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all new adventure.

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and the PARIS COMMUNE

# THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST

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THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST is produced by the Sheffield Anarchists as an aid to the wider dissemination of the anarchist and libertarian viewpoint in the Sheffield area and further abroad.

Vol.1 No.1 was published in 1891, and it was intended to appear fortnightly, but pressure from the law, the police, the authorities in general, and christians (displaying yet again their capacity for hatred and intolerance) forced it to close down after only ten issues. It was restarted in the mid 1970's, and has appeared at varying intervals since, depending on the level of interest and activity amongst anarchists in Sheffield.

The paper has no fixed price, a continuation of the original policy of the founders, so ensuring that the want of a few pence shall not prevent the snaring of ideas. We pay ourselves no wages, under any guise, have no expense accounts and support no other enterprise (and are supported by no other enterprise - sorry, but we've not had any Moscow gold to keep us going). All money received for the paper goes towards ensuring that we can print more copies of the next issue, and those who give generously ensure that copies can be given free to those who really cannot afford to give anything.

Contributions are always welcome, be they articles, poems, letters or graphics - we exercise no editorial control or censorship over contributions, and inclusion is subject only to available space.

## 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 structures i.e. buracracy, intimidation of the less verbally articulate, oppression of minorities, hierarchy, etc, etc.

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# HOME NEWS

On Friday May 17th, the first night at the Crucible of 'The Girl' starring Marti Caine, a demonstration was organised in protest. For those in the know about Marti Caine she recently returned to Sheffield after a tour of South Africa and has continually defended the regime there.

Anyway, back to the demonstration ; All our old friends were there ; Roger (the issue dodger) Barton, Tony Tigwell, but far outstanding in the meagre stars was the lad himself Richard (Ricky to friends) Caborn M.P. As Chairman of Sheffield Anti - Apartheid he started his address to the assembled masses with a racist remark about the supposed inherent bad time - keeping of West Indians. But suprisingly he got quite a bit of stick about this. When one comrade swore at him, a comrade asked him (sunshine) if he'd like to repeat it in the carpark after the show at past 8. Sadly Dick slipped away about 7.50.

The rest of the demo consisted of all the usual stuff and parasitic speakers, and Sheffield Anti -Apartheid making lotsa money. Caborn explained (in between bouts of sexism and racism) that a demonstration of this size costs lots of money, ("If we had Marti Caine's money we could have a demonstration 10 times this size), nobody was sure what for when it was a pretty meagre demo in a council carpark. But leaving the stage Richard muttered "expenses, expenses" and it became quiet.

'The Sheffield Anarchist' went down well at least, as it wasn't a complete waste of time.

It might also be reported that The Crucible was attacked with stink bombs during the afternoon.

## SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST PICNIC

We are holding a picnic in the Peak District on Sat. August 4th. Meet in the 'Fox House' pub from 12 noon onwards - to get there catch 272 bus from Pond St. bus station.

Bring food, drink, flags, kites, musical instruments, etc.

There will also be a social in the evening.

Contact us at PO Box 217 for further details -those from outside Sheffield who wish to stay over the weekend can also contact us in advance.

## Broomhall Summer Carnival

Sheffield Anarchists will have a book-stall at Broomhall Summer Carnival on July 28th. There will also be a tombola to raise money for the printing press fund.

THERE'S NO GOVERNMENT  
LIKE  
NO GOVERNMENT.



# HOME NEWS

Sheffield Peace Radio is an independent pirate radio station serving the city of Sheffield. Run by a group of unemployed people using a home-made transmitter (no larger than a car-radio) we have been broadcasting regularly a mixture of alternative entertainment and features on the miners' strike, animal rights, the Peace movement, the Police Bill and other campaigns of the left.

Unknown to us, British Telecom officials (working on behalf of the Department of Trade in London) had been tracking us to the extent of following us to our homes. This culminated in a full-scale raid on May 20th by 8 British Telecom officials and 2 police officers, after

we had been followed as we took the bus across Sheffield. It is clear that a large amount of taxpayers' money has been wasted in silencing the voice of SPR.

Four members of SPR were escorted to Hammerton Road Police Station where each was interrogated before being released. Notice was given of possible forthcoming prosecutions under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949.

All this has happened in spite of the fact that we have made deliberate efforts to move our frequency so as not to interfere with existing radio stations. Neither we nor, it seems, British Telecom, have received any complaints of interference with existing radio stations

nor of the content of the programmes. The extensive operation was clearly politically motivated and it was admitted by officials that the directive to track down SPR came from London. They also admitted that the name 'Peace Radio' was the reason for this. This bears out the experience of other 'pirates' around the country; stations that pose no threat to the state have 'got off' very lightly, but stations with a politically radical message have received treatment of almost military proportions — Our Radio (a London pirate) was even raided by a Home Office helicopter. This is obvious government censorship of the so-called right to free speech.

SPR did not interfere with other radio stations in the area, neither did it compete for advertising revenue. Nevertheless it is illegal because it does not have a government licence. Such licences are, with very few exceptions, available only to stations within the BBC and IBA hierarchies. In this way the government effectively censors what people can listen. Their given excuse of 'shortage of space on the airwaves' is patently absurd when one looks at the experience of other countries.

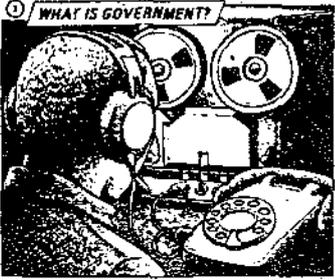
For further information please contact Sheffield Peace Radio, c/o 55 Ashland Road, Sheffield 7, or Mike, Tel 550419 or Guy, Tel 586287.

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## WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?

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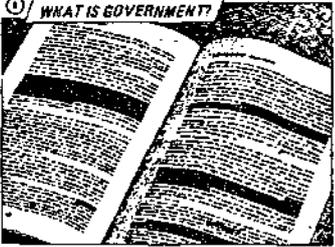
TO BE GOVERNED IS TO BE WATCHED, INSPECTED, SPIED ON.

① WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?



REGULATED, INDOCTRINATED, PREACHED AT, CONTROLLED, RULED.

① WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?



CENSORED BY PERSONS WHO HAVE NEITHER WISDOM NOR VIRTUE.

① WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?



IT IS IN EVERY ACTION AND TRANSACTION

① WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?



TO BE REGISTERED, STAMPED.

① WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?



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## THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST WALK

5th AUG

A walk will be held on the evening of Sunday ~~15th of July~~. This will start from the Hanover House pub at Broomhall and the route will explore many places important in Anarchist history (recent and not so recent). Included in the walk will be visits to 2 other relevant pubs (and maybe a few more not so relevant ones). Those interested should meet in the back room of the Hanover at 8.30pm.

# HUDDERSFIELD CONFERENCE

## A PERSONAL VIEW

As a connoisseur and veteran of conferences, I feel compelled to tell those of you unable to attend something about the last NEAF (North East Anarchist Federation) Conference. A good conference is like a good meal - it gives you something to get your teeth into, something to chew over and leaves you with a satisfied feeling and a pleasant aftertaste of ideas to mull over. So why did the NEAF conference taste like month old rancid garbage and leave me with an aftertaste like the inside of a cesspit?

The anarchist ideas of free association and absence of rigid structuring can work - I've known them to work very well. I've been to conferences before that have been totally unstructured, with no pre-planned agenda, have started really late, but they've worked, my friends, they've worked! - because people have WANTED them to work, they've set to and grafted and things have been thrashed out and decisions reached. Oh, yes, there have been arguments - there've been arguments that would make the Falklands War look like a Sunday afternoon vicarage bunfight, but because of mutual respect and trust, and a common desire to work together towards a goal of anarchism, people have respected the views of others and have reached amicable compromises and have not tried to force their views down other people's throats. All of which probably gives you an idea of what this conference was like.

Representatives were there from Sheffield, Huddersfield, Hull, Middlesboro', Newcastle, Leeds, as well as others I apologize for forgetting. Perhaps some people there felt threatened by the number of Sheffield people (for reasons I won't go into here, there were about a dozen of us from Sheffield Anarchists which was about as many as all the others put together- but we felt that we needed to attend in strength to show our depth of feeling on certain issues, so we didn't exclude anyone who wished to attend. It has always been the principle of Sheffield Anarchists, and to my knowledge the principle of NEAF, that as many as wished could attend from any one group - in the past votes have not been taken, but decisions reached by consensus, so numbers have never been an issue. But I digress.)

To get a few minor carps out of the way - if we'd been plotting the imminent violent overthrow of the State the venue might have been ideal, though maybe it wasn't quite dark and dank and dingy enough and we should've started at midnight instead of noon - and perhaps we did start late and there wasn't anywhere near to eat - but for godssake, as a conference it stank!!

The bulk of the time was taken up with a discussion (to use a euphemism) of "Aims and Principles" that NEAF might adopt, several ideas having been floated in the NEAF bulletins. The argument revolved around whether or

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**WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?**

MEASURED, REPRIMANDED, CORRECTED, FRUSTRATED.

UNDER PRETEXT OF THE PUBLIC GOOD IT IS TO BE EXPLOITED.

MONOPOLISED, EMBEZZLED, ROBBER, AND THEN,

AT THE LEAST PROTEST OR WORD OF COMPLAINT,

TO BE FINED, HARASSED, VILIFIED,

BEATEN UP, BLOODÉONED, DISARMED,

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not there ought to be a laid-down declaration of aims and principles - and when it became clear that there was a very wide divergence of strongly-held opinions, and that many people were against the idea of having a rigid set of aims and principles (which are in my view the first step down the slippery road to membership cards and expulsions for heresy, or not 'toeing the party line'), it ought to have been decided to drop the idea altogether, as it was obvious that a consensus was not going to be reached. As I understand Anarchism, it is against one person imposing their will on others, and it seems that trying to get the Federation to adopt something on which there is so obviously a great difference of opinion is trying to impose something that a section of the Federation is alienated by and opposed to, and so ought to have been dropped. If individual groups feel they need a set of aims and principles, then let them adopt them, but, please, don't try and impose them on the rest of us. It only stores up trouble for the future. As it looks, the issue will not be allowed to die, but will be brought up again by the same people at the next conference.

Apart from this discussion, the rest of the conference was trivial and a waste of time - but let me also say that for a few people within NEAF to produce a poster saying that NEAF has a certain viewpoint, when it was shown quite clearly at the meeting that there was a wide divergence of opinion and that in fact NEAF did not generally have that viewpoint (I refer to the discussion we had on the miners' strike) is the height of arrogance and of Trotskyist manoeuvring, and will not easily be forgiven or forgotten.

I commend this conference to oblivion where it belongs.

R. Hunter

### THE PARIS COMMUNE, 1871

On March 18, 1871, the people of Paris rose against a despised and detested government, and proclaimed the city independent, free, belonging to itself.

This overthrow of the central power took place without the usual stage effects of revolution, without the firing of guns, without the shedding of blood upon barricades. When the armed people came out into the streets, the rulers fled away, the troops evacuated the town, the civil functionaries hurriedly retreated to Versailles carrying everything they could with them. The government evaporated like a pond of stagnant water in a spring breeze, and on the nineteenth the great city of Paris found herself free from the impurity which had defiled her, with the loss of scarcely a drop of her children's blood.

..Under the name "Commune of Paris" a new idea was born, to become the starting point for future revolutions.

from "The Commune of Paris"  
by P. Kropotkin

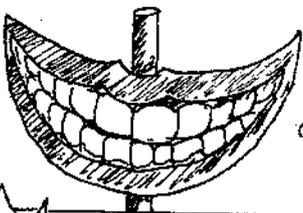


How CAN A SPIRITUAL BELIEF  
BE BASED COMPLETELY ON MATERIAL WEALTH  
AND IF JESUS DESPISED WORLDLY POSSESSIONS  
HOW COME ALL YOU 'TRUE' CHRISTIANS  
TRY TO BE SO 'MIDDLE-CLASS' WITH  
LARGE BANK ACCOUNTS!!

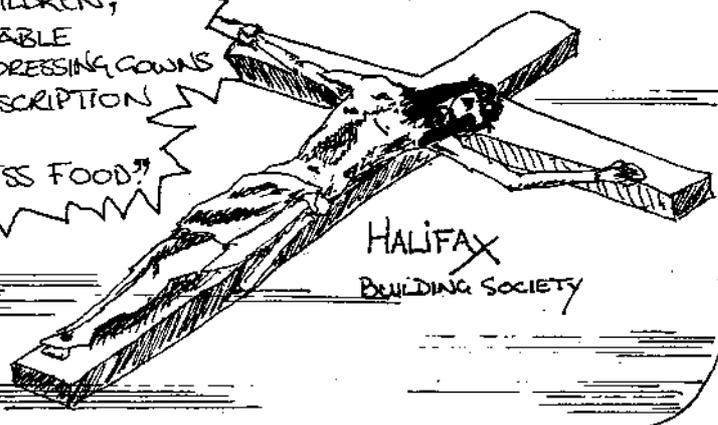
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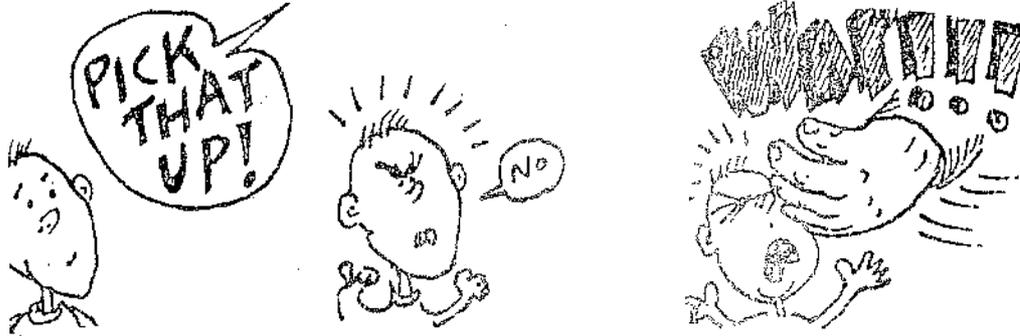
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD,  
STUPID:-  
"JESUS SAVES"



THATS RIGHT FOLKS!!  
IF YOU WANT A PLACE IN HEAVEN  
INVEST IN A GOOD HOME TODAY  
WITH FITTED SUBSERVANT WIFE  
(SHAPE-UP AND DANCE RECORD INCLUDED)  
ALSO, 2-3 DARLING CHILDREN,  
A PINE BREAKFAST TABLE  
WITH WHITE TOWLING DRESSING GOWNS  
AND A YEARS FULL SUBSCRIPTION  
TO SKI-  
"THE FULL OF FITNESS FOOD"



# STATE INSECURITY



It can be seen that people living in institutions (e.g. mental hospitals, prisons, old peoples 'homes', etc.) eventually become dependent on them to the extent that they feel that they could not manage to cope with life outside of the institution. This sense of dependency is fostered by the institutions to an incredible degree in order to make their "charges more manageable. A mental patient may not be compelled to remain in a mental institute, but s/he will be encouraged to believe that they need it's security, and they will eventually become convinced of this. Likewise with old peoples 'homes', they are merely

places to go, vegetate, and die. Many old people who have, for years, managed to look after themselves perfectly well (it takes quite a bit of know-how to exist on a state pension) show a rapid deterioration on going into an institution. Even in prison, there are people who, after a long spell inside, have become so institutionalised that they do not want to get out.

Women who have had children in hospital will know from experience how, (sometimes in very subtle and clever ways), the doctors etc attempt to exclude them from the decision-making process as much as possible, usually by simply keeping them in the dark about the facts, and treating their babies, merely, as a package to

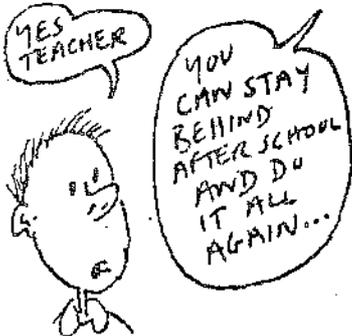
be delivered by a certain date irrespective of the condition it arrives in. Imagine being treated like this, day in day out for years only to a worse degree, told when to have a bath, when to take your pill, when to get up, when to go to bed; is it any wonder that people become institutionalised?

So it is with the institution of the state, people are so conditioned into not thinking for themselves, of having so many

major decisions taken for them, of being told how to behave, of being wrapped up in the Big Brotherly oh so secure arms of the state that they think that they could not manage to live their lives without it. You might think that if you can get through life managing to feed yourself on paltry wages or the dole, doing your best to find a roof over your head, and so on, you are quite capable of deciding such trivial things as whether or not you should smoke cannabis. Of living your life without the institution of the state. Of taking all your decisions for yourself.

It is for this reason that the state needs to foster our fear of each other, so we are more easily managed, and less willing to even think about life without government. There always has to be an enemy, or many enemies, (Russians, Argies, Commies, Queers, Wogs), so that

we're too scared of each other to start thinking about whether or not we need the power hungry megalomaniacs that control us. Maybe without the state "I wouldn't run around killing people, but there's plenty of loonies who would". Look at yourself, look at your friends, look at your neighbours, look at the next person you pass in the street; conditioned by society as they are, do



State Insecurity Contd.



you really think that they have no morals at all, no self-discipline, are there mad axe-murderers hiding round every corner? It's time we started to stop fearing and distrusting each other. We don't need the Big Nurse to tell us what's good or bad for us. Let's break out of the assylum. Start digging for Anarchy now!

"Every man lives in his own self - made prison, resentful of his fate yet accepting to pay for the governments and the warders who put him, and keep him, there. And in prison the only security

they are interested in is the one which ensures that there prisoners shall not escape."

Quote from Vernon Richards.



THE SCHOOL STOPPERS HANDBOOK

The School Stoppers Handbook (or School Stoppers Textbook) was first published in America in 1968. Since then it has been translated into 17 languages and literally millions of copies have been produced.

The handbook consists of various (91) ways to sabotage school, ranging from the simple to the quite sophisticated. Although aimed at school students the ideas in it could be used in any institution (e.g. prison).

A new edition has just been compiled by Sheffield Anarchists, in fact this is the second edition that we have produced ourselves, the other being in 1978. Because it is designed for free distribution, but we still have to pay for the printing, any contributions towards costs will be gratefully recieved. We intend to distribute this handbook as widely as possible within the Sheffield area, and copies will be available shortly directly from P.O. Box 217.

STOP PRESS

Since the above was written the printers have refused to print The School Stoppers Handbook, but don't worry it will be out in time for the new school year.

As long as people are oppressed and governed there will be chaos and disorder. Only when people are free will there be peace....



DESTROY THAT WHICH DESTROYS  
YOU



Freedom before Peace.

SPIKE

Extracts from "Anarchism and Violence" by Errico Malatesta.

Anarchists are opposed to violence... The main plank of anarchism is the removal of violence from human relations. It is life based on the freedom of the individual, without the intervention of the gendarme. For this reason we are enemies of capitalism which depends on the protection of the gendarme to oblige workers to allow themselves to be exploited - or even to remain idle and go hungry when it is not in the interest of the bosses to exploit them. We are therefore enemies of the State which is the coercive, violent organization of society.

Governments make the law. They must therefore dispose of the material forces (police and army) to impose the law, for otherwise only those who wanted to would obey it, and it would no longer be the law, but a simple series of suggestions which all would be free to accept or reject. Governments have this power, however, and use it through the law, to strengthen their power, as well as to serve the interests of the ruling classes, by oppressing and exploiting the workers.

The only limit to the oppression of government is the power with which the people show themselves capable of opposing it.

This revolution must of necessity be violent, even though violence is in itself an evil. It must be violent because it would be folly to hope that the privileged classes will recognize the injustice of, and harm caused by, their privileged status and voluntarily renounce it. It must be violent because a transitional, revolutionary violence is the only way to put an end to the far greater...violence which keeps the majority of mankind in servitude.

The bourgeoisie will not allow itself to be expropriated without a struggle, and one will always have to resort to the coup de force, to the violation of legal order by illegal means.

We neither seek to impose anything by force nor do we wish to submit to a violent imposition.

...I believe that not to "actively" resist evil, adequately and by every possible way is in theory absurd, because it is in contradiction with the aim of avoiding and destroying evil, and in practice

immoral because it is a denial of human solidarity and the duty that stems from it to defend the weak and the oppressed. I think that a regime which is born in violence and which continues to exist by violence cannot be overthrown except by a corresponding and proportionate violence, and that one is therefore either stupid or deceived in relying on legality where the oppressors can change the law to suit their own needs. But I believe that violence is, for us who aim at peace among men, and justice and freedom for all, an unpleasant necessity, which must cease the moment liberation is achieved...

We are against fascism and we would wish that it were weakened by opposing to its violence a greater violence. And we are, above all, against government, which is permanent violence.

# NO APOLOGIES!



# EVER!!



# ANARCHIST BOOKSHOP

The following books and pamphlets are available from Sheffield Anarchists, PO Box 217, Sheffield. Cheques, P.O.'s, etc. should be made out to Sheffield Libertarian Society.

ABC of Anarchism by Alexander Berkman, 76pp, £1.00

A classic and very readable account of Anarchist-Communism

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

Excellent work on Kronstadt, with introduction by Murray Bookchin

The German Guerilla: Terror, Reaction and Resistance, 106pp, £2.00

Anarchy in Action by Colin Ward, 152pp, £2.00

Theories and examples of practical anarchist organization

Anarchy by Errico Malatesta, 54pp, 75p

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

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

Interesting reading on Spanish Anarchism

We Want To Riot Not To Work, 48pp, £1.00

Documents the 1931 Brixton uprisings

Armed Struggle in Italy, 96pp, £1.20

Anarchism and the National Liberation Struggle by Alfredo Bannano, 24pp, 50p

A Bratach Dubh pamphlet about the refusal of mainstream anarchists to participate in national liberation struggles

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

The 'infamous' book that tells you all you wanted to know about armed struggle but were afraid to ask - well, not quite all

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

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

Articles examining 'socialism' as practiced by the Labour Party and Trade Unions and the struggle for power reducing radicalism to a minimum

Lessons of the Spanish Revolution by Vernon Richards, 256pp, £2.95

History of the role of anarchists and the CNT in the Spanish Civil War

Protest without illusions by Vernon Richards, 168pp, £1.95

Untying the knot: feminism, anarchism and organization by Freeman and Levine, 24pp, 60p

Floodgates of Anarchy by Christie and Meltzer, 160pp, £3.25

A good introduction to the role of anarchism in the modern world

Housing: an anarchist approach by Colin Ward, 200pp, £2.25

The First Mayday by Voltairine de Cleyre, 54pp, £2.00

Speeches commemorating the Chicago anarchists hanged by the State, whose deaths led to the establishment of the "workers' holiday"

Wildcat Spain Encounters Democracy, 130pp, £1.00

Women in the Spanish Revolution by L. Willis, 28pp, 70p.

Zapata of Mexico by Peter E. Newell, 176pp, £2.95

The life of the well known Mexican Revolutionary and his part in the Mexican Rev.

Authority has No Tears Poems by G. McCrory, 24pp, 40p.

Poems written by McCrory (who is a prisoner in Long Kesh) between '77 and '80.

Fighters for Anarchism by Steimer and Fleshin, 84pp, £2.00

The lives and people connected with these two Anarchists.

Karl Marx and the Anarchists by P. Thomas, 406pp, £3.00

The Author is a Marxist, but the study does show how marx was influenced by the various well-known Anarchists who were around at that time, Bakunin etc.

We also have a few copies of the last three 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).

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# HOME LOCKSMITHING FOR BEGINNERS

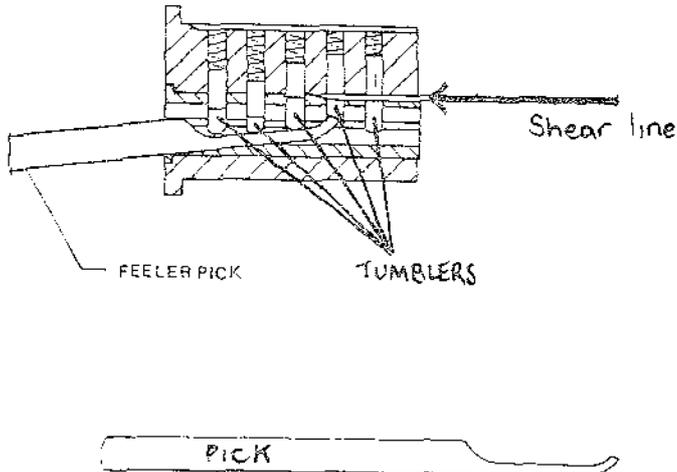
## — hint no 2 —

Some thought our hint no. 1 a little confusing, so below are given concise instructions on how to pick a lock using a feeler pick and torsion tool.

You can custom-make a feeler pick using a hacksaw blade and a grinding wheel as described in the last issue, but items such as thin lengths of fuse wire or hair grips can be used with good effect if the end is bent to shape.

You need the torsion tool simply for applying pressure in the direction the lock cylinder turns (usually clockwise). For this simply use a screwdriver or penknife.

As suggested in our last issue it is advisable to practice these techniques at home first before putting them into practice.



1) Insert the end of your feeler pick onto the keyhole of the lock. You should be able to feel the first tumbler, push this upwards to the level of the shear line. When it passes this, if you are applying the correct amount of pressure with your torsion tool it will stay locked up.

2) Your torsion tool should be used in the following manner. Apply light but firm pressure just inside the lip of the keyhole cylinder (the part that actually turns), in the direction the lock turns, usually clockwise.

3) After raising the first tumbler, keep on applying light pressure with your torsion tool so that the tumbler stays above the shear line. Then move on to the second tumbler and push this up past the shear

line, as it reaches the shear line you may have to relax the pressure from your torsion tool a little.

4) When the second tumbler is up continue along the line of tumblers maintaining pressure with your torsion tool all the time until you have pushed them all above the shear line.

5) Now apply firm constant pressure with your torsion tool until the lock cylinder turns as it would with a key.

## KNEECAP KORNER

There is a matter which I feel compelled to mention; the question of those 'comrades' who inform to the police to save their own skins, or who make any kind of a deal with the police. It's a growing problem. The prevalent attitude seems to be one of indifference and should anyone raise the matter of these SCUM it is met by either an embarrassed silence or pathetic excuses on their behalf. Now I don't think that there are ANY excuses for grassing. I also think that it is something that everyone in the movement should be responsible for - a grass should at the very least be immediately ostracised and preferably at the first opportunity his/her legs should be

broken (in the first instance) as a warning to the cowardly scum that may, and undoubtedly do, lurk within the movement, to get out while the going is good. This should all be obvious. Recent experience has shown that we do not completely trust each other, and understandably so. It's essential that we build up this trust within our groups, so that not only do we know that the people with us will back us up in the streets and not leg it at the first sign of danger, but also that we are as certain as we can be that some sordid individual isn't going to inform on us if they happen to get lifted. It's a truism that a group that has confidence and trust in each other has a strength out of all proportion to its numbers or individual strengths; we don't even have to like each other personally to be effective.

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# THE STATE

BAKUNIN.. 'The State is like a vast slaughterhouse or an enormous cemetery, where all the real repirations, all the living forces of a people enter generously and happily, in the shadow of that abstation, to let themselves be slain and buried.'

The most notable example of the anarchist critique of society is the notion of the state. Anarchists seek to replace it with a direct form of democracy, and an absolute democracy in opposition to the partial and farcical democracy practiced in the world today. Others who would call themselves revolutionary, the Marxists, Communists and the like seek to capture the state for their own purposes.

Anarchists oppose what is called state but many ask for a definition and ask why? I hope to be able to provide answers to both.

We can ask immediately what comprises the state and receive at least 3 answers- the government, parliament, all of its offices and attendants, namely the Civil Service and so on.

True, the state comprises those who direct our lives and hence limit it, those who create laws supposedly to help us, upon our behalf, whether elected by us or not, and then pass on the administration of those laws to others outside of the elected government itself.

Those who sit in 'parliament' have those seats because sometimes as little as 7 or 8 thousand people in areas populated by tens of thousands of people say they should. They have this chance normally because they have the backing of political parties, trade unions or other backers with the resources of thousands of pounds. Once they sit in 'parliament' they then have the ability to ignore us, with any amount of contempt, until the next time an election is called. We have no right to recall them if they do not do the job as we would have it done. We can lobby them if we have the chance or the money, but then again they can ignore us.

Laws are enacted and handed on to the Civil Service. Often the Civil Service aids in the drafting of laws, moulding them to its own ideas of practicability.

Here we have a few thousand people moulding the society in which we live, allowing what is essentially good for the etate and disallowing that which is not.

The state has power - that is obvious. That power has a variety of forms. By taking money in taxes the state acquires vast economic power, this power is exercised by for instance its grants to our 'welfare' in the form of the National Health Service, Education, and various forms of Social Security. Its economic power is there to safely

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UNION LEADERS, TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS - 50 POINTS

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assure that in times of sickness, inemployment and the like we keep body and soul together, healthy and fed.

Further than this power, the state has judicial power, by which I mean the power to intervene in our activity, to say that it is wrong and constrain us. The police and the courts see that the image and ideal of good behaviour is kept up by all. If necessary we may be treated to a spell of detention at Her Majesty's Pleasure in one of her prisons or mental hospitals.

Thirdly, on top of that power of compulsion (the power described by many as the power of the state as a terrorist), there are the armed forces ready to step in as an asserter of state power, even as a substitute for the workforce where necessary. This is the greatest of all the organisms fostered by the state, using up much of the research potential of the country and vast quantities of our money to pay its personnel and buy its material.

The state is essentially the great ideal of arbiter and administrator. Administering to our needs for electricity, gas, education, protection from fire, health, science, industry, transport and so on. The way we and our children are taught, what we are taught, is decided for us by the state. Whether or not we are treated for our ailments and how we are treated is



the flames of anarchy  
burn bright as we  
lead ourselves out of  
the cold winter of  
despair and poverty  
that is our lot in the  
world of capital.

decided for us by the state. How much we pay for our light, cooking, buses, trains, coal are all decided by various organs of the state

This great edifice has invaded every wall of life. The science and technology put at our disposal, the disposal of industry, the police and armed forces are generally organized and paid for by it. Consequently the interests put forward and answered are those not of some person in the street or factory but those people in the

governmental bureaucracies, the multinational corporations, the army, the navy, etc. This towering edifice is thus an expression of itself, those high in its ranks, high in industry - those people known to us all as the bourgeoisie.

For us, all that is left is to legitimise this rule over us by means either of the ballot box or simply by the tacit acceptance of abstention.

The state is a wall which surrounds all of us confining solely for the interests of those who have something to lose. There are laws against certain methods of strike, so as to control us at the workplace. There are laws against the disruption of the Civil Service, we may not act so as to take away their power over us, we may not defend our right to determine our future. There are laws against 'mob violence', this is how they describe our defending ourselves as responsible, capable, feeling yet impoverished human beings.

We have no right to protest at them forging the weapons of total destruction.

THE STATE IS OUR PRISON, it is the walls and bars built by those with the power and wealth which go hand in hand. The bourgeoisie has there the tool of its domination over the impoverished, the powerless. This is the instrument sought by the Marxists. The State has only one proprietor and defender, the bourgeoisie, what then are the Marxists but the radical forces of the bourgeoisie. As in Soviet Russia and its client states, the power of the state is not held in the hands of the working people but in the hands of a new and simplistic expression of the rulers of old. It does not matter whether the feudal autocrats have been removed, all that has happened is that the working people have been subjected toward further confinement by the new administrators. Here in the party machine of the eastern bloc is to be found the 'revolutionary bourgeoisie' with its police-unions, asylums for the politically unacceptable



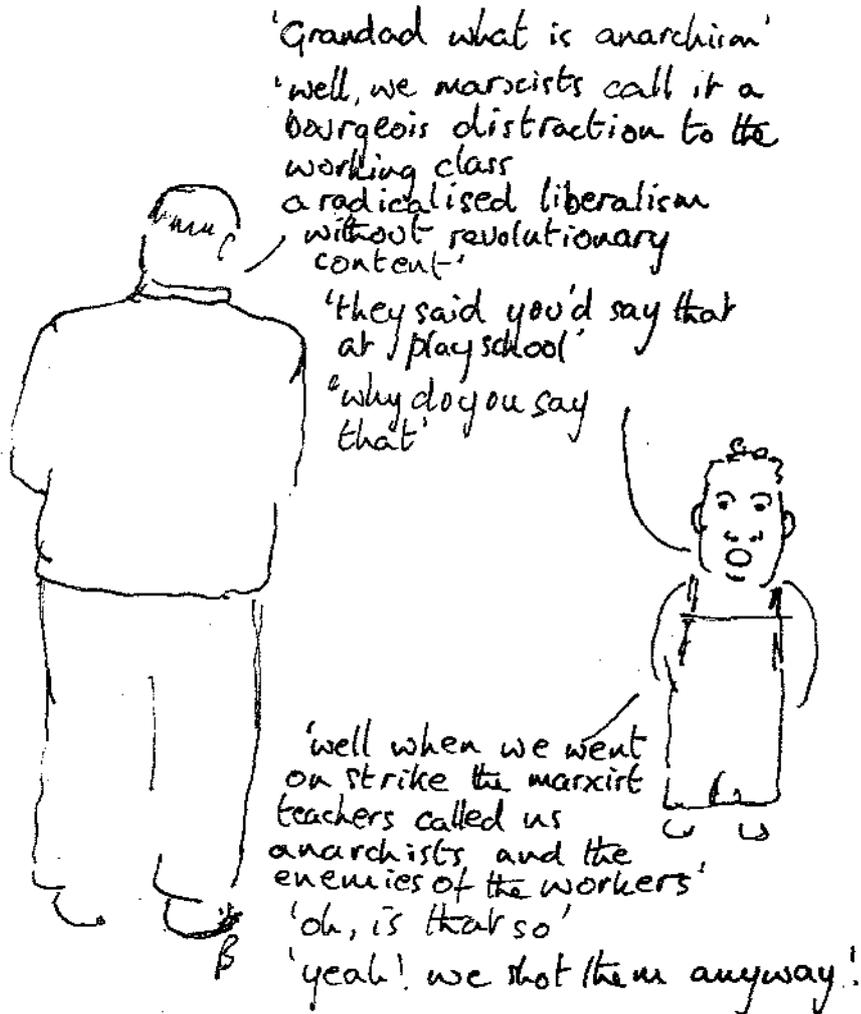
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dissidents, the army and riot police ready to crack down at the first sign of self-expression. The worker is not even allowed to be unemployed as this means he or she is a social parasite, whether or not the state provides them with work.

The state is simply the collective expression of power and wealth. An ideal and norm for the control and administration of society, not for the interests of all but for the interests of the traditional status quo or the new expression of the tradition (the 'proletarian' tradition in the case of the eastern bloc). Here we have our confinement, our walls, our bars.

These are the definitions of state and the reasons for the Anarchist ideal of no state. We seek the abolition of confinement, taking on our responsibilities, taking up our capabilities and the creation of a society which is joyful, interesting and rewarding and for everyone, not the few.

by Beta



the essence of anarchism is to be found in the smiles of fulfillment on faces once marked by hunger and poverty and in the laughter of children free and happy.  $\beta$ .

anarchy  
& refusal.

# INTRODUCTION TO ANARCHISM

Anarchists do not want chaos ; nor do they want to rule or be ruled. Anarchy wants, through the liberation of the individual, to free society from the restrictive rules and regulations created in a world dominated by fear and controlled by manipulators of fear. Fear is one of the first 'facts of life', parental love is perverted by society's requirements into a series of threats and conditions. The child is moulded into what others require. Few of us are ever able to overcome this initial training. From then on it is easy for the school to condition him/her still further, subjecting the child to a reality dominated by control and competition, reward and punishment. The choice is to conform to these imposed conditions or endure hardship and ridicule. Within the school system the child is forced to accept yet more 'facts of life', most of them concerned with blind obedience. Through school, the system ensures that each one of us is suitably trained to serve the various functions which keep the system going, slaves for the factories, corpses for the battlefield, godfearing idiots whose mind and will have been broken, who while serve their all-powerful masters without question. Through our fear and ignorance, the system has a constant supply of zombies that are needed to work the machines of the rich and plough the fields of the landowners. we work for not far from nothing so that the rich and powerful can become even more wealthy and lazy. When they make a mess, as in today's recession, it is us who have to do without. Do you think they have to give up anything? The politicians, seeing the world of capitalism and state control, collapse around them, promise us jam tomorrow and give us fuck all. Thatcher even had to create a phony war to take our minds off our problems. Rule Britannia, fuck Britain. do you think they care about you. As long as you tow their line they'll feed you your monkey-nuts, they might even give us video recorders and super-deluxe washing machines, but try and do it your own way and you'll see how they operate. They don't give a shit if you can't afford to eat, or if your'e cold and homeless. They try to force us to play their games and say thanks for the privilege of eating their crap. While the bosses sit in the board-room sipping champagne, earning god knows how much for doing absolutely nothing, some poor bastard is sweating away or boring themselves to death to feed their wealth, and others are dying on battlefields to protect their privilege. Don't be fooled by their sweet talk and reasonable smiles, they don't want you, they want a neat voiceless number, a faceless cog in their fucked-up death machine. They'd suck you dry to fill their pockets and laugh when we daren't even open our mouths to complain. From day one we are conned into being passive tools for their system. Is that really how you want to live ?

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## ANARCHISM—A Parable

I see mankind as a herd of cattle inside a fenced enclosure. Outside the fence are green pastures and plenty for the cattle to eat. While inside the fence there is not quite grass enough for the cattle. Consequently, the cattle are tramping underfoot what little grass there is and goring each other to death in their struggle for existence.

I saw the owner of the herd come to them, and when he saw their pitiable condition he was filled with compassion for them and thought of all he could do to improve their condition. So he called his friends together and asked them to assist him in cutting grass from outside the fence and throwing it over the fence to the cattle. And that they called Charity.

Then, because the calves were dying off and not growing up into serviceable cattle, he arranged that they should each have a

pint of milk every morning for breakfast. Because they were dying off in the cold nights, he put up beautiful, well-drained and well-ventilated cowsheds for the cattle. Because they were goring each other in the struggle for existence, he put corks on the horns of the cattle, so that the wounds they gave each other might not be so serious. Then he reserved a part of the enclosure for the old bulls and the old cows over 70 years of age.

In fact, he did everything he could think of to improve the condition of the cattle, and when I asked him why he did not do the one obvious thing, break down the fence, and let the cattle out, he answered, 'If I let the cattle out, I should no longer be able to milk them.'

LEO TOLSTOY.

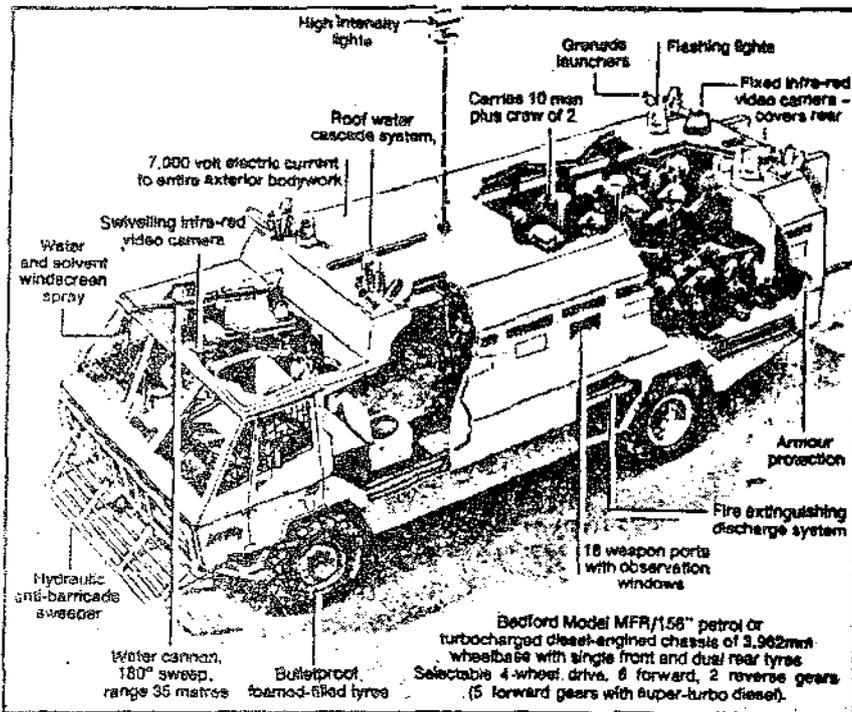
REVIEW Sheffield '84 Citizens Guide

Never again will I moan about the Council wasting money. Well maybe I will, but I really was pleased by this latest offering, distributed free to over 200,000 homes throughout the area. Not only does it tell you things like there were 165,000 tonnes of refuse collected last year. Not only does it have lots of photos of our heroes on the council, but it has their addresses and phone numbers as well. This little gem of a booklet goes much further than that too; Fancy a chat with your local JP, then why not go round personally? Ever thought of joining the Air Training Corps, no? Well why not ring up a squadron leader and tell him why not. This Citizens Guide contains it all. Well done Sheffield Council, I cannot recommend your publication enough.

If you haven't received a copy, you can obtain one by sending £1 to Special Projects Division, Sheffield Newspapers Ltd, York St., Sheffield, or call in and collect one and save yourself the postage (and your address from Special Branch).

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"When you have spent half your political life dealing with humdrum issues like the environment....it's exciting to have a real crisis on your hands." (Thatcher on May 14th 1982, during the Falklands campaign.)

THOSE WHO WOULD TREAT POLITICS AND MORALITY APART WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE ONE OR THE OTHER.

WE WILL NOT REPLY...IN WORDS. OUR REPLY SHALL BE COUGHED IN TERMS OF LEAD...IN ROAR OF SHELL AND SHRAPNEL AND IN WHINE OF MACHINE GUN WILL OUR ANSWER BE COUGHED.

Jack London, "The Iron Heel"

In a word, we reject all legislation, all authority, and all privileged, licensed, official and legal influence, even though arising from universal suffrage, convinced that it can turn only to the advantage of a dominant minority of exploiters against the interests of the immense majority in subjection to them. Such is the sense in which we are really Anarchists.

M. Bakunin

A formidable new vehicle for controlling cities will soon go into production in Britain. It is being promoted in the Far East and South America, but not in Britain nor, at present, in Europe.

It will be equipped with an intimidating array of defensive and offensive systems, including:

- ⊗ 16 grenade-launchers;
- ⊗ 18 gun ports;
- ⊗ A 7,000-volt electrical charge running through the bodywork's external skin;
- ⊗ Armoured bodywork;
- ⊗ High-pressure water cannon capable of knocking over a vehicle and also able to spray eye so that suspects can be identified;
- ⊗ Searchlights and floodlights;
- ⊗ Infra-red camera.

The vehicle is equipped with other facilities. The armoured bodywork is claimed to be waterproof and airtight and can be closed down, allowing the crew inside to survive for

more than an hour using the air-conditioning and oxygen supplies. It has a chemical lavatory.

The windscreen-washers can dispense white spirit for removing paint or other materials thrown at it, and the windscreen-wipers are fitted with what are described as "heavy-duty household brushes", also for removing paint and other materials.

The vehicle has a "cow-catcher" on the front for pushing aside barricades and other obstacles.

The AMAC-1 as it is known, will be built on to a heavy-duty Bedford chassis. The bodywork fabrication will be carried out by Hampshire Transtech, of Southampton. The vehicle will be marketed by the AMAC Corporation, a British company based in London.

Mr Paul Latham, AMAC's marketing director, said: "It is not an aggressive vehicle essentially. It is designed to

avoid people killing each other. It is intended to look and be frightening.

If objects were thrown at the vehicle, he said, it had various levels of defence, the most important being its armour protection and bullet-proof tyres.

Mr Latham said the 7,000-volt charge in the exterior of the bodywork, when switched on, would deliver a 2-amp shock to anyone touching it. This would be enough "for people to get a bit of a nasty shock and receive a burn", but it would not kill.

The first prototype is expected to be ready by Christmas, and production is hoped to be running at five a week by 1985.

Mr Latham said his company was close to agreement on a first order for 20 vehicles from a Middle East country. It is also being promoted in Pakistan, India, Indonesia and parts of South America.

# Look what you get for your rates each year

Last year in Sheffield all this happened ...

90,000 children were brainwashed in school.



22 slaves per master (teacher)-primary schools, 16 slaves per master-secondary schools.



Too many banquets for the councillors and their friends.



Lots of money spent on cream teas and massive cream cakes for councillors elevenees.



Councillors notched up large expense accounts.

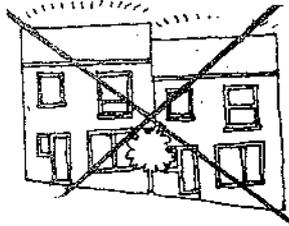


87 parasites (councillors) held office.

Palms were greased.



It was decided to build no council houses



Some councillors tried to take on the Sheffield Anarchists...



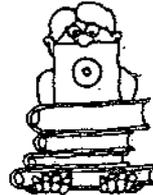
Tear gas and rubber bullets bought by the police.



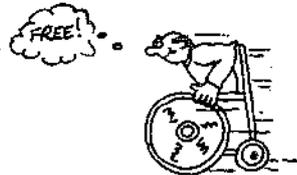
761 children taken into care by the council.



8,531,887 records made of what you read.



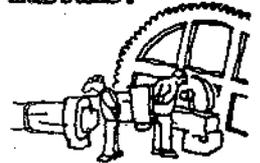
3,504 old people were locked up in 'homes'.



Useful buildings gutted and boarded up to prevent squatting.



Steel firms recycled as museums.



Many people evicted due to council incompetence giving out rent rebates.

Police assaults on the public increased



... and much, much more behind the scenes, at a cost of 57p per person per day



**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL PROVIDES SERVICES WORTH SAVING ?**

