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POLICE TACTICS

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

These are simple- to end all forces of coercion: i.e. laws, prisons, police and armed forces. They serve the interests of the powerful and crush our creativity and urge to freedom.

This can only be achieved during the social revolution which will wipe out all forms of domination and control, and establish grass roots control of the communities, the production and distribution, around the principles of:-

- (a) All decisions to be taken directly or by delegation, by only those they affect.
- (b) Respect for each other's opinions and actions.
- (c) Uncompromising opposition to all authority, domination, bureaucracy and anyone trying to create or bring them back. (All police and servants of the State will be offered an honest job.)

What we can do at once is attack the myths of law'n'order in our actions and words, from every angle, and show up the institutions of repression for what they are- hired gangs of thugs doing the dirty work of those with the power- the bourgeoisie.

TACTICS

1. Propaganda

This should attack the State, its corruption, lies, violence, and power over us, and the role of its police, and show how in resisting, in trying to gain control over our lives, we are in total opposition, and if only we could rid ourselves of this cancerous menace, eg take control, we would create a new society, one of REAL JUSTICE!

We should strike the police force at their weakest points.

(a) The most basic- their role as defenders of privilege and power. This system exploits and terrifies us of our land, goods and our freedom. This role is seen when they're breaking pickets, defending property, controlling demos and harrassing activists and minority groups.

(b) Their 'right' to order us about is an insulting myth, achieved only by long years of brutal repression of our resistance.

(c) Their 'neutrality' is crap- 99% of prisoners are working class, while the murderers and robbers in power roam free. In any class confrontation, I don't have to tell you who gets charged, beaten or shot by the police.

(d) The 'benign' copper image is also crap. They smile just as long as you lick their boots. Otherwise they threaten, arrest or beat shit out of you. 'Nice'?

(e) The 'law-abiding' citizen image is a load of hypocritical shit. They don't even obey their own laws, and if we do they can still frame us. Just look at Ince, George Davis, Liddle Towers*, the Murrays, Saccho and Vanzetti, and thousands more put away or murdered by the State. Meanwhile, from the cops who harrass and search illegally, to the top pigs getting hand-outs from Porn Gangs and criminal mafia, the Police are corrupt and sneer at the law.

(f) Their increasingly petty intrusions into our daily lives, on the street, at home, in parks, supported by more and more suffocating laws telling us what we can and can't do, show them up as attackers of freedom.

(g) Their increasingly military attitude at demos, and towards equipment, guns etc. and the closer cooperation with the armed forces, show their street role as only part of the State machine.

*Died in police custody last year

All these points we must use to turn upside down the stuff pushed out in the papers and TV, and through the army of sychophantic soft cops- experts, teachers, social workers, politicians, priests, doctors, bureaucrats etc etc.

We can get this across in our papers and leaflets, meetings, direct action and campaigns, solidarity with prisoners, using courts as political platforms, graffiti- even anti-recruitment posters.

Remember, that as the police grow more cunning (less stupid) they will try to criminalize resistance to oppression, hoping to isolate us and our politics from people. Those up to their necks with the police (urban guerrillas, prisoners etc) must realise that most people see the police only at road accidents, or when they have lost something, or at late-night parties, and tend to believe the garbage about them not being political. Only when people are involved in pickets, occupations, demos or robberies etc do they come to see the true face of the police.

NB Two things often crop up.

(i) 'Can the police be human?' Sometimes, meeting a friendly cop, you think, 'well, they're only doing their job- workers in uniform.' This disarming attitude is nearly always a cynical tactic of the Police- a disgusting use of our good nature.

If they're human, they should act human and refuse to obey orders, stop picking on us in the street and breaking picket lines. Being police and human at the same time is impossible. The only good cop is an ex-cop- let the bourgeoisie defend themselves without bribing working class people to do it.

(ii) 'Aren't they invincible?' They try to give this impression. It's 90% bluff, and we seem to fall for it far too often, taking a submissive attitude in the street or at demos and pickets. We lack the confidence to confront them probably due to the present low ebb of working class militancy and solidarity. Their basic stupidity, dependance on orders and repressive nature makes them ineffective during serious confrontations or organised skirmishes, especially anything unexpected. During an uprising or revolution we shall sweep them away like straws. The Military will be our greatest foe.

2. Laws

Laws, made of course to keep us under control, always serve the ruling class if they can be enforced. We can ignore or disobey them (eg, pot-smoking, fiddling from work, shoplifting, fare-dodging, drinking after hours, screwing the State) or resist spontaneously or in an organised way (Industrial Relations Act and the coming Trespass Laws).



Using the liberals in the system can be of tactical use, but only direct opposition will increase our strength, confidence and chance of success.

Prisons? The Murrays, like the Pentonville Dockers and George Davis can be rescued, and prison riots and even break-outs show how shaky the custodial machine can be.

People must oppose new laws, flout and make inoperable the present ones. The few we can use to our advantage? Why not! The more people involved, and the greater militancy and propaganda, the better.

3. Up Against It

We must support individuals harrassed by the police- at an arrest, trial or detention. In Italy if anyone is arrested, there often are immediate demonstrations outside the police station to free them. This should be not only for 'political' prisoners, but also for those who steal to live, or who are fucked up sexually, psychologically or socially by this System. We do not condone truly anti-social acts (rape, mugging) but appreciate the desperation that could make someone stoop so low. All trials should be made political.

As far as police 'intelligence' goes- be careful, don't boast about illegal acts, keep an eye open for surveillance, informers, agents provocateurs. Trust only your friends and be suspicious of strangers until you know them. This is basic everyday stuff. Tell the police nothing, or lies, and keep them guessing what your next moves are.

To sum up, with solidarity and cunning, give the bastards a real hard time.

NOTTING-
-HILL,
'76.



IN CONCLUSION

I've concentrated on how to make our propaganda effective and our actions effective, in resisting the law. It is important to be clear minded and well prepared.

The police are only part of the State machine and we must develop strategies and tactics to enable us before, during and after the social revolution to defeat the military as well, politically and physically.

Dare to struggle, dare to win. Prepare now. E.S.

Note: This article grew out of notes taken from a workshop on 'The Law' at the London 'Fight to live' conference.



THE STORY OF AN EGOIST OBJECTOR

It is the old cry of the conservative-minded that youthful rebels will 'grow out of' their non-conformity and, indeed, many do. There are some, however, who do not 'grow out of', but 'grow into' it! One such is a veteran egoist of seventy-six who lives in one of the small towns that cluster around the borders of the London sprawl. For reasons of his own he wishes to remain anonymous so he will be known in this story as B.

B was educated, if that is the word, in a Catholic Orphanage where whippings were frequent and the Christian teachers achieved the remarkable result of rendering him unable to read or write until, long after he was twenty one, he taught himself.

After serving as a soldier in World War One, B was unable to get a job. After a short time on the dole he was disqualified for further benefit despite there being two and a half million unemployed. Having 'no means of support', he was sent to a 'labour camp' in Surrey (shades of Hitler and Stalin!) which was under the authority of a former army major who had been in charge when it was a camp for German prisoners-of-war and still thought the inmates were prisoners-of-war - which, in a way, they were.

When World War 2 came along, therefore, it is not surprising that B did not feel like fighting for a system that had treated him in such a manner. Not only this, but he had now come to understand the conscious egotism of Max Stirner and saw no point in sacrificing himself for the glory of the British State. So he became a 'conscientious objector' to military service. Unlike other objectors, however, he refused to play the role of a defendant before the two government tribunals he faced. On the contrary, he took the offensive. His sheer effrontery paid off and he was exempted from service. The reason for this may well be found in the final part of his statement to the second tribunal which reads:

'If Hitler should win the war my struggle will still go on. But as for Churchill and his lick-spittle scum, he and they will readily

adapt themselves to the new regime, and will, I am sure, be delighted to smartly click the heels of their jackboots and loudly shout 'Mein Fuhrer' and 'Heil Hitler' repeatedly.

'You might ask, since there is a war going on, how can it be ended without the use of violence. Easy! Just tell all the sailors and soldiers etc. on both sides that if they don't want to fight they can go home and the 'heroes', with very few exceptions, will tuck their tails between their legs and march off the battlefields! Yes, just as easy as that, and you know it. It is the governments alone who plan and organize wars, and are responsible for all the carnage that goes with it. Soldiers merely do their dirty work.

'Let me here hold you to your own maxim, to wit: where there is no written and signed agreement, there is no legal contract. I therefore demand that you show me a document, signed by my own hand, as proof that I have agreed to submit myself and be held accountable to any of your laws. And if you were to force me to sign such an agreement, it would still not be legally valid, even according to your own laws.

'If for some reason or other I should think fit to join one of your armed forces, I will do so with only one object in view, to wit: To carry out acts of sabotage and deliberately violate paragraph 531 and section 7 of the Army Act and also the 'King's Rules and Regulations'. It will therefore be at just such a time when you think I am to be trusted, I will be in the most favourable position to strike at you.

'Nobody can represent me, nor are they qualified to examine or understand my conscience. As far as I am concerned, the best advice I can give you is to leave me alone, for without you having me watched both day and night you would be lost. You can make whatever decision you like about me, but remember, it all depends on me! Mine is the final decision! FOR I AM THE UNIQUE ONE!'

'In the next war there will be no appeals. They will just send calling-up papers and the sheep will all report themselves for DUTY.'

'TIS THE WORST ECONOMIC CRISIS

'Tis the worst economic crisis for 40 or 100 years and we all know that extremism and revolution are supposed to flourish at such times. We should be extra busy stirring up revolt and anarchy etc. But what exactly should we be doing?

On a personal level

It is on this level that most solid political work is done. Few see a demonstration and are converted, few read a paper and change their politics. We all change our minds slowly and over a long period of time, and due to not one event or conversation but due to hundreds of them. It is done by slow continual pressure demanding change.

Hence I think that our most important political activity is our conversations with our fellow work-mates and the people who live next door and along the street. By and large you can influence a large number of people not at all, but you can influence a few people a lot.

There are no dramatic results to be expected talking to the people next door. Any changes will be so gradual that you won't notice them. And at work you probably work in a department that is full of fascists anyway. Most anarchists I have talked to seem to. But you are doing as much good turning a right-wing bigot into someone more moderate as you are turning a lefty into an anarchist.* Here also is the ground on which the NF must be fought and beaten, not out on the street in mock battle.

But to talk to the people around you, you must change as well. You must listen to them and understand what they are saying more than they listen to you. If you work with ten others they are going to talk 10 times more good sense than you are. You've got to learn what is good sense and learn to

* Does this actually happen?

recognize it. You are just there to reinforce that common sense and to weaken the rubbish. You are not the preacher of a new gospel or the guardian of the truth. You are just one common person among many common people. And what you must reinforce, and you must talk is common sense - not jargon and high flown theories.



2. On a local level

A vital part of this is respect. You must build respect. People's respect for you, your respect for the people around you, people's respect for each other and their respect for themselves. More than anything anarchy will grow with this respect. When all hell breaks loose, or when there is the most minor crisis and the pay packet is not handed out at 3.00 pm on Thursday, then people will listen to those they respect, not those they always agree with, and you, you will only listen to those you respect, and it is vital that you listen more than you talk. Respect comes from many things, but not very much from the politics you talk. It is from the other things you say, the things you do, mainly the little things - actions speak louder than words, but it is not the dramatic actions, it is the little ones. And it is common sense above all.

Although I always say that the personal level of activity is the most important, I only say that because I think it is the most neglected. I feel that all levels of activity are important and must co-exist. We must try to get the right balance. The local group must be based on exactly the same things as our personal life, respect and common sense. The main problems at a local level start from a lack of respect for each other. We always have the problem that at any meeting of half a dozen of us there are half a dozen different views. This should be an advantage but it usually instead leads to competition and division. The local group must be built on mutual respect and common sense. A few years ago we used to say



that groups must be built on affinity, but I no longer think this is so. It is not necessary for me to like you or agree with you, but it is necessary for me to respect you and you to respect me. When I respect you I will listen to you. I will try and understand what you are doing and saying, and I will take account of you in what I say and what I suggest the group does. I will look for agreement between us not division, and I will try to put forward positions that unite us, not just my own position.

But what should a local group do? In the most general terms, create anarchy! By which I mean put most effort into positively putting forward anarchy rather than attacking the opposition all the time (especially the NF). Concentrate on the simple and positive actions that speak clearly to a few, rather than the spectacle that speaks to no one. There is nothing wrong with the odd spectacular, it is just the only thing that some people can think of. We must in general aim to grind exceedingly small, although that means slowly but surely. Concentrate your efforts on a few things and do them well.

3. On a national level

I don't know what to say.

We need national communication rather than national organisation. There ain't nothing wrong with National Organisation, providing firstly it is based on strong local groups, and is not suggested as a substitute for them, and secondly providing that we don't create an organisation which requires so much work that we get one of our strongest local groups to run it and drain all the energies of that group so that in a year's time we still have our National Organisation but we have destroyed one of our strongest local groups. (This is something we have done at least five times since I joined the movement.)

At this time I think what we should do is to begin to build some regional groups. We should not try to create them instantly. Just do the odd thing that will help them to grow up - slowly.

Roughly all groups should put at least ten times the effort into local activity as to any regional activity. Grow slowly, but grow well.



Having said all that I have to admit that I have not made any suggestions as to what we should do at any level. I do not see that I can. I live in Islington, London, and I can see that circumstances vary between people who only live a few miles from each other, and so how much more must they vary throughout the country.

However I personally put most of my spare time into the local tenants association and do most things within the street in which I live. I do almost nothing around work although three friends are shop stewards and two more are ex-stewards. You personally do not have to be, indeed should not be, active in all major areas of struggle but it is best if between a group of you, you are closely connected to most of them.

I haven't been connected with a local group for at least a couple of years, but that's due to chance factors I think. I've been part of at least 4 defence groups, and have worked on Anarchy magazine for many years. There's a lot I don't do. What must be achieved is some sort of balance. The main effort is personal, done as you work or as part of living in the evenings and weekends. Then work locally, and lastly on a national or exceptionally on an international level. Remember anarchy grows from the roots upwards.

C.B.

LETTERS

Dear Friends,

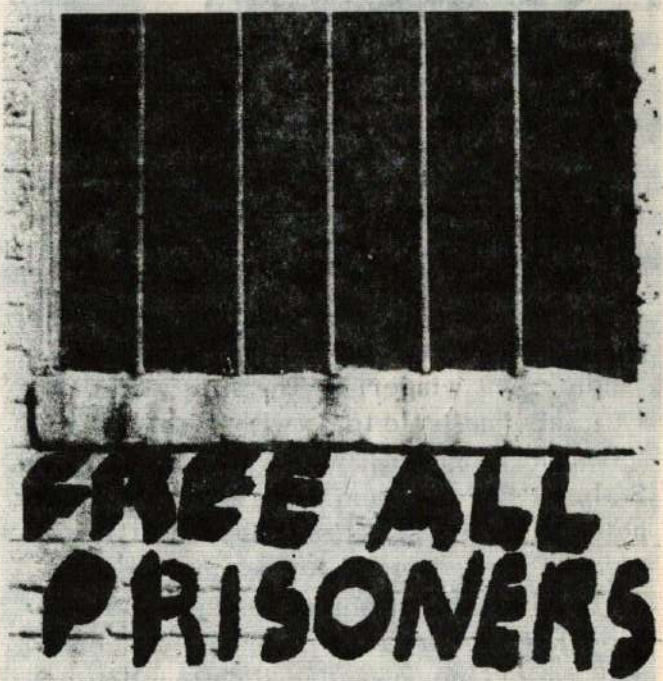
I recieved in solitary 'Anarchy' 21. My thanks to the Comrades who put me on your mailing list. Please if you can carry me more I enjoyed your magazine very much. Two articles especially were good and timely, 'The Left and Illegality' was the best and most timely - very correct, we must deal with the legal and the illegal, one is important to the other as is the above to the underground and theory to practice and reverse. All of us has our beliefs and ways of doing things - but the line must remain clear. Them or Us - the enemy is obvious and must be understood; once we understand the enemy we will not be afraid of the tools we must use to root it out from among us. We may not support armed struggle, but it is here, and our comrades do believe in it and are using it - it is up to us to help them do their 'jobs' well by criticism.

The situation here is gross - I have been in solitary 11 months now for advocating and filing Civil Sutes against this prison - right now (since 7/4/77) 1600 of us are locked in our cells - population is protesting the treatment and conditions in this building - which is a behaviour modification unit for conscious prisoners - jailhouse lawyers, revolutionaries etc. Many have been here for years! We are beaten, gassed, and put in strip cells - we live in 6 by 8 foot cages 23 hours a day - all outdoor, church and school activity is denied. We are under full time harassment and kangaroo courts abound; we petitioned the Governor and they attacked us, we filed suits and they stripped us of all legal books and materials - now I am in a FREEZER, cold blowers on... (see Hapotoe or Last Freedom). Many of us are fighting back and support is desperately needed. Details of our struggle are too many. I am and we are the Walla Walla brothers to all you who care and/or know us. Please protest to Embassys or write President

Carter, or Governor of Washington State Dixie Lee Ray, Olympia, Wn. Demand release of ALL prisoners in I.S.U. building illegal and/or wrongly here and an investigation of this administration.

I appreciate letters and send my love to all in struggle...

Love ? Rage Carl Harp



Dear Anarchy Collective,

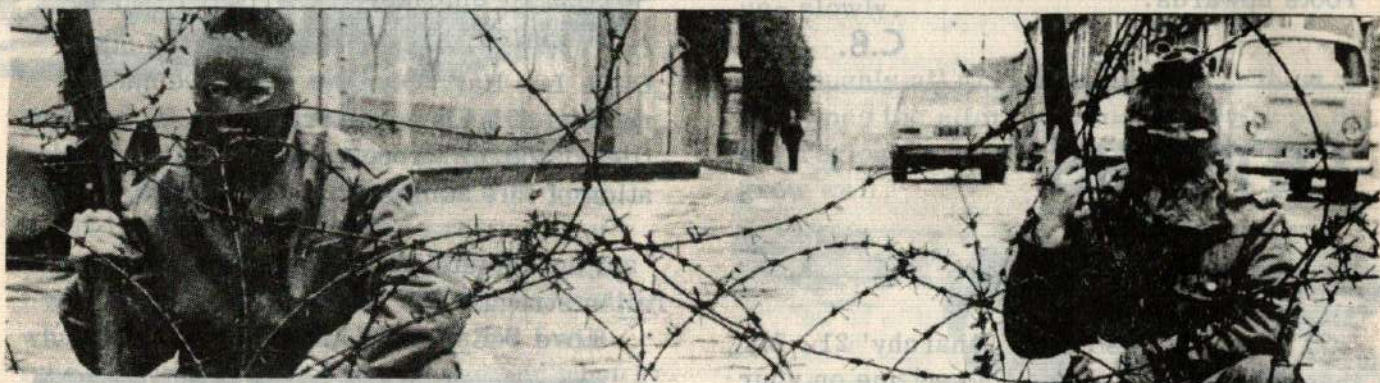
Different people see the Provos in such different ways that I sometimes wonder whether we are talking about the same lot of people. I lay no claim to be an expert on the Provos but knowing a few (and even more ex-Provos) my view is this:-

Origins: The split was mainly Stalinist-anti-Stalinist. Because the Provos were anti-Stalinist they were a very mixed bunch, from the extreme left to the extreme right. This has continued to this day. But (1), the split was much more complicated than this, and the dividing lines between Provo/Official were different in each group around the country. (2) The so called 'nationalist' faction has been dominant for some time, and they do not want to lose this dominance. They see the left elements in the Provos as a threat, and deliberately try to limit its strength. However they find they need this faction, so an uneasy alliance continues. ↗

Certain anarchist/socialist elements have made attempts to form a left controlled group, but have failed(or seem to). So- I say the Provos are not just a right-wing nationalist group, but are a mixed group with a minority but significant revolutionary faction.

However the Provos at the moment are controlled by a basically nationalist faction who have no intention of losing control, and who will I think turn on the revolutionary faction rather than lose control, even though this would considerably weaken the Provos. Comrades within the Provos are playing with fire, but have they much alternative? And should we not back their judgment and give them support and increase their chances. If we had all supported our comrades in Ireland from the very beginning we might have had a revolutionary force in the Provos

D. Leated.



Dear Anarchy Collective

The article on the Provos was thought-provoking but I think its wrong to suggest that the Provos are showing signs of emerging as the true left in Ireland. There may be a raising of socialist awareness in some sections, but the bulk of young volunteers and officers are NOT 'radical left wingers'. The split with the Officials had little to do with differing leftist ideologies- it was a split between the Stalinist Officials and those who said, "To hell with politics, let's get on with the war." So the Provos began life as a movement devoid of socialist objectives and its rank and file today are still primarily concerned with the old narrow-minded nationalist aims of a united Ireland, full stop. Indeed, to

most Provos, Communism and Irish Nationalism are incompatible.

If there is a radical development in the movement, this of course is good news. These radicals must be aware that the Provos are too reactionary, too sectarian and too lacking in socialist awareness to be placed anywhere on the left. There are two options open to the radicals: either keep quiet and hope to direct things gently from the background, or else declare themselves now, effect another split and call on the left to back them. The second move would be positively dangerous for the new group. Why? Because it would be a direct challenge to the Provos.

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REVIEW

THE POLITICAL POLICE IN BRITAIN by TONY BUNYAN

Pub. by Julian Freedman, London, P/B, available £2.95 from Cienfuego Press, Orkney Islands.

Note: The author of this review is not a committed anarchist, nor member of any party or group, but considers anarchism as the philosophy working closest to the sane society.

Make no mistake, this is a brilliant and courageous work. Bunyan makes no mention of it, but one can only imagine the efforts by 'authority' to stop its publication.

In the most impressive way it gives in vast detail what we are already aware of in microcosm, but it's tremendous to hear just the same, someone tell the truth: the State has no legal control over the security and secret service cocksuckers, if the State wants you hard enough, nothing is too low for them to try and get you; it brings to life the amusing toilet graffiti, 'Just because you're not paranoid doesn't mean they're not after you.'

The whole shitty racket is spelt out in 8 sections (8, ironically, in numerical symbolism, being the number of death and infinity) starting with the political uses of law and the beginnings of legal repression around the time the first trade unions came into being, strengthened and restrengthened in 1926 and after, special reference given to the Official Secrets Act, Conspiracy Laws and Emergency Powers acts, through a history of the police as political pawns, the Special Branch bums, M15, techniques of surveillance (find out how they're opening your letters these days), the Private Security Industry (2nd home of the fuzz), counter revolutionary preparations, and the grisly National Security Plan- this latter will employ an expected 1,228,000 people from regular army to 'Citizen Guard' personnel to deal with (under Emergency

Legislation, naturally!) '...a general strike, an insurrection in one region of the country, and ultimately, a general insurrection leading to revolution...' 'The enemy, instead of black and foreign, has become the British people, more specifically working class, for it is they who bear the brunt of the fall in living standards through inflation and who are the first to swell the already large dole queues of a recession.'

The detail is appalling and fantastic, (confirming among other things that Northern Ireland is just a toytown for the army scum), going a long way in my opinion, to proving what dogs the left have become and at the same time hopefully will wake us all up a bit. It makes frighteningly real that many of us may one day be forced to, as Baldwin put it, 'Spit on the cross and pick up a gun' in dear Britain, oh yes, brothers and sisters, in this green and pleasant rehearsal for a concentration camp.

Sean War



SOME PEOPLE ARE NEVER SATISFIED

There's an interesting independent French/Dutch film on China just been made: "The Generator Factory." It's a real eye-opener to what's going on there, concentrating on one huge factory - how it is organised, the daily routine, worker-management relations, and the workers' social and political life. By sticking to this factory for all the 90 mins, and avoiding propaganda, this is a really invaluable film.

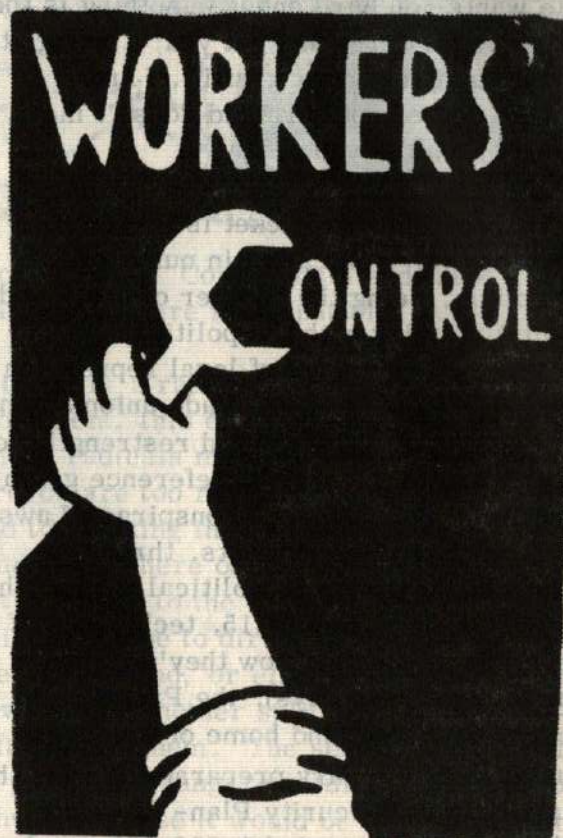
In the factory

The factory is in a money society, sets production targets, pays out wages (with strong differentials), with Party members filling the directors chairs. Sexual divisions are not quite as bad as here although women seem to be responsible for child care (eased by every factory having a creche). The workers have won themselves, after repeated battles (many bloody) over the last couple of decades, a high standard of living, and their great solidarity and class strength means they are happy and relaxed on the job. The memories of starvation and brutal repression are still strong.

Since the '68 cultural revolution when the workers' militancy shook the Chinese rulers almost destroying them* these rulers have been keen to 'go to the workers', improve 'democracy', 'criticise themselves'. The workers have made staggering gains and their lust for increasing their standard of living AND control over their work is only kept in check by a management and cadre class which tries to satisfy grass-roots demands, incorporate into the system anything outside the State institutions, while shoving the Marxist jargon down everyone's throat to make sure that no opposing political ideas appear (ie anarchism). You can see that this brainwashing is vital to the State and seems to be fairly widely accepted by the workers.

* The workers were accused of such bourgeois ideas as 'ultrademocracy', 'syndicalism' and 'anarchism'.

However, the workers' enthusiasm for practical ideas in organising their job is not repressed (to avoid class confrontation), and they argue constantly with fellow workers about work problems, whether bonuses for hard work are fair, is management inefficient etc. This is all carefully monitored through discussion groups on the job (in work time!) by CP cadres. There are also occasional plant meetings with management, and at one of these, worker after worker complained, insulted, criticised the management and demanded an improvement. They were not afraid to speak. It was obvious that the workers' attitude was "Well they want us to criticize them, so let's make 'em sweat and do as we want them to!" In that atmosphere, the class interests of the workers v the State were naked, and the State was frightened. They needed the workers, but the workers, of course, don't need the State so the State has to portray itself as the 'servants of the workers' to head off any opposition.



DOWN WITH WAGE-SLAVERY AND ALL BOSSES!

In the State

There are various factions in the Chinese Ruling Class, all of course competing to control the working class and peasants, but at the same time disguise their repressive methods.

The two main forces which form the main struggle at present seem to be:

(a) Maoist- 'instant revolution', increasing the participation (not control) and 'democracy' of the workers plus class-consciousness-raising under party control- AND HARD WORK.

(b) The Teng line- concentrating on industrial growth and so needing a disciplined work force, they fear the workers' demands for more democracy may go too far and undermine the State's authority- and the State's love of HARD WORK.

This is the present trend in the leadership, but if this film is anything to go by they better not pick any fights with the working class!

These two trends are worldwide. Our rulers are beginning to avoid open confrontations, preferring to destroy any resistance we organise ourselves by incorporating unions, community and political groups into the State system.

Why is China important?

The myth of socialist China is a great danger like the Russian myth before it. Millions of militants believed in Russia, until shattered by the awful truth of Stalin's rule. They became disillusioned and cynical, their vision smashed, and failing to see the Anarchist alternative. We must not let this happen again. Let's stick to basics and not run after myths of Utopias.

1. WE BELIEVE IN WORKERS' CONTROL- have they got it in China- or just participation?

2. WE BELIEVE IN FREEDOM- are there no laws, police, prisons, state repression?

3. WE ARE AGAINST PRIVILEGE- do not wages and differentials, party privileges and a hierarchy of power exist?

4. WE ARE AGAINST MORAL REPRESSION- are not the workers brainwashed into worship of 'scientific' Marxism/Leninism and the sexual and social morality of the State?

WE'LL NEVER BE SATISFIED UNTIL WE'VE SEEN ALL OPPRESSION DESTROYED FOREVER. POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

'The Generator Factory', one of a series of 5 on China, £30 hire each, distributed by The Other Cinema, 12/13 Little Newport Street, London WC 2

(Hundreds of others on every subject available.)



LA CECILIA



(Directed by Jean-Louis Comolli.)

All of us (the Anarchy Collective) went to see this film (and 2 of us twice!). From reading the blurb we didn't expect it to be so stimulating.

In 1890, after years of repression in the workers movement, a group of 10 Italian anarchists leave Italy to set up an anarchist commune on some land in Brazil.

They very much want to live a life of freedom and so base the commune on anarchist principles.

The personalities, the strength of commitment, the ideals, arguments, relationships, decisions, the hard communal work--everything is new and exciting but above-all PAINFUL. As anarchists they have the strengths of their beliefs to see them through and as an anarchist I was with them all the way--laughing and crying with them. We still have the same arguments today!

When their families and friends from Italy join them, there is a crisis. How can they support themselves, relate to the more conservative newcomers, how to organise the whole community?

Everyone works as they wish and takes what they need--all land is in common, and there are no leaders or rules. But conditioning runs deep. Amongst the anarchists,

although believing in women's freedom and abolition of the family, many find this hard or 'unimportant'. Amongst the settlers who have just arrived, there is suspicion--they want their own land and family belongings. The children as ever are natural anarchists but are controlled by their parents.

The new people get pissed-off with the hardships and the arguments, without understanding the ideals and morals of the anarchists, and they leave. Shocked, the original group and some others, resolve to carry on, more enlightened and determined now. However their plans are smashed when the Brazilian Military demands that most join the Army, and suddenly they realise how foolish they'd been all along to think that their colony could be an island of freedom, isolated from the world outside.

I can't express how much I would personally like you to see this film--share the emotions the pain, joy and experiences of the individuals who make up the group. Many questions are raised and few are answered.

A true story, it shows the beauty of living without masters and money, but the tragic conclusion that if we want to do this, we have a long and bitter struggle to fight and destroy the present degrading system, before we can really begin to create a new, and free world.

(Available from--The Other Cinema.)



The Central Committee give the Order of Bakunin to comrade 'E.S.' for typing this article, his first ever typing, at 1 a.m in the morning.

THE MURRAYS



NOEL MURRAY sentenced to life imprisonment.

Last December Dublin's Supreme Court squashed the death sentence imposed by the Special Criminal Court on Noel and Marie Murray. Noel was given life imprisonment and Marie put to retrial for capital murder, again in the juryless special criminal court. This May that trial took place and Marie is now serving life imprisonment for murder - the capital charge not being proved. This is after months of imprisonment, much of it in the death cell, and several 'trials'.

The 'evidence' against the Murrays would be laughable but for the seriousness of the charges and the intention of the state. They have been tortured, illegally held and isolated not only from their supporters but from access to lawyers. When the court does not require the prosecution to offer any real evidence, when the three state appointed judges are jury as well, when the press is silent - what kind of defence is possible? From the moment of arrest their enemies had found them guilty. The death sentences would have been quietly carried off but for a defence campaign starting in Dublin and spreading world wide.

But what happens now? Are we to accept the state's revenge? People were prepared to fight the death sentence - it is so final and barbaric. But is life imprisonment so much better; is the revenge of the state any less barbaric when they draw it out week by week, month by month, year by year, decade by decade? Is torture by gardai any better when it results in life imprisonment instead of death? Is the special criminal court suddenly acceptable to us? Of course not!

The Murrays are still fighting; the release of Ronan Stenson has shown that the state can't win every time, so too has the failure of the original death sentence. Marie is appealing her sentence and Noel is charging the gardai for assault. But what are we doing? A few defence groups remain and they seek to carry on the campaign. We know there are many serving long terms in jail, more and more all the time, what makes the Murrays so special? Our answer to that question is simply - the Murrays are not special - we began campaigning for the Murrays and we have not won yet so we continue. Most of the people who won't support the

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campaign saying there are so many people in jail, do not campaign for any of those people. We would like to see 50,000 campaigns for 50,000 prisoners.

We do not call the case closed because the Irish State does. The injustice is still there; the lies, torture, barbarity are not forgotten and must not be. Every time we accept a verdict by the state, we accept our own failure and helplessness. So the message is still : **FREE THE MURRAYS.**

Charlotte Baggins.

The picture of the Murrays (above) is available as a postcard from the London Group. 10p each. But allowing for postage say 50p for 4 cards.

GRUNWICKS

This month a battle has been going on to win a strike which has lasted 11 months. After promises of support from every ponce and bureaucrat in the Labour non-Movement, the rank and file had to take the struggle into their own hands. 5 weeks of mass-picketing swelling to 2500 workers to prevent supplies and the 200 still working from going in. This support for the 100-or-so on strike to join the union APEX* met with vicious police harassment, over 150 arrests being made and people being beaten up, but this only fuelled the spread of solidarity for the strikers amongst other workers in local sites and factories, and elsewhere. The local postal workers re-imposed a blacking of all mail to Grunwicks, this Mail Order photo processing plant, and faced possible prosecution.

The people

The strikers are mostly Asian women, with no previous experience of such struggles, but they've shown a determination rarely

*Surprisingly paying £30 p.w. strike pay.

equalled, having been used as cheap manual labour for years.

The scabs are a mixed bunch of manual, clerical and driving workers who seem to be proud to strikebreak. This is sad, and these people must be very confused. A Union may not be much of an exciting prospect but to scab on your fellow workers is totally unacceptable.

The police

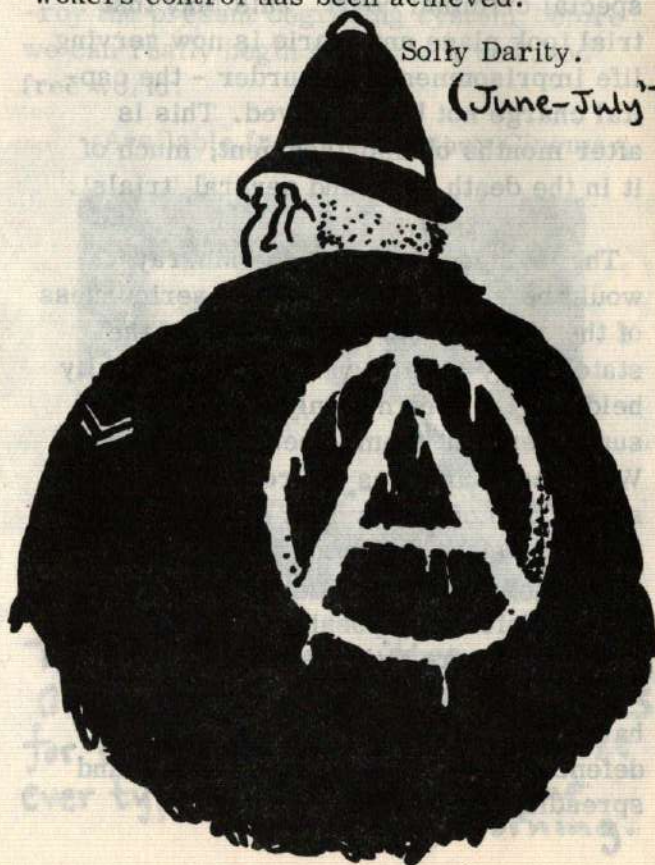
The actions of the Police back-up what we say elsewhere in this issue, acting like mindless thugs, ENTHUSIASTICALLY attacking pickets and screaming racist abuse. They can never be on our side despite calling them 'workers-in-uniform' or asking them to join the TUC.

As industrial aggro begins to hot up after 2 or 3 yrs of us crazily submitting, the Police will be increasingly called upon to show their true role as the thin blue line between 'civilisation' and a-n-a-r-c-h-y.

As anarchists we should encourage and support strikes and occupations, and point out that joining Unions is O.K. as a tactic, but industrial struggles will continue, resisted by the forces of the State, until direct workers control has been achieved.

Solly Darity.

(June-July '77)



IT WAS THE WARDERS WHO WENT ON A RIOT OF BEATINGS

In our last issue we carried some information on the Hull Prison Riot, since then PROP has held a public inquiry and at that more evidence from the cons was brought out. There was very little press coverage of this public inquiry, although when the Fowler Inquiry (Home Office Official & Secret) is published no doubt the press will find some space to vindicate the screws and again bolster up the system. PROP had invited prison officers to present evidence and promised them anonymity but the prison officers association and the home office advised all screws to take no part in the proceedings. Government ministers expressed "absolute faith" in the Fowler Inquiry and the lack of MP's present at the PROP inquiry was noticeable.

But because the state's agents did not want to take part in no way means that the inquiry was not worthwhile - the cons who managed to get evidence out wanted their

story told - and it was, both in their own words and by their friends and relatives.

This will not be the last word on Hull by any means, and it is already certain that more prisons will explode this summer. 42,000 people cannot be brutalised in total silence and secrecy every so often the lid blows off. The cons at Hull demonstrated their disgust and anger at the conditions they have to endure, what happened to them (and is still happening) shows the base level to which the screws have sunk with full backing from their masters. The screws will not forget those few days last summer when the cons got onto the roof, and their revenge has been widespread. We must not forget what happened, and we must support the 42,000 brothers and sisters in our jails.

As I finish writing, prisoners rioting in jail in Spain are demanding:-

TOTAL AMNESTY FOR ALL PRISONERS!

... AND DESTRUCTION

‘The events will remain with me a long time. Though I’ve had my bones broken at other prisons, this time I saw what I can honestly say was – barbarism.’

‘IF THIS HAD HAPPENED IN CHILE OR SOME OTHER DICTATORSHIP, MP’S WOULD HAVE BEEN JUMPING UP IN THE HOUSE CONDEMNING MINDLESS BRUTALITY. BUT IT DIDN’T. IT HAPPENED HERE IN A SO-CALLED ENLIGHTENED COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT HAVE SUPPRESSED THE TRUTH.’

‘The staff tried to make us crawl on our knees singing ‘God save the Queen’.’

‘I COULD WRITE PAGES OF WHAT I SAW. I SAW A MAN ATTACKED BY 3 DOGS. I HAD URINE POURED ALL OVER ME. I WAS THREATENED, KICKED AND BATTERED. YOU MAY FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE. ONE DAY I WILL PROVE IT TO YOU & ALL THE OUTSIDE WORLD.’

‘All my life I’ve been a villain but never would I pull strokes like these so-called human beings have done with these lads. I’ll always be a villain. No way do I want to be a human being if this is how they carry on.’

‘NO-ONE IS GOING TO PAY ANY ATTENTION BECAUSE IT IS ONLY PRISONERS IT HAPPENED TO.’

Excerpts from letters smuggled out of prison talking about the Hull warders' brutality.

In future prison disturbances, anarchists and all people in solidarity with those locked away should rally round...both to give courage to the cons if contact can be made, and to get across to people the truth of what's going on inside prisons and our determination to work towards their destruction.

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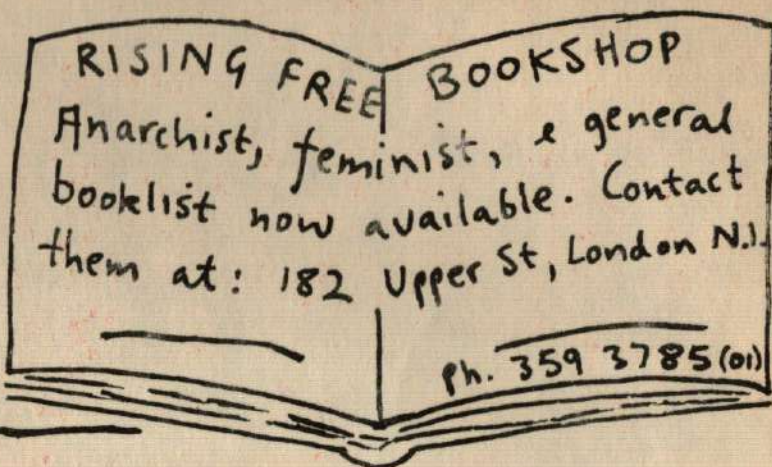


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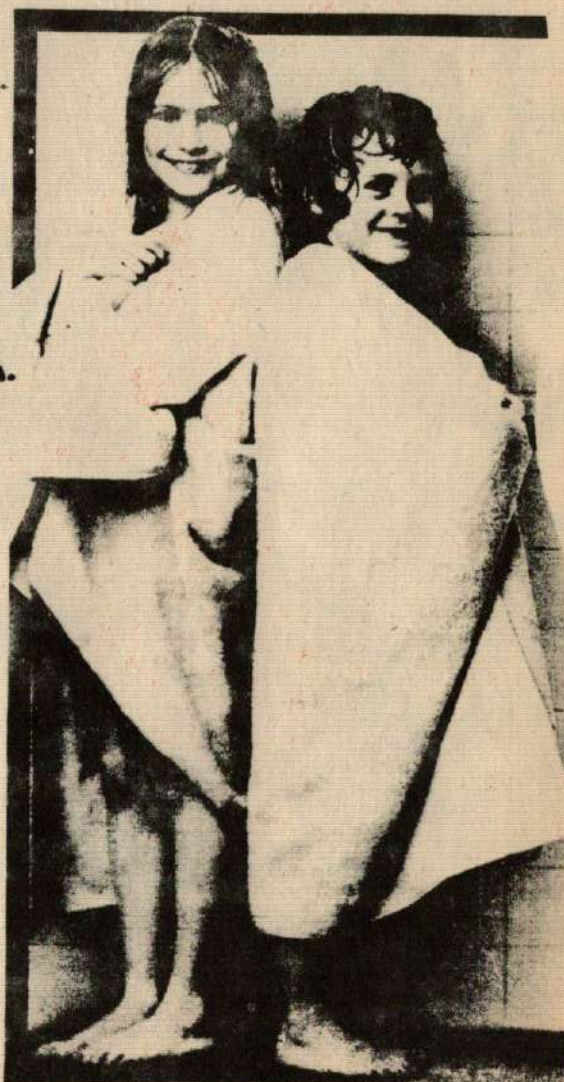
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