

# NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST NEWS

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WELL HERE IT IS 'NUMBER 2' - SUCH CONSISTENCY SHOULD SEND OUR DOUBTERS SCURRYING BACK INTO THEIR HOLES! IN A NUMBER OF SMALL WAYS THESE PAGES HIGHLIGHT ALL WE'RE UP AGAINST - STATE CAPITAL, SEXISM, RACISM - 'TANKS' THAT WOULD ROLE RIGHT OVER US, BUT THE SPIRIT THAT ANIMATES THE VANCOUVER 5 (THAT PERVADES ALL ACTS OF RESISTENCE) CAN NEVER BE DEFEATED, AS DURRUTTI SAID, "WE CARRY A NEW WORLD HERE IN OUR HEARTS, THAT WORLD IS GROWING THIS MINUTE," AND SO SUCH OPPOSITION CAN NEVER BE AN EXCUSE FOR CYNICAL RESIGNATION BUT FOR A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BELIEF IN A NEW SOCIETY, FOR CONSOLIDATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION. IF SOME OF THE ARTICLES APPEAR CONTRADICTORY - WELL THERE IS NO ANARCHIST POSITION AS SUCH, BUT RATHER A NUMBER, AND THAT IS IT'S STRENGTH, ANARCHISM IS A DYNAMIC IDEOLOGY, UNITED BY A BELIEF IN DIRECT ACTION, FREEDOM, SOLIDARITY AND EQUALITY, AND IT'S DIFFERENCES ARE THE BASIS FOR IT'S DEVELOPMENT - A DIALOGUE FOUNDED ON 'THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED'.

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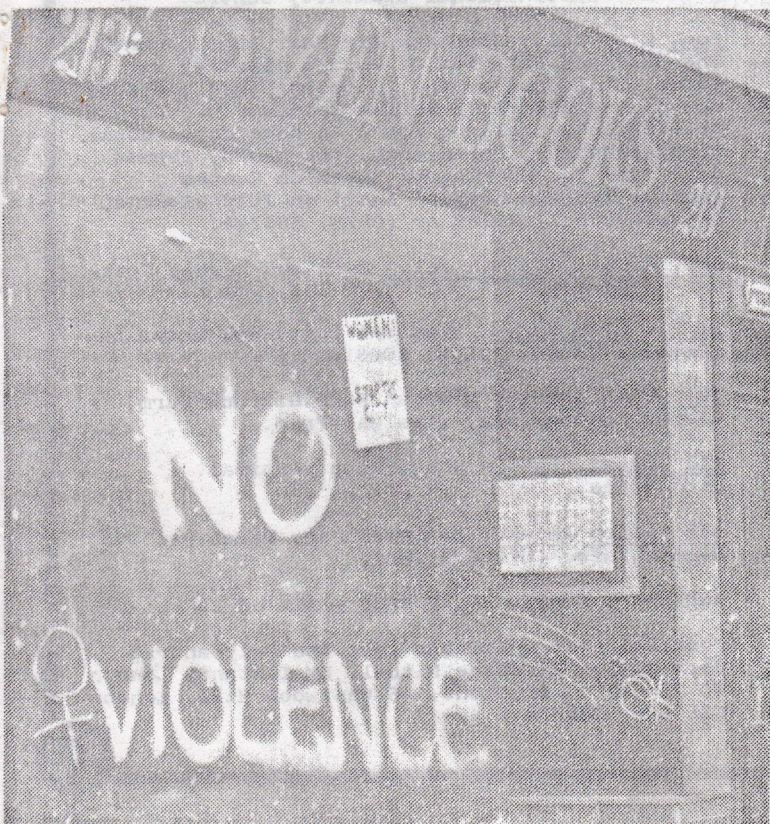
### DEFEND THE MANSFIELD 55

On May 14th 1984, fighting broke out between demonstrators and the police at a miners' rally in Mansfield. There were many arrests, and 55 people (mainly miners) were subsequently charged with 'riot' and 'affray'.

This was the first time the charge of 'riot' had been used in a political context since Bristol 1980. It is a very useful charge for the police. To be guilty of 'riot' you need only be present at a disturbance - you don't need to actually DO anything.

THE CHARGE CAN CARRY AN UNLIMITED FINE AND AN UNLIMITED JAIL SENTENCE. It is one of the charges for which Leon Brittan has demanded Life.

We must mobilise to defend the Mansfield 55. The first trial begins on JUNE 10 at Shire Hall Crown Court, High Pavement, Notts. It will probably last at least 6 weeks. JOIN THE PICKET OF THE COURT



# EVENTS

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

Every Sunday. Defend Molesworth Campaign.. NCND office, St. Mary's Gate.

First Monday Every Month. Peace Action Network meetings. 7.30 pm NCND office.

Every Teuesday. Nottingham Women For Peace meet at International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd 8.00 pm.

Sun. 16th June. Rock and Reggae. Planning meeting. Hyson Green Youth & Community Centre. Gregory Boulevard. Around the back. 8.00 pm.

Wed. 19th June. National March to release imprisoned miners. March from Scotland reaches Forest at 5 pm. & then onto City Centre. There will also be an evening event. The march & others from Wales & the North West will reach London on June 30th. WRP ORGANISED.

Thurs. 20th June. 3 Videos. All made by 2 women from Sheffield, one of whom will be at this showing. Including - "Notts. Women Strike Back" -about the Notts. Women support Groups during the strike, "Together We Will Fry" -ideas & goings on at Greenham & Newbury, "We'll Meet Again" -15 min. 'scratch' review of the Strike. 7.30 pm. International Community Centre, Mansfield Road. Admisson free. Collection to Greenham & Women Against Pit Closures.

Sat. 22nd. June. CND march and rally against Trident. 11.00am. Forest to Market Square.

Sun. 23rd. June. Revers Gillick Demo. in London Organised by the National Abortion Campaign.

Teus. 25th. June. Anarchist Discussion Group. Contact Anarchist Group.

Wed. 26th. June. Day of Action against Contractors working at Molesworth. Picket of Tarmac Construction at their site in the old Woolworth Broadmarsh 12.30 - 1.30. Other local firms/branches - National Tyre Service, NAAFI, Calor Gas, Proprty Services Agency, Information from Nottingham CND. More overall info. from Leicester CND. (0533) 554684.

Thurs. 27th. June. Public Meeting. Brian Mosely will lead a discussion on "Anarchism & Marxism" 8.00 pm. International Community Centre, Mansfield Road. Admission Free but a collection will be taken.

Sun. 28th June. Breaking the Bye Laws. There are a mass of ridiculous bye laws surrounding Molesworth - like it's illegal to touch the fence, Decorate it, Have 'things' going over it ...Day of Action planned to challenge them in whatever way you want (or level of risk of arrest you want) Nottingham Defend Molesworth Cam. c/o NCND.

Sun. 30th June. Welfare Not Warfare. Join the mass picnic at RAF Newton. Newton is Nottinghamshire's second US base and has a hospital equipped for use by US forces after a nuclear war. Transport available from Nottingham (shuttle mini-bus). Details 581948.

Sun. 30th June. Newark Peace Festival.

Sun. 30th. June. Animal Rights Confederation meets at the Narrow Boat, Canal Street. 7.30 pm

Sun. 30th June. Anti Apartheid Soweto walk. Sponsered walk in Peak District. Info. 584772.

Thurs. 4th July. Perspectives Theatre Co. in "Trouble and Strife". Italian Community Centre, Sherwood Rise. 7.30 pm. £1.50 & 75p - proceeds to NUM hardship fund.

Thurs. 4th July. Demonstration & Celebration at Menwith Hill USA spy base & Menwith Hill Peace Camp. Something for everyone - vigil, hot air baloon, walking, NVDA, party etc. Menwith Hill is near Harrogate. Details Guy 622987.

Fri. 5th July. Public Meeting. John Quail, author of "The Slow Burning Fuse" will be leading a discussion on "The Origins of the British Anarchist Movement-& the lessons to be learnt". 8.00 pm. at the Community Arts Centre, Hyson Green. Admission Free but a collection will be taken.

Sat. 6th July. Henley Regatta, Henley-on Thames The place will be crawling with rich snobs in strippy blazers -so let every tramp and rogue, every pensioner, unemployed, unemployable, homeless, pissed on, pissed off worker, every schoolkid, punk, mod, rocker, skinhead, hippy, rasta, freak, greaser, hooligan, hells angel and vandal - anyone with a grudge to bear or not, get to Henley. It's difficult to pretend the poor don't exist when there's a couple of hairy examples sitting on the bonnet of your Rolls.

Sun. 7th July. Anarchist picnic. Look out for leaflets.

Sun. 7th July. Women For Peace daytrip to Greenham Common. Details;625363.

Wed. 10th July. Molesworth Pledge Day. No transport arranged - make your own way there.

Sat./Sun. 13/14th July. Class War Rally. Caxton House. St. Johns Way. Archway London N19.

Sun. 14th July. Nottingham Peace Festival. Victoria Embankment. Look out for the Anarchist stall.

Thurs. 25th July. Mushroom Users Meeting. 8.00 pm. International Community Centre.

Sun. 21st July. Stop the Air Fair at Alconbury. The USAF and RAF plan to hold a military air tattoo at Alconbury, the spy plane base and future cruise control base for Molesworth. Molesworth Group is calling for a 48 hour demo. covering Alconbury, Molesworth, the nearby Tarmac depot and the Huntingdon Research Centre (animal experimentation lab.) on July 21-22nd. Details (0237) 21782 or (0273) 556744.

Sat. & Sun. 27/28th July. Rock and Reggae Festival on Forest.

26th - 28th July. Elephant Fair. St. Germain's, Cornwall. Info. (0503) 303816.

1st - 4th August. Merigan Fair. Gilfach Farm, Llanysulcarmarthen, W. Wales. Free.

All August. Cantlin Stone Free Festival. Mid Wales.

9th - 11th August. Brambles Farm Peace Festival Hants. Info. (0705) 252887.

AND DON'T FORGET STONEHENGE - ALL JUNE.

Festival List available from the Polytantric Circle, Box Solstice Ritual, BM Instant, London WC 1, N3XX or Stone, 45 Westwood Hill, London SE2 6NS. Send s.a.e.



# police violence

ON SATURDAY 1st JUNE THE COMBINED FORCES OF WILTSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE AND THAMES VALLEY POLICE FORCE BACKED UP BY THE 'SPECIAL PATROL GROUP' SAVAGELY ATTACKED A LARGE CONVOY OF VEHICLES HEADING TOWARDS STONEHENGE IN WILTSHIRE. MANY VEHICLE WINDOWS WERE SMASHED, THEIR OCCUPANTS DRAGGED OUT THROUGH THEM TO BE MERCILESSLY BEATEN WITH TRUNCHEONS, ON THE FLOOR. MANY OF THE BUSES, CARAVANS, AND TRUCKS CONTAINED YOUNG CHILDREN AND BABIES, ONE BABY WAS ONLY FOUR DAYS OLD. NEVERTHELESS THE PEOPLE WHO CLAIM TO PROTECT US CONTINUED TO SMASH AND BEAT, COVERING THESE CHILDREN WITH BROKEN GLASS. ALMOST 530 PEOPLE WERE DRAGGED FROM THE FIELD AS BOILER SUITED THUGS CONTINUED TO SMASH THE BUSES, EVEN AFTER THEY HAD TAKEN EVERYONE FROM THEM. FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS MOST PEOPLE WERE HELD IN POLICE STATIONS SPREAD OVER THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. MANY WERE SUBJECTED TO SYSTEMATIC BEATINGS AND MOTHERS PUT THROUGH MENTAL TORTURE NOT KNOWING WHERE THEIR CHILDREN HAD BEEN TAKEN. PEOPLE WERE GIVEN CHARGES WHICH WERE PLAINLY RIDICULOUS AND THEN HAD THEM CHANGED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. AFTER THE WEEKEND MOST PEOPLE WERE RELEASED ON BAIL, CAST ONTO THE STREETS, HOMELESS, WITH NOTHING BUT THE FEW CLOTHES THEY STOOD IN. SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE STILL IN HOSPITAL. ONE MAN IN A COMA MAY HAVE DIED BY NOW AS A RESULT OF BEING REPEATEDLY KICKED.

AS REGARDS THE ACTUAL SOLSTICE RITUAL/FESTIVAL, YOU CANNOT SIMPLY BAN AN EVENT WHICH HAS GROWN UP OVER ELEVEN YEARS TO BECOME THE LARGEST OVERNIGHT FREE FESTIVAL OF THE CENTURY, WITH A PEAK ATTENDANCE OF 30,000 PLUS, AND EXPECT PEOPLE TO MEEKLY ACCEPT THE DECISION. UNLIKE THE PASSIVE POP FANS WHO GO TO WORSHIP AT THE FEET OF SUPERSTARS, FREE FESTIVAL GOERS ARE A FIERCELY INDEPENDANT GROUP, WHO RESENT BEING PUSHED AROUND.

CLAIMS ABOUT DAMAGE TO THE MONUMENT AND ENVIROMENT ARE EXAGGERATED AND SERVE AS A SMOKE SCREEN TO DISGUISE THE REAL REASONS FOR THE BAN, WHICH ARE BASICALLY POLITICAL. THE NATIONAL TRUST HAS A SOLIDLY MIDDLE CLASS MEMBERSHIP AND IS FIRMLY ALLIED TO THE TORY ESTABLISHMENT.

FROM AN ALTERNATIVE POINT OF VIEW STONEHENGE FREE FESTIVAL IS AN EXCITING EXPERIMENT IN APPLIED ANARCHY. WITHOUT FORMAL ORGANISATION, THE FESTIVAL HAS ACHIEVED A REMARKABLE DEGREE OF SELF DISCIPLINE. ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF ACCUMULATED REFUSE AND DAMAGE TO TREES HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED BY LACK OF COOPERATION FROM THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, WHO PREFER TO USE PROBLEMS AS AN EXCUSE FOR ENDING THE EVENT ENTIRELY.

ABOVE ALL STONEHENGE IS A FESTIVAL FOR THE UNEMPLOYED, WHO CANNOT AFFORD, OR WOULD NEVER WANT TO ATTEND COMMERCIAL POP FESTIVALS. MOREOVER IT WAS ACTUALLY CREATED BY THE UNEMPLOYED RATHER THAN BEING PATRONISINGLY IMPOSED ON THEM BY THEIR 'BETTERS'.

IF SUCH AN ARBITRARY DENIAL OF FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY WAS HAPPENING IN AN EASTERN BLOCK COUNTRY, OUR PRESS AND POLITICIANS WOULD DOUBTLESS BE FORTHRIGHT IN THEIR CONDEMNATION.

IN PEACE, LOVE AND STRENGTH  
HECATÉ

MANY PEOPLE ARE STILL HOMELESS AND URGENTLY NEED :  
MONEY, DIESEL/PETROL, FOOD, DOG FOOD, CLOTHES, BLANKETS ETC  
DONATIONS PLEASE TO : 16 CITY ROAD, DUNKIRK, NG9 2JJ

SAVERNAKE FOREST IS NOT A FESTIVAL SITE,  
IT IS A REFUGE - PLEASE RESPECT THIS.

# UNUSUAL BUSINESS

a leak from our moles!

Tuesday, April 30th was obviously a very special day. People were handing out money on the streets, Leslie Crowther was helping Boots to give away goods and Barclays were heaping kruggerands on their customers. Eaters at MacDonalds were even presented with free lentil soup. Was all as it appeared? Had Big Business turned friendly? . . . No, a bunch of anarchists and malcontents were Stopping Business as Usual!

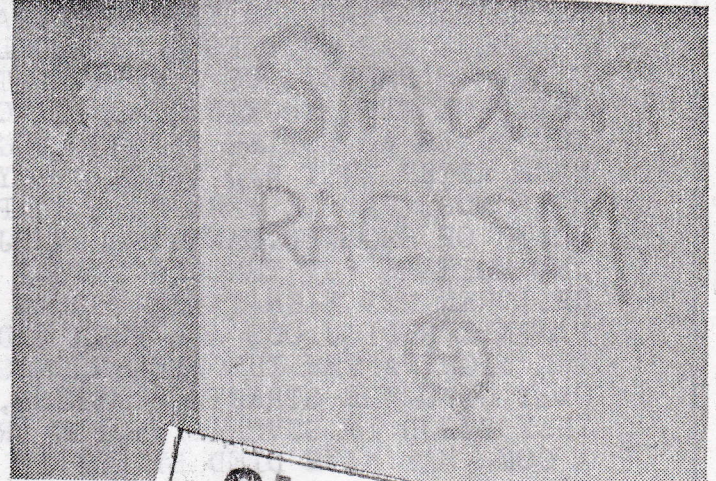


There were actions up and down the country (and around the world) on Stop Business as Usual day. We in Nottingham were pleased by the number and range of imaginative actions that happened here. We found that we don't have to travel to find many different but loathesome targets.

Our rulers and governors didn't escape us either. Some daring person left them in the dark when he pulled out the Council House fuses. And someone else considered the lord mayor's Rolls Royce a suitable place for a dance. Hoax 999 police calls took place off and on throughout the day - "Hallo, this is Lafayettes fur shop, there's a group of punks won't leave the premises".

At 3pm, protestors occupied the fur department in Debenhams and began re-arranging fur stocks and damaging the alarm system.

The day's events finished shortly after that, because a few minutes after they came out of Debenhams, police arrived and arrested six people. Two of them were quite badly assaulted by the police during this.



## Shoppers spot free gift hoax

HUNDREDS of leaflets offering free gold coins and gifts were distributed in Nottingham yesterday - but most shoppers saw through the hoax.

A group opposed to "the exploitation of animals and humans" has claimed responsibility.

A "Boots" leaflet said TV star Leslie Crowther would be in their Victoria Centre store to hand out gifts.

And a "Barclays" leaflet offered a free gold kruggerand to customers who deposited £10 between 2pm and 3pm. Police are trying to trace the hoaxers. Both firms said there was little customer reaction.

### 'Briefed'

A spokesman for Boots said: "All our staff had been briefed if they saw any shoppers with a leaflet to go over and explain to them."  
Mr David Styles, a manager at Barclays, Old

Market Square, said: "We do not even stock Kruggerands."

Nottingham-born Leslie Crowther said: "You can't be no advance publicity."

It all started the night before. Small groups went out glueing locks, throwing etching fluid at a porn shop window and generously spraying the town with 2s and appropriate slogans. One enterprising group entered the Royal Ordnance Factory in the Meadows, painted messages on walls and cut the phone lines with a hacksaw, which quite upset the arms manufacturers. Others were busily distributing door-to-door leaflets from Boots and Barclays. The Boots leaflet urged people to "come on down", as Leslie Crowther was going to be giving away, ABSOLUTELY FREE, items marked with a black star, at BOOTS, where the price is always right. Barclays were supposedly offering a free kruggerand to any of their customers who deposited £10, as a thankyou for their support of Barclays' continuing investment in South Africa in these troubled times.

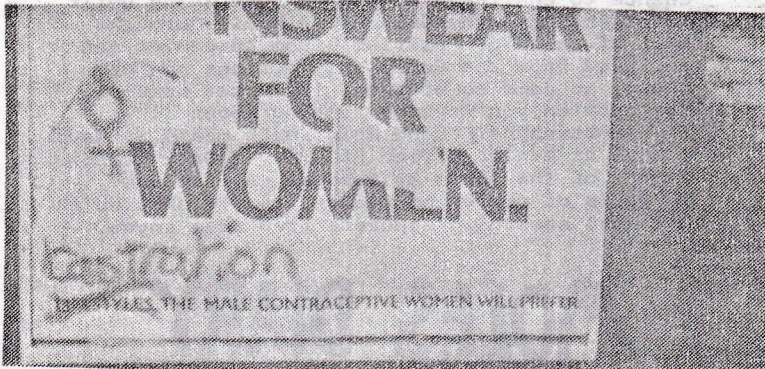
Both of these leaflets worked well. Several people asked for their kruggerands. Anti-Apartheid called off their emergency picket when it was explained to them that the leaflets were spoofs, but police found it necessary to guard Barclays premises throughout the afternoon. Boots meanwhile was chaotically packed out with black star hunting shoppers, who were only outnumbered by CID and security personnel. Only Leslie was nowhere to be seen.

Other actions happened too. Homemade money with slogans on one side was distributed. A homemade arm, accompanied by a notice reading "Disarm Now" was briefly suspended over the army recruiting office. And the ultimate in homemade lentil soup - but four weeks old with a smell to match - was suddenly splattered into the middle of a busy MacDonalds. (I wonder how many of MacDonalds' patrons thought that, if that's lentil soup, give me overpriced, brutally killed, cardboard wrapped dead cow any day?)

Supporters assembled at the police station demanding their friends' release. They were all let out before too long, four of them without charge. Known activists were picked up, harassed and questioned over the next few days, but none of them happened to know anything. Meanwhile, other people met to compile a press release, which resulted in the Masked Comrade giving a lengthy interview at midnight on Radio Trent. There, the reasons for the actions could be explained - opposition to profit from suffering, war, animal abuse, apartheid, violence and sexism, and to the institutions that profit in these ways and to the rulers who sanction and support them. There was also speculation about the possibility of future actions . . .

# WOMEN'S WORK

Women got pissed off with shitty advertising everywhere. In May they went out spray painting the particularly objectional 'Menswear' and Grahams Kitchens adverts. Menswear advertises Durex and is a revolting portrayal of mens control over women. 'Menswear for women' The whole idea that men are doing it for women keeping everyone happy Clean, easy.



Grahams Kitchens advertises kitchen wear. Again using a leery bloke to try and make you think theres something in return for slaving away at the cooker. --Who wants a leery looking rapist anyway?

The women were almost beaten up on this little spree as two blokes thought it was hilariously funny to go round chasing them in a car and jumping out on them. Ha Ha The laugh will be on them next time..!8''

2) A group of women used stencils to paint the pavement outside SVEN books (pornshop) Mansfield rd.

'WOMEN ARE PEOPLE NOT SEX DOLLS' Unfortunately the owners were a little cleverer than usual and used turps to get rid of most of it the next day.

## SMASH (H)IT!!!!!!

After many hysterical plans some women eventually decided to do a 'action' against a 'Sex' Shop. Our intrepid heroines met in the pub with disguises ready they set off. They parked near to the shop in their Bonnie and Claire beetle and waited. The look out gave the all clear and they rushed forward and smashed the window it just gave a tiny splattt... God it was fucking wonderful. Such satisfaction better than a Women for Peace or Anarchist meeting any day.

**"JUSTICE FOR WOMEN"**  
(NEWSLETTER)

READ ABOUT THE 'LAW' AND HELP  
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COURTS & LEGAL ESTABLISHMENT.  
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(POSTAL ADDRESS/CONTACT ONLY)

W.A.M.P.

♀ MEDICAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER.  
NOTTINGHAM REPORT

A VERY "HIM" NATURE? NEWSLETTER  
FOR ♀ BY ♀ ABUSED BY THE  
MEDICAL PROFESSION. 60p. DONATION

Same Address

Sex shops shape as well as reflect, men's distorted sexuality. They also shape and reinforce men's distorted views of women's sexuality.

Women say no to these distortions:  
 We are NOT objects.  
 We are NOT passive.  
 We do NOT want to service men.  
 We do NOT want to be harassed, beaten, raped, killed.  
 We do NOT enjoy being afraid.  
 We do NOT become lesbians for men's benefit.

We DEMAND freedom for OUR bodies,  
 OUR minds,  
 OUR sexuality,

We DEMAND that we are not surrounded by endless degrading images of women.  
 We DEMAND that licences for sex shops are not renewed.

We ask women to ;  
 Write opposing the licence renewal of SVEN BOOKS to the City Secretary.  
 Join the demonstrations.

June 5<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm at the Council House.

Women are strong - together we will Reclaim our Sexuality.

Contact us after 3.30pm on 754887.



30 or so women turned up to the demo outside County Hall . Two women climbed onto the Council House roof and hung out a banner, saying something like ' This Council Abuses Women '

Leaflets and a petition were handed out. Over 200 signatures were obtained within ½ hour, seems like notts. citizens aren't that into SVEN bookshop, Mr and Mrs councillors.

At the end, 8 women tried to enter the Council House to hand in a petition. We were hassled (note the word 118) by a particularly objectionable little man in uniform, who did not let us enter. Eventually we were told that it was the City Secretary who dealt with re-licensing.

Several minutes later we stormed the city secs. office. He was away, but his secretary informed us that the license had been O.K'd that day, in spite of the fact that they knew we were demonstrating in opposition to this outside the building.

We ask women to come to the Council House on June 20th at 2.00 pm, to attend an 'open' meeting at which the councilors who passed the license will be present. We intend to hand in an even larger petition.

## JUNE 6th — LATEST NEWS!!!!

Last night 3 women spray painted SVEN books, two were chased by two thugs who decided to beat up one of the women. Is this just a coincidence???

Wherever the reason women will not be intimidated.  
 See you soon SVEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# NOTTINGHAM GOES TO MOLESWORTH

Strange but true... Nottingham has emerged as possibly the most organised and active of places in Britain taking part in the Pledge Campaign at Molesworth - the second sight for Cruise Missiles. This has seen

-early mass break ins onto the base in February.

-the first successful scaling of the 'high security' inner perimeter fence (as seen on Channel 4 !).

-it is rumoured that some people not a million miles away from Nottingham have been responsible for night time actions to cut the fence and send bits to Thatcher and Reagan.

-a successful march from nearby Alconbury (the 'brains' of it all) onto a gate party at the Molesworth contractors gate which brought together Direct-Action and Non-Direct Action groups from Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, and elsewhere (even Milton Keynes).

Sadly this dynamism doesn't seem to have been shared by the rest of the country (though things have been getting better all the time) nor by National C.N.D.. It gets a bit repetitive to slag off 'C.N.D. bureaucracies' etc., but yet again it's true - having said that Molesworth was the chance to stop Cruise, having backed Direct Action and the Pledge Campaign which was supported to see a nationwide rota of people at Molesworth everyday, National C.N.D. now seems to be dodging the campaign altogether and certainly not giving it's full backing to those who are taking part. Hmmm.....

isolated direct action. Splitting the movement?

In this situation it's not surprising that calls are coming for alternatives. The Nottingham group is now calling for a national mass direct action at Molesworth in the late autumn/early winter.

If this is rejected by national CND, then it's likely that Nottingham will take on the organisation after talking to other groups.

At this stage the exact form of action isn't fixed, it could be a mid-week blockade, or a weekend mass trespass, with the cruise decision anniversary of December\* a possible date (and a simultaneous action at Greenham!?).

\* IT NOW LOOKS MORE  
LIKELY TO BE  
EARLY  
NOVEMBER

Also sad but true, the Anarchist movement (what ?!) doesn't seem to be as involved as in the past with anti-nuclear or direct-action at Molesworth. Now it may not be as trendy as animal laboratory raids but there are some fields out there where the state is calmly putting up it's fences, building it's silos and bringing in it's weapons. And ti may be corny but it's true that this is the first real chance to challenge a nuclear base being built from scratch... The Greenham campaign brought alot of calls of 'elitism' from Anarchist men excluded from the women only actions and camp there, so come on brothers let's see some of that action you've been talking about !!

Nottingham Defend Molesworth meets Sundays 7.30pm at C.N.D. office St. Mary's Gate (2nd Sunday of the month at 6.00pm). All welcome. There is of course no reason why you shouldn't organise something seperate from them anyway...

## MOLES DIARY

APRIL 6

3 Nottingham activists go over both fences using carpets and ladder - charged under the bye-law with trespass. 3 others were also arrested outside the wire for suspected criminal damage - one of whom was in a car a mile away from the fences!

APRIL 7

The night before the CND demonstration saw increased security - helicopters with searchlights, police patrols marauding the local fields and hundreds of soldiers patrolling the inside of the wire. Despite this and torrential rain, 3 more Nottingham people scaled the razor wire fence while army land rovers passed without seeing them. They, too were charged with trespass.

APRIL 8

At the CND demonstration 20,000 people make it even more muddy without doing much else. There was some amazing drumming on rubbish skips - which later ended up on the fence - and Joan Ruddock was given a present of some mud by Class War- as seen on TV.

APRIL 10

Nottingham's pledge day. Activists outwit the MOD police and go to Alconbury - all arrested for criminal damage but none was charged.

MAY 8

Two groups trample razor wire and scale inner fence using carpets and ladders. Two police observation towers were occupied. The whole thing was filmed by Channel 4 TV cameras and 16 were arrested and charged under the bye-law. (they appear in court on 6 June). The remaining people then blockaded the contractors gate and four more were arrested. Busy day? - there was more. After being followed by a police van all the way to Alconbury, another van load of 7 naughty people sauntered through an open gate and wandered onto the runway.

Money is needed urgently for the defence and aid of those charged at Molesworth. Any donations can be sent to:

Molesworth Defence and Aid  
Peace Action Network  
Unit B  
14 - 16 St Mary's Gate  
Nottingham.

Also, Nottingham Anarchist News wants to know of anything that has happened at Molesworth that you know of but we don't. More next issue.



## 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL - ANTI-N.F. PROTEST.

I scratched my head over this dilemma - just what would I do if I actually came face to face with a 6' wide brick-shit house wall of a skinhead? The butterflies were not so much ones of excitement, but of fear at this daunting prospect.

150 had gathered outside the Grove Hotel in Daybrook to prevent the planned N.F. election rally. The day before an Anarchist had run around town organising a meeting which brought together Marxists as well as Anarchists (!) and others intending action. Another meeting elsewhere (problems of communications here I think) had organised stewards and so on - but despite this disorderly start the turn out was excellent

Of course, as is so often the case, anticipation far exceeded actual occurrence: there was no confrontation (bar a brief fracas on Arnold Park, involving a van load of fascists who promised to be back), we wandered up and down looking as grim and determined as our shivering (was it the cold) would allow. Not much doing really, we all went home. But the boredom had paid off - their meeting was stopped.

Because of the light it throws on the attitudes of the police and council, a similar meeting held by the B.N.P. in Bradford on April 13th, will be more interest to readers. The council had given permission for this meeting to go ahead, as they were obliged to do, they said, under the Representation of the Peoples Act. Though to be fair they did insist on it's being an open, public meeting, organised on a first come-first served basis.

The Asian Youth Movement called for a protest response from the Bradford community and by 1pm. over 200 were gathered in a peaceful queue waiting for admission. It seems, however that there was a sudden change of policy (an inevitability?) by the council and constabulary. For before allowing those who had waited for over 2 hours, to enter the building, 30 or 40 fascists were let in. Only after that were a similar number of protesters able to go in. The meeting began at 3 o'clock.

John Tyndall (now chairman of the B.N.P.) enraged by the heckling, paced up and down the hall giving orders to the police and pointing to the individuals upsetting him. "I want this man out!" he said and the police dutifully obeyed. Tyndall not particularly known for his tolerance or moderation, threw first a chair and then a punch. Following his lead the fascists joined in with the chair throwing. The meeting was stopped, but whereas only one fascist was arrested, six Asians inside (anti-fascists had protected themselves) and six others outside were similarly taken in.

Interesting stuff. Especially when you consider that, firstly it was hardly a public meeting, B.N.P. members were bussed in from as far afield as London and Liverpool, that the 'first come' promise made by the council was broken, that the numbers of protesters arrested compared to the singular fascist in no way reflected the fact that it was the B.N.P. who had instigated the trouble.

.....all sadly predictable really.

CONTACT BRADFORD ANTI-FASCIST DEFENSE COMMITTEE.  
c/o 2, HALLFIELD RD, BRADFORD 2.

The A.N.L. was always heavily criticised for it's policy of confrontation. Arguments ranged from the banal "leave them alone and they'll go away" to the demand for freedom of speech. And the same criticism will again be levelled at those who recognise the need for meeting fascism's threat where it's first felt - on the streets.

Liberal 'radicals' and Labour Party 'socialists' face a bit of a poser, to say nothing of the need for some serious soul searching, over the issue of the fascist menace. In fact Larry Gostin recently resigned from the top job at the N.C.C.L., for as he saw it the 'C. for Civil' was fast becoming the 'C. for Certain' which didn't include giving succour to members of the N.F. as he had condoned.

For these 'moderates' the issue is obscured and clouded by their belief in two things. They accept, first of all, the daft idea (which has no basis in fact), that Parliament was primacy, and that constitutional means and ballot boxes are the ways of dealing with political problems. They also tend to see society as something fundamentally harmonious - that fascism will always be a minor complaint on the body-politic, so long as liberal-democracy, the bastion of goodwill and tolerance, can be kept on an even keel.

Anarchists are not so deluded. We have no illusions about society's supposed harmony. For us it is in a state of permanent conflict - Capital-v-Labour, State-v-People, Men-v-Women, Black-v-White. The divisions are open and obvious. Furthermore, we have no fetish about the myth of 'democracy'. Certainly we believe in freedom of speech, but freedom of any sort is part of the ideal for which we work. Freedom is not much in evidence in the present state of affairs,

So, in accepting that society is conflictual and in rejecting all that nonsense about Parliament and 'democracy', physical opposition to fascism needs no justification. Resistance is as necessary and as inevitable as A.B.C..

# FASCISTS MARCHING ON THE HIGH STREET.....

## EVERDAY RACISM. THE FACTS

Percentage of each group unemployed:

	Men	Women
White	13%	10%
Afro-Caribbean	25%	16%
Indian sub-continent	20%	20%

Average weekly earnings:

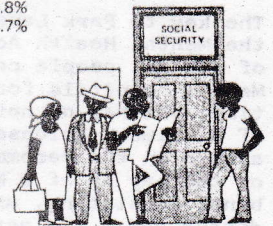
White	£129
Indian sub-continent	£111
Afro-Caribbean	£109

Percentage of each group allocated council housing by type of accommodation:

	FLATS	HOUSES	CROWDING
White	27%	39%	5%
Afro-Caribbean	54%	9%	20%
Indian sub-cont.	54%	11%	43%

Percentage of each group in pre-1919 housing:

White	26.6%
Afro-Caribbean	46.8%
Indian sub-cont.	61.7%



# PSYCHIATRY, RELIGION AND OPPRESSION

I live in a laboratory for developing methods of crushing the human spirit. Prisons use crude rule-of-thumb methods for damaging people's inner resources, but in my home, Park Lane Hospital, Liverpool, the latest scientific methods are also employed. A look at the techniques being developed may give some idea of what the state has in store for us in the future.

The key to Park Lane Hospital's operation is the Mental Health Act. Under various section of the Act people can be sent to secure Mental hospitals for an unlimited amount of time, whether or not they have been convicted of a crime. Release from the hospital lies either on the recommendation of a doctor, or on the say so of a Mental Health Review Tribunal consisting, usually, of a judge, a doctor and a lay person. The only way out of Park Lane is to conform to the official idea of a person who deserves to be at liberty. This is naturally a pretty middle-class conservative picture of a worthwhile humanbeing. One has to be 'sane' from the medical point of view, 'good' from the old fashioned ethical standpoint, and preferably 'nice' to

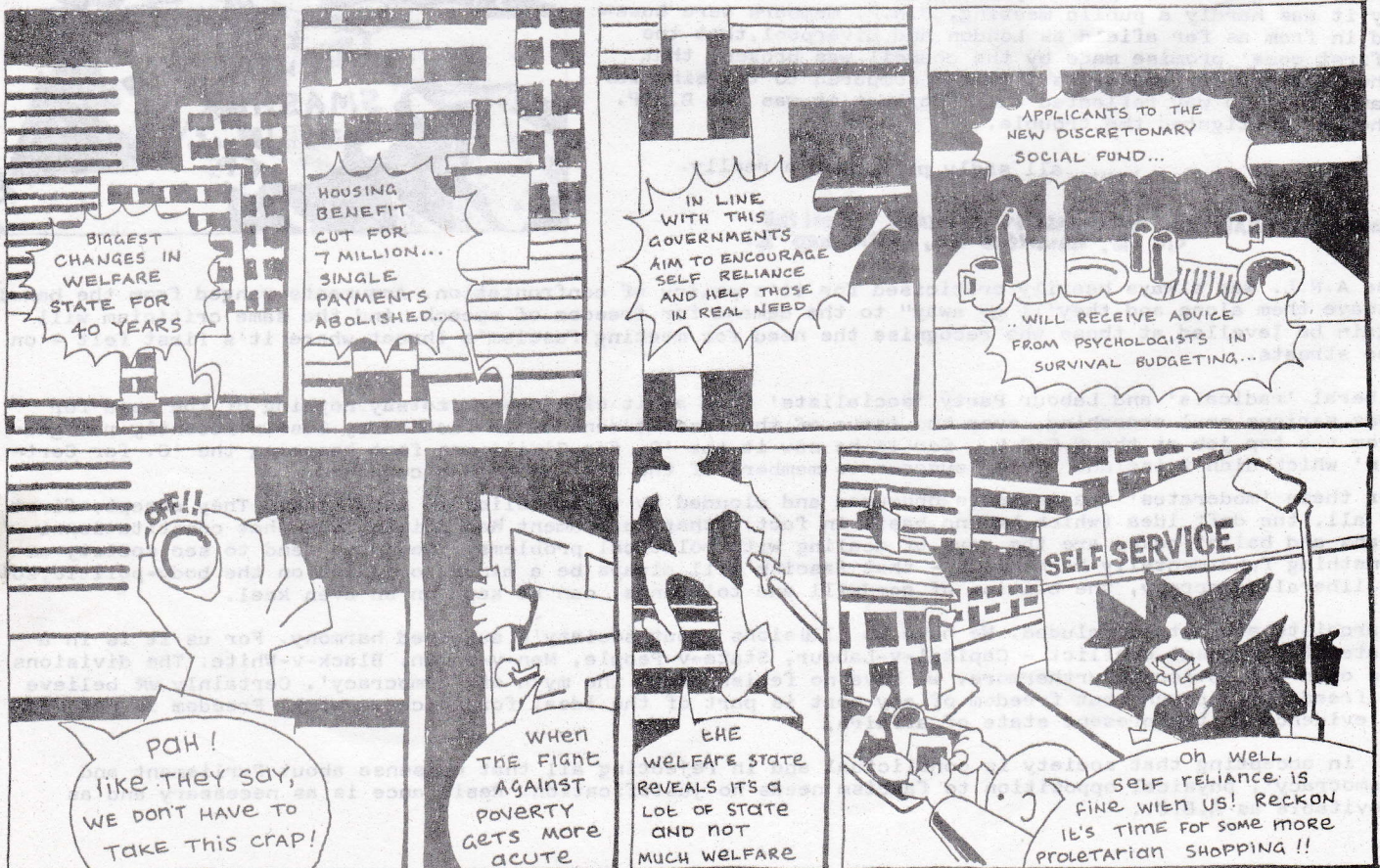
satisfy class prejudice. It's hardly surprising some people here have spent several decades in secure mental hospitals.

This system of release naturally generates a lot of fear in the Park Lane patient's everyday life. Things can be done in a good way - conducive to getting out - or in a bad way - conducive to spending the rest of your life here. In a prison being polite to the screws is induced by fear of physical violence, I suppose. Here you must be polite to the screws, however impolite they are, because being impolite reduces your chances of getting out. The fear of never getting outside the hospital walls reduces a patient's freedom of action within them. Occasionally an oppressed patient will 'crack up', smash windows, attack another patient or screw, climb on the roof, but the system of release means there are no premeditated, concerted protests or riots as sometimes happens in prisons. Everyone is too terrorised.

Apart from this system of mind control by fear of life imprisonment, there are more direct methods of intervention. The most usual is drugging. Most patients get some drugs. Drugging is of course compulsory, with limited rights of appeal. Some of the most widely used drugs, the major tranquilisers, have been proved to cause brain damage. But keeping the patient under control must come before keeping him mentally intact. Electro-convulsive treatment is relatively little used here, and psycho-surgery, to my knowledge, not at all.

As well as psychiatry there is psychology. Some of the techniques used by the psychology department, such as teaching patients social skills, are innocuous. Others are rather more sinister. For instance I am being taught a technique whereby I imagine committing criminal acts, and then imagine unpleasant things happening to me. I also undergo

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on-going physiological tests to see how I respond to videotapes of the sort of crime I committed. When I have conditioned myself into showing the right response to the videotapes the psychologists will give me a clean bill of health for release. Thus 'A Clockwork Orange's forecasts are enacted with a liberal face.

One of the most interesting features of Park Lane Hospital is the enlisting of religion as another way of controlling people. You might expect the psychiatrists not to get on with the preists. After all, religion could be subversive. If people were more intent on reaching the Kingdom of God than in getting outside the walls, the hospital authorities would have very little hold over them. Patients could refuse medications to protect their spiritual freedom. We could see the growth of a patients liberation theology! All this is fantasy, of course.

The hospital employs two part-time chaplains (C of E and RC) who are perfectly subservient to the system here. So it comes about that in the view of most religious patients what Christ wants and what the authorities want are the same thing. The chief religious teaching would seem to be that if you are a good patient you will get eternal joy in heaven, even though it may be hell on earth. Some of the more confused patients must live in a nightmare of fear of those omnipotent, omniscient authorities, God and their psychiatrist.

Religion indeed can be seen as a logical conclusion of what is done to the patient in Park Lane Hospital. First the system represses external freedoms in the political sexual and other interpersonal spheres. Then the psychiatrists with their drugs, and the psychologists with their techniques invade the mind. Finally the preists with their ancient tricks destroy the inner-most liberty of the spirit. After that, what's left can safely be let out, without posing any threat to the state.

**Pigsays**

EVER WONDERD WHAT THE CHIN STRAPS



FOR...

LIBERATOR WANTED APPLY WITHIN p4

YET MORE AMAZING PROOF THAT THERE NOT PIGS BUT BLOODY ZOMBIES!



# CLASS WAR: MUSHROOM SELL OUT

YOU CAN'T BUY 'CLASS WAR' IN MUSHROOM. IT'S BEEN BANNED. SO HAVE OTHER ANARCHIST PAPERS, INCLUDING CROWBAR, ANGRY AND RESISTANCE. BUT IT'S NOT JUST ANARCHIST PAPERS; THE IRISH PAPER REPUBLICAN NEWS IS KEPT IN THE BACK ROOM AND WILL ONLY PASS INTO YOUR HANDS IF YOU GIVE THE PASSWORD AND YOUR NAME'S ON THE LIST. SO WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THIS? "VIOLENCE" IS THE EASY ANSWER. THE MUSHROOM PARTNERSHIP REMOVED THE ABOVE TITLES FROM THEIR RACKS BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE THE REFERENCES TO VIOLENCE CARRIED IN THESE PAPERS

THE COVERS OF CLASS WAR PROVOKE THE BIGGEST REACTION. RECENT ONES HAVE PICTURED A GUILLOTINE WITH THE CAPTION "LETS TAKE THE WEIGHT OFF A QUEER-BASHERS FEET"; THATCHERS HEAD CLEFT WITH AN AXE AND "THE KINDEST CUT OF ALL" AND, THE LATEST: A HUGE BOOT CRUSHING A ROLLS ROYCE - "BASH THE RICH".

HOWEVER, IT CAN'T ONLY BE THE VIOLENCE THAT MUSHROOM OBJECT TO, AFTER ALL THERE'S PLENTY OF VIOLENT IMAGES ON SALE IN THE SHOP. BUT THEY ALL TEND TO BE OF HORRENDOUS THINGS HAPPENING TO US. APOSTCARD OF A YOUTH BEING SHAKEN BY THE NECK BY SEVERAL POLICEMEN AT A STOP THE CITY DEMO IS A GOOD SELLER. MAGAZINES, PAPERS AND BOOKS CARRY PHOTOS OF THE POLICE BEATING MINERS, ANTI-NUKE PROTESTERS AND CONVOY PEOPLE. WHY IS IT THAT CLASS WAR COVERS ARE SO DIFFERENT? SO DIFFERENT, IN FACT, THAT THEIR REPELLANT NATURE WOULD EVEN SHINE THROUGH THE PLAIN BROWN ENVELOPES WE SUGGESTED THEY BE SOLD IN.

CLASS WAR REPLY TO STATE VIOLENCE WITH COVERS THAT GO COMPLETELY OVER THE TOP. CLASS WAR IS A JOKE! BUT A JOKE BORN OUT OF COMPLETE FRUSTRATION AT A SITUATION THAT IS GETTING HEAVIER AND HEAVIER. A SITUATION THAT IS MET WITH COMPLETE INDIFFERENCE BY THOSE LIBERALS WHOSE CUSTOM MUSHROOM VALUES SO MUCH.

THINGS GET STRANGER: THE ARTICLE 'TERRORISM' BELOW GIVES CLASS WAR'S POSITION ON THAT SUBJECT. WHY IS IT THAT CLASS WAR IS BANNED BUT YOU CAN BUY "WRITINGS OF THE VANCOUVER 5" - A GROUP ADMITTING TO BOMBINGS AND ARMED ROBBERIES? FOR THAT MATTER WHY IS IT YOU CAN BUY EXPLANATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF CRUISE MISSILES (WEAPONS OF MEGA-DEATH) OR LITERATURE SUPPORTING THE BRADFORD 12 (ASIANS WHO ADMITTED POSSESSING PETROL BOMBS BUT WERE ACQUITTED BECAUSE OF 'SELF DEFENCE'), BUT YOU CAN'T BUY CROWBAR BECAUSE IT CONTAINED A PAGE ON MOLOTOV COCKTAILS?

MUSHROOM DESCRIBES ITSELF AS 'RADICAL' AND 'ALTERNATIVE'. ON THEIR VAN THE THREE SYMBOLS OF FEMINISM, ANARCHISM AND PEACE INTERTWINE. BUT IT SEEMS THAT THESE THREE, OR AT LEAST THE FIRST TWO ARE INCREASINGLY BEING SACRIFICED IN THE NAME OF PROFIT. THERE'S A RAYMOND BRIGGS BOOK ABOUT THE FALKLANDS CALLED "THE TIN-POT FOREIGN GENERAL AND THE OLD IRON WOMAN". THE PARTNERSHIP DECIDED THAT IT WAS SEXIST. WAS IT REMOVED FROM THE SHELVES? AT OVER A POUND PROFIT AND FIFTY COPIES, I SHOULD THINK NOT!!

MUSHROOM SEEMS (SADLY) MORE AND MORE LIKE ANY OTHER TRENDY BOOKSHOP, BEING SUCKED IN BY THEIR LIBRARY SUPPLY INTO THE BUSINESS ETHIC. AS DR SEUSS SAYS: BUSINESS IS BUSINESS AND BUSINESS MUST GROW. IF YOUVE GOT SEVERAL POUNDS TO SPEND (£8) ON "THE HOLOGRAPHIC PARADIGM AND OTHER PARADOXES", OR SOME OTHER LIFE ENHANCING SUBJECT, MUSHROOM WILL GLADLY SELL IT TO YOU, 'AND PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE SOMETHING A

LITTLE MORE RADICAL TO GO WITH IT?' BUT IF YOU'VE GOT A FEW PENNIES AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEND THEM ON SOMETHING THAT MIGHT MEAN SOMETHING TO YOU; WHAT USE IS MUSHROOM THEN?

THE NOTTINGHAM TRADER ONCE REFERRED TO MUSHROOM AS 'INFLUENTIAL'. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, BUT I DO KNOW THEY HAVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF POWER POWER THAT COMES FROM 11½ YEARS OF ASSOCIATION WITH LIBERTARIAN POLITICS, POWER THAT COMES WITH MONEY (THEY MADE WELL OVER £30,000 PROFIT LAST YEAR, THE BOOKS SHOW THAT THEY GAVE AWAY



JUST OVER £100 TO WORTHWHILE CAUSES). MAYBE THAT POWER IS EXERTING ITS CORRUPTING INFLUENCE. OR MAYBE THE PARTNERS ARE GETTING OLD, VALUE THEIR SECURITY AND RESPECTABILITY, AND WON'T ROCK THE BOAT FOR FEAR OF UPSETTING THOSE CUSTOMERS WITH LOTS OF MONEY BUT HIGHLY SUSPECT POLITICS.

UNFORTUNATELY A SIEGE MENTALITY HAS GROWN UP BETWEEN MUSHROOM AND SOME ANARCHISTS. I'M ONE OF THOSE PLAYING THE ROLE OF A DIRTY SERP WITH A BATTERING RAM. MUSHROOM THE PART OF THE STALWART DEFENDERS BARRING THE GATES TO THE OBNOXIOUS HOARDS. WHY DON'T WE ALL CALM DOWN AND TALK ABOUT IT? WE SUGGESTED SEVERAL DATES BUT UNFORTUNATELY MUSHROOM WILL NOT STOOP TO ANSWERING OUR LETTER. ANYWAY, ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, PARTNERS OR NOT, ARE INVITED TO A MEETING AT THE ICC ON JULY 25 TO DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MUSHROOM AND RADICALISM.

IN THE MEANTIME, MUSHROOM, PLEASE SELL THOSE PAPERS I'VE REFERRED TO AND LET OTHER PEOPLE JUDGE. THERE'S MORE VIOLENCE IN EXPENSIVE COFFEE-TABLE BOOKS ON THE MINERS STRIKE THAN 20P WORTH OF CLASS WAR. MAKE PROFIT SUFFER, NOT PROFIT FROM SUFFERING.

COLIN.

P.S. BUY THE LATEST CLASS WAR AND SPOT CHUMBAWUMBAS JOKE. AFAR BETTER RESPONSE THAN THAT OF THE BOOK BANNERS..

ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES ARE A COUPLE OF ARTICLES TAKEN FROM THE LATEST ISSUE OF CLASS WAR. ALSO A BIT ABOUT THE VANCOUVER 5. THEIR PAMPHLET (STILL AVAILABLE FROM MUSHROOM) IS WELL WORTH READING.

STOP PRESS: THE BIT ABOUT SIEGES TURNED OUT TO BE PROPHETIC: ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 10TH, MUSHROOM MEMBERS BARRICADED THEMSELVES IN THE SHOP. I DON'T KNOW WHY.

# GET OUT OF YOUR GHETTOS

LIVING ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES APPEARS TO BE MORE IMPORTANT TO VARIOUS GROUPS OF ANARCHISTS THAN INVOLVING THE WORKING CLASS IN WHAT THEY CONSIDER AS 'THEIR' MOVEMENT.

MOST OF THESE GROUPS WOULD ARGUE THAT SQUATTING, VEGANISM, ETC, EQUALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONCEPT OF ANARCHISM, BUT ARE THESE LIFE STYLES A PREFERENCE TO A MASS MOVEMENT? BECAUSE WHEN ORDINARY PEOPLE ATTEMPT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANARCHISM AND ENCOUNTER THESE GROUPS, THEY FIND THEMSELVES LABELLED AND REJECTED BECAUSE THEY DON'T FIT INTO THE EQUALLY STEREO-TYPED ENVIRONMENTS.

SELF-STYLED ANARCHISTS WHO REFUSE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THOSE WHO HAVE OR SEEK PAID EMPLOYMENT, SCORN THOSE WHO PREFER SECURE TO SQUATTING, WHO INSIST THAT MONEY ISN'T

IMPORTANT WHILST CONSTANTLY LIVING OF OTHERS OR REJECT THOSE WHO EAT MEAT, ARE NOT ONLY IGNORING WORKING CLASS BACKGROUNDS AND REFUSING PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO FULLY DISCOVER ANARCHISM, THEY'RE FAILING TO REALISE THAT THESE VALUES ARE SEPERATE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED ALONGSIDE, NOT IN PLACE OF BASIC ANARCHIST POLITICS.

THE WORKING CLASS SEEKS FREEDOM OF PERSONAL CHOICE AND FAR FROM BEING IMPRESSED WHEN PRESENTED WITH A RIGID ORTHODOXY IN ORDER TO JOIN THE ANARCHIST MOVEMENT, THEY'RE DECIDEDLY PUT OFF. THEY FEEL IT'S FULL OF TRENDIES, GUESS THE WHOLE IDEA IS UNREALISTIC ANYWAY, CONSEQUENTLY LOSE INTEREST AND JOIN THE LABOUR PARTY INSTEAD. THESE GROUPS OF 'LIFESTYLERS' SHOULD BECOME AWARE THAT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AN ANARCHIC SOCIETY THE MOVEMENT HAS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERY POTENTIAL ANARCHIST, AND THIS WON'T BE ACHIEVED BY PATRONISING OR ABUSING WORKING CLASS VALUES. ALL THE DIFFERENT ISSUES INVOLVED SHOULD BE OPEN TO DISCUSSION, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN CONSIDER THEM AS INDIVIDUAL CHOICES RATHER THAN COMPULSORY BLINKERS.

BUT IF SOME PEOPLE CONTINUE TO CONGRATULATE THEMSELVES ON BEING 'THE ONLY TRUE ANARCHISTS', THEY CAN STAY IN THEIR ALTERNATIVE COCOONS BECAUSE THE WORKING CLASS DOESN'T NEED THEM.

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# Terrorism

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Anarchists, according to a popular misconception, advocate and support "terrorism". Within the British context, this is usually understood to mean the bombing of selected targets, IRA or Angry Brigade style. We in Class War have a "violent" image stemming from our unrelenting attacks on the middle class pacifists that once infested our movement, plus our cardinal belief in total class struggle at all levels. So, may I ask, do we support "terrorism"? The answer to this must be a resounding "NO". For starters we don't see how blowing things up or sending sizzling packages through the post can advance our cause or lead to change in mass consciousness, let alone lead to an anarchist revolution. We don't deny that many people would have been glad to have seen Thatcher blown to atoms at Brighton. We shed no tears for politicians who reap what they sow - serves them fucking well right, we say. The point for us, however, is that even if the working class 'support' such actions they do so passively, without striving for their own liberation. They merely become spectators as the duel is fought out between the 'armed party' and the so-called "security forces". We must renounce terrorist activity here and now. Distance ourselves from such actions. Who cares if we are branded "wankers" by the verbally courageous? More honest or naive comrades delude themselves that 'at least someones doing something'. But remember: diehard reactionaries, leftists, nationalists and religious zealots have all bombed and assassinated at one time or another. Do we support them? Like fuck we do! It seems that some deluded comrades are more dazzled by the action than the political content. If a few people take it upon themselves to engage in "armed struggle", this spells out for us, besides the usual public hostility, police harassment, arrests and defence campaigns, the loss of all our political lessons, gains and strengths. All our time would be consumed in "defending" these people. And whatever the outcome of the trial, where would we find ourselves? Totally isolated - nowhere. That much the past has taught us.

If we're going to have our collars felt, let it be for something we've done or attempted to do. There's nothing more delightful for the cops than a ready-made excuse to crack down because a bunch of self-appointed saviours of the working class (usually straight out of university) explode something in a back alley. We don't deny a "grey area" exists. What if a group of workers on strike, or tenants living in council slums decide to petrol bomb a scab lorry or burn down the rent office? We've seen many instances like this during the miners strike and we don't regard them as "terrorist" but as complementary to the class struggle as it rages at that particular time. But if a group of workers decided to start planting explosive devices and shooting managers, they would for obvious reasons become a "terrorist" grouping - for they'd evolved a clandestine existence, with the expert "military" mentality that such a position would assume. If they avoided capture, it wouldn't take long for them to extend operations to targets far beyond their original scope. This has been the history of all such groups. Then comes the cops and robbers scenario with us as spectators. So, do "terrorists" fight towards the same goals as ourselves? That is, intensifying class struggle leading to a proletarian revolution, with the possibility of creating an anarchist society? If they claim to be doing as such, as their communiques to the press may do, does their action advance this cause one iota? Of course it fucking well doesn't! If symbolic targets are to be wrecked or burned down, say, the local Tory Party headquarters for example, it's got to be the work of proletarian mobs using freely available materials that can be utilised within seconds. If it's a choice between an "Angry Brigade" mark II or the violence of the '81 riots, the class violence of the miners against the police, or even the 'hit squads', we know where we stand. The real struggle lies out on the streets, on the housing estates, in the ghettos, workplaces and schools. And that is where we will direct our energies. For that is where we are!

# THE VANCOUVER 5 AND THE EARTH'S FUTURE

My first draft of the piece on the Vancouver 5 was mildly hostile to them. Then I got more information in return for a contribution to their defence fund, and now I'm right behind them. At first I thought they were like the Red Army Fraction, all out for armed revolution. I couldn't take part in that sort of action myself, mind you. Even the stress of a bit of NVDA which went wrong drove me mad, so I'd never make the grade as an urban guerrilla.

Now is a time that calls for action. For millenia patriarchal authoritarian state power has been causing incalculable misery. But now, with the appearance of high, and especially nuclear, technology the state threatens to destroy the human race and the natural world as well. The next few decades will probably decide the fate of humanity, conceivably it will decide that of all higher life forms.

But what form should our intervention in this crisis take? A few years ago in Canada five activists in the feminist/ecological/anti-war movement decided that armed struggle was a necessary response to the genocidal state. Their names were Ann Hansen, Gerry Hannah, Brent Taylor, Julie Belmas and Doug Stewart. They bombed three pornographic video stores, the Litton factory which makes Cruise missile guidance systems, and a BC Hydro substation. They stole automobiles, weapons and ammunition, and were prepared to use guns in self-defence. The Litton bomb injured several bystanders, a fact which the five expressed deep regret about.

From their writings and interviews the Vancouver Five come over as highly intelligent, deeply caring people. Their ideal of a libertarian, non-sexist society, in harmony with nature, is one which most anarchists would share. So are we obliged to follow their example and resort to bombs?

The strong argument for non-violence is not moral but practical. If we could bomb the state out of existence, it would be perfectly ethical to do so, given the massive threat it poses to life on earth. But, at least at the moment, we cannot defeat the state by force. The imbalance between the handfuls of guerrillas the revolutionary movements in the developed world can put into the battlefield and the vast armed forces of the state is obvious. It might seem that the only way of changing things is to mobilize vast peaceful mass movements.

The trouble is that vast peaceful mass movements, acting within the law, change very little. The peace movements have mobilized millions of people all over the world, but the nuclear arms race has not been slowed down. Trying to change the nature of the state using parliamentary political channels is futile. Ultimately the democratic elements of the state are subject to the veto of the military and industrial interests who hold the real power. At best the feminist and ecological movements have won a few concessions.

The way out seems to be to use mass movements in direct action falling short of direct war with the state. Mass occupations, blockades, pickets, sabotage and the revolutionary general strike are ways of taking on the state without having to face the state's superior firepower. So where do the tactics of the Vancouver Five come into this plan of action?

The standard rationale behind the armed struggle groups in Europe is that we can imitate the

third world. Groups like the Red Army Fraction in West Germany seem to think that their resistance will be the start of an expanding war against capitalism, culminating in successful all-out armed insurrection. But it seems highly unlikely that this could happen.

The Vancouver Five also identify with third world anti-imperialist struggles, most notably that in El Salvador. But instead of putting all their hopes in armed struggle they value their links with the non-violent mass ecological, feminist and anti-war movements. The Five started off as non-violent campaigners. Their use of explosives complements the non-violent struggle. In each bombing the Five struck at targets which the unarmed movements had been campaigning about. The explosions formed an unofficial part of the campaigns. At least in the case of the Litton factory and the video stores they put new life into the campaigns.

So it's possible to see a new form of struggle evolving, a combination of the immediate dramatic effectiveness of bombing and the greater long term revolutionary effectiveness of mass non-violent direct action. Guerrillas can keep the support of the unarmed movements by avoiding attacks on people as opposed to property. In a combined guerrilla/mass struggle, the guerrillas contribute the striking force and the inspiration, while the mass movement does the main work of overcoming the state. This sort of joint action will, it is possible, be adopted increasingly in the future. It seems to offer great hopes of success.

Some of the Vancouver Five are at present preparing appeals against their sentences (up to 25 years). Contributions to their legal costs should be sent to:

Free the Five Defence Group  
P.O. Box 48296  
Bentall Station  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V7X 1A1

## Some things to LOOK out for :

1. Starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a course at the WEA, Shakespeare St, on "What is Anarchism?" It will take place on Tuesdays, from 8-9.30, if enough people enrol. If you'd like to help prepare or present a session, please get in touch with the @ group. But anyway, please enrol!
2. The @ group now do their own magazine sales. Class War, Freedom, Green Anarchist, Crowbar etc are available at most meetings and some other events; all profits to the @ group.
3. Somewhere on Salisbury Plain there's a para-trooper happily sporting an @ badge on his uniform. He begged it off a Nottingham protester who'd gone down hunting cruise convoys. We found no missiles but lots of really stupid soldiers. Similar badges, and plenty of other anarchist designs too, are available from Box E, % 604 Woodborough Road, Nottingham.

# PRICE WATERHOUSE OCCUPATION

The miner's strike contained many high spots. One was the occupation of the Price Waterhouse offices in Glasgow. This firm of accountants were acting as the government's agent to seize NUM funds where ever they could. The action was taken by Clydeside Anarchists. The final outcome of that occupation is fines of £2000 for 9 of the people involved. All donations can be sent to:

Clydeside Anarchists Appeal Fund  
c/o Clydeside Press  
53, Cochrane Street  
Glasgow G1

# WIMMIN

Join in the demonstration on JUNE 20th at 2pm at the Council House, in opposition to the renewal of SVEN books licence.

Come with banners, colours & loud voices to heckle the councillors who passed the licence on June 5th.

# RADIO ZERO

Have a look at your tranny. You will see that on the FM (VHF) scale it is marked from 88 to 108 MHz. That's because those frequencies have been allocated by international agreement to "broadcasting". That is, radio stations intended to be received by the general public. Now turn on your tranny and have a quick scan across the dial. How many stations do you receive? Five? Perhaps one or two more if you live on a hill. In most countries in the so-called 'free' world, You'd get several times that. And don't those five stations give you an amazing choice of listening?

It's about time we had our own radio. A radio station that is open. Such a radio is coming! Prepare now! If there's anything you want to tell people, or something you think others might want to hear, then get it on tape. ¼ or ½ hour cassettes enable mixed programming. Get them ready.

The U.K. is the only country in the world where half of your FM tranny is useless. Let's change that. Radio Zero is coming prepare! (That doesn't apply to the regulators, the blue meanies. Yah Boo Sucks to them!



**ANARCHA-FEMINIST MEETINGS**  
EVERY SUNDAY 8 PM  
63, STANSFIELD ST. RADFORD.  
CONTACT: 754887

A MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY WHERE SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE AT STONEHENGE RELATED WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, THEIR FAMILIES & FRIENDS WHAT POLICE BRUTALITY THEY EXPERIENCED & SAW OTHERS EXPERIENCE & HOW THEIR TREATMENT WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY CONSTITUTES A BREACH OF CIVIL LIBERTIES. A SUPPORT GROUP AS YET UNNAMED, CAME INTO BEING, THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP ARE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CONVOY, IN THE FORM OF MONEY, FOOD & EVERYDAY LIVING THINGS, SUCH AS CLOTHES, BLANKETS, AXES, SAWS, TAPES, CAMERAS, FILM ETC. A LOT OF THESE ITEMS WERE STOLEN BY THE POLICE, ALSO THE N.C.C.L. WANTS TO LOOK INTO WHAT ENQUIRIES ARE UNDER WAY, FOR EXAMPLE THE N.C.C.L. SOON AS ENQUIRY & TO PUT PRESSURE ON THEM TO RELEASE THEIR FINDINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EVERYONE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT A MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED AS THE RESULT OF BEING KICKED UNCONSCIOUS BY THE POLICE. NO ONE KNOWS ANYTHING POSITIVE ABOUT THIS MAN, AND AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL RELEASE CONCERNING THIS MAN. THE STONEHENGE SUPPORT GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN ON NEXT WEDS EVENING AT 8 PM. AT THE ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND IDEAS WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE CONVOY, NOW AT SAV-ERNAKE. THEY EXPECT TO BE EVICTED ON MONDAY AND THEY ARE PLANNING TO GO TO ANOTHER SITE IN OXFORD, AS SOON AS WE KNOW WHERE THAT SITE IS THE FIRST BATCH OF DONATIONS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THEM. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND IDEAS AT THE NEXT MEETING. MONEY AND DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO: MS. S. CAIN, 16, CITY RD, DUNKIRK, NOTTM. NG72JJ, TEL. 786679.

THERE ARE TWO MARCHES THIS WEEKEND IN PROTEST, ONE IS A PILGRIMAGE FROM LONDON TO THE STONES STARTING FROM JUBILEE GARDENS SET 9AM ON SAT 15TH JUNE CONTACT 01-701-5804 FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE OTHER IS FROM AMESBURY TO THE STONES LEAVING AMESBURY ON SUNDAY 16TH JUNE. THIS IS A PASSIVE MARCH OF RESISTANCE, UNTIL MEETING THE POLICE AND EITHER BEING TRASHED OR TURNED BACK. THE CONTACT NUMBER IS 01-624-9276 A NATIONAL ANTI POLICE BRUTALITY GROUP HAS ALSO BEEN FORMED AS A RESULT OF WEDS MEETING, AND FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO GET THE GROUP UNDERWAY ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. WE WILL BE CONTACTING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND ORGANISING A MASS DEMO. WE WILL BE CONTACTING AT THE CARLTON HOTEL, NOEL STREET, HYSON GREEN ON SUNDAY 7.30PM TEL 786679 FOR MORE INFORMATION. DONATIONS SENT TO 16, CITY RD DUNKIRK, NOTTM. NG9 2JJ

← THIS LETTER IS ABSOLUTE CRAP. LIES, LIES, LIES.  
LAST YEAR THE NATIONAL TRUST ALLOWED THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE TO BUILD A VAST NUCLEAR BUNKER ON ONE OF ITS PROPERTIES. THE SITE COVERED SEVERAL ACRES AND INCLUDED THE DESTRUCTION OF HUNDREDS OF TREES AND MUCH WILD LIFE. THIS IS THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST. JUST ANOTHER WEAPON OF CONTROL. THE CONVOY HAS BEEN HOUNDED AROUND THE COUNTRY, HEAVY EVICTIONS WHEREVER THEY GO - MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AT RAINBOW VILLAGE MOLESWORTH, NATIONAL TRUST AT STONEHENGE FORESTRY COMMISSION AT SKERNAKE FOREST. THEY JUST CAN'T STAND THE FREEDOM. AS FOR THE ALLEGED DAMAGE, NUCLEAR BUNKERS, MOTORWAYS AND TRACKS ROLLING ACROSS DARTMOOR DO MORE DAMAGE EVERY DAY THAN ANY NUMBER OF ANARCHISTS AT STONEHENGE. BEWARE THEIR LIES!

**Why the National Trust won't experiment with anarchy**

Sir, - I am grateful for the article in the Sunday Express (June 8) that says that the National Trust is not interested in anarchy. I am glad to see that the National Trust is in business to support people who camped for six weeks at Stonehenge last summer came with peaceful intentions. Unfortunately it was the applied anarchy which came to the fore and left a trail of damage to the site. Anarchy has destroyed one of the finest archaeological sites in Europe. The "peace convoy" created a no-go area at the heart of the camp site which itself was the scene of acts of violence, arson, theft, and the peddling of drugs. It has been suggested that the trust should organise a festival on an alternative site. The festival (as your correspondent also recognised) has no formal organisation with which to deal. I propose to know that anarchy in the vicinity is prepared to play host to an assembly if bolts down to a demand that the trust should set aside its true responsibilities and acquiesce in an incursion of unlimited size on its land which has for some years proved irreconcilable with the conservation of the landscape. That would indeed be an experiment in anarchy which the trust is not willing to embrace. - Yours truly, Angus Strirling, The National Trust, London SW1

We do not, doubt or more

