

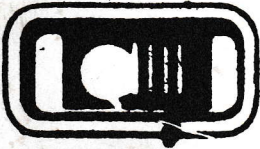
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STATE OF THE NATION

Perhaps you are as fed up as I am with hearing about the nation being in crisis - It seems recently that by turning on the tele we are subjected to irate broadcasters telling us about unscrupulous nasties in unions not letting us nice ordinary people have a quiet life. "What no biscuits?" said a high court judge, and order was instantly restored. Talking about it we have all been amazed at the vitriolic garbage spouted out against people, who merely want £64 a week to live on (drivers), or who can't manage on £40 a week (public service). Dragging in parents of sick children, whose operations have been cancelled, interviewing a school meals lady, who wouldn't dream of striking; "If you don't like it you can always leave the job". - I want to scream and shout and create anarchy. Suddenly the media are really being heavy on the poorer workers, suddenly it really is smash the union time: We must have legislation to outlaw strikes or at least curb picketing so as to make it totally ineffective! What is going on I ask myself?

After several years of wage restraint those at the bottom of the pile can't manage anymore - people like Robin Day, who incidentally never declares his income before attacking a low-paid ambulance driver for ceasing work - tho' we can't deny his job is DIRTY! - they attack and blast out at the very people we can't do without. If the Robin Days struck, who would notice, who would care? But these stuffed up ponces take it upon themselves to not only attack others doing worthwhile jobs but also to pretend they speak for anyone who might go under the heading of general public. Having calmed down but still cross! I tried to work out what people in public services can do to force the government to pay a living wage, without perhaps having to cause worry to other (nice) people!! I mean to say, is there an alternative to striking? Anyone on transport has an easy option; run trains and buses but don't take fares - that would get public support alright and screw the governors right up. But what about public services? Well, dustmen could collect the rubbish and dump it someplace choice perhaps? Would they all get nicked and how could we help? If they got suspended could hospital workers walk out to collect garbage so as to avoid a health hazard? and so on.

Can anyone think of other tactics? You see another point about striking for the low paid workers is that it puts them into tremendous financial hardship - you're poor so you strike so you owe more. We really must work out a way

of hitting the governors. Striking is not a passive thing, it should be an attack - the idea of hitting constituencies of cabinet ministers is half way there, but it is still not quite right. I've run out of ideas but think we should work on this.

We must have a living wage, and if the cake isn't big enough then some fat nasties with spotty bow ties, or consultants who don't like treating union members, who PAY their bloody inflated wages - all that lot of pompous blood suckers - could take a little LESS home.

If we get a minimum wage, as is being discussed, then there should be a maximum wage - and that goes for queens too!!

CB.

The lorry drivers showed how straight forward would be the seizure of the means of production and distribution by the workers themselves. Both Warrington and Middlesborough for example were virtually in the hands of their strike committees. Strikes are limited but can be taken much further. A million and a half extremists can't be wrong! ES.



Welcome Home Jake!

Jake Prescott was released from Dartmoor prison on Wednesday 21st Feb. Having spent 8 years in nick.

INTO THE UNKNOWN

Last May and June, the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) in order to be seen to be doing something to avoid being wound up, carried out over 40 raids against anarchists around the country. They arrested 5 individuals in London (Ronan, Iris, Taff, Vince and Trevor) and one in Gillingham (Stewart), and using the Press, tried to build up a picture of a massive Nationwide-Anarchist-Conspiracy-To-Overthrow-Society with bomb-factories, explosions, armed robberies.

The remand court of the 6 'dangerous terrorists' was 'in case of break-outs' an armed police siege each week, and more arrests and charges were promised.

MAIN CHARGES THROWN OUT

Since that peak of hysteria, the ATS case has virtually collapsed, the 'conspiracy to cause explosions' charges dismissed, and 4 of our comrades bailed.

In December the Attorney General threw out the main charges to save the ATS later embarrassment. He could see that the Persons Unknown campaign and consequent publicity would only further discredit the ATS. This is a victory, taking the wind out of their sails. 'Conspiracy to rob' charges have now been substituted - this despite the failure of a single 'witness' in almost 100 I.D. parades to pick out anyone for robberies. Stewart Carr, who never appeared on these I.D. parades, is the only

one charged with actual robberies (totalling £3,800) and allegedly has made a statement. (He was originally held 6 days by the ATS before seeing a solicitor). He has since written from prison to disassociate himself from the other defendants, and the Persons Unknown Support Group. It should be made quite clear that 'Conspiracy to rob' charges still carry up to life sentences although politically less beneficial to the ATS.

Iris, Trevor and Vince are now out on bail. Trevor is living outside London. Iris and Vince are forced to honour a night curfew, but have returned to the London movement with a vengeance.

POLICE CONSPIRACY

The ATS conspiracy to attack us continues. Up to the committals, in the Court and Press, they still tried to present their model of the case as: 'ATS - saves Britain - from - dangerous - anarchists.' Pressure was exerted on the magistrates to refuse bail, but 4 of the 5 have been bailed. However, in Ronan's case, an ATS member told a supporter - 'He's the one we really want, we'll make sure he doesn't get out.' There are NO grounds for Ronan being refused bail on 4 separate occasions.

Taff has been given bail, but like Ronan is still at the time of writing in Brixton, as he has had to find sureties of £17,500. The ATS has instructed

In the meantime, to remind readers of the charges facing our comrades: Iris Mills and Ronan Bennett are both additionally charged with 'dishonestly handling stolen goods' and with possession of a firearm ("viz, a .22 BSA single shot target rifle") and (a new charge) "knowingly having in their possession a certain explosive weed killer of the non-sodium chlorate type".
Dafydd Ladd is charged with 'dishonestly handling stolen goods' and possession of a firearm (single shot target rifle).
Vincent Stevenson and Trevor Dawson are charged with 'dishonestly handling stolen goods' and with possession of a quantity of firearms and also with possession of a quantity of ammunition.
Stewart Carr, who has since disassociated himself from the other defendants and thus from the support groups, is charged with six counts of armed robbery.

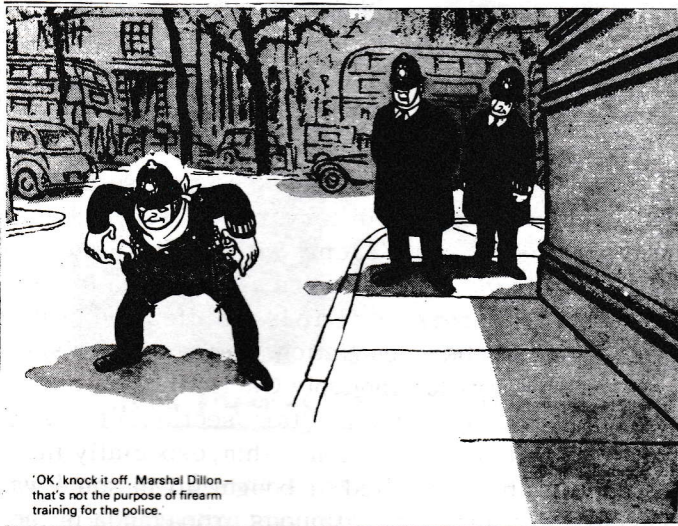
THE CHARGES!



the prison to refuse clearance to potential surety givers to visit, and also intimidated one person for 3 hours at home to drop their surety. They wish to take the law into their own hands. Meanwhile, they still make the occasional raids. In January a member of Hastings Anarchists was questioned, and threatened with 5 years for 'withholding information' - he had said he didn't know any of the six defendants. *

*This threat used to be ridiculous, but an Irish Republican did 3 months for this under the PTA.

Even more serious was a dawn raid last October near Nottingham, by 30 armed ATS terrorists. Two comrades there awoke, and thinking they were being attacked by thugs, grabbed knives. It was lucky no-one was killed. They were held half naked for 6 hours and questioned about their politics, acquaintances and if they knew the 6, and then released. They were told 'You are anarchists, you must expect this sort of thing in the future.' Now around the same time, a London Persons Unknown member was tailed in his car after a meeting and after popping into a friend's for 10 minutes, returned to find the address pages of his diary ripped out.



'OK, knock it off, Marshal Dillon - that's not the purpose of firearm training for the police.'

ATS chief Jim Neville, has now been moved to the S. London CID - it probably became obvious to his employers that his determination to build up the ATS around our case was pathetic and a failure. Although they are still trying to bully us they must realise it only strengthens our resolve, and so are not now putting much effort into it. Either they are paranoid or they're bored.

The ATS and the whole police force are uniformed robots defending property, profit and power, obsessed by a desire to control all independent actions and thought of people. There is no place for police of any kind in an anarchist society, there being no ruling class to protect. The welfare of each person is the responsibility of all.

COURT RITUALS

Committals finally happened on Dec. 21st, after being delayed for 7 months while the ATS worked out a feasible case. It was all over in hours, the defence having dragged out much of the police case in previous bail hearings, and all were committed to trial. The 'Nationwide network' had become 'a London based gang'. 'Explosions' had become 'robberies'. There was documentary evidence, much of which related to evidence of association

and political beliefs, although including some false identities. The legal case rests around the alleged robberies and the suitcase of firearms. These were 'found' after Vince had VOLUNTARILY given the police the address of a key he had on him when arrested.

So the weekly remand hearings are over and we await the trial dates (maybe not for a year). Conspiracy charges serve to cover up the thinness of the evidence, and the political beliefs provide the basis for the 'conspiracy' - ie. Conspiracy = thought crime. ATS = thought police.

Courts bear no relation to anything real. **

This is deliberate in order that 'Justice' be delayed and disfigured and removed to a place where the State is strong. And anyway, what fucking right has the STATE, the organisation of class-rule, of terror and exploitation, got to judge US, people whose only desire and activity is to create a free world? Courts are nothing but tragic theatres, where working class people are forced to act out the roles of the guilty, while the real criminals are those who hold power.

In a classless anarchist society there will be no courts of any kind. Any conflicts can be sorted out by the individuals concerned, or by friends and local people through discussion.

BEHIND BARS

That goes for prisoners too - nothing but legalised kidnapping. Prisons are the last resort (short of murder) the ruling class use to discipline people. We have found prison visitors very sympathetic on receiving our leaflets. Conditions for prisoners on remand, except for visits, are worse than for those convicted. So much for innocent until proven guilty. Ronan spent 7 months awaiting committals (the longest of any case in Brixton) and may do another year before trial.



**Getting politics into a courtroom is like mud wrestling in an operating theatre.

It is vital that anarchists get involved with Prison support activity, forming local groups if possible, especially in the case of protests inside.

THE MEDIA

Last summer the Fleet Street Press were full of libellous stories of bomb plots and terrorists, but when the explosions charges were dropped, there was just 5 or 6 lines in a couple of papers**. This shows their role as mouthpieces of the police and State. It has been possible by constant pushing of Press statements, and digging at sympathetic journalists, to get the occasional news item in, say, The Guardian. The left Press has been largely the same, with Socialist Challenge refusing to publish news and then claiming that Persons Unknown was 'underground'. Newsline, Big Flame and Time Out are exceptions.

But there is no substitute for our own channels of communication - the anarchist Press have responded pretty well. It's clear that we must create our own media, especially local, to reach millions of people.

PERSONS UNKNOWN EVERYWHERE

Interest and active support around the country has blossomed despite the lack of information and the complexities of the case. Support groups have held meetings, written leaflets, and written to the Press. The most sympathetic have been those who have experienced conspiracy trials - Irish groups, Welsh Language Society, Prisoners and friends - and also 'Civil Liberties' campaigners, and people involved in non-sectarian campaigns (ABC, Astrid Proll, etc.). The Left have rarely shown much interest because although the criminalisation of revolutionary activity affects them, they don't understand the State and its institutions. In general they are stuck in the legal/illegal rut and have little revolutionary instinct. The party machines only move in to action if recruits can be made.

LONDON GROUP

Briefly London resistance has been a mammoth task, with so many things to do - publicity, prisoners aid, legal support, national communication, ... for illegal possession of arms. The ATS and Nazis are in the same business. I say activity last as this hasn't been easy to organise - strongest when picketing and leafletting prisons. We've tried to develop our own collective politics and internal structure, whilst relying on the initiative and commitment of each individual. For many of us it seems a full-time task, often fraught with

problems, but also with a lot of potential. We are trying to learn from our experiences and broaden our influence.

A major contradiction is between legal and political campaigning. Combining the two is almost impossible unless we recognise the State's innocence/guilt crap. On one side we oppose their right to judge us, but on the other we have to recognise that the defendants are not martyrs and wish to get off at the end of the trial. It's best to exploit any legal/reformist victories, while never compromising our revolutionary beliefs.

SOME CONCLUSIONS

The ATS, along with the whole State machine, is trying to deflect peoples' dissatisfaction with Capitalism onto suitable scapegoats. Foreign culture is blamed for racism, squatters for homelessness, strikers for industrial breakdown, criminals for police methods etc.

As State powers increase, those who sense and oppose this are labelled 'terrorists', 'subversives' etc., and declared an 'enemy within'. The State then justifies its sickening powers as 'justified in the war against terrorism'. War is the lifeblood of the State, but wars between Nations are now too risky and unnecessary for monopoly Capitalism. So the State machine (esp. the military sections) turns fiercely against opposition within, especially that which can't be controlled or bought off in some way. This, accompanied by continuous propaganda in the media. But people can only be ruled if divided, and specific sections of the population attacked if they are isolated.

So we come to this case.

The ATS, using courts, prison, media etc., have built up a model of the case to present to the 'public'. In resisting we have to expose the true shape of events to both wreck the ATS propaganda and also show their conspiracy to attack, harass and discredit revolutionaries.

The ATS arrested a Nazi bomber, John Knight, in connection with the SWP, NUPE and CP bombings, and discovered guns in his bedroom. He was tried quickly, with no publicity, and FINED... F-I-N-E-D. The ATS and Nazis are in the same business.

In the light of the proven repressive functions of the ATS, the innocence/guilt of our comrades on these fairly minor criminal charges, is of legal importance only. It is the police who are the criminals.

ORGANISE NOW FOR ANARCHISM!

-An Unknown Person, London.

Contact us at Box 123, 182 Upper St, London, N. 1.
Money, support, information always needed.

***The Workers Revolutionary Party won a libel case against the Observer, but had to pay their own costs of £70,000. Class justice again.

A Critique of Anarchist Separatism

In reading articles and books on modern anarchist theory, I keep stumbling over references to Anarcho-this and Anarcha-that, as though there were distinctions to be drawn between men and women politically. This only causes divisions to exist among Anarchists that really should not be.

Anarchists have always been in the foreground of any battle over the rights of individuals. I hear you saying, "Please don't bore us with repetitious recitations of basic Anarchist theory. We know that already." Perhaps it is true that this statement is repetitious. Perhaps we have heard it so many times that it has been drummed into our heads as a meaningless phrase. But perhaps, too, we have forgotten the meaning of these words.

There are basic differences in men and women both on the physical levels and the mental/emotional levels. Both bodies and minds operate differently. It is also true that we are guilty of stereotyping if we rely on this single argument. We must carry it through, then, that people act differently and are therefore completely unique. Here we find ourselves dealing with others on an individual basis, a one-on-one confrontation.

In a one-on-one confrontation there are no barriers of race, sex, or any other walls to impair the Anarchist from productive work and dialogue. We deal with individuals, with single parts, with people eye to eye. To deal with factions defeats us. It weakens us, both personally and in our relationships with others.

Let us reason this out. Do you, as an Anarchist,

believe that a person has a right to choose the life they see fit? Of course you do. Does it matter then, whether the person choosing is a man or woman? Certainly not, for if it did we would not be Anarchists. If we practice a form of Supremism, then we are Supremists. Man or woman, we must support the rights of individuals to determine their own destiny, irregardless of sex. The only time that sex is a determining factor in Anarchist thought is when we are indulging in it. Even then, it remains on a personal level of interrelationship.

By definition, then, we find that all Anarchists are Feminists to the extent that we support individual sovereignty. So there is no distinction. Why create a faction that does not exist except in the minds of those superficially involved in Anarchism? Are we to destroy ourselves over arguments that are but figments of our imaginations, and that exist not at all? Are we to spend precious time, great chunks of our lives, arguing useless ideas? As Anarchists, we no doubt support one's right to indulge in foolishness, but that in no way says that we *must* indulge in it.

Women for centuries have been located mostly in the home. Does this mean that women are meant exclusively as housewives? No. Witness the many women throughout history who have been engaged in battle, commerce, and all the other fields of life. Sure, they are small in number, but is that because most were kept locked securely in the house while the "man of the house" was out? Of course not. Many of the



examples of women in these fields are mentioned because of the exceptional circumstances of the times, or the extreme "heroes" created for exploitation. If women should not be exploited in the home, it follows that they should not be exploited at all. What is the difference then, between these two extremes? None.

Or of the men. We do not hear of all the men who have toiled for a cause. We are more likely to hear of those who have realised great goals, rather than the ones who labour day to day in their chosen fields. And how often do we hear of those men who stay home and raise the children while the woman earns the daily food and rent? Hardly at all, unless they are held up as examples of a false equality or as objects of ridicule by their "macho" friends.

Friends, we all have our talents, our capabilities, our strengths and weaknesses. We all have our desires to achieve our goals. Is it really that important whether we are men or women? Isn't the basic idea behind Anarchism the cooperation of individuals toward a more enjoyable existence?

Promoting the existence of Anarcho-this and Anarcha-that is self-destructive. It is a contradiction that our enemies shall grasp and wield against us as a sword. If the Feminists speak only of the great achievements of women, aren't they indulging in sexism? Isn't this type of activity simply another facet of Supremism? Are we to promote, once more and in our own ranks, the theories of the "separate, but equal" fallacy?

Let us, therefore, leave the path of separatism and join our hands and effort in the common goal of individual liberty and mutual understanding. Only in this way can we honestly say, "I am an Anarchist."

Only in this way can we show our policies to be those of true respect and total solidarity with each other. But while we make distinctions between ourselves on the basis of sex we are showing the world that our words are nothing and our lives a contradiction.

Are you a man? Take pride in your masculinity, but be sure that you know what true masculinity is. Are you a woman? Be proud of the attributes of womanhood, but do not deceive yourself as to what is feminine and what is not. Men and women, know your strengths and weaknesses. Know that the strength of one is sufficient for many tasks, but the strength of two is greater. Does it really matter if one of those arms is a man's or woman's? If we pull together we attain a common goal. Is it more important whether men or women reach it? Or is it more important that we all enjoy the benefits of our labours?

I leave the answers to your discretion. Anarchists must study to know what Anarchism is. Anarchists must practice this way of life each and every day. And Anarchists must think through what they study and live. To accept anything on the unsupported testimony of one person is the sign of a fool. Another sign is to accept anything without examining it in all its many facets and appearances. We may support a person's right to be a fool, but we do not have to help them in their foolishness.

Think about it.

(see letters
pages)

This is a position paper by one of the members of the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective in the Washington State Penitentiary, U.S.A.

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Aftermath to the Gartree Riots see page 18. Phil Ruff and Malcolm Simpkins have both been weighed off by the kangaroo court of the visiting board., for their part in the fracas at Gartree prison. Phil Ruff now in Durham, lost 21 days pay and 70 days remission. Malcolm, charged among other things with incitement to mutiny got 56 days solitary and a staggering 410 days loss of remission. He is now in Leicester Nick. A post card or two wouldn't come amiss.

BLACK FLAG.

Don't panic! Its coming. The next issue has been delayed by typesetting problems, first their own machine has finally broken beyond repair, and they are having great difficulty in finding anyone prepared to handle such hot revolutionary material. But it will definately be out, and if you want to help you could drop them a pound or two hundred towards the half dozen thousand they need for a new machine.

THE MACHINE HAS FREED US FROM NATURE, BUT HOW DO WE FREE OURSELVES FROM THE MACHINE?

1. WHAT IS TECHNOLOGY?

Technology, created to gain greater control over their environment, by those who use it, affects every part of our daily lives — at work, where we live, our entertainment, what we eat, etc. etc. What I want to concentrate on is how it affects the nature of 'work' and the structure of society generally.

The work environment is very mechanised in factories, offices and fields, and workshops, and even in the home where chemicals and gadgets are used in housework. Industrial technology means mass production, push-button techniques, instant communication and speedy transport with its sprawling road network, constant refinements of material resources (minerals, food etc) and computerisation of information and processes. Vast amounts of gadgets for consumer use — for entertainment and service (TV, radio, electric shavers etc) are churned out. These will in future, as will more complex machinery, be transformed by microprocessing. Office building dominates the towns, road building dominates both town and countryside.

This is technology, and with the breakneck speed of these changes and their consequences, we have to ask important questions.

2. HOW DOES TECHNOLOGY AFFECT US?

Firstly, our environment would be almost totally

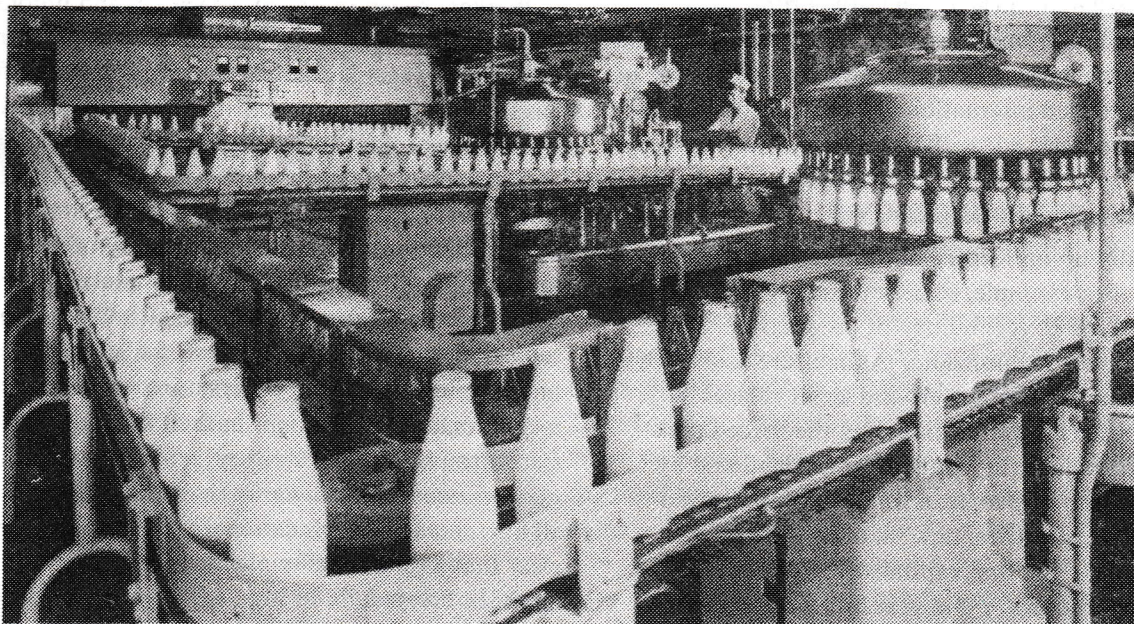
unrecognisable to those who lived 500 years ago.

We now live in staggeringly complex cities, and there's continual rebuilding and change made by planners and capitalists. In the face of this, people feel like (and are) just cogs, unable to seize control of their lives.

In this rush, the dangerous effects of technology are ignored — including large scale pollution and now the murderous Nuclear Power programme. We are expected to do as we are told, and just look on, helpless.

To satisfy some of our demands, we are now offered material subsistence . . . in fact we've been turned into CONSUMERS as well as PRODUCERS, thereby increasing the power of those who control the goods. And to go with this role, a whole process of brain-washing and advertising has been shoved down our throats to convince us that 'buying' is the most exciting and creative act known to humanity, and 'possessions' the major strength and status you can have. This conditioning is all made possible by the existence of high technology communications, media and its speedy distribution and sophisticated techniques. Millions stare passively at the TV, or read the daily comics.

A new ideology is manufactured — while we could hardly be more alienated from our lives and each other, we are told: 'We are all in it together,' 'the citizen is in power,' 'capitalism serves the people,' 'Bullock will put workers in control of their industry,' etc. etc., and 'we're all middle class now.' All



Daily pintas coming off a line at a Unigate dairy.

independent culture is suppressed or taken over and watered down by local and national bureaucrats. In this way the powerful hope to confuse us, smash our solidarity, and suppress our history – the history of class struggle and mutual aid.

The division of labour at work serves to make unity difficult amongst the most powerful section of the working class – the producers. It also means boring, repetitive work. The work environment (and our daily life) is dominated by clocks, and by the smooth functioning of machinery. While this serves the Jet Set, it turns us either into robots or nervous wrecks.

More and more, the State is taking over whole sections of industry where nationalisation and the introduction of new technology has been too slow for an efficient Capitalism. This applies to Mining, Rail, Shipbuilding etc. It also means that bureaucrats and technocrats are gaining more and more power in planning and controlling society, often over-riding private profits for more long term 'National Interest.' The workers made redundant by new technology are re-employed by the State in mostly service and office work, or kept as a permanent supply of unskilled labour by the Dole. In this way, less and less people are working at the point of production, and are further alienated, even from their own class. There is an attempt to deal with organised opposition, i.e. power-workers, by reducing and militarising such a work force (as in Nuclear Power industry).

So you can see that a National Economy is being moulded and an ideology to go with it – The Nation. Technology is a vital tool the State is using to achieve this.

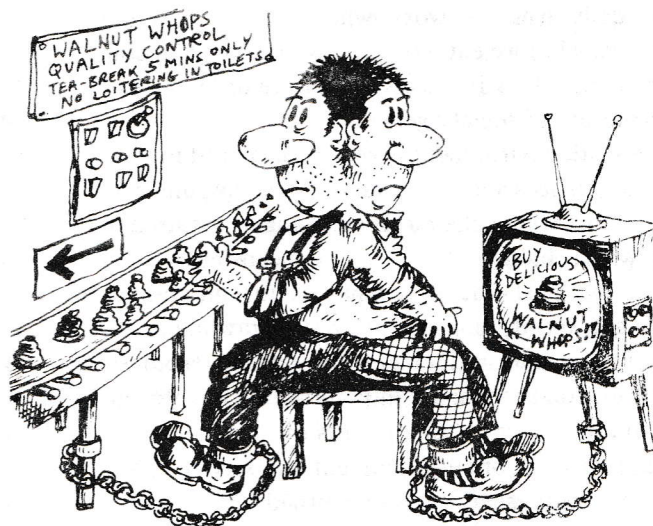
Having said all that, all is not grim! The working class has fought for some benefits from technology: increased comforts, enough food, clothing etc., and a shorter working week. Cosmopolitan cities have many benefits compared to the often stifling rural life of auld! City life has led to an increasingly radical questioning of the sort of world we're forced to live in, has encouraged internationalism and is a source of subversive strength.

3. HISTORY OF TECHNOLOGY

I'm not really up on history but can see some patterns of change. For example, society is mostly geared around the type of technology of production. So hunting societies are nomadic. Agriculture led to the growth of peasant farming around small villages in which the Rulers acquired riches by the forced taxation of any produce, by controlling the land and by direct ownership of people as serfs. With improved travel to other countries, new markets were opened for merchants – the first capitalists. Wool became Britain's major industry and peasants were violently evicted from huge areas of land, then to be turned over to sheep grazing. So although there were uprisings

for control of land across Europe, the peasants were forced into the towns. The remaining rural population lived by cottage industry (wool) or labouring.

Towns generally grew-up as communications and trade centres (ports, fords, crossroads etc). Later, as the industrial revolution ushered in mass capitalist production, the struggles began to become struggles for control of the work process itself. There was great hatred of the soul-destroying capitalist factories and methods, and the Luddite movement in the early 19th century was violently opposed to them. This



insurrectionary time in our history seems to have been the closest the British working class (at the time of its creation) have been to seriously opposing the Ruling Class. There were even some 'no-go' areas for the Army. As a consequence, the State brought in a whole range of measures to strengthen itself and capitalist production. The division of labour in factories, made possible by steam technology, became widespread.

Workers began to organise societies and unions to improve their conditions, rarely challenging their position as wage-slaves. This uneasy balance of forces has survived up to now in Britain, with the occasional wars serving to both discipline the workers' desires, and to make Capitalism more efficient and stable. The poverty and inefficiency of early Capitalism (or its introduction) led to the opportunity of great revolutionary movements. Unfortunately these were taken over by managerial/bureaucratic elites. So repression in both East and West has become much more sophisticated, the Rulers using every conceivable technological development in their favour, to stabilise, transform, brainwash, destroy, rebuild etc. With the massive, ever-increasing growth of the civil service and all bureaucracy (local, national and corporate), it's clear that a scientifically planned technological society has been created.

While those who've been employed to invent and develop technology are by themselves harmless, the

class of scientists has been entirely subservient to the needs of the promoters of the research programmes, both military and industrial.

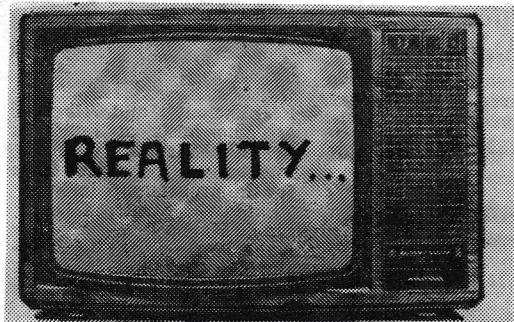
So the only benefits granted to the working class people have been to keep us in healthy working order, and culturally contented (to alleviate the effects of the almost total annihilation of any libertarian social traditions). It would've been an easy task cutting the working week (forecast as 4 hour a week by a Cambridge scientist in 1932!), and building decent housing and social environments, making the necessities of life freely available to all. However, any improvements have had to be fought for by us against bitter opposition.

4. THE FUTURE

A look into the future is always difficult to do, but if we wish to change things, then we should be prepared for all eventualities. The rulers are continually trying to centralise and make more efficient their hold over us, at the same time as spreading their influence ever wider and deeper amongst us. The former is achieved by creating dependency on high technology (computers, Nuclear Power etc) and the latter by increasing employment of the technology of social control (the media, the welfare state, slum clearance, police forces, corporate industry as the present moves in the GPO).

At the same time the military is being strengthened and is trying to prepare for civil war. More and more sophisticated technology and techniques are being employed, while at the same time trying to stamp out or control any independent communication or resistance (libertarian radio, all firearms etc). So while neutron bombs are being developed by the State with hardly any resistance, 6 anarchists can be on trial for possessing 2 tins of weedkiller, and face up to 10 or 15 years imprisonment.

In order to maintain this hypocrisy, they have to con the mass of people into believing it is in their interests – this is attempted by impressing people with spectacles (i.e. the moon programme), offering commodities as a substitute for a barren life (supported by a massive advertising/brainwashing campaign) and diluting the class nature of the system by involving working class people or their representatives in managing their own exploitation (unions, elections,



NOW SHE'S HAPPY!



opinion polls, etc).

Be sure that all these things will be extended. But there are great contradictions.

For a start, these developments can only be achieved by an increasingly efficient technology, automating a great deal of previously skilled work. The introduction of microprocessors and silicon chips (whatever they are!) may do two things:

- a) turn much skilled labour *and* office work, into manual, and hence alienate both a highly organised section of the working class and fairly satisfied section of the lower middle class.
- b) Create massive unemployment.

People will then be absorbed where possible into service and leisure industries. The Union bureaucrats will demand a shorter working week and sell this to us as our 'reward' for accepting any coming transformations. But the Ruling Class are scared of too much unemployment, and so will try to further institutionalise it as an adjunct to the work process or welfare system (see Labour's ideas in the latest queen's speech).

However it is clear that people will be spending less time at work, and can use this to their own advantage – this is the source of a great deal of anti-State activity (especially in the lower middle classes) in Western countries since the 60s, the organised proletariat mostly lagging behind, or in a rut. This activity is against the ruling ideologies as well as institutions.

And there lies the second contradiction – the increasing alienation in modern societies, especially among the young, when faced with a life of boredom and frustration as a cog in a pre-planned, high technology, increasingly repressive system. Not to mention a suicidal system.

The third contradiction is the recklessness of modern



Would you buy a used Power Station from these people?

technological developments, and the potential for destruction they contain – increasing industrial pollution, nuclear pollution and weaponry, and the violating of the natural balance of the Earth through using up its natural resources and manipulating the ecology of species, forest and land. In fact it seems that to enforce the control that modern ruling classes wish, it is necessary to use ever-increasing amounts of energy. This energy is running out, and the nuclear power alternative will be resisted internationally like no single issue ever before.

In the light of all this, the events in New York last year become clear – when the precarious enforcement of order broke down totally with the failure of the electrical supply. Within hours the entire city was out of control of the police and Authorities. So cracks (or gaping hoels) are appearing in the concrete jungles, and resistance grows there, often at first nihilistic amongst the young and cynical amongst older people.

Lastly, the greatest contradiction is the class system, especially at the point of production. In factories, workshops and offices all over the world, the evidence and reality of wage-slavery, and institutionalised violence of Authority can hardly be hidden. It is deeply felt by the workforce. No amount of automation or window-dressing can disguise this. As the workers' expectancy rises, and their attempts and ability to organise increase, the Ruling Class is forced to try to buy them off with promises and reforms. But for how long?

And above and beyond these contradictions is the greatest potential force for social change – the will to be free, to resist Authority, to take control of our lives. This can never be broken.

5. FINALLY

I've concentrated on Western society, especially Britain, and much of the world is not as highly industrialised, or politically as stable. So there are

great differences in both the type of Rule, and the resistance to it, but this isn't due to any ethnic difference. This is due to the constant and constant maintenance of whole continents as subservient to Imperialist plans – these countries provide cheap minerals/labour/food or half-made articles for industry in Britain, USA, etc. So the present system is world-wide. It's not a question of 'third world' countries becoming 'industrialised' or 'self-sufficient' or even 'independent'. This would only benefit the local bourgeoisie and strengthen world Capitalism (Left and Right).

The task is the abolition of the wage-system, of the institutions of the State, and the seizure of all land, industries and towns by those that live and work in them. In this struggle, technology is as much a potential enemy of the State, as it is to us, but they have an intelligent and prepared strategy for its use. We are still at the stage of duplicators and air-pistols, and the walk-out strike.

We must employ effective forms of resistance – industrial organisation, occupations, guerrilla activity, sabotage, the revolt against work itself, and also develop an attitude of mind that can't be brainwashed. France '68 and Italy recently have shown the potential for change that exists in Europe. Escapism (mysticism, reformism, TV) is no solution to repression. If we have to fight for immediate goals, let's fight for more than money, for long-lasting gains – shorter working weeks, more control on the job, etc. Let each victory strengthen our resolve and experience.

The greatest weapon which the working class can use is the seizure of all industry and land, defended by arms. Then and only then can we begin to reorganise and transform this technological society into the sort of human environment that we desire. The argument is not technology v primitiveness but how to be able to choose and create a future. My feeling is that high technology will be largely discarded in favour of more direct, locally controlled technology, but that a certain amount of necessary heavy industry must be employed to maintain and improve a comfortable standard of living world-wide. We can work it out. We see the future.

E.S.

RECOMMENDED READING: 'ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY – the politics of technical change' by Dave Dickson.

RECOMMENDED JOKE:

'What does a nuclear physicist eat for supper?'
- 'Fission chips.'



SCREWBALL

I was engaged in a large engineering factory by the name of The Screwball Engineering Components. My job was to screw two steel plates together – file the fough edges and pass it down the line to the next man who stamped it with a number – gave it a lick of paint and gave it to the next man who scaped off the paint – chiselled off the number – passed it to the next man who channelled it to the next dept. which as far as I could ascertain was known as the Detail Components Preparation of Double Reversing Semi Automatic Rubberised Junction Noggles. I aksed the next man what it was that I was doing. He said he didn't really know but we were an important link in the processing of this particular kind of component. I next approached the charge hand who told me to mind my own fucking business and get on with it. Not being quite satisfied with this as you might well imagine I next approached the Foreman – a large man with a red and purple face who always looked as if he was on the verge of apoplexy. He looked at me as if I'd insulted him. "Look" he said "I'm a busy man. Why don't you have a word with the head draughtsman – he knows all about these things. You'll find him in the Two Inch Hole Screwing Dept." I did this. The draughtsman was a small thin man with a long pointed nose whose glasses were so thick they resembled lemonade bottles. "Oh yes" he said "I know this

Yes/You've guessed it . . . 3427/98/As. My job here was to give these bare steel plates a lick of paint and stamp them with a number 3427/98/A . . . put them in a box . . . Stencil the box with the number 3427/98/A . . . Put all the boxes on a large trolley and wheel them into the next department which was known as the Contour Surface Rubbing Dept. From this they went to the next one which was the Segregated Pinheads. I collared the man who was in charge here. "Look" I said "I want a transfer to your department." "Well I really don't know" he said "It is a highly skilled job turning out pinheads. I've been in charge of Pinheads for 15 years . . . it hasn't done me any harm. Come I will show you what we do. You see that pile of 3427/98/As? A growing sense of dread was coming over me . . . "Well you fit one of them to the thin end of a B46 . . . that's the serial number of a tapered left handed pinhead. By the way we make it easier for ourselves always to refer to them as AB46 . . . So . . . you take a 3427/98/A and fit it to the thin end of an AB46 always making sure that the painted side is facing towards the thick end of the AB46. Make sure that the thin end of the AB46 is slightly twisted for never forget that all untwisted pinheads are rejected by this department and must go back to the Jogging Shop to be Naggled Pinheads AB46s left hand My head was beginning to spin "Look" I said "Would



component. We have a current order of 20,000. We specialise in this kind of work. I will get the blueprint to you some time this afternoon. Now if you will excuse me there's the tea buzzer – or better still go over yourself to the drawing office and ask for the blueprint 3427/98/A and get the Progress Chaser to explain it to you." I spoke to the Progress Chaser . . . "What the bloody hell do you think you're on" he roared. "You're supposed to be working not arsing about this factory asking for blueprints and poking your nose into things which are no concern of yours." Warily I returned to the conveyor belt and began to churn out hundreds of 3427/98/As. After six months I was promoted to another department where I worked at a large heavy table placed against the wall. On the wall was a large slot from which issued every 30 seconds. . .

you mind telling me what happens to a 3427/98/A after it goes out of here. That is of course after it is fixed onto a slightly twisted AB46." "Ah/" he said "This is more or less classified information." Then looking at me mysteriously . . . "I can tell this much. It is in production for a new device ordered by the Admiralty for a high speed Reversing Ogle Plug." I screamed . . . he backed away looking a bit scared. "Don't do your nut" he said "I'm not sure about the details but they tell me that it is meant to be fitted onto the wide end of a 3428/99/B slotted on a CD/47." Needless to say I left this job and went to work for Aluminium Castings Ltd. They put me in the Goods and Dispatch Department. On the first day a load of crates came in . . . The stencilling looked familiar. A horrible suspicion began to dawn on me I

grabbed the Charge Hand by the lapels "Wh. . What are these" I quavered. "Oh that" he said. "They are from the Screwball Engineering Co. . We supply them with 34/27/9BAs. We are a subsidiary of theirs and they supply us with all the twisted pinheads we need"

At the Psychiatric Hospital they had a hell of a job getting the straight jacket on me but they finally managed it. The doctor came round in the morning. He was such a nice chap. "You'll be well treated here" he said "We have every facility here and are well endowed" I noticed the initials in his white coat S.E.C. "What's that" I said. "Oh that . . . Screwball Engineering Components . . . we're financed by them". There was pandemonium. They had to run for another straight jacket. When I came out of hospital my wife met me at the gate. "How are you darling" she said. I looked at her and laughed eerily 3427/98/a -3427/98/A SCREW/SCREW/SCREW/SCREW . . . She backed away white faced. . . "You're a Fucking great

left handed twisted pinhead" I shrieked . . . She set off down the street running like a Greyhound. . . I never say her again.

They gave me my job back again turning out 3427/98/As. It's a good job. . and I am very good at it. . . At least that's what they tell me . . . I will get a pension after 25 years of continuous service and with the money I'm earning I can run a small car and the mortgage on the bungalow will be paid off inside 30 years

I'm married again you know and have two children and the wife works in the factory canteen The oldest boy who is 16 this year is studying technology. I hope to get him in beside me in the Pinhead Section . . . I don't know though . . . for he has got in with a funny crowd lately Always going about the streets with placards and banners Children are a problem . . .

by Willie Clark.

CAPITALISM IS SICK

The mentally ill and a proportion of the mentally handicapped are the product of state society.

Capitalism, private or state, puts pressure on the individual: to work harder, longer, earn more, pass exams, succeed. And too much pressure results in collapse; in the last century the workers collapsed under the physical pressure of a 16-hour day. Now their minds give way under the stress. And not any longer just the workers – for the strain to succeed rips open the brains of the bosses too. Marxism and the dictatorship of the proletariat is the response to a system that was destroying the workers: anarchism, the liberation of not one but all classes, is the only valid answer in today's world.

Certainly, the mentally handicapped suffer much more from a "physical" disease; many are so handicapped from birth. But how often is this the result of the appalling environment the mother lives in, of the brutalities she suffers in harsh housing conditions or as a result of still being confined eight hours a day to a factory while carrying her child? And how many more of the handicapped are the wrecks of people involved in car accidents produced by the insane capitalist desire for haste, the speeding after still more money?

The state treats the mentally ill and handicapped as it treats the proletariat, as it also treats the capitalists, if they but knew it, as a race apart. The workers fenced off in council estates, the idle rich in their luxury flats, separated by their different cultures are hardly different from the ill trapped in their hospitals.

Not all the mentally ill are assaulted by their nurses, but most are neglected. Increasing numbers are cooped up as capitalism becomes more frenetic, forever increasing the pressure. The race is on for property – and it has no time to tend to its injured; they are all slung, the ill, the alcoholics and the geriatrics, all requiring different care into the same prisons where

even the kindest nurse can attempt only to keep them alive.

And the handicapped too are cramped into slums with staff enough to feed them, but not to give them the love they want, the sense of belonging. Some few are allowed out maybe once a week, when they seem so strange that the population tries to ignore them. A few even are paid a pittance for working long hours. And many of the much vaunted industrial training centres are so geared to the economics of capitalism that the handicapped person is stuck with the first routine job he or she is trained for, rather than given the chance to move on to increasingly interesting tasks that require fresh, uneconomic training.

So the ill are left to decay, invariably pumped full of drugs and often subjected to agonising electric treatment, while the handicapped are lucky to be allowed the chance of slave labour. Yet these are people!

But there are alternatives. Already in Scandinavia some handicapped are integrated into normal life in villages. The villagers no longer regard them as an alien race, and the handicapped benefit from their acceptance. The aim is to produce a community based on understanding – a genuine society where each gives according to their needs.

However, the only long term solution is the radical one, the anarchist one. The destruction of the state, of capitalism, and the replacement of coercion by toleration, is the only effective way to destroy the cause of the continual increase in the numbers of mentally ill, the only effective way of providing a society in which all its members can both contribute and receive. The cause of the mentally ill and handicapped is one with the cause of the proletariat – the immediate overthrow of the state.

Anon.

THE DECLINE OF THE AUTHORITARIAN FAMILY

There can be no doubt that one of the most basic of all contemporary institutions the family, is undergoing a great deal of change. Fewer and fewer people are striving for, or remaining satisfied with the traditional concept of the family. Increasing numbers of people are opting out of marriage altogether and extramarital sex and divorce are now commonplace. More single adults are raising children. Women are becoming a larger percentage of the workforce. The functions or services which were once carried out almost exclusively within the family structure — such as child care — are now increasingly performed by a business or government institution. Thus the family form and ideal (referred to in this article as the authoritarian family) that has existed during the last four hundred years is starting to disappear.

The degeneration of the family has produced a wide variety of responses. Conservatives tend to express alarm over the increasing permissiveness of society and usually advocate a return of old fashioned parental discipline. Liberal observers advise that the family is not really threatened but just adjusting to recent economic and social events. More radical psychologists and sociologists celebrate the disruption of the family, its replacement by more “rational” institutions and wish to see current trends continue. However, none of these “popular” ideologies contains any more than a partial understanding of these events and no real comprehension of their overall significance.

Though the views of conservative commentators deserve some consideration for right-wing leaders have always recognised that people’s daily activities have a political significance. They realise that it is impossible to maintain authoritarian social structures without making them appear “legitimate” and “natural” to the large masses of the people who do not benefit from them. Institutions must exist which reach so deeply into the mass consciousness that even when obedience may be against self-interest, it becomes unthinkable to disobey. For the last few hundred years, it has been the institution of the family which has played the role of psychologic policemen.

The family carries out its function in a number of ways, the most obvious being the regulation of the activities of its members. The father, being the supreme authority figure acts much the same as a foreman in a factory. Through him the management (the state) passes down its commands to the rest of the workers (mother and children). The father is given various political, economic and sexual privileges in order to guarantee his loyalty. The family is heralded as the father’s private domain where he is given a certain amount of power to compensate him for his powerlessness in his public life. This arrangement

greatly aids the state since it breaks up the population into smaller, more easily manipulated units. Individuals isolated in families, lose sight of the interdependence of everyone in society. Unable to comprehend the need for human solidarity, they find it difficult to put up organised resistance to state oppression.

A more subtle function of the family is the transmission of the dominant culture through which the child learns the “correct” order of life through his or her relations with other family members. The child is conditioned to believe that every individual must take their place in a hierarchy, with the father figure at the top, the mother next, and the child itself at the bottom. This pyramid is reinforced by the “natural” distinctions of sex and age — male is superior to female, adult is superior to child, the child is the student and spectator. The key lesson (without which no state could survive) is deeply engrained in the character of the child, “you must respect and obey authority.” All spontaneous activity on the part of children is feared and thought repulsive. It causes the parents to recall their own painful childhood conflicts with authority. Thus the child sensing the fear of the parents, internalises this very same fear (in the form of guilt) as she/he tries not to go beyond the bounds of parental affection.

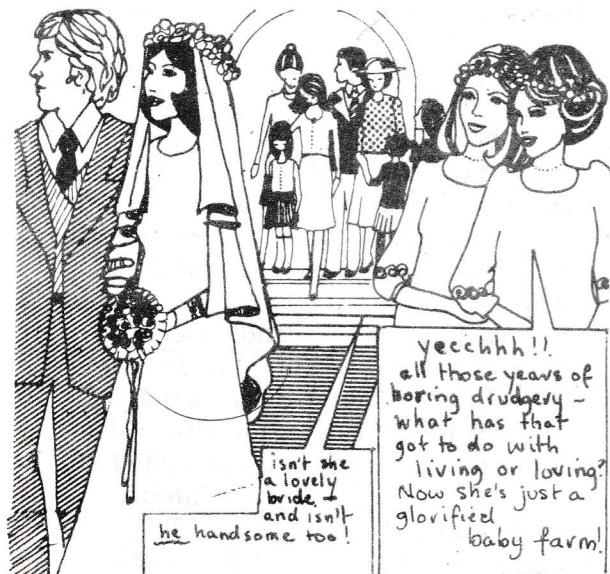
The area of activity which is subject to the greatest amount of repression and manipulation is sexuality. For sexuality concerns self — gratification and personal pleasure, and unless it is brought under control, it acts to subvert any relations calling for self-denial in order to benefit others. Furthermore, sexuality tends to create bonds between individuals that interfere with the manipulations of the authorities. The family, being the mediator between the individual and the state, therefore, must become responsible for suppressing this most basic of human instincts. The real basis of conservative ravings about “permissiveness” is not based on a humane system of ethics, but upon their appreciation of the role the family plays in supporting the state. Unless some institution carries out these tasks, the population will resent their oppression, and the state will collapse.

However, the family is now undergoing a considerable transformation, but before examining this process of change it would be useful to briefly look at the origins of the authoritarian family and its modification throughout its history.

The authoritarian family did not exist on a mass scale prior to the seventeenth century. Before this time there was a greater amount of freedom in social relations. Divisions of society on the basis of sex and age were not yet well developed. Above all, the absence of an institution to reproduce authority on a daily level prevented the state (feudal nobility) from

being viewed as anything other than arbitrary power. The "family" as far as most people were concerned was a loose knit conjugal cell with not much influence over the individual. The individual depended on the community and it was with the community, more than the family, that the individual perceived his/herself-interest.

However, when the centuries old communal economy began to be undermined by the rising bourgeois classes — through the expropriation of communal land — the traditional role of the family was likewise undermined. Now the individual family was forced onto its own resources and began to take on a larger part in the production process. Family members had worked together in the fields or in a cottage industry, and when the factory system was first emerging in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries there was a tendency for the employer to hire entire families rather than just individual family members. The material conditions for private homelife (individual family housing and high enough wages to allow the mother and children to stay at home) had not fully developed. But the growth of large-scale heavy



industry changed this. Many of the light manufacturing jobs that had formerly been done by women and children were eliminated with the introduction of machinery. New technologies began to require a more literate workforce than before. These factors resulted in a complete separation of public from private life and the establishment of age and sexual role-playing. The need for heavy physical labour drew men into industrial work. The need for better educated workers forced children from the factories and into the schools. The need for the supervision over children forced women into the private home.

Society was becoming dominated by industrial capitalism which required a greater amount of political stability and efficiency than the Monarchy could provide. Thus the bourgeoisie recognised the advantages in maintaining the old patriarchal order and used it to bind the population to the new authority. The family was given the task of regulating and

reproducing the labour force. Its internal relations began to replicate those of the factory instilling factory discipline into each new generation. Over the next century this greatly facilitated the progress of capitalist industry.

By the early part of the twentieth century, continued economic growth became less a problem of how to increase production and more a matter of how to increase consumption. Thus the economic function of the family was altered from a production unit to a consumption unit. Since it was now relatively easy to fulfill the basic material needs (housing, food, clothing etc) of the family, new needs had to be invented. At first new commodities were limited to tangible goods (washing machines etc) and only slightly affected the family structure. Later, needs were created by taking services that formerly had been provided in the family (child care, food preparation etc) and making them available on the market place. This development, the rise of the service sector, had a drastic effect upon the authoritarian family which only now is becoming fully apparent. For example, increasing numbers of women are now going out to work, a trend which allows them a chance to avoid becoming housewives. The decline of real wages due to almost perpetual inflation, now makes it more expensive to the family, in terms of lost wages, to keep the wife at home, than it is to simply buy these services in the market. The services can be provided more cheaply due to the application of capitalist labour practices which mass production allows. The fast-food industry is a good example of this, for due to its application of assembly line techniques and low wages it pays to the female and adolescent workers it employs, it can provide food more cheaply than a housewife (when her labour cost is considered) could at home.

Further examples of this trend can be seen in the field of child-care where the mother's traditional role has been taken over by the state, through nurseries, day-care centres and the schools. As long as the reasons for the family's decline continue to exist, the authoritarian family can be expected to lose importance as a social unit. The family as a biological unit is not in jeopardy. What is changing is that families will no longer remain intact for as long a period and that they will no longer carry out the functions that they formerly did. These functions are being shifted to government and business institutions.

The decline of the authoritarian family is not due to a widespread conscious revolt by the mass of the oppressed. Rather the system can no longer find use for it. To understand this it would be helpful to further examine the differences between the present system of domination — the "post-industrial state" and the previous system — the industrial state. During the industrial era the ruling class primarily consisted of capitalist entrepreneurs, owning and managing their own factories, who became the authoritarian father figures. The general level of material scarcity of the time, served as a justification for the concentration of wealth and for the work-ethic, as well as other self-

denying moral values.

The present system, however, consists of large corporate enterprises managed by technocratic elites rather than individual capitalist-owners. There are no longer any father-like leaders to be loyal to, just faceless bureaucrats. Material abundance has made the self-sacrificing morality redundant. Yet the very interdependence of the post-industrial economy makes the system more vulnerable and requires that everyone more strongly identify with it. The old patriarchal culture is clearly insufficient in adjusting the populace to these new social realities.

What has happened is that a new "commodity culture" has been created in its place. Hierarchy is no longer justified by anachronistic "biological" reasons (e.g. adult male supremacy) but is based on "scientific merit". In this technocratic utopia, people are no longer asked to deny themselves of pleasures once barred by superstitious taboos. People are now encouraged to seek and fulfill their desires through objects (commodities) readily available at their neighbourhood shopping centre. New institutions now carry out the family's functions of social regulation

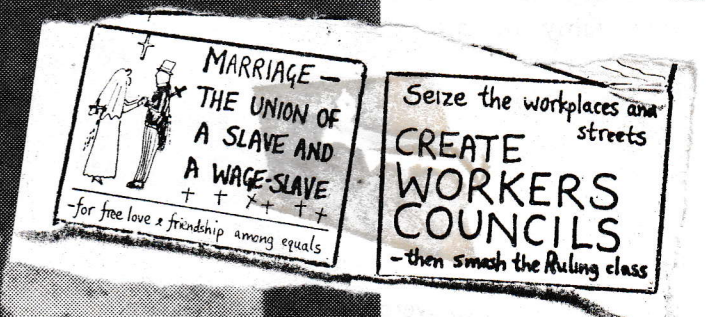
and cultural transmission. Social regulation is done by the mass media and various leisure pursuits that monopolise non-working hours. Work is no longer seen as a sacred virtue, but merely as a necessary evil to increase purchasing power for individualised pleasures. Play, by being turned into a compulsory activity (leisure) has become similar to work. Cultural transmission is now almost exclusively the role of the schools, where children are taught to be good consumers. In the completely integrated post-industrial state, the "middle-man" (the family) has been eliminated and replaced by direct extensions of the state. For the continuing growth of the state through the industrial era to the post-industrial present has required ever-increasing domination over daily life. The family, which is both incapable of creating loyalty to a bureaucracy and is an obstacle to mass consumption, is done away with in favour of a mass society of atomised individuals. The growth of the state leads necessarily to the decline of will and autonomy.

Jeff Stein - Black Star Magazine
(Abridged by Anarchy).



There's nothing I'd exactly disagree with in this article, except that it's not really in parenting and how the family is disappearing and what the state is doing about it. But doesn't point out what we can do or are doing to replace the family. It's our opportunity as well as theirs.
John (E.A.)

NURSERIES - are they liberating for parents and children? Or are they a means for the State to take over the traditional functions of the 'family' in decline?



LETTERS..

THE AUTONOMOUS ANARCHIST GROUP

The article in Anarchy 27 on armed struggle was quite good. But there were a few things that could be added. "Urban Guerrilla Warfare in Europe" leaves out all mention of Spain and Portugal – you don't say if you're sticking to EEC boundaries so really it's important to bring in the Iberian peninsular, especially for an anarchist journal.

I think you are also very mistaken in considering the actions of the Angry Brigade together with the militant industrial struggles at that time "seriously undermined the British State apparatus." This does seem to indicate a lack of insight into the general population's views as regards this form of struggle (AB that is) and a too rosy idea of the State's vulnerability. I suppose we'll all have personal views on this but I think, at most, the AB encouraged a spirit of resistance in some sections of the working class and that this worried the State. Actually that's not bad going – but there were drawbacks – young people who may or may not have been involved have spent some pretty useless years in jail to start with.

This is something you overlook in suggesting tactics concerning solidarity with "combatants captured in action." Because such tactics remove the threadbare cloak of legal rights. It's all very well saying "innocent until proven guilty" is a liberal bourgeois phrase from the opposition – but we can demonstrate the hypocrisy with which this phrase is used. In total we can demonstrate that the liberal democrats don't believe in innocence until guilt is proved (nor do some liberal "anarchists" e.g. response to Murrays and Persons Unknown campaigns in 'Solidairty' and 'Freedom.') This would seem to be a weakness of the most powerful philosophical crutch of today's liberal/left: they don't believe in freedom of speech, innocence until guilt is proved, racial equality, female emancipation once the status quo is threatened, which is the time beliefs really matter. The liberal/left is essentially weak theoretically and practically.

In 'So Finally', you baulk the issues comrades – it was fairly OK until you faced today. Not only anarchists read Anarchy so we know what can't be discussed and said – but admit openly why armed struggle can be dangerous in two ways:–

1. It can undermine libertarian principles
2. It can get you killed or sent to prison for a long time.

You've got to face these issues. Look at Durruti and how he tried to overcome them and Makhno.

There are lessons to be learnt from guerrillas in Africa although very few are libertarian they certainly do view captured comrades as prisoners of war. At the same time that 2 above frightens people, this writer included, it can attract others for reasons that aren't always obvious.

It is important to discuss these matters as openly as we can, to get away from the pacifist argument to practical issues viewed in an objective fashion. I respect the pacifist credo and my own view is that an anarchist movement needs a few pacifists, as it needs a few egoists, a few ecologists – to remind us of some important anarchist approaches. Violence is not out way, it is our last resort. That we discuss it now shows how near we are to breaking with discussion. The trial of 'Persons Unknown' could be a test for them – and us.

J.W.

September 14, 1978

Dear Friends,

The news from you of there was good, I appreciated that; your spires inspire me. I believe we are the future and I do not let that all around me discourage me to the point of giving up or selling out. Hang in there and do what you can remembering that in order to be good to the people one must be good to oneself.

Things here are so so, we had a two week lock down due to an escape and a bomb going off in the guards control area, one guard was killed. Last week two guards drove by and shot at the gun towers! Money is missing from the Inmate Fund . . . Lovely place here, and 259 mentally and emotionally disturbed prisoners are here, 10 of them were never even sentenced to prison. Much is happening. Infighting with a Communist whom the population has rejected for his Authoritarian manipulative BS, of course they're all backward and I am an asshole Anarchist to him because I told him to go fuck himself, smile.

Trying to discredit me as failed, so I think all that's over – we lost M.A.S. for all intents and purposes due to the infighting. (Men Against Sexism).

Tell Phil Ruff I send love and stuff to him and all the comrades and brothers locked down there, would like to write him if that's possible? Tell me how and where, what's cool to talk about or not cool etc. The censor rules in other words . . .

Pleased you liked my drawings, I hope the enclosed piece you all, if you want them better done let me

know and it will be done. I would like to ask you all something that may help you there. Could you all send me about \$15.00 in an international money order, I will use it for postage to mail you 10 or more of my round watercolour pen works, then you can have them mated and sell them as \$25.00 apiece for Anarchy and Freedom etc. no money for me, send some to Phil if he needs or other comrades. I am ok funds wise. Good idea? I will be collecting graphics and doing some colour etc. work that you talked about in your letter.

On the 16th October, I return to court in Seattle to fight for my new trial, it looks like that is in the bag, new evidence came while I have been back that proves the State committed perjury in my case. The case is murder and assault and the State knew I was innocent, but they needed a conviction, know what I mean. Five years I have fought practically alone and now I am winning – the finger print expert said on the stand that my prints were on the gun, in over 25 other gun cases and etc. he claimed finger prints belonged to the accused when they didn't, he got caught last year in another case which reopened mine. Cross your fingers kids, Left Bank will be there rooting me on . . . At the King County Jail (Seattle) they will give me the blues like before but I am ready for them, seems they can't stand an organiser, smile . . .

One day comrade the helicopters will come for us here, struggle for that day with all your strength, please don't ever give up, I struggle too hard here and believe too much in you all everywhere to see you quit. Times are hard but getting better, one day we will win, hang in there if nothing else for that rising up. Give my love to Freedom, Zero and others there, we are thinking of you all.

My love and rage,
Carl Harp.

Carl Harp, Anarchist Black Dragon Collective, Walla Walla State Penitentiary, Washington, U.S.A.

A STATEMENT FROM THE USA

Today we take full responsibility for our participation in the first political kidnapping in this country – the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst. Our feelings today are pride in affirming what our actions accomplished and what we learned from them; a very definite pain that 6 of our close friends died, Russ and Joe are in prison and the two of us will be separated from each other by years more in prison; a relief that the uncertainty of the past years is over; and a confidence in our combined strength to continue fighting for the principles we believe in – the right of all people to control their own lives and to be free no matter what the costs.

Patricia Hearst was kidnapped. She was **not** brainwashed, beaten, tortured or raped. She was **not** locked alone in a closet for days and weeks on end. She was **not** coerced into rejecting her family and remaining with the people who made up the SLA.

She was kidnapped by a group of 8 SLA members. Our politics had various origins – the prison movement, the anti-war movement, the women's movement – but all developed at a time when the Nixon White House was attempting to crush all forms of legal dissent through infiltration, surveillance, murder, break-ins, frame-up criminal charges. The 8 of us along with others in this country responded by translating our beliefs into illegal armed actions as a means to attack power and wealth. We were fully aware of the risks – death, imprisonment, failure.

Our actions in 1974 forced the Hearst family to funnel 2 million dollars worth of food into the poor communities of California. The sanctuary of invisibility was shattered. The source and extent of the Hearst's wealth was exposed through the channels of their own media empire and put in brutal contrast to the poverty of millions of people.

Patricia Hearst felt the same pride and self-respect of the events of Feb. '74 as we did. But since her arrest, she has never confronted the truth and taken responsibility for actions she made of her own free will.

A plea does not represent bowing down to the state. It is the means by which we can be back on the streets the soonest.

The State's objective was to bury us alive under 13 charges carrying a penalty of life without possibility of parole – a sentence that's been called the living death – a desire to see our ideas – our revolutionary commitment – locked away for life.

Today we take responsibility for 4 acts which is translated into 4½ more years in prison, then we'll be back on the streets where we definitely want to be. In this sense we have succeeded in forcing the state to back down.

We will be able to openly analyse the accomplishments, the failures, the history, the context from our personal perspective. The courtroom wrenches events out of context, and covers everything with the fog of unreality that passes for justice

But why was the state forced to make these concessions to us? First, they had very real fears about the credibility of their key witness – Patricia Hearst. They could not separate the truth from the lies and they knew we could. Second and probably more important, the State has been aligned with the Hearst family all along – the State with its judicial system is in fact an arm of those who possess wealth and power. We would have exposed the truth of her decision to remain with the SLA, a serious setback for the Hearst campaign to get Patricia Hearst released from prison immediately.

Also, we would have pursued in the courtroom what the Hearst kidnapping only began — exposure of the Hearst family's history of greed, manipulation of public opinion, open advocacy of racism and championing of imperialist aggression throughout the world.

We approached this trial with only the power of our revolutionary commitment. This same commitment by the SLA in 1974 forced concessions from the Hearst family in the form of food and access to the media. 4½ years more in prison for us. Like anyone, we experience doubts, pain, sadness and loneliness in confronting this but there's a pervading sense of strength, knowing that "time" can't destroy the sense of freedom that's within us.

Valuable years of our lives will be defined by the cold reality of separation from each other, our families, our friends; isolation in maximum security (again a penalty for our ideas, not the acts we are convicted of); degradation of being treated as less than human; violence that spreads like a disease from the racist, sexist hatred of reactionary guards and prisoners. For us this will leave permanent scars but it's merely a short term loss while our gains are long term — the historic accomplishments of the Hearst kidnapping can never be erased and we will return to the streets as two strong individuals still committed to change. Ironically the State has only the short term gain of locking up our bodies. The long term loss will always be theirs because they cannot destroy us or the revolutionary potential of the American people.

Emily Harris

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DR. STRANGELOVE – Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Largactyl.

Headlines screamed at us, news programmes began and ended with it, relevant people were interviewed and the Home Office issued statements as factless as their spokesperson was faceless - what was this nine minute wonder that has sunk without trace in the public eye? Ah yes! Riot at Gartree Prison. The actual incident (as they say) lasted less than 24 hours. But the issues leading up to it have been brewing a long time and the aftermath - especially in loss of remission to cons - will be with us for years. So what was it and why did it happen?

The Home Office say that Michael Blake was found on the floor with a towel tied round his neck, and claim that he was 'attempting suicide'

this we know to be bull'shit. A screw stopped Michael as he was walking along with a towel round his neck, words were exchanged. Afterwards Michael was taken to the hospital "for treatment".

Now the misuse of tranquillising drugs in Gartree by the doctor there is a well established fact and MB's disappearance into the hospital was a cause for concern to the other cons. They demanded to see him, word getting round that he had been drugged, he was brought back to his cell, with a screw on each arm holding him up - had they let go he would have fallen - he was doped up to the eyeballs, this is when the other cons started their action.

Having watched the news on the T.V. and read the papers over this period I was struck by the difference in facts here. The Press/ Home Office version is that the "riot" ended when Michael was brought back to his cell and was seen to be allright - but other accounts, necessarily anonymous but much more reliable, state the above.

For a long time the situation at Gartree has worried people both inside and out. George Ince is at present suing the Doctor Peter Smith. He is by all accounts a somewhat strange figure - clad in deerstalker hat and with his coat tied about with string he strides about. He is a man of considerable warmth and sympathy: witness him stopping mid-stride, stooping down a lowly worm to place it safely on the grass, or again the statue of the Madonna in his office, epitomising tenderness and care. Unfortunately these wonderful tendencies do not, it appears, extend to the men in his care. (Sic) Formerly in Broadmoor (as a doctor still, just in case you were wondering) he prescribes drugs to the prisoners generously. I am not accusing him of always forcing them onto cons, but imagine yourself doing 5, 10, 15, 25 years or life. Imagine the monotony, the frustration, the lack of light at the end of the tunnel, the long, long nights. If someone offers you a dreamless, effortless sleep, mightn't you take it and having done so, could you easily give it up? And then there's the days to cope with. And another thing to ponder on :- in Court there is a pusher and a taker; who gets the heaviest rap? Who does the law say is the main offender? Well, in my book this Doctor is a pusher of the highest order and his victims, being where they are, are one of the most vulnerable groups around. Well, they can't exactly get away can they?

Three out of four wings at Gartree were wrecked, the cons from these wings were moved out almost immediately except for a few incarcerated on the "Block". Some including M.B. went to nearby Leicester about eight, where they are totally segregated from other cons. doing 23 hours out of 24 in solitary confinement banged up in a cell, no "privileges" 1 hour exercise a day, no radios or books, special visits in a separate room watched and listened to by up to four screws. Others (31) are in Durham, a long way from home for some, again in solitary, no privileges, no property from Gartree, very difficult visits of ½ hour with conversation being stopped whenever the screws decide its getting somewhere. Some of them were on hunger strike and its not suprising; the conditions in Durham are always bad for those earmarked like the men from Gartree they can only be worse. Loyalist prisoners at the Kesh were suppressed during a disturbance by British Army rubber bullets. During the headlined search for a gun in Brixton, Special Patrol Group were seen patrolling the corridors. Nottingham jail "well known as an easy place to do one's time" says the Governor - a report we cannot confirm from the inside but a sit-in by the cons does not seem to bear that out! In Dartmoor, prisoners who were at Hull during the protest in '76 and have passed through the moor since then have been severely beaten. Solitary confinement, not unusually for a year and longer is used (illegally even by prison standards) to attempt to break cons. Half rations are issued as a punishment, the bread and water diet being abolished some years ago. This has resulted in hunger strikes to gain full rations again. In order to gain publicity for the conditions, one of the prisoners was forced to provoke the screws into making further charges against him, so that he could appear in open Court and present his case to Judge and public. A prison protest needs outside support to have an effect other than just more punishment for the cons. This is our responsibility. More and more the screws are taking industrial action, this can mean no visits, no legal visits



by their solicitors, long waiting by visitors when visits are allowed, cons banged up in their cells for 23 or 24 hours a day, no "privileges", no meals. All this can only aggravate an already fraught situation, the prisons are overcrowded, either old fashioned with lack of facilities or so modern that they enable easy sensory deprivation/drug abuse. With screws on strike, as seems a frequent occurrence, when a prison protest takes place the Army or police will take over and as Wakefields Prison Governor has said "Someone, either staff, or prisoner will get killed" (lets hope its staff).

A protest by a prisoner, means possibly a beating and certainly charges and a "trial" by the visiting committee, who can award a loss of remission similar to a Court sentence of several years plus solitary confinement and loss of "privileges" for months, not including time spent like that while awaiting "trial". We have to do something to support all cons in their struggles, we must try to change conditions inside, and the difficulty in outside knowing about it. (Meanwhile never forgetting our ultimate goal of no prisons). At the moment prisoners work in appalling conditions for pitiful wages, their incoming/outgoing mail is censored their visits are monitored and messed about, their lives are ruined and that of their families and friends, and the State calls it "rehabilitation" not punishment. That it seems was a Victorian and therefore outdated concept. We know its bullshit, so what are we doing to change it?

Cons are ordinary people who are in prison. Their conditions are a more severe form of the day to day oppression people on the outside feel. Their working conditions are worse than our shitty ones. Their housing conditions are not to Parker Morris standards. Their social life leaves a lot to be desired. They are our brothers and sisters they are fighting back - are we?

I listed things we could do in Anarchy No 26. If you havent done any of them yet - start now! Any support we generate now, could be what keeps you going if your number comes up. A few screws going down for the Hull atrocities isnt going to change much. The Home Office is responsible for every beating every kangaroo Court, or injustice behind bars. The cons now giving evidence against the screws have no protection after the trial. We must do what we can, write to our MPs, newspapers etc. to bring this into the open. The only way these cons can be protected is by keeping the media spotlight firmly fixed in their direction.

Charlotte Baggins.

ON THE SPIRIT OF TERRORISM

I believe that Terrorism is one of the few expressions of Individual opposition left against the vast Political and Economic blocs that prevail today. The expression of individual dissent is blunted and dissolved by the mass wave of democracy; Spittle, however forcefully spat – with no matter what venom – is unnoticeable in the sluggish sea of the mass vote.

I don't deny that terrorism is often misguided, bloody and nihilistic, – witness Kolwezi and the latest massacres, which can only harm the Black cause. However, terrorism is often the only way. Ian Smith existed years, butchering Blacks, despite (half-hearted) economic sanctions and world disapproval. But in just a few years, due to the Guerrillas – he has been forced to make major concessions.

Who will fight for the Nobodies? The vast unemployed, those living in "quiet desperation" – those who loathe and languish – who fights for them. Certainly, politicians speak of reducing unemployment, but rarely do, and even if they do – well its into the canned world of the industrial machine. In the world of Realpolitik this mass of people is just another raw material, only it has to be coerced or coopted before being exploited.

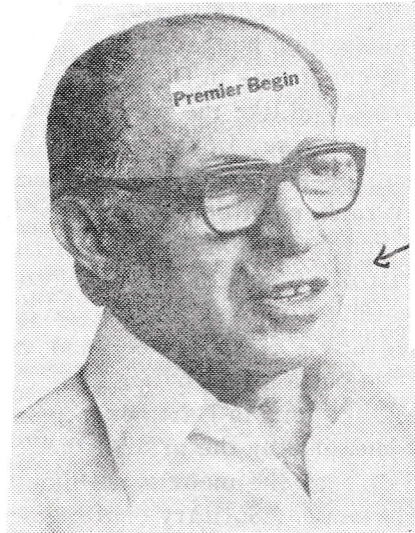
Terrorists are accused of nihilism. There is some justification to this charge. I can see no value in the Lod Airport massacre. South American terrorists have been more constructive – the Tupamaros have used stolen and exorted money to feed the peasants, and the S.L.A. made a clumsy attempt to feed the poor when holding Patty Hearst.

But then its very difficult when all the means of production are owned by the state or big business – how can Terrorists – on the run from the law – hope to build houses and hospitals? The People are beginning to see the advantages of self-government, though; witness the mushrooming of communes and cooperatives. But as long as these are in a minority they must either opt out, or unwillingly fit into the system: hence they are at best a passive opponent.

It is unrealistic to think that terrorism alone can overthrow the State. Mass support – eg. an insurrection – is needed. Otherwise the terrorists are just another group of power hungry fanatics, climbing to power on the dead bodies of their opponents (one might say that democratic governments have their power due to the dead minds of their supporters!)

But it is also unrealistic to think that the people will be freed from above. Certainly, concessions can be gained (eg by Union pressure) or gifts granted (by politicians, to sweeten the electorate) – but in

essence the levers of power remain in the same hands, the fine, uncalledous hands of the rulers. Industry can be sabotaged by a wrench in the right place, or stopped by a strike, but it can rarely get into workers' hands. In fact the worldwide system of exploitation – the governments under different names and with different styles, but all exploiting – this system depends on a mass that is prepared, or is forced, to be



This thing was given the Nobel Peace Prize for its military subjugation of the Middle East..



Israeli soldiers evicting a squatter from illegal settlement established in West Bank

turned into human machines to produce the wealth for others. Industrialisation demands this. Although the individual might escape the bottom rungs there will always be another to replace them (or, given the unemployment rate, another two or three).

And those that are not enmeshed in the slave-machine – why, they can be robbed with impunity. The Aborigines, the South American indians in the jungle of the Amazon – they can be infected with diseases, addicted to alcohol, have their ancient homelands bought from under them (and the money doesn't go to them – it goes to the Land Speculator) – and no one will care. And they will be destroyed – the last people left who live in harmony with their land, moving at their own speed, not at the rhythm of the well-



Relatives preparing to visit internees in Long Kesh.

oiled machine. No one will stand up for them – not even a vote-grabbing politician – for they either have no vote, or they can be easily tricked by the phoney smile and the torn shirt, that the politician wears when he comes and visits their shanty towns in his limosine.

It is these people who have only one path left if they wish to survive – the Armed Struggle against the exploiter, – the rich landlord, the crooked contractor or with bulldozers that bury the jungle, and engines that smother the birds and the animals, until only humankind, ridden with industrial poisons, remains.

But will these people rise up? Will they slaughter the Police torturers, shoot the overseer with a whip, steal from the gorged rich to feed their own starving children, and blow up the Generals whose soldiers burn their villages?

One criticism frequently leveled at terrorists and revolutionaries is that they come from the middle classes. This is often true, particularly with European and American terrorists; Ulrike Meinhof, Renato Curico, Lenin – they were children of the bourgeoisie, while Castro and Bakunin were the sons of landowners, and Patty Hearst was the daughter of a multi-millionaire. But the composition of the P.L.O. and the African liberation groups is almost all from the peasantry or the dispossessed. But, as is always pointed out – the leadership cadres are of the middle class.

To my mind the reasons for this are threefold:

1. The children of the middle class have had a better education about politics. The proletariat may know of injustice – yes, they feel its blows on their flesh, but they see only its immediate cause, not the rich and powerful ones that wield the club. The children of the middle class, if they are idealistic and don't follow in their parents footsteps – then they can see the exploiters with ease. Their parents have them round for dinner, or talk about them at home. Furthermore, they have known the artificial, over-materialistic life since birth. They have always known the soft, sweet feel of luxury, and they find it sickly and cloying. And it is just a richly decorated bauble – and its hollow inside. The easy chairs, rich foods and safe, comfortable, uneventful career fill them with disgust, for youth wants challenge, adversity and hardship to temper and forge the will.
2. They have less respect for authority – they know their fathers at home, drunk, or whining about taxes or shares, whereas his employees know only his power, and go in fear of his anger. They have not known fear since birth, which can break the spirit. Therefore they can envisage blowing up a bank, shooting a police informer, while the frustrated factory worker can see no further than pissing on a telephone kiosk, or throwing a wrench into the conveyor belt when the foreman isn't looking.
3. The Poor are often weak in body and their spirit is broken. Brave rebels have led peasant revolts,

factory workers have fought the police, enduring gassing and clubbing – but this is usually not the case. When someone is starving they are too weak to fight – they are only a belly that cries to be fed. But then again, abject misery, starvation, slavery – these can also strip away all timidity, all fear and obedience for authority, and the rebel spirit, like fire, surges out. Alas, too often generations of poverty have sapped the spirits of the poor, and they have no examples to follow, no revolutionaries to emulate and inspire. In Brazil and Bolivia the native tribes are being driven from the jungle, enslaved or killed – and they don't fight back. Indeed, they have even stopped breeding – their despair is such that they are voluntarily committing racial suicide.

It is these people that must fight. If they were armed, and inspired, and if necessary led – then they could smash their corrupt rulers. If the Vietcong, armed peasants with only limited weaponry, could defeat the U.S.A., possessors of the most sophisticated military machine in the world – then the South Americans and other exploited natives can also triumph. The “left” concentrates too much on the “urban Proletariat” – they are blinded by Marxist dogma. Theories do not win revolutions. Guns, bombs and a fanatical will to overthrow the exploiters – this is the way to victory.

The course to take is both simple and difficult. Violence and agitation must be used – if soldiers can *legitimately* commit murder to expand empires and increase wealth then revolutionaries cannot shrink from killing to overthrow their rulers. But violence must not become an end in itself – there is no justification for shooting children or wives just because the father is a police torturer, or for killing people who are afraid to participate in the struggle. Robbery – yes, but not for personal gain – let the money be used to aid the unfortunate, such as maimed children who are given no money by the Drug companies that ruined them, because our law is a prostitute. Bloodshed if need be, but do not allow the revolution to drown itself, as happened in Russia under Stalin. Beware of the corruption of power and wealth, beware of paragraphs on the statute book being put before people, beware of the bureaucrat, watch for the crystallisation of interests – “enemy of the people” is a term that cannot be used lightly.

Now . . . read behind the lines, expose the press lies, ignore – no, destroy advertisements, disobey your rulers, spit on their election programmes stuffed with falsehoods, bomb their money rooms and the companies that enslave abroad so as to provide useless commodities at home. If they ignore your desires, if they put up a nuclear power plant or a poison dump where you don't want it – then don't give up! Sabotage the construction, steal the supplies, refuse to cooperate or acquiesce. Remember Narita!

If they ban your demonstrations then go underground. Hit the state hard – barracks, police stations, boardrooms and arms-manufacturers – they're all good targets. Corrupt politicians – you may not be able to vote them out of office, but you can blow them out of existence! The Police and Army torturers – a few grams of lead will be more final, just and speedy than any judicial enquiry, rigged and muffled by the state. Insult them, expose their crooked dealings . . . a Queen is not immune either . . . and Heads of State, even if they may have ruled unchecked for years . . . well they're not invulnerable either. Moro learnt that lesson.

***** **B.**

The Anarchy collective has printed a great deal about guerrilla warfare and violent resistance to State repression, but we've never made a strong statement of our real feelings, evaluation and opinions. We are talking it over. If the subject appears so often, it is due to the conspiracy of silence, fear and liberalism of other journals, who ignore or condemn armed struggle.

–Anarchy Collective.

SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE?

Some political people claim to be servants of the People. I find this statement to be alienating. The question is a hard one for many people, but to me the answer is clear.

I am a servant of no one and I reject anyone serving me. If we call ourselves servants of the People a question arises – When do the servants start telling the Bosses what to do? History answers that question for us and therefore I reject the title “Servant of the People.”

I am a human being, and one unit of the whole. I am OF the People, and individually I am doing my part the best I can for the whole and myself.

If other people individually and/or collectively like what I am doing, then they will help me and I will help them.

I cannot be free until everyone else is – that is reality. I cannot escape and so I am doing my part to be free. In that I am being self-responsible, self-reliant, and self-disciplined.

I will not serve nor will I be served.

I am not above nor below the People, neither am I a Master over them or a slave under them.

I am simply WITH the People . . .

Carl Harp.

STATE TERRORISM STRIKES AGAIN IN GREECE

When the democracy of Capital in Greece decided to adopt the West-German model for the penalisation of every day life, they had at their disposal everything. Well, everything except one thing: the 'terrorists.' For this reason the hounds of the security services and the armies of the collaborators were let-loose. Their task was to find anyway "atrocious" and "satanic" terrorists with internal and external networks and taking their orders straight from "Baader-Meinhof."

There are no "terrorists" in Greece, and the power specialists in their effort to invent them, invaded and searched houses of people who refuse to identify with the rules of behaviour and the roles which are imposed upon us in the society of repression and survival.

Among the many houses that were invaded was the house of Papadopoulos, according to the police they found "Molotov cocktails."

From the questioning of Papadopoulos the police were led to search the house of our comrades Philip and Sofia Kyritsi, who at that time were in Salonica. After forcing their way through the door they found books, periodicals, newspapers with anarchist content. The next step for the police was to arrest Philip and Sofia in Salonica, based always on Papadopoulos's statement that the couple had given him the supposed "Molotovs."

During their investigation the two comrades denied that they had made the Molotovs, and that they only had some benzine and wadding – things you may find in most Greek homes – because they wanted to use them for painting. They declared that they are Anarchists but they are not keen on bombs. Next they were sent in to prison to wait for their trial.

Let's occupy ourselves for a while with that slimy creature Mr. Papadopoulos. This cretin has now totally changed his appearance, as a matter of fact he looks now exactly as you people imagine a collaborator to

be. From the past he was known as a 'freak' type under the so suitable name of "Maharatzi."

His attitude towards the whole case proved in practise what was discussed among us about the misery, irresponsibility and cretinism which prevail among a large proportion of the so-called "freaks." A nice idea was heard, which was not realised, that "Maharatzi's statement to the police should be distributed as a leaflet in the territory. In his statement our "pacifist" freak revealed his role, mentioning the names of nearly all people who are active in the territory, stating with details what that or the other comrade was doing on 25th of May (wild riots in Athens). In one word he did his best to help the work of the power specialists, proving in practise that he has the mentality of a collaborator. Six months later (last September) the trial of the three took place. "Maharatzi" had kept out of sight all that period. Both Philip and Sofia refused to accept a lawyer, thus determining from the very start a collision course with power. The image that this trial and the previous trials tried to create was the image of the "terrorist" anarchist, with the vast knowledge about bombs and subversive activities, and international conspiratorial organisation. This image if accepted, by the spectators will prevent the revolution from becoming daily, the molotov cocktail – from being the most simple weapon of the insurgents – through the spectacle, becomes the sophisticated weapon of well trained "terrorists". In such a situation a direct confrontation with Power implies that you identify with that image. Additionally the two comrades did not realise their initial intentions because there were moments in which they participated in the farce of the trial, deceived by the paternal style of the chairman. There was a lack of irony which would unveil the role of the Judges and especially that of the hidden-fascist, the prosecutor



TANKS AT AN AIRPORT? MUST BE TERRORISTS.

Arvanitis, who a few days earlier had found innocent a group of known fascists who had terrorised Athens with bombs.

Under these conditions and after a farcical trial in which the basic witness for the prosecution (a police officer) didn't bother to come, the sentences were hardly surprising: Philip 9 years imprisonment, Sofia 5 years, "Maharatzi" 3 years.

"Maharatzi's" sentence was really amusing. Now I hope he understands that the power specialists have no further use for petty collaborators like him, they use them and then they throw them in the dustbin as rubbish that they are. I hope he understands now why the police assassinated Spyropoulos (another petty collaborator).

The case of Philip and Sofia is also our case. I tried to demystify it in order for it to be superseded with a campaign for their release.

For the release of Philip and Sofia
For a society without prisons
For the generalised self-management
For the social Revolution.

A comrade.

N.B. I think that it's a good idea to link the support for the 6 English comrades with support for the 2 Greek comrades, whenever you address people for the 6 in meetings, leaflets, press, link it up with the 2, send letters to the fucking Embassy at Holland Park (it is not a good idea to send letters to them, they wouldn't get them anyway). Denounce and fight the penalisation of everyday life that takes place in an overt, fascist way in Greece. Finally I call for all the "academic" anarchists to use their titles and make a noise.

I will ask Greek comrades to publicise the situation here in England.

THE LAST DECADE

On October 5th this year people in Ireland will have looked back and remembered the past ten years of struggle. Because Oct. 5th will have marked the tenth anniversary of the march in Derry for Civil Rights in North Eastern Ireland.

It was a day of great significance for the people who decided to march that day. William Craig who was then the Minister of Home Affairs in the Stormont government banned the March and had batons, shields and water cannons issued to the RUC thugs with the order to stop the civil righters from marching.

Unlike what happens in other parts of the world the batonning down of the rights marchers did not end there and then with pseudo left resolutions of condemnation.

What burst forth was a revolutionary situation which was not going to be so easily stemmed and as events and developments have shown it wasn't.

After so many years of silent suffering the people from Derry, Belfast, Armagh, Newry, Strabane, Toome, and many other towns had decided enough was enough.

Certainly at that stage there was to be no turning back. All the suffering which lay ahead was to be faced. Massive unemployment, lack of homes, high emigration, as well as the denial of basic voting rights had been imposed on the people for too long.

During the following years there were to be many changes and realignments of beliefs.

The bankruptcy of such organisations as the communist party, labour party and a large section of the republican movement became more and more obvious.

The emergence of the Provisional Republican Northern Activists came as a result of many young people who had seen just how bankrupt the pro-'communist' faction of the republican movement had become.

This bankruptcy was seen very clearly during the 13th, 14th and 15th of August 1969 when the people

in the Ardoyne and the Clonard areas of Belfast had been left practically defenceless and at the mercy of the RUC and B Specials who ran amok.

It was due to the courage and determination of the ordinary people in the fighting areas of Belfast (who despite overwhelming odds) that the RUC/B Special hordes were stopped, defences arranged and the housing and general welfare needs of those people burnt out were seen to.

The weeks following the attempted suppression by the right-wing unionists, saw the emergence of free areas, in large sections of the towns and country districts the government had lost control.

This development was taken advantage of by the more farsighted to train themselves in the use of arms, first aid and other skills which are relevant in a revolutionary situation.

The ingenuity and intelligence of the ordinary working class people flowered and brought forth a host of new revolutionary ideas.

After 10 magnificent years of struggle the Northern Irish have emerged as a people of great resilience and hope to other oppressed people in the world.

The British Government is on the verge of withdrawing her military forces. It is essential for the Irish people to work out an economic and social programme for the near future.

The libertarian socialists have an essential role to play in Ireland.

It is not the question of a United Ireland but of a truly liberated people who are concerned as much about the problems of other struggling peoples as they are about their own problems.

Let us hope the struggles of the next ten years will be carried out in solidarity because that will ensure that a Libertarian Socialist Society will emerge not alone in Ireland but in many other countries also.

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CAMBRIDGE. Raphael Salkie, Queen's College, Cambridge.

CARDIFF. Write c/o 108 Bookshop, Salisbury Road, Cardiff.

CHELTENHAM. Contact Jerry at 23093

CORBY. Terry Phillips, 7 Crosswell Walk, Corby, Northants.

COVENTRY. John England, 48 Spencer Av, Earlsdon, Coventry.

DERBY (and environs). All two of us welcome collaborators. Contact Andrew Huckerby, 49 Westleigh Av, Derby DE3 3BY, tel: 368678.

EAST ANGLIAN Libertarians. Martyn Everett, 11 Gibson Gardens, Saffron Walden, Essex.

EXETER Anarchist Society, Univ. of Exeter, Devonshire House, Stocker Rd, Exeter.

GREENWICH & BEXLEY. Any trade unionists interested in forming a syndicalist group please contact John Ryan, 47 Binsey Walk, SE2 9 TU.

HASTINGS. Steve, 18a Markwick Terrace, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

HIGH BENTHAM. Ask at The Dragonfly on Market Day (Wednesday).

HUDDERSFIELD. Meetings every two weeks. For details phone 0484-38156 (Polytechnic Students' Union).

HULL Libertarian Collective. Pete Jordan, 70 Perth St, Hull, East Yorks. (Offers a place to crash for any anarchist passing through).

LEAMINGTON & WARWICK. c/o 42 Bath St, Leamington Spa.

LEEDS. Box 101, 'Leeds Other Paper', 30 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds 2.

LEICESTER. Anarchist group. Lyn Hurst, 41 Briarfield Drive, Leicester. Tel: 0533-21250 (days), 0533-414060 (nights). Bookshop, Blackthorn, 76 Highcross St, Leicester. Tel: 0533-21896. Libertarian Education, 6 Beaconsfield Rd, Leicester. Tel: 0533-552085.

MALVERN & WORCESTER area. Jock Spence, Birchwood Hall, Storridge, Malvern, Wores.

MANCHESTER. c/o Grass Roots, 109 Oxford Rd, Manchester M1.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. Black Jake, c/o 115 Westgate Road, Newcastle NE1 4AG.

NOTTINGHAM. c/o Mushroom, 10 Heathcote St (Tel: 582506) or 15 Scetholme Av, Hyson Green (Tel: 708302).

OXFORD. Danny Simpson, Room 1, Turl St, Oxford.

READING University anarchists, c/o Students Union, Univ. of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading, Berks.

SHEFFIELD. Contact Sheffield Libertarian Society, P0 Box 168, Sheffield S11 8SE. Groups at above address are: Sheffield Autonomous Anarchists, Black Cross Group, IWW, Syndicate of Initiative, John Creaghe Memorial Society.

SWANSEA. Don Williams, 24 Derlwyn, Duvant, Swansea.

THAMES VALLEY. Adele Dawson, Maymeade, 6 Congress Rd, Maidenhead (Tel: 062 2974).

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BELFAST: JUST BROS, 7 WINGTAVEN ST.

WILTSHIRE. Comrades in Swindon wish to start anarchist group (as well as existing Community Arts Group). Get in touch with Mike, Groundswell Farm, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts.

BLACK FLAG - 43 Egrement Ho use, Lewinham, SE.

CIENFUGOS - 308 A. Over-the-water, Sunday, Creaghe.

GREENPEACE - 6 Enleigh St, W.C.1.

FEDERATION OF LONDON ANARCHIST GROUPS:-

Anarchy Collective, 37a Grosvenor Av, Tel: 359-4794. Before 7 pm.

Freedom Collective, 84b Whitechapel High St, E1, Tel: 247-9249

Hackney Anarchists, Dave, 249-7042

Kingston Anarchists, 13 Denmark Rd, Kingston upon Thames, Tel: 549-2564.

London Workers' Group, Box W., 182 Upper St. N1, Tel: 249-7042

Love V. Power, Box 779, Peace News (London office: 5 Caledonian Rd).

West London Anarchists, 7 Pennard Rd, W12.

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MANCHESTER SOLIDARITY Group, c/o 109 Oxford Rd, Manchester 13.

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C/o Grass Roots, 109 Oxford Rd, Manchester M1. Newsletter & quarterly meetings. Contacts in other areas.

SCOTTISH LIBERTARIAN FEDERATION
Contact: Nina Woodcock, 74 Arklay St (Top R.), Dundee. Tel: Dundee 814541

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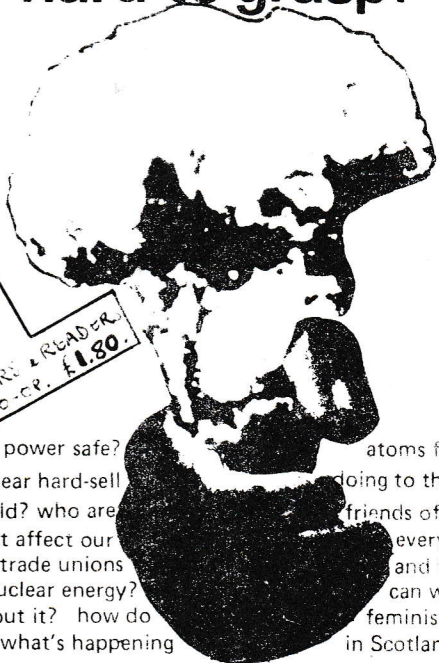
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