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No time for love if they come in the morning,  
No time to show fear or for tears in the morning,  
No time for goodbyes, no time to ask why  
And the wail of the siren is the cry of the morning.

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# STATE TERRORISM

Three people were murdered on October 18th in a German prison by the State - Jan Carl Raspe, Gudrun Ensslin, and Andreas Baader, a forth was stabbed but survived. The state has previously caused the death of Ulrike Meinhof, Holger Meins and other urban guerillas, and its repression machine is oiled with blood. Murder comes easily to the powerful - they will stop at nothing to defend their position. Their hands will never be clean. What they hate most is any thing that questions their Authority, anyone who dares to resist, anyone who votes with both fingers.

Over here a drunken man, Liddle Towers, was battered to death by police. A woman, holding her baby, leapt out of her tower block because she couldn't stand the shit anymore. Noel Jenkinson died in jail. Old people die of cold and hunger. Children are shot by the British Army in Northern Ireland (who are also defending the Sultan of Oman against his people fighting poverty and repression).

Meanwhile the State Machine gets stronger, more efficient, more ruthless, its tentacles stretching into every corner of every space in the land. No blade of grass can grow without permission. The State wants Nuclear Power, for weapons and for the further expansion of vast, high-technology society - and will defend this lunatic policy BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, ie. using the army to defend the sites of power stations against hundreds of thousands of people in France, Germany, Spain and the USA, as in Britain in the early 60's.

The army and police begin to work together. Demonstrations to defend strikers are controlled by thousands of cops. The Nazi movements are carefully nurtured and protected. The prevention of terrorism act has held 3,000 people without charge for upto seven days, because they dare to think about the British Army's right to occupy Northern Ireland. Surveillance and infiltration of the left increases - tapping, mail opening and photographing increases.

The system the ruling class will hire thousands of armed thugs to defend, kidnap thousands of people to imprison, and employ millions just to administrate and lie about, is a system of power in the hands of the small class of rich and influential parasites - royalty, politicians, industry and property owners, generals and judges. At the same time it relegates the vast mass of us to being pawns, poor and brainwashed, and dispossessed of our right to live, breathe, eat, sleep, work and enjoy life freely.

Anyone who stands up against this is a 'terrorist' and can be murdered by the state.

How can this hypocrisy and viciousness survive - and even be defended by our fellow workers and neighbours?

The most important arm of the powerful is its Media - the constant churning out of lies, propaganda and spectacles. The subtle yet evil brainwashing to convince people they are free and the only guarantee for that freedom is Our Wonderful State. This hysteria screams out constantly - it cannot drop for one minute and is designed to invade our minds, to destroy our logic and emotions, and bend them so that each person is their own judge, jury and executioner.

Not only do they use the written word, but also a horde of soft-cops... doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, experts, lawyers, governors, TV 'personalities', pop stars and footballers, and tons of other little shits. There is also the organised and disciplined attempt to recuperate, disarm or destroy the peoples resistance through diverting them into useless dead ends - voting, Unions, Tenants Associations, and a host of groups depending on State funds. This resistance blooms like flowers all over the land and tries to turn the desert into a meadow, but the flowers wither and die, or are destroyed, so many times. People are frustrated and angry, disillusioned and

bitter but very confused. Their confidence and courage is undermined. They cannot see a way out.

Only revolutionaries and their ideas and actions can withstand the assault of capitalism, for we can understand what is happening, can see a better way to live and will fight for this with every ounce of our energy until it is achieved.

Although three revolutionaries were murdered, only 80 people demonstrated in solidarity outside the German Embassy

in London. Forget the 'left wing' for it has been dead since it became Marxist. The anarchists, the rebels, the bloody-minded, the desperate, the cynical, the thoughtful, those who respect others, those who have courage to stand up for themselves against their Rulers... these are the future, who carry the seeds that can never die, of a free world, a world that our grandparents longed for and our grandchildren will experience. It is up to us to help create it, and to show that the many victims of the State do not live or die in vain.

ES.

...aged herself in jail.  
Her cohort, ex-student  
Andreas Baader, has no  
thoughts of suicide.

(DAILY MIRROR, OCT 17<sup>th</sup> - the day before the murders)

# THE INTERNATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

by  
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A study of the origins and development of the revolutionary anarchist movement in Europe 1945-73 with particular reference to the First of May Group.

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## LESSONS OF THE SPANISH AND GERMAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS OF TODAY

When a few people saw the image of the super-state arising on post-war Germany and decided on armed resistance, they were bitterly denounced by the police but not less by the so-called left, which regarded the idea of militant struggle, in which they could not claim leadership, as adventurist, elitist and all the other catchphrases.

There is a certain affinity between the Rote Armee Fraktion and the Spanish Anarchist resistance, not only in the fact of supplying the resistance by bank raids - after the banks had raided the people. In Spain repression amounting to genocide had already taken place not merely during the war but after. (One cannot repeat often enough that the death toll by Franco AFTER the civil war was greater than the number of German Jews killed by Hitler, the former being ignored by manufactured world opinion and the latter well known)

Both movements were therefore struggling against the same type of state, both of which were assuming the trappings of normality. The big difference was that the Spanish Anarchist movement was not so much 'bitterly denounced', as that here was a conspiracy of silence over its activities, connived at by the police and entered into by the press, which lasted until the end of what can be termed, the post war resistance.

The so-called left, also entered into that conspiracy, albeit tacitly, if it mentioned the Spanish Anarchist movement at all, it was as a dead movement. Perhaps some reference to pre-war resistance might be made, perhaps some reference to the civil war, coloured by the fabrications of Felix Morrow, with his denigrations of the

Spanish workers' movement to the greater glory of the small Bolshevik Leninist faction which, admitted by Morrow, took no part in the struggle, but at least provided the means of infiltration into the trotskyist movement by the Ogpu, which killed Trotsky.

Nor can one exempt even so-called anarchists from this general attitude. The ossified and bureaucratic CNT-in-exile, now happily moribund, persistently failed to support the resistance, denounced its activities as 'terrorism', and failed to give a true picture of its struggles. Thus, the resistance received not one penny, nor one bullet, from the outside world, for struggle, other than from a minimal group of sympathisers.

The 'Baader Meinhof gang' (as it is contemptuously referred to) has, however, entered a new stage. Just as did the Spanish Anarchist movement at the period which, one can roughly define as the end of its post-war resistance and the beginning of its new wave of struggle, which has become symbolised with the name of Puig Antich. (He, no more than anyone else, was a leader, it just happened that this courageous fighter's name became a symbol).

The press cannot ignore the German resistance because its actions are too widespread. Moreover, as it has called every act of resistance to the state 'the Baader Meinhof gang' and 'the anarchists', it follows that the 'Baader Meinhof gang' and 'the anarchists' are credited with being able to organise and co-ordinate every act of resistance against the state. This is comparable to, say, the IRA being credited with the actions of the Provos, Officials, UDA, IRSP, Welsh and Scottish Nationalists, NF, SWP and Trot groups, and all the libertarian left.



Thus, they cannot even be ignored by the left, and one sees it get its knickers in a twist when it deals with them. It still applies that the general movement is leaderless, one part out of libertarian conviction and because it is moving towards anarchism, another part because that is the only way of guerrilla fighting, and a small part, which the libertarian critics seize on, because being authoritarian, it has involved itself in entanglements with nationalist or foreign government intelligence services, which render its leadership powerless. But still, it is getting a wide range of support, thousands turn out in its defence, if only hundreds are involved in its activities. The tone of the reports/criticisms therefore vary. They must still be 'elitist', 'adventurist' and so on - for how can the would-be leaders of the working class compromise their university careers by claiming they lead something which is hunted by the police? But they cannot resist success, and with relief the left turns to the Nazi background of the capitalist victims. For if one thing is ingrained in what passes for the left today, it is that somehow, as the regimes which lost the world war were Nazi/Fascist, nazism and fascism must therefore be illegal and unconstitutional, and the sooner capitalist governments recognise that fact, and ban its expression, the quicker we shall have a democracy. This is the pathetic remnant of social democratic belief that can still inspire mass demonstrations.

So far as the Spanish movement is concerned, the working class was crushed and could not rise. But it was prepared to accept, admirably, the actions of the post-war resistance. After the final triumph of the Spanish (and world) police, it seemed this was over, a whole generation was ageing, in prison, or had died before the firing squad, on the garrotte, or in the streets. The new wave came along just at that moment, and a new wave of militant activity. This came very often from the student milieu. Unlike the old resistance from the working class, which was overwheled by an overwhelmingly anarcho-syndicalist and whose base was the old CNT, in the student movement the anarchists were only one faction amongst many. Most universities and academic presses today churn out Marxist-Leninism in a type of mass process line, much as they used to turn out theology - sometimes, as in Spain, simultaneously. Moreover, the conspiracy of silence operated against anarchism in Spain, the young generally did not know much about it, and those with the benefits of a university education, nothing whatsoever.

Hence, whereas in Germany the press labelled the whole resistance, libertarian or not, 'anarchist', in Spain they referred to it in terms comprehensible to journalists and acceptable to the police as, originally, 'communist' (until the Communist Party with all its facilities for international publicity put a stop to that) and then 'nationalist' or 'separatist'. This had the same self-generating affect upon nationalism/separatism in Spain as it had upon anarchism in Germany. To quote the classical doublethink of the Times, a commando group calling itself the Meinhof-Antich group was named after a 'German anarchist and a Spanish nationalist'! The fact that anarchism was traditionally strongest in Catalonia (and bitterly opposed to the separatist movement which had created special assault guards to attack the CNT in the days of the republic - Catalan-speaking, naturally - helped along the deception of a rising of nationalism and separatism and the continued non-existence of anarchism,

except as a slang word handy for journalists.

This had its effect upon the left too, in a renewed wave of interest in Spain. The taken over the authoritarian left, launched a myriad false front campaigns outdoing the Communist Party which was dragging around Santiago Carrillo to cash in on a situation which the CP had nothing whatever to do with save print publicity with the advantage of cheap East European labour. The Militant Tendency (sic) raised untold sums (and unaccounted) for the then non-existent UGT (the socialist trade unions) passing off the usual itinerant student as one of its representatives to the usual ill-attended union branch meeting only knowing that 'Spain' ought to get some support against 'fascism' (wasn't that illegal anyway?) Other Trot groups cashed in on the struggle in different ways. "Peace News", in what is also a classic piece of doublethink, said the movement against Franco "was no longer confined to a few priests or students" but actually taken up by the workers, no less!

Suppose now a change in the situation in Germany. It is unlikely, but if - and politics have known stranger changes - the government capitulated to make Germany democratic, the working class realised its strength, and the whole German resistance were somehow legalised, or amnestied, with all its reputation intact, and all the support that has been evident if ill-reported, we would have a parallel with Spain today.

With the death of Franco, the situation changed dramatically and no thanks to Juan Carlos. No dictator can tolerate a strong successor, particularly one who lives to be as old as Franco, for this is the formula for a palace revolt. Yet only Franco held together the unpopular front that made up what is called 'fascism' in Spain but consisted of old-fashioned Army rule, the Church parties, some sections of the capitalist class, the

fascist party proper, and assorted and rival groups of monarchists. If they did not hang together they would hang separately. How to get out of this situation?



ULRIKE MEINHOF - MURDERED IN A GERMAN PRISON

One section of the capitalist class, and potentially the most powerful, which sought links with Europe (and recognised that links with America were inadequate, since America notoriously propped up decaying regimes which ultimately were destined to fall) formed themselves into the Christian Democrats and with an instinct of intelligent preservation formed a united front with the Communist Party for the restoration of democracy, that is to say, the regime which we have in this country which sometimes the Communist Party claims to oppose.

Another section, though supporting the regime, decided it would be safest to have a Portugal situation, where the rabble could run riot for a period, while the army still have power to disperse them with a whiff of grapeshot, and then, hopefully, a return to old authoritarian ways.

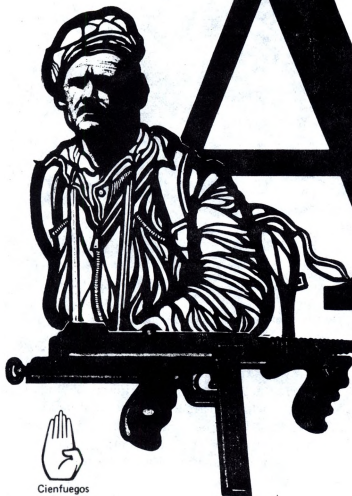
The Church, as an old shrewd operator



# SABATE

guerrilla  
extraordinary

A BOOK  
BY Antonio Tellez



Francisco Sabate in Barcelona with the home-made mortar he used for launching anti-Francoist propaganda, 1955

FOR OTHER BOOKS ABOUT THE  
ANARCHIST RESISTANCE IN

SPAIN, CONTACT CIENFUEGOS BOOKS,

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police can no longer ( and some sections bitterly regret it, this is what the Guerrilleros de Cristo Rey are all about) shoot one in ten and restore order, and so solve all problems.

The CNT has just been 'reborn'. In itself this prevents the government with a challenge. It wanted to "restore" the trade unions. To restore only the UGT with its minority membership and yet ignore the CNT which would remain illegal, would have made the UGT a successor to and the same thing as the fascist syndicates. The CP wanted the fascist syndicates to control and change the Comisiones Obreras into a manoeuvre to sieze them and get leadership. Thousands, perhaps millions, of pounds have gone into the country (God knows where it has gone once there - I wish he would tell me how much of my union dues has gone on the venture to rebuild the unions according to the British method - nobody else will ).

in the repression business, had long since hedged its bets by sending out 'rebel priests' after years of identification with the regime.

Thus the period of limited freedom, constitutional government and so on began. But with each liberty granted everyone siezed more. Nobody is ever grateful to a dictator. If he grants a relaxing of press censorship, everyone attacks him for his past misdeeds ( the Napoleon III syndrome). People have grabbed one degree of freedom after another. The



But, as has been pointed out in Black Flag, this also happens to be the very method of the fascist syndicates which they want to replace. The closed shop, the choice of leaders from one political tendency, the collaboration with the state, the wage freeze, compulsory deduction of dues, elimination of free competition among unions, lack of free collective bargaining and above all, control from the top, are not only our 'democratic heritage' but also Spain's 'fascist heritage'. The subsidies from international trade unionism have gone with the wind, or properly speaking, with the cooling breezes over the Mediterranean.

It is in these circumstances that the CNT has been 'reborn' with the effective support born from years of resistance amongst the working class but also with all that massive and sometimes contradictory mishmash of liberation movements of one sort and another, that make up what is known as the Libertarian Left, all identified with it. The Maoists try to win support by intensifying the type of action more associated with the anarchist movement, reasoning that is how they got their support. The essential difference is that theirs is student and authoritarian and not working class and libertarian. They are trying to outdo the anarchists in the type of competition sometimes seen in Ulster between the Provos and the Stickies.



PUIG ANTICH - GAROTTED IN SPAIN.

The international press has deigned to notice the existence of the libertarian movement - one can even find references to 'an anarchist trade union organisation' which did this or that (as if there were dozens! - as if it did not have a proper name). Even the Left has noticed it, though for the most part it has fallen back frantically trying not to notice it (and quoting.... guess who? Felix Morrow).

## Workers of the World Unite ORGANIZE

If the German movement were (in the unlikely event stipulated earlier) able to emerge openly, either it would conform to the authoritarian and parliamentarian state or it would have to renew fighting at some time. This applies equally in Spain, indeed moreso. The CNT only grew in the first place because the State could not or anyway did not, tolerate parliamentary socialism and trade unionism; by the time it realised its mistake, and encouraged and subsidised parliamentarian socialism and orthodox trade unionism (in the Primo De Rivera dictatorship) the fatal ideas of freedom had been planted in the Spanish working class. And freedom is not an exotic plant that grows in the hothouse of parliamentary democracy, it is a hardy annual that grows only in the wilderness and thrives under continuous oppression - though extreme oppression does eventually kill it off. The instinct in the Spanish workers is to resist. Toleration by the State is a luxury to them. What is happening now is that the workers may find the renewed strength to resist. When they do they will link together in fighting organisations based on the places of work. Because of the traditions of the CNT this is likely to be the CNT whose name is as evocative of militant working class struggle whatever organisation happens to be going at the moment, as the name of the IRA is evocative of national struggle in Ireland, however many different organisations happen to be running it.



Berlin policeman in anti-terrorist "armour"

It cannot be said that everyone who now supports the CNT in Spain is in agreement. Some disagree with syndicalism others want to transform it into a communal rights movement, an amorphous left body like the 'libertarian left' in other countries, while yet others want to take it into more orthodox paths of trade unionism than syndicalism. I think these events will fail as will those who want to enter it and capture it for political parties, as do at least one brand of trots, or at least if they do succeed, there will be another CNT carrying out its traditional role.

There will certainly be modifications to that traditional role (though indeed they are developments of already existing tendencies) such as the greater realisation of the struggles, above all of the women's movement, the new realisation of ecological struggles, community organisations and so on. It merits support from abroad. But the essential thing to note is that though conditions are different, there is nothing now being achieved in Spain that could not be achieved here given the will to break out of this libertarian left politics that surrounds the idea of anarchism like a cocoon, and get it over where it belongs.

Albert Meltzer.

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#### NOTE:

For the years 1943-52, official Spanish statistics state...  
 guerillas killed.....2,166.  
 captured or surrendered.....3,382.  
 arrested for alleged conspiracy  
 or connections.....19,407.

Little or no mention has ever been made to this resistance, inside or outside Spain.



RIGHT - THE AUTHOR, LURKING BEHIND A MAN WHO SPENT 20 YRS INSIDE FRANCO'S PRISONS - MIGUEL GARCIA.

# A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE

A suggestion sparked off by your article on Police Tactics (Anarchy 23), especially the line 'give the bastards a real hard time),

The trouble with the main methods of resistance/class struggle used against the system up to now i.e. strikes, industrial action and urban guerrilla warfare is that they involve taking on the system where it is strong and we are weak. that is in money and firepower.

It is true for instance that armed force is essential to the system to defend property, but it only represents active defence.

Any system, whether a socio-economic system or a military system, that is subject to attack from other forces also needs passive defences at its most vulnerable points.

In the military sense this principle is represented by such things as minefields, barrage balloons, anti-torpedo nets all designed to exclude an enemy or his weapons from something vulnerable or valuable. In the socio-economic sense it is represented simply by locks.

Locks are as essential to the preservation of property, privilege and power as are police and armed forces. They allow the owners of a building, vehicle or anything else to deny its use to others while retaining free access to it themselves.

The art of subversion consists not of meeting the enemys weapons head on, but of turning their own weapons against them.

Therefore I suggest that in future a useful tactic in campaigns or disputes would be to block up locks with some suitable material eg. Holts Metal Filler (Advert.) This would have the advantage of causing considerable disruption to the system at little cost and risk to ourselves.

Suitable targets are many and varied according to the type of campaign being carried out. For instance for a campaign on behalf of prisoners abroad, airline or tourist offices of the country concerned, for squatters campaigning against repressive legislation it might be estate agents, building society offices, or council buildings. An important target for any purpose might be banks. In all cases some form of written propaganda should be left at the scene in the form of stickers or graffiti, with a slogan or message giving the reason for the action.

Such tactics on a mass scale could be countered only at great difficulty and expense if at all. It would require surveillance of vast numbers of streets and roads requiring tens of thousands of police or security guards.

More important than the actual disruption caused by this type of action, I think would be the psychological effect both on the participants and the establishment. It might well demoralise police, bosses, bureaucrats, politicians and authoritarians generally and at the same time encourage those who are now dejected by feelings of powerlessness that they can, even as a single individual, hit back against the system and hit hard!

This type of tactic could of course well be used by others as well as anarchists, even by those who we might not agree with. However in essence it is an anarchist practice because it attacks the very foundations of the state and property, almost everyone can participate in it regardless of age, sex or anything else, and it cannot be channelled, controlled or manipulated by 'Leaders'.

F.X. McGinsberg.

# WORK AND NON-WORK

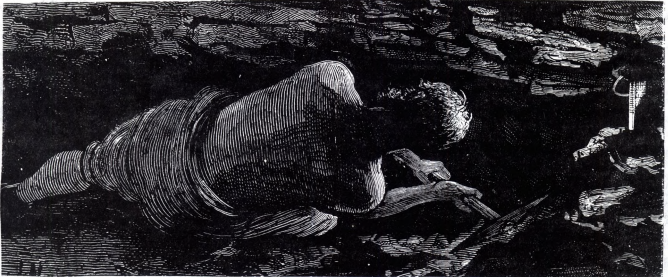
This is not intended to be a definitive essay on the subject (I wouldn't dare do it), but rather an attempt to clarify my own thoughts on it.

When I was asked if I could provide an article for Anarchy I was very dubious, but subsequent thought around the subject of "useful employment" has jolted me into the belief that it is something worth writing about from an anarchist viewpoint.

I think I dare say a lot, if not most, anarchists despise Trade Unions for what they are (in essence an illusion of freedom given graciously by the ruling class to the workers), but that anarchists also recognise that for most workers a Trade Union is the only way they can conceive of obtaining any approximation to a fair deal. What so many workers fail to realise is that they, and they alone, are, at times of dispute with management, in an excellent position to change drastically the entire future of their working lives... workers' control - Isn't that a magic little phrase? Actually it is, 'cos what they don't realise is that it would, can and does work. The Big Difference is that it works FOR them since they control their own affairs. To anarchists with any insight, this is the ideal and ultimate solution.

However, given that this state of affairs does not exist presently in this country, and also that it requires an almost gargantuan effort to bring it about in totality, what is the standpoint of serious anarchists when it comes to solidarity with workers in struggle?

Should anarchists support the Grunwick dispute or the Trico dispute, or any other dispute involving workers and unions? I do not believe it is possible to give a straightforward yes or no answer to that question, in as much as the nature of the work in question must be taken into account. For example (a hideously obvious one) I do not think any anarchists would support in any way a dispute between government and police on, say, wage negotiations, even if the police were affiliated into the TUC. In the same way I, for one, would not consider supporting doctors (let alone consultants) in any negotiations or strike action they may care to take - in that even these 'angels of the NHS' are another face of the state's ubiquitous scheming, they use people - but in the same breath, he said breathlessly, I would wholeheartedly support hospital porters, auxiliary staff and/or nurses in their struggles.



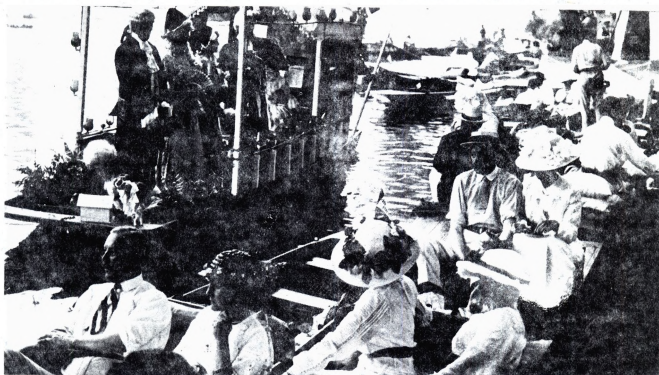
WORKER - MINING SEAM DURING INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION LAST CENTURY.



I suppose that in essence, there exist two (at least) types of worker and for ease of understanding (mine) I will call them 'real workers' and 'imaginary workers'. Dock workers are real workers in every sense of the word - they perform a task which not only involves extreme physical exertion, but which can also be labelled 'useful'. Useful that is, in that it supplies the people who matter with their daily bananas etc. In as much as they perhaps handle as a matter of course, crates of secret nuclear odds and sods or devious electronic gadgets for nefarious purposes, their work is not useful. Naturally all work will provide profit for the scum ruling class and from this angle, no work is useful. That, I feel, is an irrelevant pink pilchard. Nevertheless, dockers ARE 'real workers'.

don't want or even need in their most mundane imaginings. All sorts of bums that shit all over everywhere except themselves. Why are they 'imaginary workers'? Because if you or I or even they were to stop and think about it, they do nothing of any use to anyone without exploiting them. It is dubious even if what they do can be called work at all. True they work at conning us, but that is something else.

Now there does exist a twilight area, in that most forms of 'real work' actually entail some aspect of useless work... think of all the useless items that a postman has to deliver, or, the example of the dock workers mentioned previously. Just think about all the totally useless calls that have to be handled by a telephonist. From a slightly different angle now, consider car



NON-WORKERS (THE REAL PARASITES) HENLY REGATTA - TURN OF CENTURY.

What then, are imaginary workers? They are all sorts of shits - some obvious, some less so. The list is, in all likelihood, endless, but it includes police, government employees in general (not in totality), armed forces, shrinks, skunk lawyers/solicitors, judges and probably juries (for the extent of their service on it), doctors and consultants, the whole shoddy array of little men, who rip off the people with gear they

workers.. busily engaged in atrocious conditions producing sleek, black limousines for huge multi million pound international companies, not to mention the local mayor.

I mention this twilight area out of a sense of completeness of argument only, in that I feel still that the fundamental concern to anarchists should be an awareness of whether a person (or group of persons) is

'really' or 'imaginarily' employed.

My own conclusions are..

- 1) There are those employed in 'real work'.
- 2) There are others employed in 'imaginary work'.
- 3) 'Real work' is not necessarily useful in its totality.
- 4) The support of anarchists should always be directed towards the 'real workers'.
- (Regardless of 3 above).
- 5) Anarchists must work towards the elimination of 2 above.

GC.

## POLICE — IT'S HOTTING UP. Police strike

Until a few months ago, if you were the few individuals who bother to read the left press, you would have been subjected to mind-boggling attempts to seduce dissident sections of the police force, 'workers in blue'. The reason this shady endeavour took place (apart from the left's romantic authoritarianism - we all know the uses to which the left puts the police and its apparatus after they have seized power) was the rake-off that could benefit the left, a 'base' in the state security forces. The 'rank and file' police were becoming disaffected, over their low pay and long hours. Industrial action, strikes even were being proposed. The states 'company union' the Police Federation had to jump on the bandwagon so as not to be outdistanced, and make militant noises. The government were becoming seriously alarmed... however, the threat has receded as soon as the first mass picket took place at Grunwick - why?

### Closing ranks

The key to this question lies at the recent events at Grunwicks, Lewisham, Ladywood and Notting Hill. We must examine the REAL role of the police, how it affects us, our reaction to it. (See article in Anarchy no. 23 by ES, most of which I agree with.) Personnel recruited into the lower

ranks of the armed forces usually come from the most brutalised sections of the working class, while the police recruit from, in general, the more alienated sections of the lower middle class.

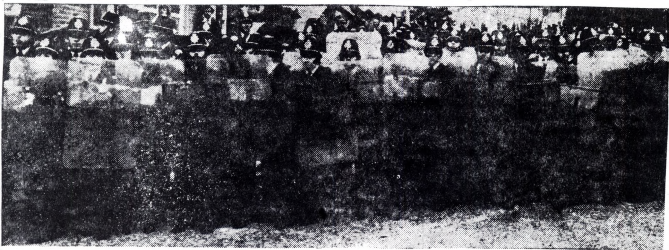


LEWISHAM - RIOT SHIELDS FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME.

These police recruits, apart from possessing the same sort of psychological traits (authoritarian, repressed in various degrees and personal peculiarities) usually have some sort of rudimentary education, and when they join, training which enables them to grasp the elementary tasks needed for the 'job'. As for this 'workers in blue' garbage, it's safe to say that NOT ONE cop has been attracted by the leftish rhetoric, how ironic, that the same lefties who peddled this rubbish were among the first victims of this lie, at the picket lines of Grunwick. I think that perhaps the reason the much vaunted 'militancy' of the police pay claims has evaporated into thin air is because of the role they take in this society - a society which is in the throes of an immense crisis, a crisis that even to the 'experts' there seems no ending to - has forced them into physical confrontation with some of the dissatisfied sections of

the population that are showing signs of restlessness (to say the least). In the ensuing battles, the police have CLOSED RANKS, which they would tend to do, coming under attack, and in the jaded 'excitement' of handling the new anti-riot equipment, all class pretensions have vanished. The ferocity of recent events has had the result of thinning police ranks, there is a small trickle of resignations while recruitment has almost dried up. This can only create serious trouble for the state, both in the long and the short run. The Special Patrol Group (they're the ones with CO on their shoulders, and with the strange wireless strapped on their shoulders) is the

and how we even looked forward to them. The media reacted in the usual sickening way, labelling the street-fighters as 'savages', 'extremists' and even 'fascists'. Because the media is unable to interpret events except in terms of looking for leaders and sinister plots, rather than grappling with a more cohesive analysis and understanding of the situation, certain left-wing groups, like the SWP get the blame - or glory, it all depends on the way you look at it. But anyone who was at, say, Lewisham might tell a different story. The reactions to these happenings have been interesting. Predictable reactions from Tory spokespeople, like the hideous Rhodes



**BIRMINGHAM, 2 DAYS LATER: POLICE USING ARMY SHIELDS AGAINST LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS.**

nearest the state in this country possesses to an anti riot squad. What we can look forward to - if that's the way to express it- in the near future, at the very least, is the extension of this elite group, in numbers and equipment. It's not well known but all SPG vans contain three forms of fire-arm, a pistol, shotgun and submachine gun, I think. Although politicians deny it, if events carry on like they are, the state will set up a genuine anti-riot squad. And of course it won't be long before CS gas comes rolling down the street, along with bouncing and whizzing rubber bullets and jets of water and dye from water-cannon.

## Recent events

I would like to say a few words about these recent events, with which the world is now familiar. Readers of Anarchy will remember how we predicted recent events,

Boyson MP, who said on tv that he would like to see rioters get life imprisonment. All that would happen would be a massive escalation, for if faced with life, what would people have to lose, when they went out onto the streets? Punitive action like this will have a 'snowballing' effect. The state, the political parties, the media, gentle bishops, are all screaming for more and more repression, but with the crisis deepening, unemployment soaring to two million or more, with fascist groups becoming more and more daring, and with soon perhaps a substantial section of the population moving into action, the future hardly looks quiet. While we can expect nothing but rabid calls for repression and 'punishment' of the harsher varieties from our rulers and potential rulers, what about ourselves?



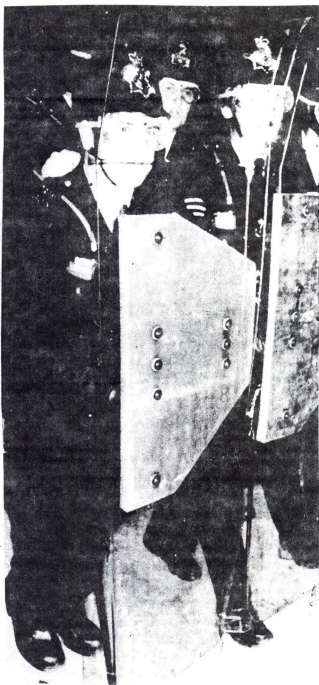
## Reactions

How do we react to the situation? Well if nothing else, it's brought a hell of a lot of us together and out onto the streets, fighting both fascists and the state. NOW is the time to start putting ourselves over as an organised physical and political presence. Some comrades however, don't see it that way at all, with some of them putting in sly ones, using language akin to the media, and like the media, unable to understand the situation, except in the most limited way. Whenever things start stirring up, these characters, instead of approving the actions of our livelier comrades, sit back and roll out ritual denunciations. They cannot see things changing, events happening, except as impassive observers, something like the 'impartial' journalists, bewailing the violence on ALL sides, and from the tone of some of the letters in Freedom it appears that a form of racism is creeping in (see for example Sept. 1st '77 issue). Although some of these analyses do contain some gems of truth it's the overall attitude that counts. Some of the arguments that are being trundled out are ridiculous, like for instance, that the attack on the police and NF that took place at Deptford, was offensive to the good people of the area. But this is ignoring the fact that Deptford is a well known NF stronghold, ignoring the 'police nigger hunt' that took place long before the riots, ignoring the unreported NF attack on the 'Lewisham 24' demo, where about 50 bottle and acid bomb throwing frontiers were arrested. Again, there is little or no analysis.

## Popular Front

Our incredible shrinking left, although they have tried to take advantage of the situation, have failed dismally to gain any advantage (except perhaps for the SWP). Some of our comrades seem to think that by joining the fight against the fascists, that we are joining the left, and are saying things about 'Popular Frontism'. This is not Spain in 1936, we are in a situation 100% different. (Anyway, it is interesting to think about what some of these people would have said and done in Spain 1936 - and how they behave towards our comrades who do anything tasty). We have no intent-

ions whatsoever in joining a 'popular front', which would consist of people who, in different circumstances would be our oppressors and the oppressors of the working class. We just turn up, and fight and do things on our own terms. Many of us would have been at Lewisham, whether the SWP or the left were there or not.



INTO THE FUTURE - S.P.G. AT NOTTING HILL

## They are ready- Are we?

Some liberals, Trots and Anarchists say that all this conflict does nothing but play

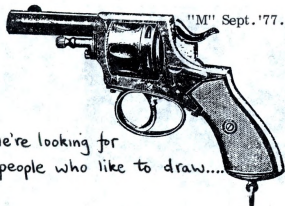


into the hands of the state. This is nonsense. Anarchists as enemies of the state, should understand the nature of the state. The police have been training for years, if the shields had not been brought out at Lewisham, we would have seen them at football matches sooner or later. The state knows in advance that with the situation as it is, open conflict is liable to break out at any time. They are ready. Are we?

Fighting the front doesn't mean by the way, more support for them - as I have said, in previous articles, to gain REAL success, they have to be able to hold the streets. They cannot so far do this, BECAUSE of things like Lewisham and Ladywood. Since Lewisham there has been a spate of petrol bomb attacks on left wing bookshops, what many people don't seem to realise is that this was going on BEFORE that day. The lefties who are bearing the brunt of these attacks, are, at the moment it seems, unable to devise likewise tactics. It doesn't have to be spelt out to them does it? Perhaps it does. For years and years the people at Freedom have been churning out the same old stuff Result, nil. Now we are in the streets, we are picking up support, forming most of the new groups, starting new papers, getting support from the young. Perhaps at last we're on our way.

Finally I would like to suggest these points..

- 1) Support our comrades on the streets.
- 2) Support any comrades done by the police.
- 3) Have more debate among ourselves and be aware of what we are fighting for - and against.
- 4) Be ready for an 'Italian' situation.  
and
- 5) Devise tactics to meet the situation.



## GRAFFITI RULES O.K.

The spectacular-commodity society of western culture (currently attempting to inflict its ideology upon the rest of the world) is bankrupt.. alienation, boredom, contempt are everywhere among all ranks of producers and among the intelligentsia. Many people cannot quite pinpoint the cause of their disquiet, many more are quite aware of what's going on but are unable to articulate their protest against a repressive society of family, school, cops, church and state which attempts to stamp out autonomy, which potentially structures life from the cradle to the grave. One very prominent sector of disquieted producers is the young urban proletariat, the protest which these people make is often violent, irrational, destructive. Motor cycle gangs, thugs, punk-rockers, football 'hooligans', and the various groups of vandals who commit 'drunken deeds of violence' are among the products of society in this mass of people.

The only area of relative freedom for the young urban proletarian is in the streets, where s/he is forced by the oppression of the state (even if s/he is only vaguely aware of it) to hit back at the visible representations of property and its corollary bureaucratic control - buildings. Whether the building is private or public should, if the 'orthodox' interpretation were true, make no difference whatsoever to the vandal. What is actually seen is remarkably different, private homes are in general (though obviously with some exceptions) left alone by the wrecker and graffitist. The majority of graffiti, which strikes me as the most important aspect of youth 'vandalism', is done on public buildings - on the sides of shopping precincts, council estates, subways, schools, bus stations and so on. Graffiti represents a pure rebellion against the spectacular-commodity society, against social restriction. Why 'pure'? Because it is unclouded with theory, because it is a gut-reaction on the part of the oppressed sector of the



community. The society of denial merely provokes the denial of society.

As well as 'hitting back', in a purely reflex and unreflecting manner, the graffiti artist is expressing and reinforcing her/his own individuality, in doing something which is against accepted codes of conduct, is destructive of property, is in full view of passers-by, and which manifests to the world uncompromisingly her/his own feelings, 'gang-name', preferences or affiliations. S/he may only think s/he is 'getting one back' on parents or teachers or the cops, but objectively s/he is striking out at the entire spectacle of modern life.

Graffiti is an expression of the 'counter culture' (of which anarchy is the banner) just as drugtaking, rock music and so on are, it is a protest, and those who label it 'childish' (ie most of the counter-cultural elitist jerks) are talking through the backs of their necks. What does 'adult' mean but repressed, acquiescent, docile, willing to uphold the status quo and eat bureaucrats shit? Graffiti is destructive, illegal, anti-social and above all, it is in extremely Bad Taste. There is nothing conciliatory about a name or slogan sprayed in garish paint three foot high across the side of a building. It is uncompromisingly iconoclastic, rebellious and UGLY,

it despoils the products of a life-denying system of controls.

Perhaps the streets are becoming the urban youth's art-gallery, s/he is excluded from 'art', told that it is cultural etc., shown it behind glass cases, so s/he feels it to be totally unrelated to them - as in fact it is. It is a product of a bourgeois ideology and a financial-cultural elite to whom the working class kid is about as significant as a turd in the gutter. 'Art' has been moribund in society for a long time, hopefully it will soon be quite dead, one more shattered idol along the road to liberation. Participation in the creation of this illegal urban art-gallery is in itself a step towards realising a free society, every criminal act aimed at state or capitalist property is objectively a revolutionary act, and dislodges one more brick from the wall of ideology built up inside each of us by our upbringing. All that is needed is to make the urban youth's revolutionary aims known to her or him, to furnish them with a rationale for their rebellion, in this way, each delinquent is objectively a future revolutionary. The more the merrier. A few slogans won't dislodge a system - but today's graffitiist COULD be tomorrow's militant. The revolution will be delinquent or NOT AT ALL.

RC Horne.



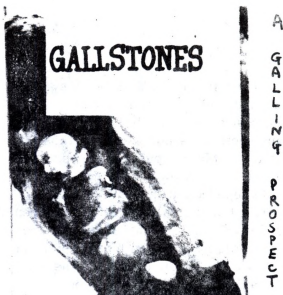
# NUTS TO THE E.G.A.

Since the NHS 'cuts' several hospitals have been faced with closure. But London hospitals have been under threat for several years now, with both cuts in services and the 'rationalisation of hospitals' - closing down small local ones and building huge isolated modern abattoirs instead.

Because of this there have been petitions, pickets, work-ins and the like, and the two I most remember are local to me - the Royal Free Hospital, moved from Islington to Hampstead (note the subtle class change there) and the proposed closure of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital for Women, and its amalgamation into another hospital at the other end of the borough.

There was a petition to keep the RF open and there have been pickets and lots of news etc. about the EGA, with the women's movement picking it up as a cause. I have done absolutely nothing to 'save' either of these hospitals - and I have been asked to join in - but this is not through laziness or lack of time even, but because of a definite failure by everyone concerned to see the situation clearly.

I cannot fight to keep open something that upholds the tyranny of doctors against patients. But nowhere in these campaigns is there mention of changing the hierarchical structure of hospitals, that both oppresses those that do most of the work and also the PATIENTS. Until we have a bit of patient power I personally don't mind hospitals closing down - I see them as slaughter houses for us mugs.

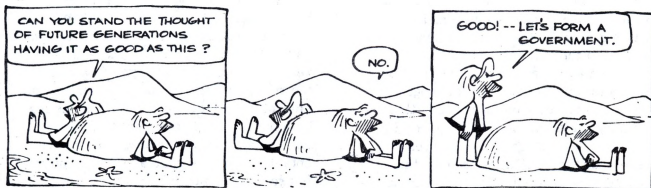


I do not write this from a back seat, I have been a patient at both hospitals and have experienced the threats of doctors working there. Not only was there attitude towards me hostile and superior, but the medical treatment I received was not good and sometimes even harmful.

If we are to SURVIVE we have to wise up on handing our bodies over to the enemy. Yes, we do need local hospitals, but if we're going to all the trouble to keep them open why not take it one step further and have some CONTROL over that situation? Why should we fight for a consultant to keep his/her £10-20,000 a year AND their control over us.

That basically is why I have not put my name to a petition or stood on the picket line - and also why I had my second child in the comfort, security and safety of my own bedroom.

Charlotte Baggins



# EUTHANASIA

Euthanasia - defined as 'an easy death, death induced by painless means' - is a consumation devoutly to be wished by many sections of our society.. those with incurable and painful illnesses, the old who have no wish to dwindle into senile dependency, parents of badly deformed or mentally deficient children etc. etc. Of all personal liberties, the right to die must be the most basic, yet, for those physically capable of the act, suicide is the only legal form of euthanasia. Anyone presuming to help a potential suicide, even though specifically asked by them, is liable to a charge of manslaughter, even though the 'help' consists of no more than supplying the requisite number of sleeping tablets.

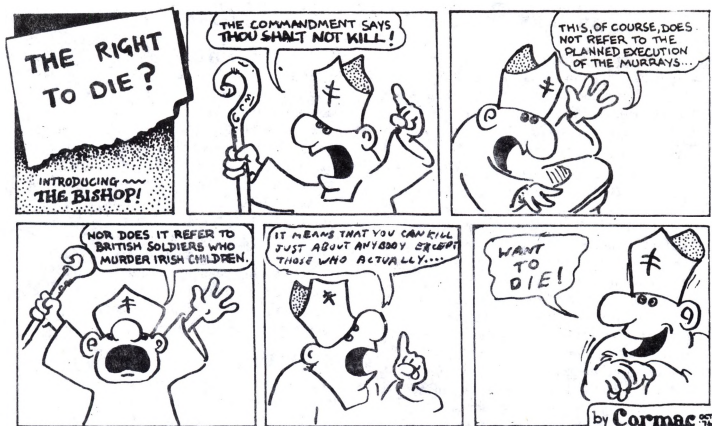
In the case of the mortally ill, often physically incapable of suicide, it is positively sadistic to refuse euthanasia. Nor should the decision be left in the incapable hands of the doctors - the patients themselves, or at least their friends/friends/relations should be the only ones to make such a decision. To a doctor, the spectacle of someone dying painfully of, say, cancer or multiple sclerosis merely suggests an opportunity for trying out some new form of 'cure'. Other wise their solution to painful and inevitable death is to use drugs to prolong life for as long as possible, reducing the victim - sorry, patient - to the level of a drug addicted vegetable. True, they are not entirely to blame for this course of action, since both their Hippocratic (hippocratic) Oath and the laws of Britain forbid the use of euthanasia - and back-up this dictum by the threat of banishment from the profession and imprisonment. However, a determined effort by the medical profession could change both oath and law - but of course, this would hardly be in their own financial interests. It would free more urgently needed hospital facilities, reduce the doctors workload - and incidentally, put



an end to the misery of both patients and their friends and relations who must watch them suffering hopelessly.

In the matter of physically or mentally subnormal children the decision of when euthanasia would be acceptable is, initially, more difficult. As a general rule, I should be inclined to kill the mentally deficient - mongols, etc. - at birth, since they will never realise any potential for society. The burden of being a parent is not easy, even with normal, healthy children - the thought of having to care for a child who will never reach above the mental age of four for the rest of its life, is horrific. It amounts to a forty year jail sentence for both parents. Nor is committing the child to an institution an any more acceptable solution - such a child has no future, and can only be an emotional





burden on all concerned. If the parents choose to undertake such a responsibility fine - but euthanasia should be a freely available alternative. Physical disability in children, except in extreme cases, can often be overcome to a great extent. Thus, the child has potential, and should be brought up until it is old enough to decide for itself whether euthanasia is preferable to an abnormal mode of life. However since the parents must cope with the physically deformed child, theirs should be the initial decision.

As for the old, why should they be forced to sink into senile dependency, living out useless, pathetic existences in 'Senior Citizen's Homes', or becoming an unwanted burden on their families. For such people, suicide is by no means an easy or acceptable solution - society

pressures the old into existing (living is ~~too~~ active a term) until the bitter end, and suicide is regarded as something shameful. Voluntary euthanasia would provide a far more dignified end, a socially acceptable termination of life.

Our present society/government is far too concerned with protecting the individual from themselves, rather than protecting their individuality and their right, as an intelligent being, to run their own life - and end it when they wish. There should be some provision for providing people with an easy, dignified death - instead of which they are kept alive against their wishes by the law and its medical minions. We have, for our sins, the National Health - now how about the National Death?

Kris Collier.

This article is obviously controversial and, like with all the stuff in the magazine, we'd like to receive your opinions, replies and experiences. We want to hear all points of view.

# NEWS FROM DENMARK

I've just spent a week in Copenhagen, and it's interesting what you can learn about your home country from travelling abroad. I'd just like to share a few experiences with you.

## The old story

One first thing is that, in general, the ordinary people of Denmark have managed to get themselves a little better off than us materially with a similar history of Social Democracy. Early this century the anarcho-syndicalist influenced workers movement was taken over by reformist Trade Unionism, but the legacy of the revolutionary ideals and actions is still there, coming out in many different ways. The workers there, although without the same deep class-consciousness of the british working-class, are amazed at our lack of response in the face of the present attack on us. Over there, like here, the rulers have been claiming their dire poverty lately (tears all round), and of course it's all the fault of greedy wage increases not in the National Interest, and all the benefits which the good-natured Government 'give away' - like hospitals, education etc. So an attack on peoples' standard of living has begun, unemployment, wage-freeze and social amenities cuts.

## A fight back

Recently they've tried to close a community nursery which led to a successful occupation by local people and barricades in the streets against police. This fight continues, and the working-class are willing to fight, with much recent activity amongst postal, brewery and print-workers. Threatened with redundancy, 100 print-workers occupied their office and after 141 days won all their demands. Gradually a 24 hour mass picket grew up until 10 000 people occupied the narrow surrounding streets every day creating a festival atmosphere which the police could not and dare not break.

## Myths

Over here, we're always being told to work harder, not strike to obey authority etc. with the magic words "look at West Germany" implying we'd all be better off and happier. The Danish State also uses these magic words as a wand to keep its power over people, but meaning the opposite. They hold West Germany up as a totalitarian shithole that Denmark will become if the workers try to confront the Government. And the workers understand the growing fascism of Model Germany, remembering the Nazi occupation during the war (the rulers of course collab-



ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH DENMARK - Thanks to Harry, S.London.

orated). It's a bit like "Vote for us. Labour or Tories will get in".

I took part in a major demonstration against the EEC(they were brainwashed into voting 'yes' like us) of about 15,000 people. It was too nationalistic for my liking but most of the working-class, including anarchists, feel very strongly anti-EEC, especially the West German rulers influence.

Incidentally, on the May Day demo earlier this year, the anarchists were physically attacked by Communist Party 'people'. Maybe they should re-read their history - May Day began in solidarity with the 8 Chicago anarchist workers murdered by the State in 1886.



## Anarchy in DK

Turning now to the anarchist movement, there seems to be a very similar situation as here - a great deal of anarchistic action and ideas in the community, workplaces, amongst women, amongst young people against the materialistic and competitive lifestyles and a large ecological and alternative movement(best seen in the 6 years occupation by 1 000 people of an old army base in the middle of Copenhagen - 'Free Town Christiania').

But anarchism, surely the expression of these peoples' desires is still only a small organised influence, whereas all the old Marxist or liberal crap is to be found everywhere, trying to control, smash or confuse people. In my opinion, anarchism is not a dogma. It is the self-organisation of people resisting oppression and the extension of this into a new world from the ruins of the present one. It is our responsibility to contact and work with people in struggle so that they can learn the lessons and mistakes of the past, i.e. all resistance not taking anarchist form will be controlled or crushed. A non-anar-

chist society won't be worth living in except to overthrow.

Anarchists both here and in Denmark find it hard to be a consistent presence in the many fields of struggle. and at the moment 95% of the 120 or so in the Copenhagen federation have been in it for less than a year. I know that I, myself, had a very immature understanding of what made the world tick and what anarchism was for the first couple of years in the movement. (You've only got to read this to see how far I've still got to go to get my Ph. D. in Anarchy).

But the future looks healthy, and the comrades I met, determined and imaginative.

Anyone passing through can contact the bookshop.

18 Studiestraede, Copenhagen.

Lastly a couple of disturbing things which maybe show the enormity of our task. In many european countries the State has managed to control pedestrians, like cars, with traffic lights. with the threat of arrest for crossing a road against a red light. Many people of course say "Fuck that" (in Danish), but most obey like sheep. Even in the middle of the night on a deserted road you can find someone patiently waiting for the green light to cross. Give 'em a few years and they'll be using hand signals to walk round a corner. Lastly, I expected to see thousands of kids scouring the pavements and gutters holding and throwing bricks, planks and coke-cans, and hanging around in 2's and 3's in every doorway - but no. Why not? Because, despite hundreds of horse chesnut trees all over the city, no-one plays conkers. I ask you, what sort of kids are they? Maybe this is the first priority for the Danish anarchists....skewers and string all round folks.

E.S.

# LETTERS

Dear Comrades,

I wanted to acknowledge receipt of 3 issues of "Anarchy". Delved right into the one that contained the article I had initially requested called "Children are a Revolutionary Force". Thoroughly enjoyed the whole magazine but particularly that article since I think it's obvious - far too little thought or interest is given to children who are a wonderful reminder of all our natural creative instincts and whose presence must be looked at as more than bodies to be taken care of. Too many progressives (if they acknowledge childrens' presence as a force in our lives at all) just want to solve the 'problem' of what we're gonna do with 'em when we're involved in the work of creating a new world. Children will be the new world - whatever we share with them or pass on to them and whatever they create. How can we ignore them and their place in all of our lives? So all this is really my way of saying I appreciate the magazine and thank you for getting them to me. I may be going out to court soon but when my situation/address get settled I'll let you know so I can receive your publication regularly.

In solidarity and with warm regards,

Emily Harris, 11842  
PTU 95B, Frontera, Calif.  
U.S.A



Dear Anarchy..

I strongly object to some of the content of Anarchy No. 22. particularly the two articles giving support to the I.R.A.-I will deal with them point by point.

A) Perspectives for Imperialism in N. Ireland.

1) "The British government sent troop reinforcements not as they said to protect the citizenry, rather their main preoccupation was to preserve capitalist stability in Ireland".

Even if Britain pulled out her troops, the British investment in industry in N. Ireland, such as it is, would remain British. so this statement I have quoted is rubbish.

2) The I R A. had nothing to do with the civil rights movement but merely jumped on the bandwagon and prosecuted Catholic Nationalism. Their complex is the domination of the Catholic priesthood and the vast hold of the Papal Theocracy over large parts of the world. And the tragedy is that their Virgin Mary mother-figures back in S. Ireland recruit young men for the so-called "guerilla war".

3) "an independant Ulster would not be acceptable to the Republican Movement whose centuries-old struggle must continue"

Why? Republicanism means nothing -e.g. Nazi Germany U.S.S.R, Uganda. U.S.A. are or were all republican, yetsome are mildly democratic and others are outright fascist(Eire, for instance?)

4) "In the present capitalist recession.... many firms (in N. Ireland) which were subsidiaries of British industries have been forced to close".

So what's all this about troops in to protect British investment if it's redundant and non-productive anyway?

5) "this starvation of investment (in N. Ireland)....goes deeper than simply economic recession. It reflects as well the concern of capitalists at the political instability which could threaten any investments they might make".

So in fact, the activities of the I.R.A. and re-action of the U.V.F. has been counter-productive to employment prospects. This the author of the article states himself.



B) "Up the Provos. The Fight Goes On."

1) "The I.R.S.P. has spiralled up its own arsehole despite having some genuine social revolutionaries in it."

This reactionary and sexist remark is objectionable to me as I am a homosexual.

2) There must be no "critical" support or alternative for terrorist thugs who bomb and maim anyone irrespective whether they are Catholics or Protestants. They have no theory but Catholic Nationalism or fascist ultra-Protestantism.

3) Anarchists of the ultra-left must oppose the terrorists not only because of their murderous activities but also because we must get the support of the army and the police if we are to successfully change our society to a more fully democratic, libertarian one. These people think too. This is crucial if we are to have a libertarian revolution and not a Nazi one. \*

Yours

Ron Clerk, Aberdeen.

\* Typists note: disagree with you here, Ron. Liked the letter, tho'.



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Keep trying!

## BEWARE ! ANARCHISTS AT WORK !

A group of working anarchists has come together in the London area, and are at present meeting every 2 wks. There seems to be a pressing need for workers to organise autonomously in these islands, separate from all parties and unions. As a member of this group I feel we have some major responsibilities...i.e.

### A. TO ENCOURAGE AND STRENGTHEN THE SOLIDARITY BETWEEN WORKERS.

Most independent militants are isolated and would benefit a lot from being in close contact with each other. At present it's either a matter of chance, or join a left party and spend 90% of your time building up an elitist, authoritarian machine which controls you, thinks for you, and creates stupid sectarian divisions amongst workers.

The people in the group have the chance to learn from and help each other, to be more effective at work, and to extend their solidarity as a group to other workers—whether individuals, or groups taking action (strikes, occupations etc.). This solidarity is voluntary but unconditional.

### B. TO WORK OUT WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING TO US? AS GROUPS OF WORKERS AND AS A CLASS.

By sharing experiences and ideas, we will get a good feel of the crap which surrounds us—Employers, Unions, Government, Media, left Parties (and Right as well) and the blatant or subtle methods they use to try and keep us under control.

### C. TO WORK OUT WHAT TO DO TO RID OURSELVES OF ALL RULERS, AND GAIN CONTROL OF OUR WORKING LIVES.

We have to use the methods of resistance which are successful, flexible and under our control, starting from what's being used at the moment—absenteeism, sabotage, occupations, strikes....how useful can these be? What else can we do?

Many of us are disillusioned with the whole fucking mess we're in, and bitter too. But when we fight back effectively, we will gain confidence in our strength, and hope. Despair and helplessness are lousy things for they open the door to apathy, or even fascism. Anarchism can be a tool for us to understand and change our situation.

#### D. TO WORK OUT HOW ALL WORK CAN AND WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE.

Let's thrash out some answers to the many questions we have in our minds about workers' control, committees, relationship to the rest of the community, money, technology, hours of work etc. A big problem is that people are afraid of change, even of freedom itself, if they can't see some glimpse of it first. Russia, China, Cuba etc. are enough to turn you to Alcoholism. When there are as many Anarchist clubs and groups as there are pubs we shall see some improvement—"Read up please-no Anarchy after hours!"

What could it be like?

#### E. TO ENCOURAGE SIMILAR

##### AUTONOMOUS GROUPS.

Let them spring up in every area of the land and every field of work. Autonomy means what it says—no allegiance to any Party, Union or dogma—even Anarchism. The common thread must be the desire for mutual aid and solidarity, and for the establishing of direct workers' control in each and every workplace.

Each group must be ANTI-Party if it is to survive the usual attempts at infiltration, take-over and manipulation.

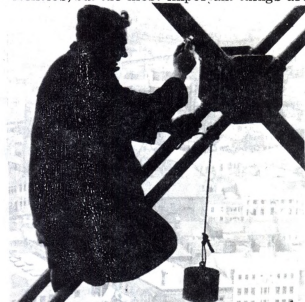
However the people in the group may decide to work alongside any other people they wish but will NEVER compromise their independence. We're not sheep, morons or robots, and we don't follow leaders or party lines.

The group should not compete with Left groups—the working-class is not a supermarket—but attempt to attract and inspire fellow-workers by example.

It should be an informal group, decisions made through consensus if possible, voting if necessary. Rather than have a specific policy, the group should be a ferment of radical ideas.

Respect amongst each other is vital. And of course we extend our hand to other groups of workers who need support, to help in any way they wish us to.

I seem to have got carried away by the possibilities, but the most important things are:



A PRECARIOUS JOB - 500 FT UP IN THE AIR.

autonomy, solidarity, honesty, working out what is going on and what to do about it, being effective, growing slowly and surely, (don't rush to do everything at once!), and remaining sensitive to people and situations. We must be consistent—not just a 9 mth wonder.

Workers have to move onto the attack now against this rotten system, for it is falling apart. This is the future, a thousand times better than obedience, boredom, Butlins and Belsen.

E.S.

N.B. These are my personal ideas—replies for Anarchy, (or to me at Anarchy), would be welcome, especially from people who've had previous experiences. I'd like to see constructive ideas and actions discussed in this magazine.

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I don't think there's any  
others - are there?

Can't think of any-  
thing to add except  
that if you belong  
to a Party - leave it.  
If you are confused,  
well so am I, but  
I'm gradually working  
out what is to be done.  
Keep well, everyone...

**WUM!**



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# DAILY MIRAGE

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST DAILY SALE

7p

Thursday, October 20, 1977



THE SUICIDE CAR

# SCHLEYER KILLS HIMSELF

## Road deaths increase.

Ministry of Transport figures released today, show that road deaths increased in Britain during the first quarter of 1977. This has followed the standard pattern in transport statistics for several years.

Most deaths occurred in the early morning, the late evening and during the rush hour periods.

Police sources say they are treating all these deaths as suicide cases.

Many thousands of people who fall in their death bids, and merely injure themselves, are helping the police with their inquiries.

Marc Bolan's body has been exhumed for tests.

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**Page 4.** Could YOUR child become a merchant banker? In depth shock report on the curriculum at Westminster school.

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**Page 28.** Middle East wiped out in nuclear war. Pictures.

**A** RESPECT EACH OTHER.  
CREATE ANARCHY.

Hans Martin Schleyer, West German merchant banker, committed suicide yesterday.

Schleyer, who was in the custody of the Red Army Faction, appears to have killed himself in a desperate attempt to discredit his jailors.

His body was discovered in the boot of a car (see picture), where he hid himself prior to firing a pistol at point blank range into the back of his head.

Hollow compartments were found in the car tyres, a possible hiding place for the suicide weapon.

Herr Helmut Schmitt, self-confessed "Chancellor" of the G.D.R., a terrorist group which has half of Germany in its grip, claims that Schleyer was murdered.

Schleyer was considered to be the chief paymaster of the Schmitt group.

The Schmitt group, who have been operating in close liaison with the notorious Callaghan gang in Britain, have threatened reprisals.

Fears are being expressed for the safety of several Red Army members currently held hostage by Schmitt, particularly in the light of the recent murder of Baader, Enslin and Raspe.

## 'Absolute nonsense' says chief

Commenting on the resignation of the local Justice Minister and the Governor of Stamheim Prison, an official source close to the leadership of the Schmitt group denied that they had been asked to resign because of any complicity in the murder of Baader, Enslin and Raspe.

He said that it was the "utterly ridiculous" way they did it.

He went on to add that if they spent more time actually at Stamheim Prison, they would have been able to have come up with a more credible story.



SCHLEYER  
IN HIS  
HEYDAY.



13.10.77  
SCHLEYER  
PRISONER 13107.

## Dactylographer in tilt at big prize.



Prime Minister James Callaghan, speaking at a banquet in his honour at the £2,347,000 Mansion House, today stressed the Labour Parties

commitment to reintroduce social justice.

He pointed out that the prosperity of the top politicians in this country depended on the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

"Whoever heard of a £30,000 backhand from a £45 a week bricklayer," he quipped.

"We must demand more sacrifices," he continued, "we have sacrificed all our principles but the workers have only sacrificed half of their money."

Mr Callaghan angrily refuted suggestions that he was planning to make himself President instead of Prime Minister, at twice the salary, as an easy way to get around the wages policy.