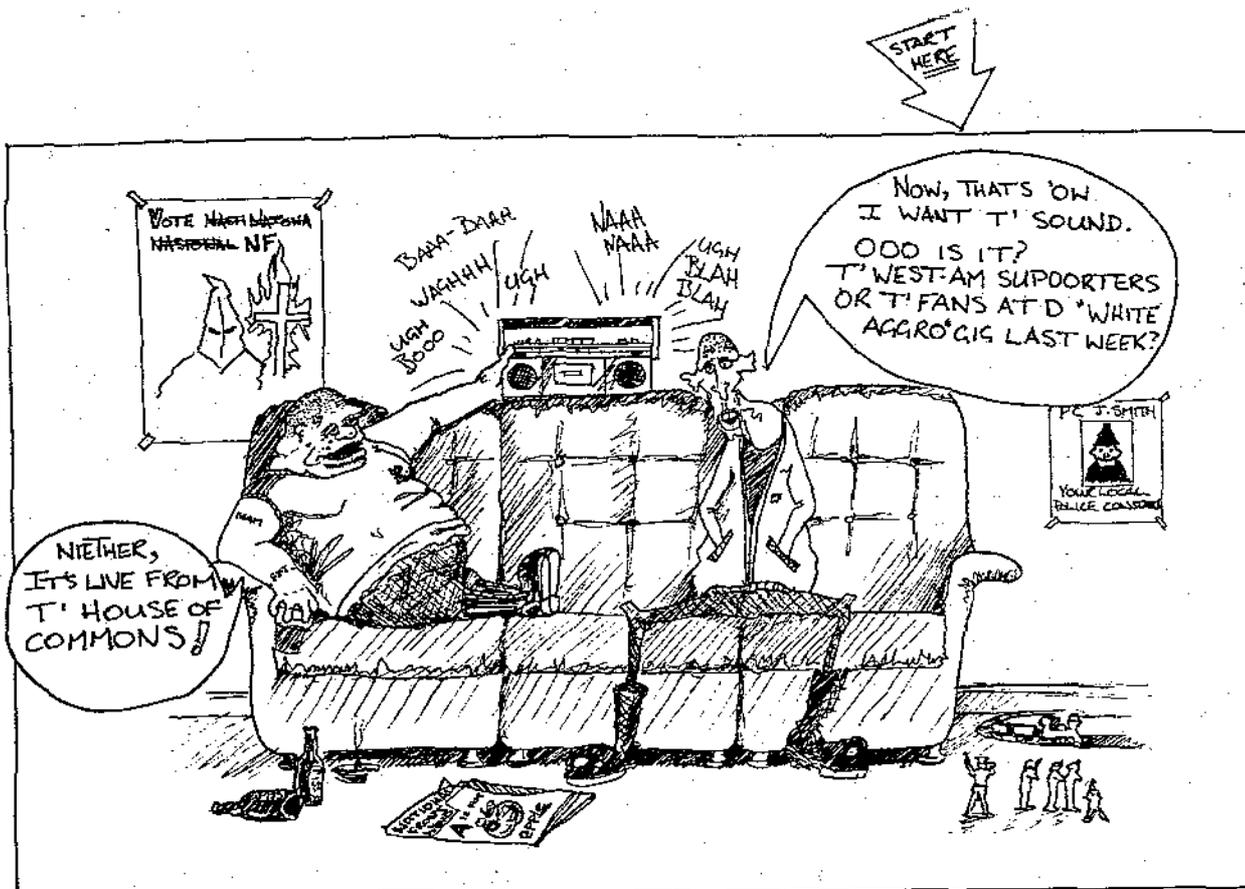


Marcus (The Sharkus) Featherby.

A lot of money raised by sales of the album 'Wargasm' on Pax Records has not yet been paid out. Each track on the L.P. was to earn 5p, 2p for the band and 3p for each nominated organisation. 'Wargasm' came out two years ago and by now, everyone should have been paid. Organisations that haven't been paid so far are; St. Helens CND, Friends of the Earth, Birmingham CND, Sheffield Libertarian Society (who have now received half of their money) and The System. It is unlikely that the Women's Centres in Belfast and Dublin as well as the El Salvador relief organisation have been paid, either.

Some of the money from the Dead Kennedys gig at the Leadmill ended up in Marcus's pocket. He still owes a printer for some posters that he commissioned. An artist, Martin Bedford, did some artwork for Marcus and expressly stated that it was not to be used for the cover of an 'Exploited' album. Marcus then asked if Martin would do some artwork especially for a n 'Exploited' cover. He refused on ideological grounds so Marcus used the artwork Martin had given to him earlier.

There are probably dozens of other people that have been ripped off by this shark. Pax Records was originally set up with the intention of making music available but not profits. though Marcus must now have made a lot of money out of the venture.



CLASS ANXIETY!

LESSON #1
"STEG AND MIFFER TRY TO FIND A 'MANNER' VOICE. IS LABORATORY THE ANSWER?"

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NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST'S

The Nottingham Anarchists re-formed in April '82. Our first activity was producing a leaflet on the general election, we distributed some 5,000 to homes. Next we went to the Upper Heyford Blockade and were arrested.

In the summer we held a fund-raising benefit gig, which went quite well and raised quite a bit of money. We had an Anarchist picnic to which some of you in sheffield came, and were fortunate to have some amazing weather and a good turn-out.

In September we organised a coach to the 'Stop the City' demo, unfortunately not as many people went as we would have liked, and we received no support from Nottingham C.N.D., who had over reacted to a rumour of violence. 5 of us were arrested but generally we felt it was a very positive action. Our first magazine was printed after much delay and was christened 'Police News for non-violent authoritarianism'.

I've been away for sometime and so cannot describe all the things that have been done since. On my recent return our second magazine was printed and named 'Spot the Bomb'. In Jan, we organised a weekend get-together, Saturday was a planning meeting for the 'Stop the City', sunday was an Anarchist get together. The weekend went very well and left a very positive feeling. There has been a large influx of members recently, especially women who now make up over half the group, giving the group a renewed feeling of strength and comittment (in my opinion). I hope this has given people some idea of the sort of things that have been happening in Nottingham.

VIOLENT(?) DIRECT ACTION NOW

I no longer call myself a pacifist because I am told I am not, for violently defending myself against policemen, who are ripping my flesh open on barbed wire fences of oppression.

I no longer call myself a pacifist because I am told i am not, for violently defending my friends when the police are jumping on their heads, trampling their bodies and coming for me next.

I no longer call myself a pacifist because I am told I am not, because I am too agressive, audicious and provocative towards authority; to much of a sense of freedom..

I no longer call myself a pacifist because I am told I am a martyr to my cause because I get arrested, bludgeoned, beaten and imprisoned for taking actions towards freedom.

I no longer call my self a pacifist because I am told Iam not for wanting to inflict terror on the rich, powerfull, greedy selfish governing elites of this world, make them feel some of the fear I feel every time I step outside my front door (if I have a front door). make them feel a little less comfortable, complacent and safe as they prosper from the sweat, blood, fear, death and frustrationof me and millions of other under priviliged and oppressed people like me. To make them feel the capacity for humanitarian change within their safe capitalist hierarchies, by destroying their wealth, property, possession and livelihoods before their very faces.

I no longer call myself a pacifist because pacifists tell me I am not for refusing to be passive in the face of violent oppression of myself and other underpriviliged people every second of my life. I will stuggle for my individuality and I will strugg lefor the individuality of others.

That struggle is sometimes necessarily violent,. It is better to die on your feet than live on your knees.

PEACE LIFE LIBERTY
Spike.

"REvolutionary violence is but a drop in the ocean compared to state violence inflicted on a grand scale, upon the people every day of their lives."- Emma Goldman - not a direct quote, but it goes something like that,