

NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST NEWS

No. 1

AT LEAST 10p

WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST NEWS. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO PUBLICIZE WHAT ANARCHISTS ARE DOING IN NOTTINGHAM, WE KNOW THAT THE ARTICLES IN THIS MAGAZINE/PAPER ARE ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. WE'D LIKE TO UNCOVER MORE, AND PUT SOMETHING OUT EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS. WE'VE ONLY PRINTED A COUPLE OF HUNDRED COPIES OF THIS ISSUE. HOPEFULLY THAT WILL INCREASE WITH EVERY ISSUE, BUT PLEASE PASS THIS ONE ON TO A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR, SPREAD THE WORD.

IN OUR PAST PUBLICATIONS WE HAVE STRESSED PEOPLES IDEAS AND THEORIES. NOW WE'D LIKE TO CONCENTRATE ON ACTION, LIFESTYLE. THAT IS, WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING TO RECLAIM THEIR OWN LIVES. OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT INCREASE IN ANARCHIST IDEAS AND ANARCHIST ACTIVITY. IF WE DON'T SHARE AND SPREAD OUR EXPERIENCES, WE'RE DOOMED TO STAGNATE IN OUR LIBERTARIAN

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SPECIAL RECLAMATION ISSUE

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FLEECE OFF

Next time you feel tempted to celebrate the end of a meeting by visiting the Golden Fleece on Mansfield Road, consider the following cautionary tale. A bunch of people were surprised recently when the landlord told them that one of their number was very definitely NOT welcome because she didn't want a drink - although the dozen people she was with were more than adequately boosting his profits. She was "using his facilities" (ie standing on his carpet) and he had "a business to run". An interesting debate ensued, during which we learned that amongst the people he would kick out for not drinking - should they dare to try it - would be a starving Ethiopian, the Queen and even his own father. Apparently he was worried that if he let one person get away with it, not drinking in pubs might reach epidemic proportions. This fascinating discussion was, alas, suddenly cut short. Leaning over the bar and pointing her finger at us was what a few minutes before had passed as a landlady - but was now a pink-faced phenomenon screeching "fuck off, fuck off, just you fuck off, fuck off! etc As various lefty drinkers crept around, pretending they'd never seen us before, we fucked off. There are lots of other pubs on Mansfield Rd.

AUTHORITY
REPRESSION
HATE
SYSTEM
OBEY

DON'T THINK!



...CONT. FROM COVER...

GHETTOS. IF SOMETHING IS WORTH DOING, IT'S WORTH TELLING OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT. ANARCHISM IN ONE HOUSE, STREET OR PUB IS NO MORE VIABLE THAN SOCIALISM IN ONE COUNTRY. SO NO MORE OF THE CONTEMPLATION OF THE NAVAL - LEAVE THAT TO THOSE MYSTIC FOOLS WHO NEED SOMEONE ELSE'S EXCUSE FOR DOING NOTHING. MAKE UP YOUR OWN RULES. NO GOD, NO MASTER.

SO COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? WHAT AREAS OF STRUGGLE ??*? ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ? WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU? KNOW OF ANY DATES/EVENTS WE COULD INCLUDE? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH, WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER.

AS WELL AS THINGS IN THE MAGAZINE, WE ALSO GET UP TO OTHER STUFF, ORGANIZING BENEFIT GIGS, STREET LEAFLETING, WRITING TO PRISONERS, VIDEOS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, DIRECT ACTION. THE THIRD ANNUAL NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST PICNIC IS ON ITS WAY. SOME OF US ARE TRYING TO SET UP A COURSE LOOKING AT THE HISTORY, THEORY AND MODERN PRACTICE OF ANARCHISM. PEOPLE FROM CLASS WAR, CRASS AND OTHERS HAVE OFFERED TO COME AND TALK TO US. BUT WE CAN'T ORGANIZE IT ALL ON OUR OWN AND STILL HAVE TIME TO GO TO FESTIVALS, OR SIT IN COMFY CHAIRS, READY TO LEAVE IT TO OTHER PEOPLE AND SAY "TOLD YOU SO". APART WE ARE LOST, TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE.

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main gate ext. 2950
Chilwell 254811
Ministry of Defence 01 218 9000
Heseltine's secretary
01 218 2111
USA embassy 01 499 9000
House of Commons 01 219 3000

NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST GROUP EVENTS

Every Friday: Anarchist Group. Usually business meetings. Some are public meetings with outside speakers. All welcome. Come and meet us. 8pm Nottm. Community Arts Centre, Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green.

Every Sunday: Defend Molesworth Campaign meeting. NCND Office, St. Mary's Gate.

First Monday Every Month: Peace Action Network meetings. 7:30 NCND office.

Thurs. 25 April: First of a series of video evenings organised by Society for Mutual Aid and Self Help. 'Trial by Media' and recent film from Molesworth. Collection to cover costs. 8:00 International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd.

Fri. 26 April: Molesworth Defence Campaign Benefit gig with 'The Media' & disco. 7:30 The Narrowboat, Canal St. £1.25/75p.

Tues. 30 April: Informal Anarchist Discussion Group. Details from Box A, Mushroom.

Sat. 27 April: Party at the Squat, Alfreton Rd. Everyone welcome. Bring your own poison.

Tues. 30 April: Stop Business as Usual. Everywhere.

Wed. 1 May: Reclaim Mayday Ceilidh (Dance). Italian Community Centre, Sherwood Rise. £1.25/50p

Thurs. 2 May: Anarchism and Peace. Talk by Laurens Otter. 8pm International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd.

Fri. 3 May: Forest Fields Peace Group. 'Bop til ya drop'. Italian Community Centre, Sherwood Rise. £1.50/50p

Sat. 4 May: Metro Theatre Co.: 'The ragged trousered philanthropist'. Albert Hall Institute. £2 (from 118).

Sat. 4 May: Carlton & District CND 'Folk Event 85' Food, live music, 'Fistful of Lentils' 7:30 Carlton Catholic Club, Carlton Hill. £1.50.

Sat. 4 May: Anarchist Bookfair. 10:30 - 6:30 (followed by a Social). Tonbridge Club, Cromer St. London WC1

Sun 5 May: Anarchist Picnic, Hampstead Heath.

Wed. 8 May: NVDA and Tree-planting at Molesworth. Details: NCND 581948

Tues. 14 May: Anarchist Discussion Group. Details: Box A, Mushroom.

Thurs. 16 May: SMASH Video. Recent Molesworth Film PLUS more. 8pm International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd.

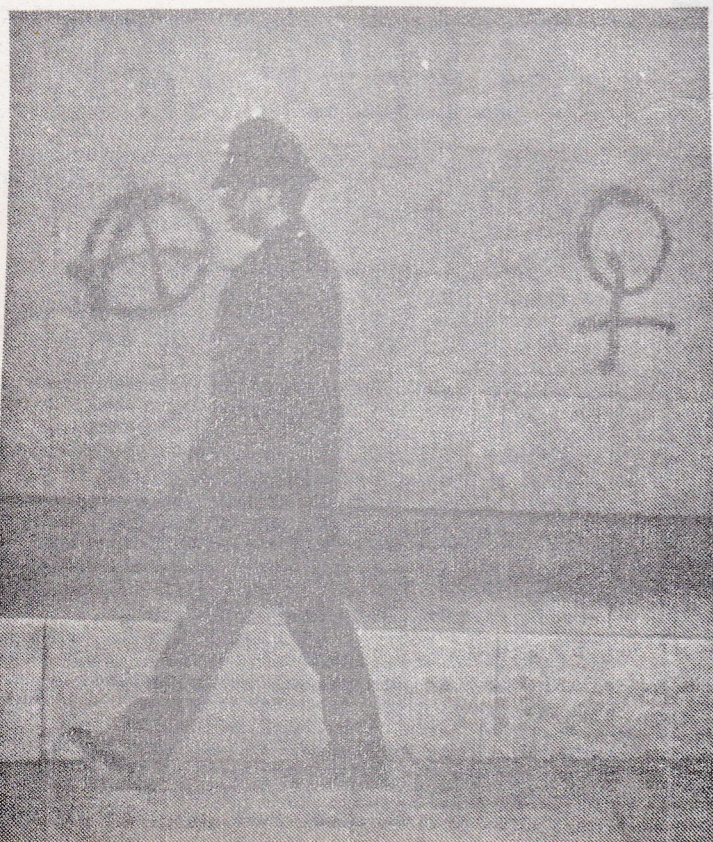
Tues 28 May: Anarchist Discussion Group. Details: Box A, Mushroom.

Wed. 29 May: March from USAF Wlconbury to USAF Molesworth for a Gate Party. Details from Defend Molesworth c/o NCND.

Thurs. 30 May: Linton Kwesi Johnson. Bali Hai suite, the Palais.

Thurs. 30 May: Stop Brighton. Protest against profits/war/exploitation. Info: Box, 307SB, Brighton, Sussex.

Sun. 30 June: 'Welfare Not Warfare'. Picnic/Trespass at RAF Newton. Details: PAN c/o NCND.



SQUAT

We decided to set up a squat in Nottingham but not just for somewhere to live but something useful to the community. Soon the idea for an alternative resource centre, vegan cafe, gigs spot, was born.

We had our eyes on a place but found it was owned by George Akins a well known fascist millionaire, and owner of 'Rock City'. That idea didn't sound so promising. Eventually Bejam's old store on Alfreton road was decided upon.

On Sunday morning, well prepared in numbers plus a little time, Old Bejam's became The ANARCHIST RESOURCE CENTRE / VEGAN CAFE.

Before long a pig on his rounds had his attention drawn by the woman shopkeeper (LESLEYS) over the road. A few words in his ear and he was off again ending up on our doorstep. Up went the legal notice freaking his head out, confused he sped off for help. Within minutes he was back with a super-intendant who asked for our names, no chance came the reply. Afterwards for about a week or so the pigs would pass by, peer in sometimes with torches, read our notices and then disappear. For them and the public we seemed to be some kind of tourist attraction or freak show.

With five of us living here the prospects for completing the conversion alone seemed daunting. We needed support from the outside to keep things going. That help came in the form of food provided by anarchists, and wholefood shops and collectives.

Leaflets printed by other anarchists sent to most of the local shopkeepers

and residents explaining what we were doing. People came round to give us moral support and help us in any way they could.

Our posters on the front window drew the attention of one old woman who insisted we'd come back with her, we did, and were amazed at what she was giving away to help the squat. We returned with several paraffin heaters, dozens of pots and pans, crockery, candles, cleaning stuff and records and even wallpaper.

Things were coming together, we had the backing of local shopkeepers keen on seeing something at last done about the empty eyesore. The Hyson Green Law centre offered us backing. Preparations to get power connected were well advanced (water had already been connected). The radio was offering us air time. Volunteers from around Nottingham were coming forward. It looked as if a peoples art exhibition would get of the various bands looed gigs there.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF 60, Alfreton Road, Nottingham
BETWEEN:-
BEJAM GROUP PLC
and
PERSONS UNKNOWN

Plaintiff
Defendants

ORIGINATING SUMMONS

Let all persons concerned attend before the Judge in Chambers sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London W2A 2LL on the 1st day, the 30th day of April 1985, at 11.00 o'clock on the hearing of an Application by the Plaintiff Company Bejam Group PLC for an Order that they do recover possession of 60 Alfreton Road, Nottingham on the ground that it is entitled to possession and that the persons in occupation are in occupation without License or Consent.

Other artists. A alternative book stall and magazine stand would offer a CHANCE TO BUY
COPYS OF CLASS WAR etc.....

RECLAIM YOUR FILE

I was placed in "care" (?) of the local authorities in 1973, after being subject to a matrimonial supervision order for a year. Whilst I was in care I was very confused, to make matters worse I was never allowed access to my file, never allowed to be present at case reviews (case review: a six-monthly meeting where social workers and teachers discussed and planned my life, decided where I was to go next, which social worker I should have, what clothes should be bought for me, etc.), nor was I given any control over any part of my life (except when I did a bunk). In June 1980 my care order was discharged due to me being sent to borstal. A few years after being discharged from borstal I decided to reclaim my file, which contained 8 years of various reports and correspondence. After being sent from department to department I finally got an appointment with the senior social worker so I could read my file. After briefly flicking through it, which took three hours (over 400 sides long), I asked if I could photocopy it. I got the obvious reply of No! So I then ran out of the office with the file. Two days later I was arrested and charged with "theft" to the value of £5. I was also handcuffed and taken back home to have my room searched, then locked up for the night. In court the following morning the police were asking for me to be remanded in custody, but I still got bail (Ha, Ha, Ha,). It was while I was on bail that I photocopied the file and then returned the original. At the final trial I was acquitted of theft. The reason for me being acquitted was "because I returned the file and I did not intend to permanently deprive them of the file". The defence argument was that "it is impossible to prove a state of mind". Upon reading the file I discovered the real reason for me being sentenced to borstal; it was so social services could wash their hands of me. Any client who receives a custodial sentence (except detention centre), almost automatically has their care order squashed. The court case gained a lot of publicity for NAYPIC (National Association of Young People In Care). I am aiming to use this publicity to set up a NAYPIC group in Nottingham. NAYPIC is a group of people either in care or who have been in care. The group aims to be run by as many young people STILL in care as possible. The main aims of the group are as follows: "to improve conditions for young people in care and after care. To promote the views and opinions of young people in care. To help start, support and develop local groups. To educate the public on all aspects of the needs and views of young people in care". If you require more information about NAYPIC or just wish to send a donation please send all correspondence to :

Key Poole
604 Woodborough Road
Mapperly
Nottingham
NG3 5FH

Please make cheques/postal orders payable to: NAYPIC Nottingham Region.

STOP

BUSINESS

APRIL 30th
1985

AS

USUAL

Any day, any place . . . business goes on as usual. Fur shops trade, animals are skinned; porn shops trade, women are raped; banks trade, the third world starves; Boots trades, animals are experimented on; Plessey trades, components for nuclear death machines are produced; Tarmac trades, Cruise missiles are deployed from Greenham . . . people work their lives away and shareholders profit from their unhealthy work.

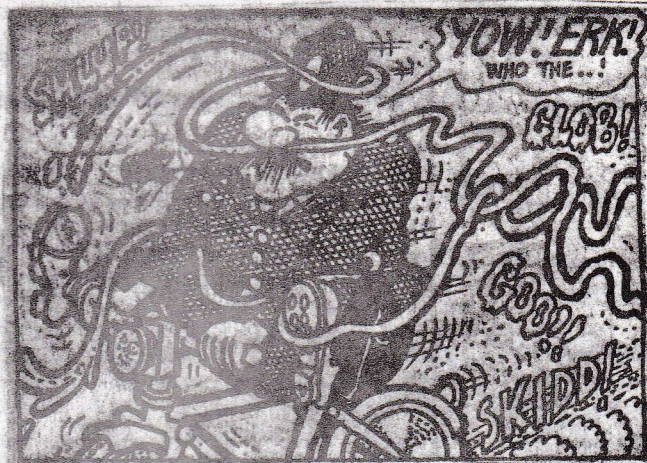
Business as usual goes on everywhere - around the world, around the country and here in Nottingham. Business as usual means a few powerful rich people and institutions getting more powerful and rich at the expense of other people (us), animals, and, ultimately, the planet.

Why do we put up with it? Well, schools, telly and newspapers teach us it's inevitable; social workers, valium and psychiatrists destroy those who can't cope - and for those of us who fight back there's the threat and reality of police, courts, prisons, army . . . But when we look at what's going on, can we really sit back and get on with our own quiet lives and ignore the business that's going on all around us, causing misery to millions and preparing our planet for the nuclear holocaust, the end of all life?

NO!

It's done in our name, with our work and money - it's our business to STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL.

An international call has gone out for April 30th to be STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL DAY, a day for us to interfere with the smooth running of business and to celebrate life. This is a day when we can let our imaginations run riot right where we live. When we can try to act for life against the death businesses all around us - the banks, insurance companies, porn shops, fur shops, recruiting offices, vivisectionists, arms dealers and all the many other purveyors of suffering whose only concern is making more and more money.



The actions you choose and the tools you use are up to you, but we suggest that you will be more effective if you:

- plan carefully beforehand
- do it with friends
- don't hurt anyone
- don't get caught
- do it with a smile.

And if you want to join in our celebrations at lunchtime, come along to the Square at o'clock and make a party.

THUGS IN UNIFORM

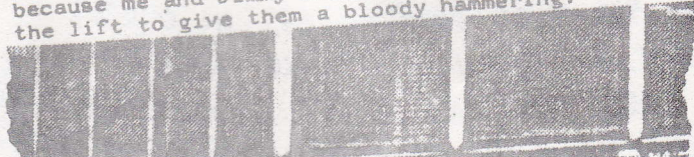
THE VICTORIA CENTRE, THAT MULTI-MILLION POUND ALTAR TO THE GOD OF CONSUMERISM. A PRIVATE 'STREET' WHERE UNIFORMED THUGS ROAM OFF THE LEASH. WHERE 'RIGHT OF ASSEMBLY' IS LIKELY TO GET YOU ROUGHED UP. WHERE YOU EITHER SPEND, SPEND, SPEND OR YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT WANTED. THE VICTORIA CENTRE, WHERE ANYONE LOOKING DIRTY, UNUSUAL OR CONFUSED IS SUBJECT TO INSTANT CENSORSHIP - REMOVAL AND A BEATING. ("AND DON'T COME BACK"). WHERE NOTHING CAN BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH THE NORM OF HAPPINESS THROUGH SPENDING. WHERE THOSE WHO HAVE NO MONEY ARE KEPT OUT OF THE WARM. A LOT OF COUNCIL MONEY AND ORGANISATION HAVE GONE INTO THE VICTORIA CENTRE. SHOPPING CENTRES ARE THE CITIES OF THE FUTURE - AND DEFINITELY NO LOITERING!



You got Pat Harrison, he was kicked left, right and centre by bloody security guards down in the Vicky Centre.



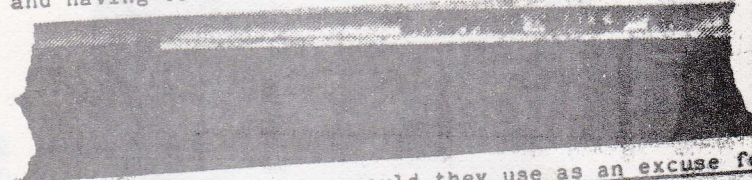
When abouts did this happen? This happened around christmas time, yeah, christmas time when he was bloody out and after christmas when he was out in the cold. Dick Welch, Kevin Welch. Kevin Welch near had his arm pulled out of his socket by the security guards down there. And when the coppers came round with reporter, the security guards just..... out of the way. And the police turned round and said 'Theyre on private property'. Yet this has been going on for a long time, because me and Jimmy caught them taking the boys down in the lift to give them a bloody hammering.



Who's this, the security guards? The security guards taking the boys down in the lift to give them a kicking. And it's been going on now since, well since the Vicky Centre opened. The blokes, they w in there drunk, even if they're not harming anybody, th first thing that happens is the security guards come up makes a beeline for them. Gives them a bloody hammerin Gets them into the lift. Takes them down and by the ti the lift gets into the garages downstairs, them fellows they're in a hell of a state. Broken jaws, broken ribs bruised kidneys, kicked in the chest. Some of the guys thats walking round today with bruises still you cansho months after being hammered. Harrison, one security gua just got him five times in the trot in one night. They actually came out and booted and booted and booted him. Now, we've got witnesses to that. Reported to the poli they didn't want to know. They said they're private property. But the Bus Station is not private property. It's a public footpath all the way through. Even durin the height of the cold weather, they were taking the blankets of them and then giving them a hammering and going away, leaving them and then coming back.



Was there a time when they burnt the blankets? Actually they took the blankets away from them. Wherever they took them, nobody knows, but the blokes were waking up the next morning shivering and bloody freezing and having to move on in the snow.



What sort of provocation could they use as an excuse for any of this? They can put them down as vagrants or loitering.

And that's it? All they do is just simply take a look the person and say: Right.....? That's right, if he looks a bit rough, then they pick o him for no apparent reason.



THUGS

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IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE CENTRE HAS BEEN PICKETED BY PEOPLE DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE MORE BLATANT

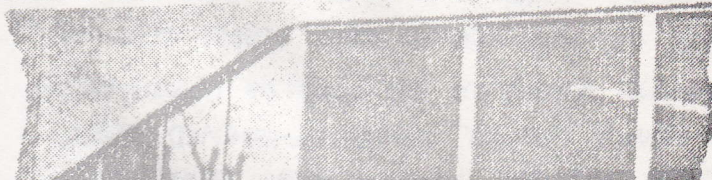
SIDE OF CONSUMERISM - BEATINGS. AFTER A YOUTH WAS BEATEN BADLY BY GUARDS, MORE INFORMATION HAS COME TO LIGHT ABOUT THE REGULAR VICKY CENTRE TREATMENT OF ALCOHOLICS. THESE PEOPLE ARE AMONG THE MOST DEFENCELESS IN OUR (?) SOCIETY. PROFESSIONALS MAKE MONEY FROM THEM AND SECURITY GUARDS TAKE SADISTIC PLEASURE FROM THEM. BUT IT'S NOT JUST ALCOHOLICS WHO SUFFER. DO YOU FEEL 'FREE' IN THE VICKY CENTRE AS YOU SCURRY ALONG TO BOOTS TO GET YOUR DAILY DOSE, GUARENTEED TO BE TESTED ON ANIMALS? DO YOU FEEL 'SAFE' BUYING YOUR SOUTH AFRICAN SLAVE LABOUR JEANS FROM NEXT ? DO YOU FEEL 'PROTECTED' AS YOU FEED YOUR FACE WITH ROTTING CORPSES AND ADDITIVES FROM PORK FARMS? OR PERHAPS MOST TASTEFUL AS YOU PAY MORE FOR A DRUG IN HABITAT THAN THE PERSON WHO MADE IT EARN'S IN A YEAR.

POYSER

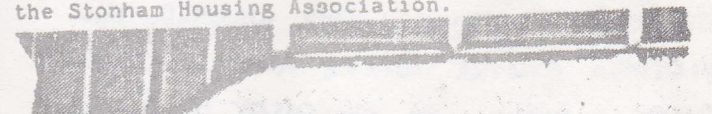


THE VICTORIA CENTRE STINKS. AGT AGAINST IT! EITHER PASSIVELY, BY BOYCOTT. OR ACTIVELY, CONTAMINATE IT WITH YOUR PRESENCE. YOU CAN DO BOTH AT ONCE.

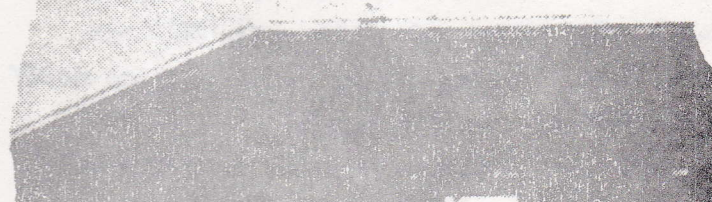
right away. Yet not once have the police interfered in any of these actions. It has been reported to the police time and time again. But they will not interfere. These people here should never have been touched, because under the 1972 Criminal Justice Act, alcoholics are supposed to be picked off the streets and taken to a drying-out centre. i.e. detoxification centre.. There is no detoxification centre in Nottingham because the Area Health Authority, Council of Alcoholism, two police inspectors, Probation Service, a doctor at Mapperlet Hospital and Council Officers actually put a veto on detoxification centres in 1978. Therefore it left this




Health Authority have shoved all treatment centres to the side, all they want is for profit-making organisations like housing Associations. The main Housing Association for dealing with alcoholics in Nottingham is the Stonham Housing Association.




also sent us plenty of material on it. But the material we've got from them, plus the Housing Associations added up to one unique swindle. Everything we did checking up through DHSS, County Hall and any of these establishments all led right back to the Tory Party in London.



As a result of it there's been found dead in hostels. Then the excuse is they're either on drugs or taking drink or taking both. Yet what a lot of people don't realise is, some of the guys dying had implants, the implants being Antabuse. Antabuse is an implanted tablet inserted into the body under local anaesthetic and it gave of a chemical. Every time you took a drink it made you spew. A part of the Antabuse makeup was Disulfiram. Disulfiram was banned in 1965 in the United States, Germany, Russia, Africa 'cos it turned out that many of the people after months without a drink were starting to go bloody bonkers. Many were found to have brain tumours as a result of Disulfiram. Yet these drugs are still on the bloody market, they're still being dished out to alcoholics.



So there's no drying-out centre? They just simply put them there to keep them under control and give them those sort of drugs?
That's right.



And then the side-effects could actually kill them?
You see the thing is sometimes when they're taken to Mental Hospital and given these drugs, they weren't even told what they were being given. They didn't know they had these implants.

saw the result of many men who had the implant, half of them went round the bloody bend. Some of the guys who had it - one guy I knew who had it was Gerry Barr, He's dead now, six months after he had the bloody implant. Tom Boper, he was found dead on Forest Fields six months after he had the implant

at Lowndam Grange. Yet he's doing the same old bloody spiel, going on TV and shouting what he's doing for alcoholics, and yet the thing is what I put on him is: How much money did he make out of the alcoholics? And I said it seems to me alcoholics are the biggest money-making rackets under the sun. And in my eyes that's corruption.

turned out to be Probation Service, NACRO, different little middle-class arseholes all round the country setting up little organisations and well-paid jobs.

These organisations make money themselves and do nothing for the people who need help.
That's right. What it was, one big major rip-off. Yet the taxpayers knew nothing about it, they didn't know nothing and yet handing out thousands of pounds to each one that's shouting and bawling about homeless people. Yet nobodies ever questioned them of who they actually are, and what they are, and what the money actually was going to. The alcoholics, although all them grants are being paid to them organisations, supposed to raise the life of those people and put them out as useful members of the community, the fellows who are walking round town, were there 10 and 12 years ago. They're still out in the streets. Nobodies ever tried to approach them, take them off the streets and give them a decent life. Nobody's done a thing for them. It's alright, it's easy to blame them, but what the hell has the government, the county council, social services and all these done? They've done sweet fuck all. Even the courts is responsible because they'RE THE PEOPLE who're on these committees, are selecting these people going into these hostels. If they've got dirty clothes on them, they don't want them. Just throw them back out down the street. Yet they're quite content to take them in, fine them and when they know the men are going crazy for a drink, they throw them back out. So the mental torture and the physical torture are so, they're so bloody bad people in there. Is it any wonder that half of them are so cracked up and being found dead all over the place?

Or being found in Vic Centre 'cos there's nowhere else to turn.
That's right.

SHOPPING MALLS AND
The extracts above are from a taped interview between a youth who has had first-hand experience of Victoria Centre thuggery (ie. He was beaten up) and an ex-alcoholic who has followed the (non)treatment of alcoholics over several years. Copies of the full transcript of the tape can be obtained from Box A, Mushroom.

MINERS IN PRISON

THERE ARE OVER 150 BEHIND BARS

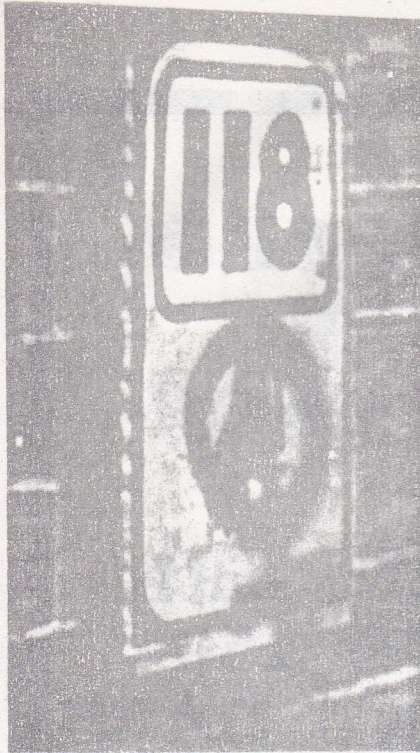
"...people are now discovering the price of insubordination and insurrection - and boy are we going to make it stick...."*

MACGREGOR

"INSURRECTION - if only there had been then you'd be learning the price of being a bastard, Mac!"
Now the strike is over don't just mouth the platitude - 'The struggle goes on' - and don't let it drop as 'Yesterday's Issue'.

Support those Miners who will be spending the next 6 months, 1 year or 5 years in prison, for their having refused to lie down and for their having defended instead themselves and their communities. A year resisting and fighting the mobilised Power of the State is no defeat.

* WIDELY QUOTED ON RADIO + IN PRESS ON MONDAY MARCH 11 1985



In February a member of an Anarcho-feminist group, went to use the 118 typing facilities. The reason was to complete a taped interview of mining wimmin from Blidworth. She has never used the resources of this centre before. All was quite new to her. At the end of one of her typing sessions, one of the workers rushed into the room, and inquired of her in a somewhat threatening manner, whether she realised that she had to pay for the use of the typewriter. Feeling pretty intimidated she said no, but told him to make out a bill to the Anarcho-feminist group.

When we subsequently had our meeting, we discussed this workers attitude and thought it was a pretty nasty way of approaching somebody whom he'd never seen before, and who was just new to the facilities. We also thought it pretty shitty (typical) for one of the workers to behave in such a manner.

One of our group felt annoyed enough to go along to 118 and ask them for the bill. — We knew nothing of this. They apparently refused to give her the bill????!! She complained of the workers attitude towards the woman^s but their response was not at all sympathetic.

Subsequently the woman had to go back to use the typewriter, since the article had to be completed in the same typeface.---Well done mate, that was pretty brave!! During the hours spent there, quite a few people came in to use the other typewriter. We later discovered that certain individuals and group members not affiliated to this wonderful resource centre were not asked to pay for use of the typewriter, let alone hassled. Is it a coincidence that they happen to be men?

As wimmin many of us have felt intimidated using the facilities at 118. The machinery has been new to all of us at some time or other, and it ought to go without saying that the socialisation of wimmin does not encourage us to feel comfortable with machinery. It does not help therefore , to be shoen how to use machinery by men who's attitudes are somewhat threatening and patronising. It would seem that this complaint has already been made to 118, since on the minutes of the 118 management committee meeting of 21st January 1985, the sub- committee encouraged John (the newly appointed worker) to look into ways of making 118 more accessible to women. ' — Rather strange eh, that they should pounce on a womyn using the facilities alone ?——

About two weeks later, we received a letter from 118. Apparently they had discussed the matter with their management committee, and we were ' politely but firmly requested ' to find other resources. The latter was very sarcastic in it's tone starting ' Dear Sister's' and referring to the way in which many groups had been ripping them of lately. We were disgused. For a start they'd made no attempt at discussing the event with us, no member of our group was present to give a balanced view of the situation to the management committee, and secondly at no time had we attempted to rip them off. We also used the facilities at a later date and not a whisper was said of their decision to ban us from use of the resources. Needless to say , all the bills were payed immediately.

We are very angry at the way this decision has been made, and the total bullshit that we have been accused of. What hope is there of solving political wrangles in a wider spere, if these petty men are too egoistic to admit to being WRONG. Some of have subsequently been to discuss the injustice of the situation with the workers. A suggestion that we had a meeting to actually establish what had happened was made.

Finally, as a group we are all individuals, we do not have representatives as these narrow minded people seem to believe. Are they so stuck in the framework of heirachies that they believe we elect spokes wimmin to come and talk to them?? It seems that the Anarcho-feminist group have been scapegoated. We do not like it. We believe that it is not a coincidence that we are a group of wimmin using the facilities. Also, 118 how do you know we are not using your facilities NOW as it would appear that you have no idea who we are ?!!!!!!

We ask other groups and individuals to support us in this matter. Write to us and tell us any similar events, feelings, that you have experienced.

ANARCHO-FEMINIST
 ARE EVERYWHERE!!
 BENARET

MAY DAY

MAY DAY has since 1890 been International Labour Day. A day when Labour Movements everywhere can demonstrate and restate their cause. A truly International day...

keep may day.

Nearly one hundred years later, and what has become of May Day, just what does it represent now? No longer a defiant symbol of the fight or a proud celebration of past struggle, but an institutionalised occurrence. Why, even the marches take place on the wrong day, the first Monday rather than the first day of May. So, is Labour Day to be nothing more than a Government decreed bank-holiday? Doesn't it reflect so very well the compromised and accommodating 'socialism' of the Labour Party and the 'official' Labour Movement, that even a festival should be organised so as to reduce, to a minimum, any disruption to the system.

eight hours movement.

May Day was chosen as Labour Day largely in response to the Eight Hour Movement and particularly in remembrance of the Chicago Martyrs murdered by the State in the course of that campaign. But is that it? Is the Eight Hour Day the once and for all crowning glory of the Labour Movement? Despite the massive strides made in technological development and refinement, the product of human genius too often perverted for anti-social ends, the Labour Party blinkered by the 'work ethic' sets out its aims still in terms of 'proper' jobs and 'full time' jobs. It's as if Socialism means no more to them than Full Employment, as if exploitation and boredom are fine...so long as they last 40 hours!! Is that how far we've come?



ROUND + ROUND + ROUND --- the official May Day Celebration.

haymarket martyrs.

Chicago was the centre for immigrant Anarchism in the U.S. and Anarchists were very active in the 8 hour campaign there. A strike, in support of the demands, at the McCormick Harvester works (the bosses used blacklegs protected by Pinkertons) culminated in a demonstration in Haymarket Square. Whilst police tried to break up the meeting a bomb was thrown killing some police. Anarchists were arrested and some were tried. Making no attempt to prove any connection with the bomb the court accused them on the basis of their beliefs. Eight were found guilty of Anarchism. Four were judiciously murdered.

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