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The government had no political mandate, no public support and no professional backing from NHS workers when it passed the Health and Social Care Act 2012. There was no consultation, referendum or even much cross-party support. All that was evident was the government's enthusiastic ambition to help...

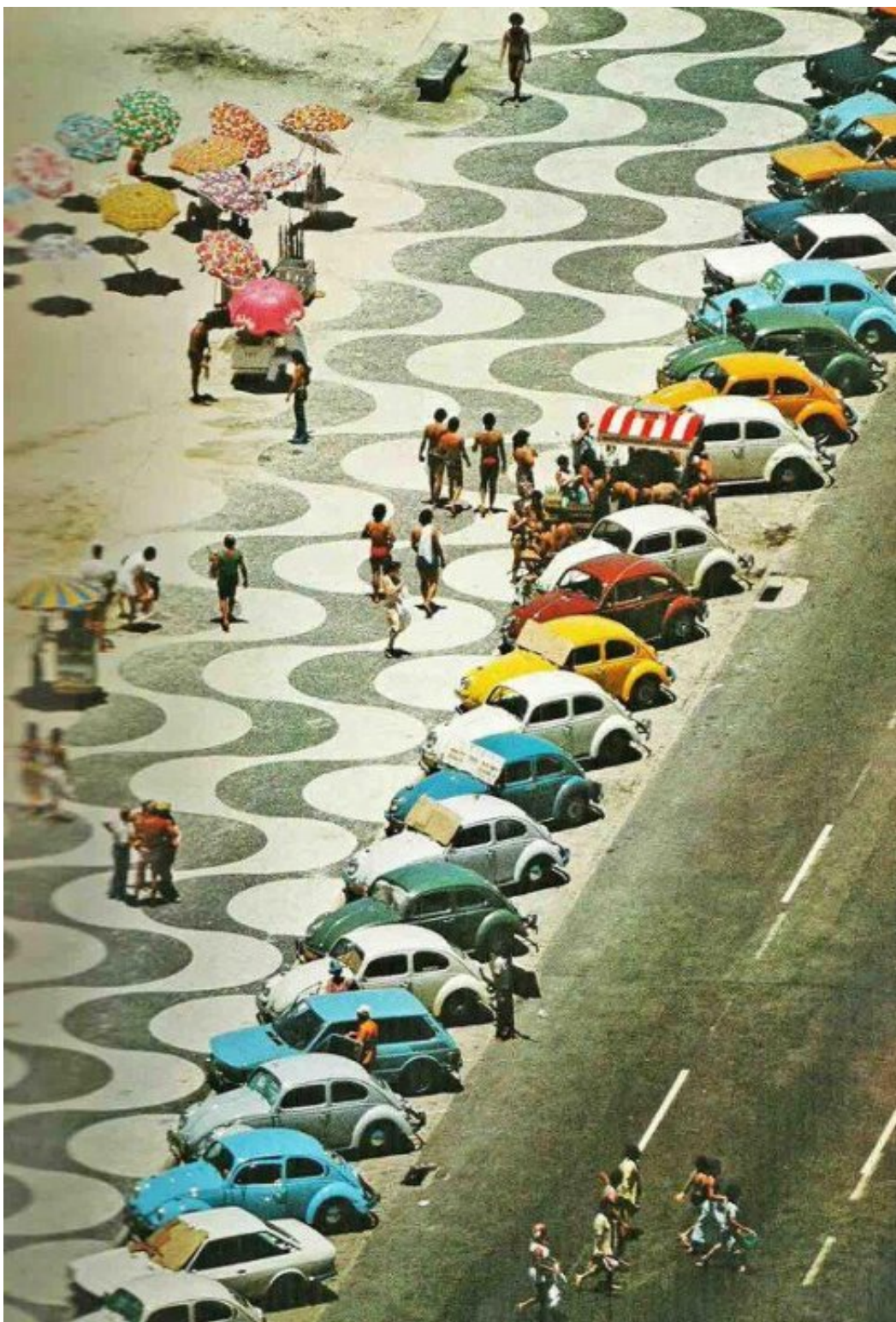
This is the first of 50 demands in the run up to the General Election, I'd recommend following this tumblr. This is an initiative of Plan C MCR.

Some of the crew that used to run this blog are now running this initiative. We'd recommend following this tumblr for a daily dose of inspiration and luxury-leaning communist demands.

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Reblogged 1 year ago from actuallyexistingbarbarism (originally from demandthefuture)

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We must do away with the absolutely specious notion that everybody has to earn a living. It is a fact today that one in ten thousand of us can make a technological breakthrough capable of supporting all the rest. The youth of today are absolutely right in recognizing this nonsense of earning a living. We keep inventing jobs because of this false idea that everybody has to be employed at some kind of drudgery because, according to Malthusian-Darwinian theory, he must justify his right to exist. So we have inspectors of inspectors and people making instruments for inspectors to inspect inspectors. The true business of people should be to go back to school and think about whatever it was they were thinking about before somebody came along and told them they had to earn a living.

"The New York Magazine Environmental Teach-In" by Elizabeth Barlow in New York Magazine (30 March 1970), p. 30

Picture: *Copacabana*

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buckminster fuller new york magazine work school brasil

Reblogged 2 years ago from aminuteofperfection-deactivated

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PARKROYAL on Pickering / WOHA

We can have it all.

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The Madeleine seen from the barricaded Rue Royale during the Commune de Paris in 1871, Paris

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The workers are not therefore against the machines, but against those who use the machines to make them work. To those who say that work is necessary, we reply that the quantity of accumulated science (look, for example, at the moon landings) is such that we can immediately reduce work to a thing purely exterior to human life, in place of conceiving of it as “the very reason for human existence”. To those who say that man has always worked, we reply that in the Bible it is written that the earth is flat and that the sun goes around it, and that, until the time of Galileo, that was the truth, it was something known since always, it was the scientific point of view. But the problem is not to give scientific explanations, but to overthrow the existing social order by imposing the interests of those who materially create the conditions of what exists, that is to say the working class. It is only by affirming these interests, sweeping away the political power opposing them, that we can create the conditions of existence of a society better than the present one.

— The Refusal of Work - Workers Committee of Porto Maghera

[link here.](#) (via [actuallyexistingbarbarism](#))

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imaginaryparty:

Don't feel down This is a life's work. A life's joy. The next one hundred years are ours.....

National Student Demo. Sussex University. March 25

woah, some of the propaganda coming out of sussex is incredible...

(Source: imaginaryparty-blog)

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■ If automation isn't destroying jobs you are doing it wrong!

Aaron Peters destroys the Work Society from 53:35.

Down with Work Full Luxury Society

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If events had to be delayed until the proletariat entered the decisive struggles united and clear in its aims there would never be a revolutionary situation.

—

Lukacs - Lenin: A study on the unity of his thought.

Keep struggling comrades!

In Jodi Dean's The Communist Horizon

The Right positions Communism as a continued threat to democracy. The Left is stuck in democratic drive as the actuality of the suppression of Communist desire. In each instance, communism names that in opposition to which our current setting is configured, the setting within which contemporary capitalism unfolds.

— Jodi Dean - The Communist Horizon

Jodi Dean Communist Horizon

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Decadent Action

Decadent Action are the man and woman sitting next to you at the cocktail bar, they have money in their pockets and mischief on their minds.

8. Terrorism and violence against the state can be fun but make sure you get the right tools for the job. Sawn off shot guns are crude and could snag your clothes. In short, if you're going to shoot a cop - make sure you use a nice gun.

10. Sort out the right heroes and influences - take a tip from us and spend the day of the next general election in bed with a jug of your favourite cocktail, a Combustible Edison soundtrack and read up on Baader, Meinhoff, Chomsky, Susie Bright, Harry Roberts, Valerie Solanas, Viv Nicholson and troublemakers the world over. The odd few pence on a meagre minimum wage is not our concern when we want to bring the whole system crashing down.

Decadent Action Manifesto

Thanks for the heads-up from Comrade K

decadent action cocktails for all

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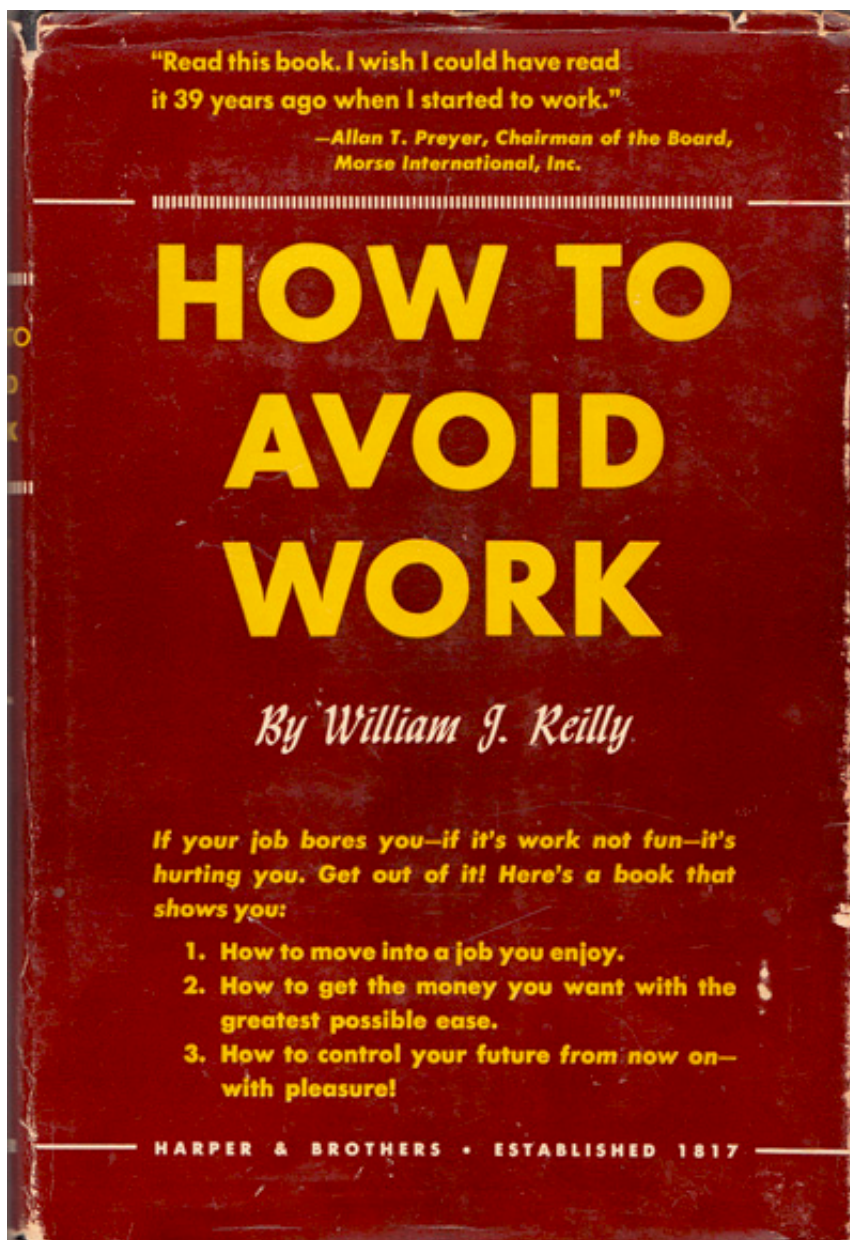
Austerity is Class War.

Luxury For All.

austerity crisis communism luxury

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“In one telling anecdote from the period, an assembly-line worker at GM who skipped work nearly every Monday is confronted by his foreman. When asked why he only worked four days a week, the worker replied: "Because I can't make a living working three days." Who would have the audacity to say that today?"

Full article at [Jacobin](#).

no work St. Monday

Posted 3 years ago

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“The present is of no importance. It is with the future that we have to deal. For the past is what man should not have been. The present is what man ought not to be. The future is what artists are.”

Oscar Wilde - The Soul of Man Under Socialism

Socialism Communism Marx Oscar Wilde Leap into the Future We are all artists

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The Weekly Ansible: 50 Sci-Fi & Fantasy Works

Every Socialist Should Read (by China Mieville) →

theweeklyansible:

Reposted from [Fantastic Metropolis](#), author China Mieville lays out a list of 50 science fiction and fantasy works he feels every socialist ought to read.



When I became a socialist I was also studying Sociology and Philosophy academically. I experienced something that seems to be a trend...

The links between Communist politics and Sci-Fi are varied and important. Here are some of China Mieville's recommendations.

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In these crises there breaks out an epidemic that, in all earlier epochs, would have seemed an absurdity - the epidemic of overproduction. Society suddenly finds itself put back into a state of momentary barbarism; it appears as if a famine, a universal war of devastation had cut off the supply of every form of subsistence; industry and commerce seem to be destroyed; and why? Because there is too much civilization, too much means of subsistence, too much industry, too much commerce. The productive forces at the disposal of society no longer tend to further the development of the conditions of bourgeois property; on the contrary, they have become too powerful for these conditions, by which they are fettered, and so soon as they overcome these fetters, they bring disorder into the whole of bourgeois society, endanger the existence of bourgeois property.

Photo by Jerry Hsu.

Jerry Hsu Karl Marx Communist Manifesto

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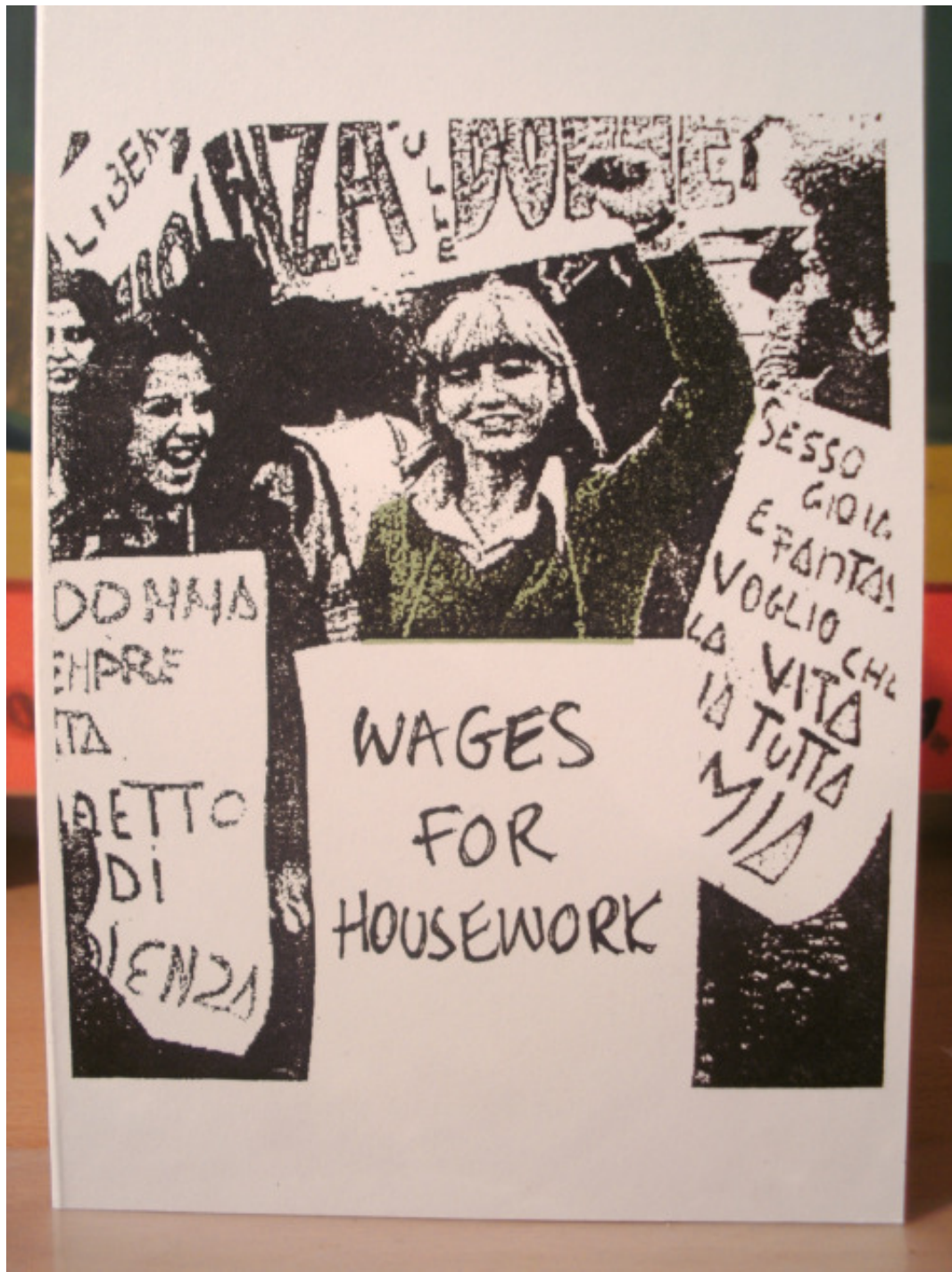
For hope to be a political force, it must be more than a matter of thinking: it must also be a matter of desire and will.

— Ernst Bloch

hope future communism keep going comrades

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We don't want the jobs, we want the money

Los Angeles Wages for Housework Committee, 1975

wages for housework take the money and run

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It is a goal which is not only a thing but, like capital at any moment, essentially a stage of antagonism of a social relation. Whether the canteen or the wages we win will be a victory or a defeat depends on the force of our struggle. On that force depends whether the goal is an occasion for capital to more rationally command our labor or an occasion for us to weaken their hold on that command. What form the goal takes when we achieve it, whether it is wages or canteens or free birth control, emerges and is in fact created in the struggle, and registers the degree of power that we reached in that struggle. (Dalla Costa and James 1973, 53, n. 17)

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A demand is:

Luxury Demand Dalla Costa Selma James Autonomist Feminism Everything for Everyone Now

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Ambulance of the future.

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“What we want is to apply, totally and coherently, the energies and the potential that exist for a socialised intelligence, for a general intellect. We want to make possible a general reduction in working time and we want to transform the organisation of work in such a way that an autonomous organisation of sectors of productive, experimental organisation become possible”.

Bifo - 1980

Bifo General Intellect let our desires free Communism

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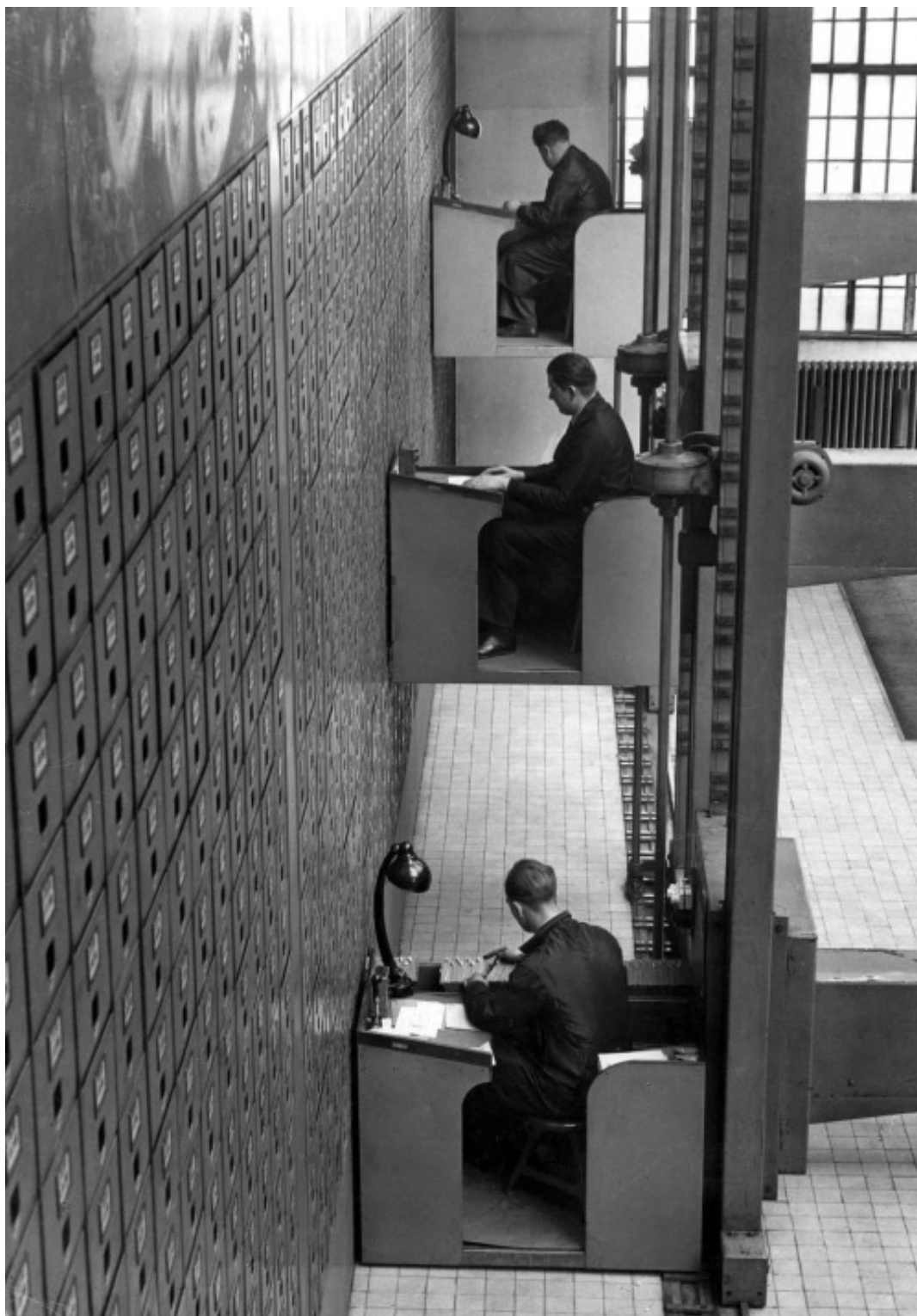
“A specter haunts the revolutionary imagination: the phantom of production. Everywhere it sustains an unbridled romanticism of productivity.”

Jean Baudrillard, *The Mirror of Production*

Baudrillard productivism

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If hard work were really such a great thing, the rich would have kept it all to themselves.

Union Activist cited in Kathi Weeks, *The Problem with Work*

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France, 1937

(Source: blaaargh)

work Kathi Weeks anti-work

Reblogged 3 years ago from nugschillinandgrindage (originally from blaaargh)

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The video for a Ukrainian (I think) music festival. The festival looks awesome but the video is deliciously eery.

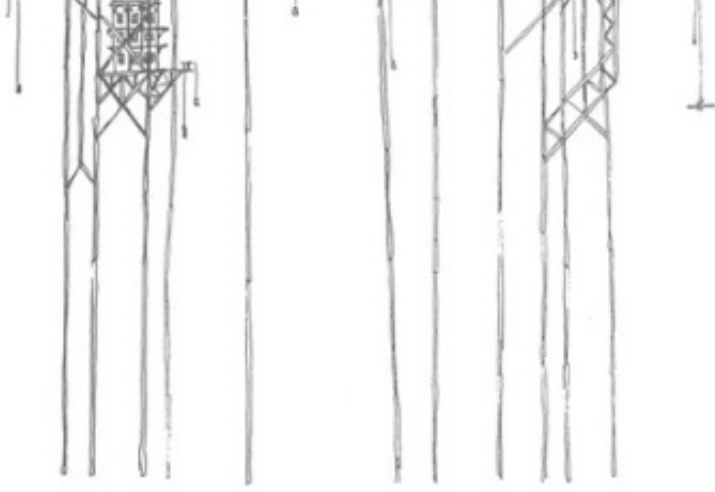
Not just a music festival but a commentary on luxury communism it seems. For non-Ukrainian speakers don't forget to hit subtitles on!

luxury communism music festival flames on the beach segaway chief

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Claim the future.

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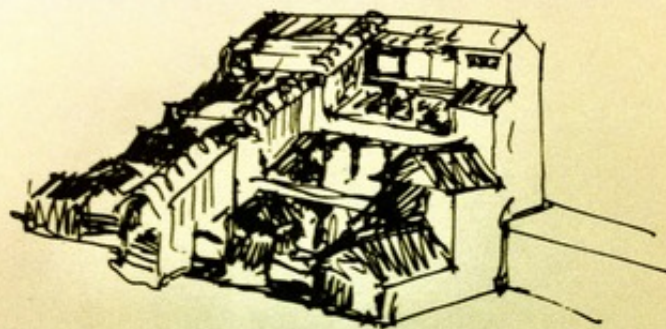
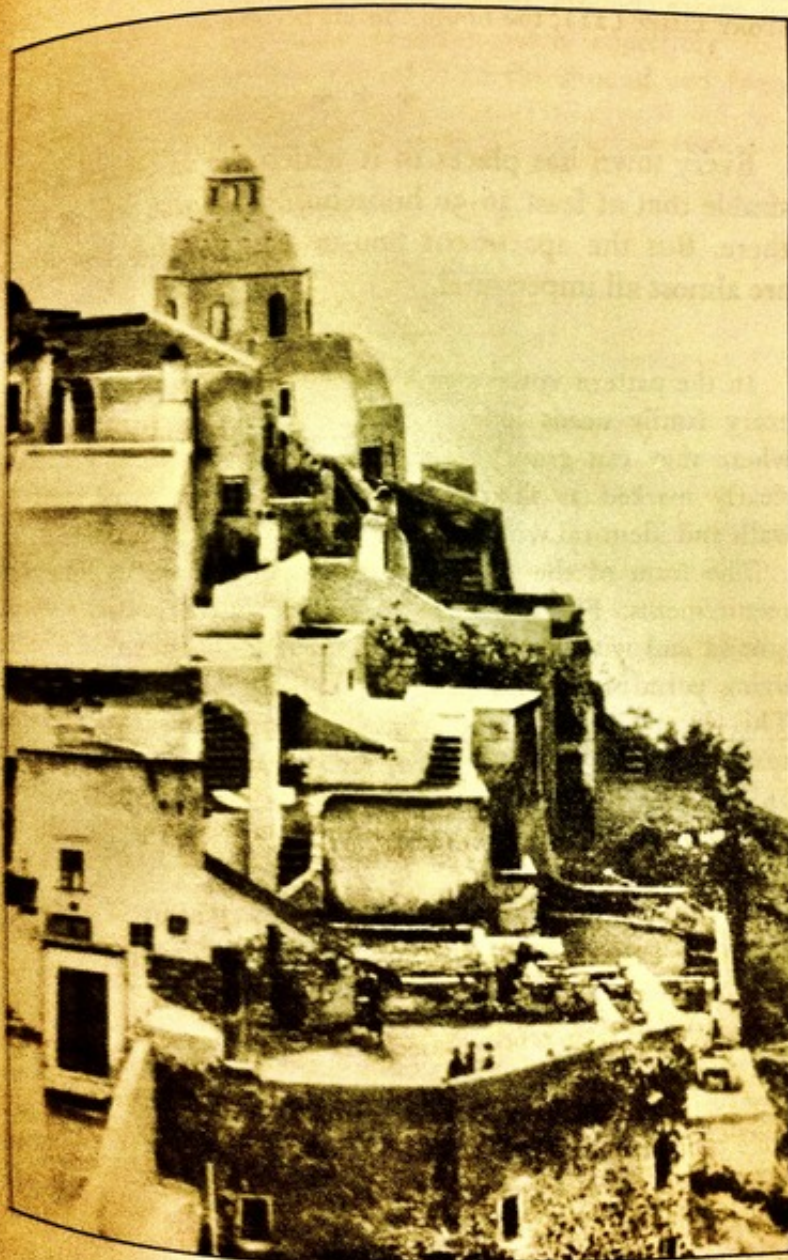
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Paolo Soleri | Hexahedron Arcology | 1966

Ignore for a moment the gauche *Ostalgie* of this, the shabbiness and lies of its political context, and imagine a society where the building of social housing was intended to be exactly that 'glory': an eldorado for the working class, as Berthold Lubetkin once,

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Apartment building for Mörsta, near Stockholm.

Therefore:

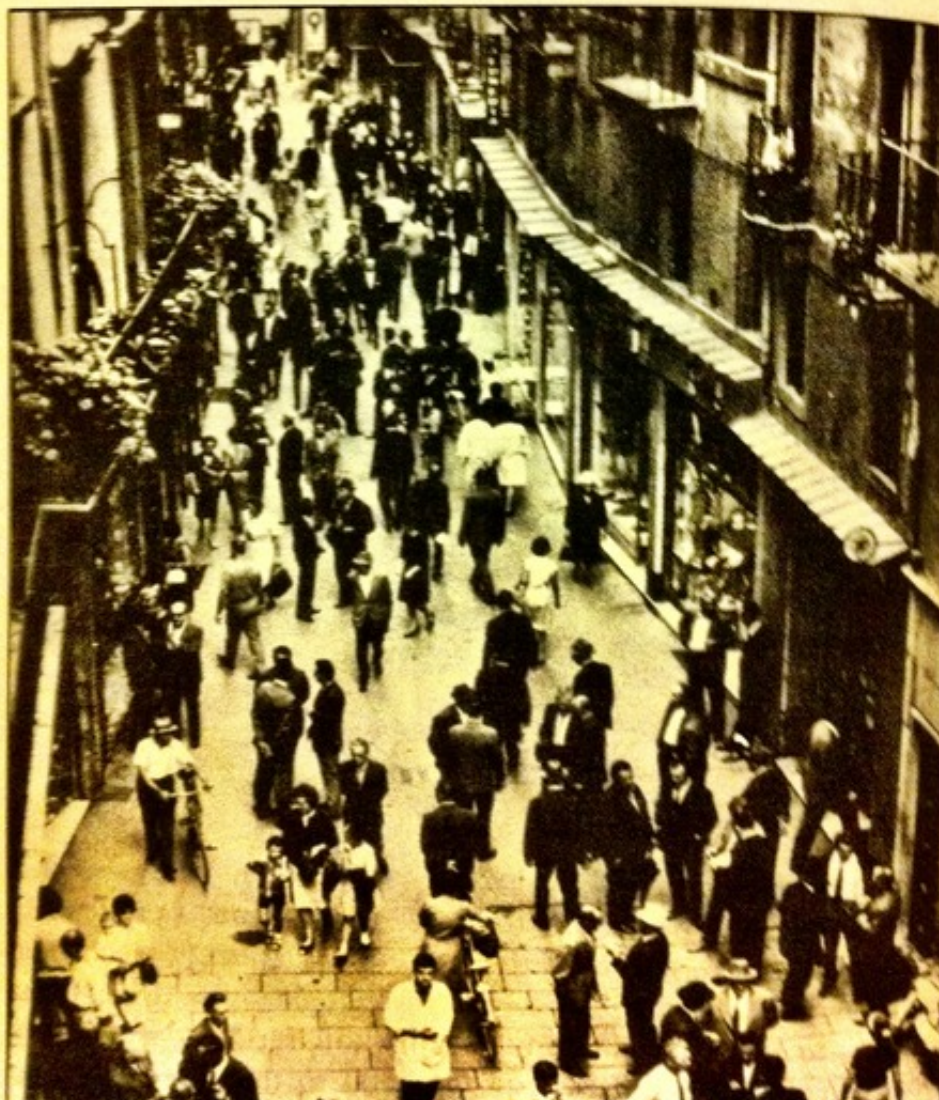
To build more than 30 dwellings per net acre, or to

build housing three or four stories high, build a hill of houses. Build them to form stepped terraces, sloping toward the south, served by a great central open stair which also faces south and leads toward a common garden . . .



Let people lay out their own houses individually, upon the terraces, just as if they were land—YOUR OWN HOME (79). Since each terrace overlaps the one below it, each house has its garden on the house below—ROOF GARDENS (118). Leave the central stair open to the air, but give it a roof, in wet or snowy climates—perhaps a glass roof—OPEN STAIRS (158); and place the common land right at the bottom of the stair with playgrounds, flowers, and vegetables for everyone—COMMON LAND (67), CONNECTED PLAY (68), VEGETABLE GARDEN (177). . . .

31 PROMENADE**



The promenade, "paseo," "passegiata," evening stroll, is common in the small towns of Italy, Spain, Mexico, Greece, Yugoslavia, Sicily, and South America. People go there to walk up and down, to meet their friends, to stare at strangers, and to let strangers stare at them.

Throughout history there have been places in the city where people who shared a set of values could go to get in touch with each other. These places have always been like street theaters: they invite people to watch others, to stroll and browse, and to loiter:

In Mexico, in any small town plaza every Thursday and Sunday night with the band playing and the weather mild, the boys walk this way, the girls walk that, around and around, and the mothers and fathers sit on iron-scrrolled benches and watch. (Ray Bradbury, "The girls walk this way; the boys walk that way . . ." *West*, Los Angeles Times Sunday Magazine, April 5, 1970.)

Further, even though the real reasons for coming might have to do with seeing people and being seen, people find it easier to take a walk if they have a "destination." This destination may be real, like a coke shop or cafe, or it may be partly imaginary, "let's walk round the block." But the promenade must provide people with a strong goal.

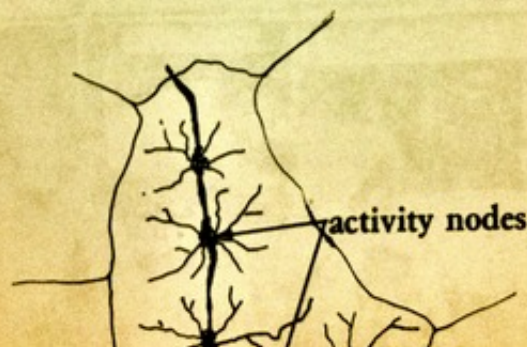
It is also important that people do not have to walk too far between the most important points along the promenade. Informal observation suggests that any point which is more than 150 feet from activity becomes unsavory and unused. In short, good promenades are part of a path through the most active parts of the community; they are suitable as destinations for an evening walk; the walk is not too long, and nowhere on it desolate: no point of the stroll is more than 150 feet from a hub of activity.

A variety of facilities will function as destinations along the promenade: ice cream parlors, coke shops, churches, public gardens, movie houses, bars, volleyball courts. Their potential will depend on the extent to which it is possible to make provisions for people to stay: widening of pedestrian paths, planting of trees, walls to lean against, stairs and benches and niches for sitting,

opening of street fronts to provide sidewalk cafes, or displays of activities or goods where people might like to linger.

Therefore:

Encourage the gradual formation of a promenade at the heart of every community, linking the main activity nodes, and placed centrally, so that each point in the community is within 10 minutes' walk of it. Put main points of attraction at the two ends, to keep a constant movement up and down.





No matter how large the promenade is, there must be enough people coming to it to make it dense with action, and this can be precisely calculated by the formula of **PEDESTRIAN DENSITY** (123). The promenade is mainly marked by concentrations of activity along its length—**ACTIVITY NODES** (30); naturally, some of these will be open at night—**NIGHT LIFE** (33); and somewhere on the promenade there will be a concentration of shops—**SHOPPING STREET** (32). It might also be appropriate to include **CARNIVAL** (58) and **DANCING IN THE STREET** (63) in very large promenades. The detailed physical character of the promenade is given by **PEDESTRIAN STREET** (100) and **PATH SHAPE** (121). . . .

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woolandbricks:

[luxurycommunism](#) as a blog was set up to provoke discussion into the possibilities of a communist world. A challenge to the lazy stereotypes of communism that fall on the failures of the socialist experiments of the USSR and PRC. Yet, I fail to see how this post does anything other than fetishise aspirational lifestyles.

My beef with [luxurycommunism](#) is that it doesn't seek to redefine our conception of *luxury*; it merely promotes the current luxury-goods market. This post is an excellent example of how *luxury* continues to be defined within the rigid terms of what an existing capitalist system has packaged and sold to us. There is nothing luxurious about the spartan design of this image, apart from the ownership/privatisation of space. In this case, sufficient space that books can be stored flat on shelves, stacked 2-high, that would hold 12 books lined up cover-to-cover - the significance of space=luxury is particularly notable here, but can also be seen in the shelves devoted to large print illustrations, and the coffee table books. It is highlighted by the placement of shelves reaching to the double-height ceiling, in spite of empty shelves at floor-level. This is a poor example of luxury communism for this simple reason.

Space is the very thing that we cannot afford to apportion and own in our communist utopia.

The issue with space is not that ownership of space is bad, but that there just isn't enough of it for us all to have as much as in this photo. We need to be redefining our conceptions of *luxury* to include smaller spaces so there is enough space for everyone, rather than subscribing to the conceptions of *luxury* that define space-ownership as something to be aspired to by those who can afford it, leaving those who can't to jostle for room in the crowded favellas. (The possibility of skyscrapers housing the world's population brings with it the question of who will live on which floor...)

Until we can think of *luxury* as something other than commodities carrying the *luxury* tag, the attempt to provoke discussions towards a new vision of communist possibility will be weak; without a critique of how capitalism generates desire, our imaginings of future *luxury* will be hostage to the limits of capitalist imagination. It is insufficient to claim that there is enough for everyone: this is capitalist logic and does not match the hard mathematical fact that we live on a finite planet with finite resources, including space.

As a strong opponent of population-control, I demand that we develop innovating ways to share space and resources. This will require us to transcend these conceptions of luxury that have been constructed over time to generate new markets for capitalism, including the commodification of both space and simplicity (see Toast), by asking ourselves: is there such thing as a good life, free of the definitions imposed on us by capitalism?

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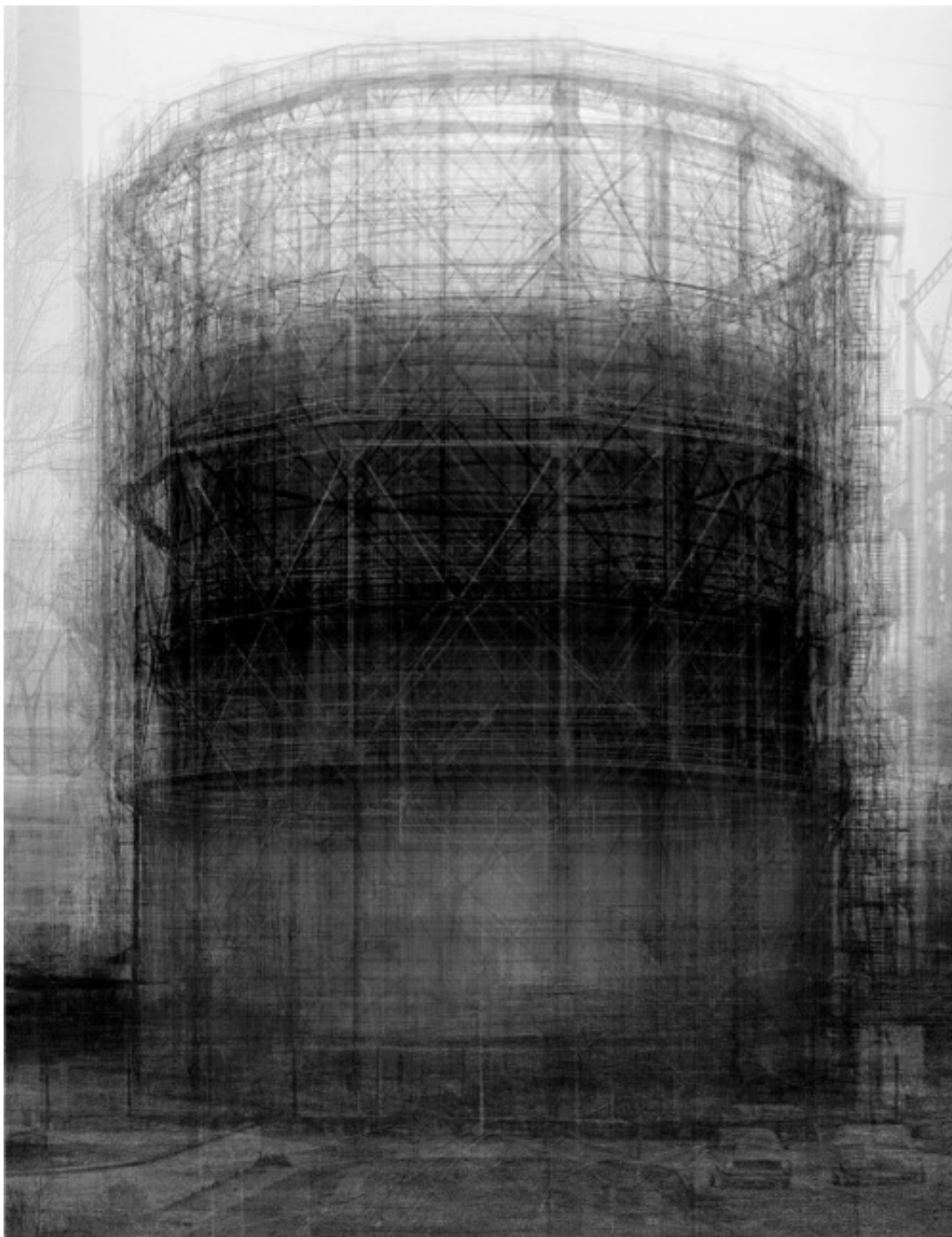
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Social housing of the future. Design #368.

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abstractiefotografie:

Idris Khan – Homage to Bernd Becher (2007)

Reblogged 3 years ago from scavengedluxury (originally from abstractiefotografie)

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OPERAISMO MANCHESTER: Operaismo - A Reading Group! →

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All Welcome!

Fortnightly sessions exploring dissident marxist theory and practice from '60s/'70s Italy - the rowdy sibling of France's May '68.

This reading group will be taking place in Manchester in the UK. If you get inspired and do something similar elsewhere then let us know.

FYI Mancunians

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We are all stylish and Illegal.

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Temporal Dislocation #9, James Smith

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Now the April sun, in the open sky, was shining in his glory, and warming the pregnant earth. From its fertile flanks life was leaping out, buds were bursting into green leaves, and the fields were quivering with the growth of the grass. On every side seeds were swelling, stretching out, cracking the plain, filled by the need of heat and light. An overflow of sap was mixed with whispering voices, the sound of the germs expanding in a great kiss. Again and again, more and more distinctly, as though they were approaching the soil, the mates were hammering. In the fiery rays of the sun on this youthful morning the country seemed full of that sound. Men were springing forth, a black avenging army, germinating slowly in the furrows, growing towards the harvests of the next century, and their germination would soon overturn the earth.

Emile Zola - Germinal

Zola Germinal Spring will come again

Posted 3 years ago

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The battle here is to wrest the i of eros from the commodity and to transfer it...
iCommunism unties the knot of capitalist production and subjective desire.

iCommunism - Colin Cremin

Thanks to Zero books for sorting this out for us.

eros iCommunism birds and planes

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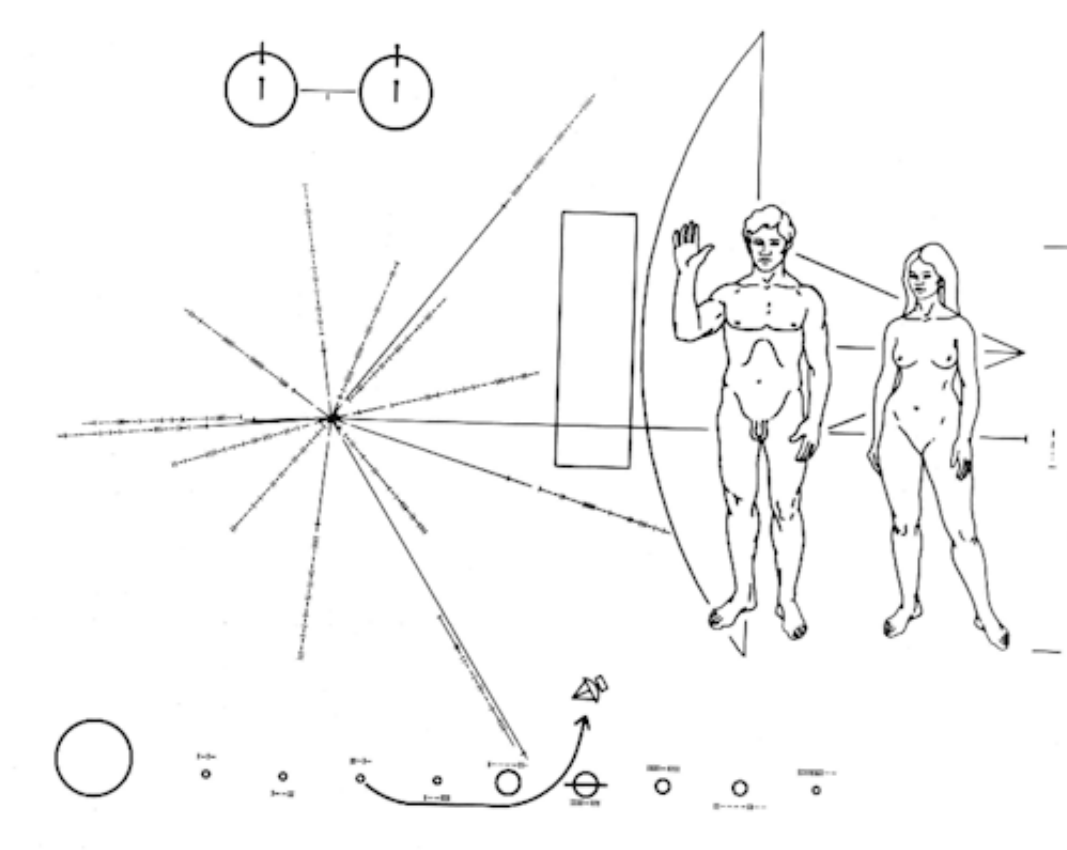
For Marcuse the technological means of enslaving people could, under different circumstances, liberate society from alienated labour and reorient the erotic base of culture towards the life instincts; eros, in other words.

iCommunism - Colin Cremin

space Marcuse iCommunism Zero books

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Austerity is necessary when trekking across the desert with only a flask of water. Late capitalism is no desert though, shelves are stocked high and warehouses are overflowing.

In this desert of absurdities, deserts of scarcity are manufactured.

iCommunism - Colin Cremin

icommunism zero books space exploration luxury futures

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Metropolitan Indians.

“But the reality was that the city was running alive with housing occupations, auto-reduction struggles, spontaneous unauthorised demonstrations, and "Mao-Dada" provocations at official ceremonies and demonstrations”

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Reclaim the City.

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The demolition of the Vendôme Column during the Paris Commune, May 16, 1871

Ecopoiesis The Commune communism

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Kim Stanley Robinson on Dreaming the Future



Robinson: Well, at the end of the 1960s and through the 70s, what we thought – and this is particularly true in architecture and design terms – was: OK, given these new possibilities for new and different ways of being, how do we *design* it? What happens in architecture? What happens in urban design?



[...] The Mars books were where I focused on these design questions the most. I had to describe fifteen or twenty invented towns or social structures based around their architecture. Everything from little settlements to crater towns to gigantic cities, to all sorts of individual homes in the outback – how do you occupy the outback? how do you live? – and it was a great pleasure. I think, actually, that one of the main reasons people enjoyed those Mars books was in seeing these alternative design possibilities envisioned and being able to walk around in them, imaginatively.



[...]I seized on anything that seemed human-scale and aesthetically pleasing and

good for a community. I thought of Greek villages in Crete, and also the spectacular stuff on Santorini. One of the things I learned, wandering around Greek archaeological sites – I'm very interested in archaeology – is that they clearly chose some of their town sites not just for practical concerns but also for *aesthetic pleasure*. They would put their towns in places where it would look good to live – where you would get a permanent sense that the town was a work of art, as well as a practical solution to economic and geographical problems. That was something I wanted to do on Mars over and over again.



Kim Stanley Robinson, interviewed by BLDGBLOG.

Kim Stanley Robinson Red Mars Greek Design Life on Mars

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drone-powered internet to carry objects rather than data



The second group is called Aria (“autonomous roadless intelligent array”). It believes the matternet should be free, open and based on standardised protocols, just like the internet. It is developing these protocols and building prototypes that adhere to them, and inviting others to follow suit. Aria is not promoting any particular use of the technology, and will not necessarily build or run networks itself. “We understand there will be hundreds of applications, but we are not interested in running such applications,” says Arturo Pelayo, Aria’s co-founder. “We won’t aim for understanding every single geographical and cultural context where the system might be used.”

Source: The Economist

The Commons

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Then say to all: this is what will come to pass in the future, a radiant and beautiful future. Have love for it, strive toward it, work on behalf of it, bring it ever nearer, *bear what you can from it into your present life*. The more you can carry from that future into your present life, the more your life will be radiant and good, the richer it will be in happiness and pleasure.

Chernyshevskii, *What is to be Done?*

Image: El Lissitzky, *New Man*

Constructivism Lissitzky Chernyshevskii

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Mega Mecha in Japan.

mega mecha robots for sale for the workers mecha

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The factories might be centres of intellectual activity also, and work in them might well be varied very much: the tending of the necessary machinery might to each individual be but a short part of the day's work...by making their factories, buildings, and sheds decent and convenient like their homes, they would infallibly go on to make them not merely negatively good, inoffensive merely, but even beautiful, so that the glorious art of architecture, now for some time slain by commercial greed, would be born again and flourish.

William Morris, *Useful Work Versus Useless Toil*

Image

(Source: phdonohue)

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Our epoch has invented machines which would have appeared wild dreams to the men of past ages, and of those machines we have as yet *made no use*.

They are called 'labour-saving' machines - a commonly used phrase which implies what we expect of them; but we do not get what we expect. What they really do is to reduce the skilled labourer to the ranks of the unskilled, to increase the number of the 'reserve army of labour' - that is, to increase the precariousness of life among the workers and to intensify the labour of those who serve the machines (as slaves their masters).

In a true society these miracles of ingenuity would be for the first time used for minimizing the amount of time spent in unattractive labour, which by their means might be so reduced as to be but a very light burden on each individual.

William Morris - *Useful Work Versus Useless Toil*

William Morris Labour Time Automation

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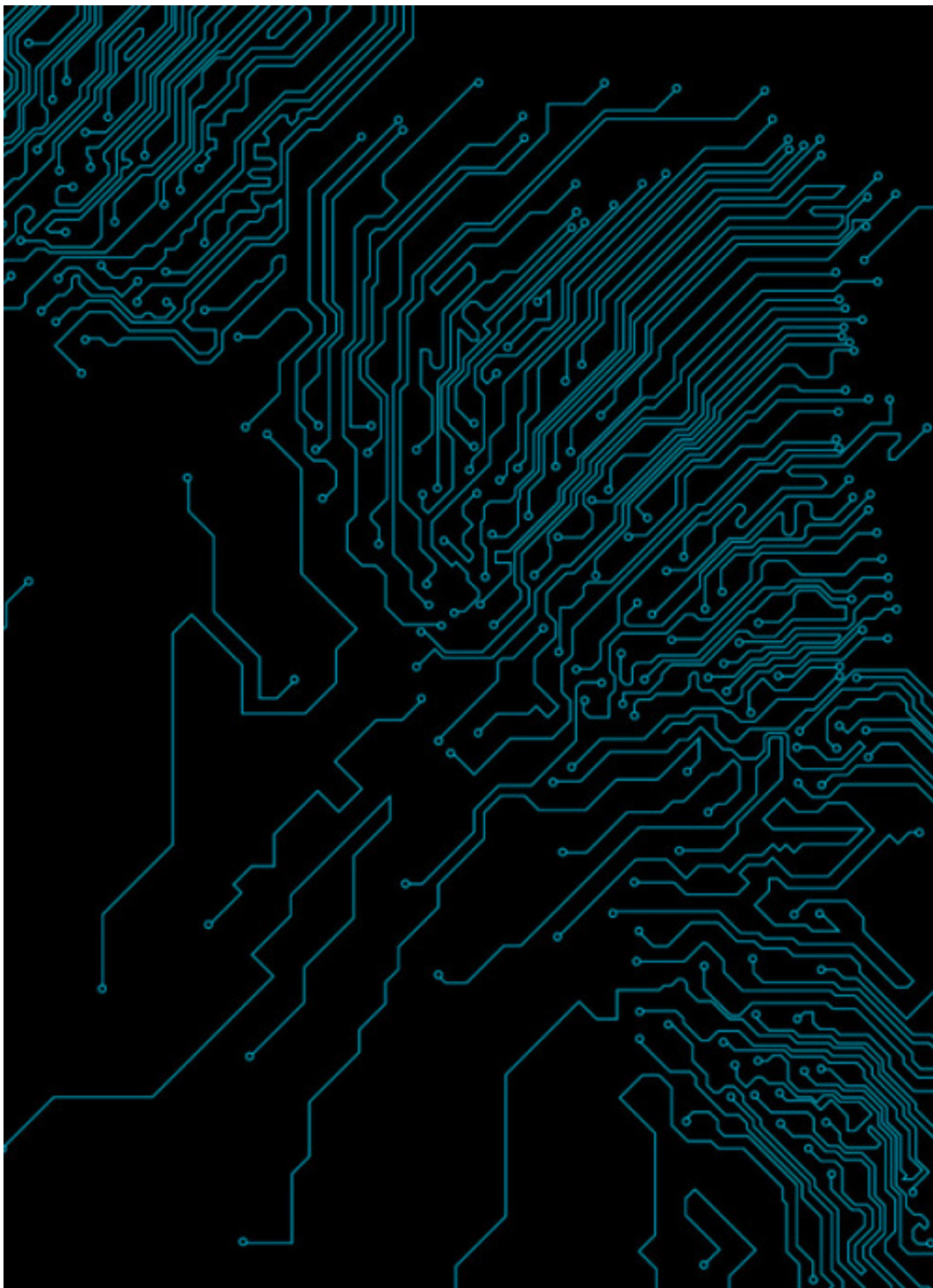
But when revolution has made it 'easy to live', when all are working harmoniously together and there is no one to rob the worker of his time, that is to say, his life; in those coming days there will be no compulsion on us to go on producing things we do not want, no compulsion on us to labour for nothing; we shall be able calmly and thoughtfully to consider what we shall do with our labour-power.

William Morris - *Useful Work Versus Useless Toil*

William Morris Labour Time

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What the technology folks could learn from a Marxist Left is to be more critical of the relations of production that their utopian tendencies presuppose. Or, really, to be more critical of capitalism in general.

What the Left needs to learn from the technology people is this sense that “there’s always a work-around, there’s always a solution, that we can fix this.” I think that the Left doesn’t have that very much. They tend to settle into criticism for its own sake rather than a criticism that is building something else.

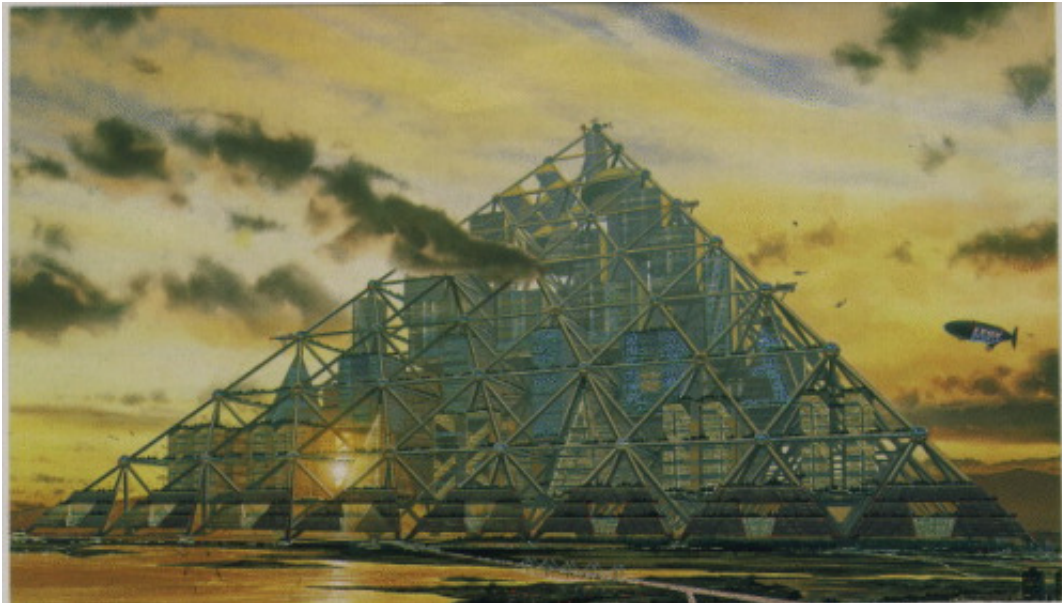
I also think that both sides need to learn from the history of Communism that collectivity is really the important thing. The hackers tend to be too libertarian and individualistic, the Left tends to be too critical, and both need to recognize that we can only get stuff done if we build collectives.

Jodi Dean

unknownskywalker:

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With the seizing of the means of production by society, production of commodities is done away with, and, simultaneously, the mastery of the product over the producer... Then, for the first time, man, in a certain sense, is finally marked off from the rest of the animal kingdom, and emerges from mere animal conditions of existence into really human ones. The whole sphere of the conditions of life which environ man, and which have hitherto ruled man, now comes under the dominion and control of man, who for the first time becomes the real, conscious lord of nature, because he has now become master of his own social organization. The laws of his own social action, hitherto standing face-to-face with man as laws of Nature foreign to, and dominating him, will then be used with full understanding, and so mastered by him. Man's own social organization, hitherto confronting him as a necessity imposed by Nature and history, now becomes the result of his own free action. The extraneous objective forces that have, hitherto, governed history, pass under the control of man himself. Only from that time will man himself, more and more consciously, make his own history — only from that time will the social causes set in movement by him have, in the main and in a constantly growing measure, the results intended by him. It is the ascent of man from the kingdom of necessity to the kingdom of freedom.

Friedrich Engels - *Socialism, Utopian and Scientific*

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61% of the British public would rather travel back in time rather than to the future.

Reclaim the future.

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“And what do you work on, then” she said to Kostya.

“Oh, you know,” he said, “saving the world. Bringing about the golden age. Building the material-technical basis of full communism. The usual things.”

full communism leap to freedom

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"If we're going to invent robots that will do our laundry and tidy up the kitchen, then we're going to have to make sure that whatever replaces capitalism is based on a far more egalitarian distribution of wealth and power... Only then will technology begin to be marshaled toward human needs.

"And this is the best reason to break free of the dead hand of the hedge fund managers and the CEOs—to free our fantasies from the screens in which such men have imprisoned them, to let our imaginations once again become a material force in human history."

David Graeber

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And what would be the alternative? The consciously arranged alternative? A dance of another nature, Emil presumed. A dance to the music of use, where every step fulfilled some real need, did some tangible good, and no matter how fast the dancers spun, they moved easily, because they moved to a human measure, intelligible to all, chosen by all.

Emil gave a hop and shuffle in the dust.

Red Plenty

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“Following the market’s increase in demand for talent, young people aren’t willing to do such dirty, tiring work,” the restaurateur, Cui Runguan, told Zoomin.TV. “So not only in sliced noodle restaurants, but also in many other regards, we’ll follow our technological development – and there will be many, many machines that can replace human labour.”

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Seen from that future time, when every commodity the human mind could imagine would flow from the industrial horn of plenty in dizzy abundance, this would seem a scanty, shoddy, cramped moment indeed, choked with shadows, redeemed only by what it caused to be created.

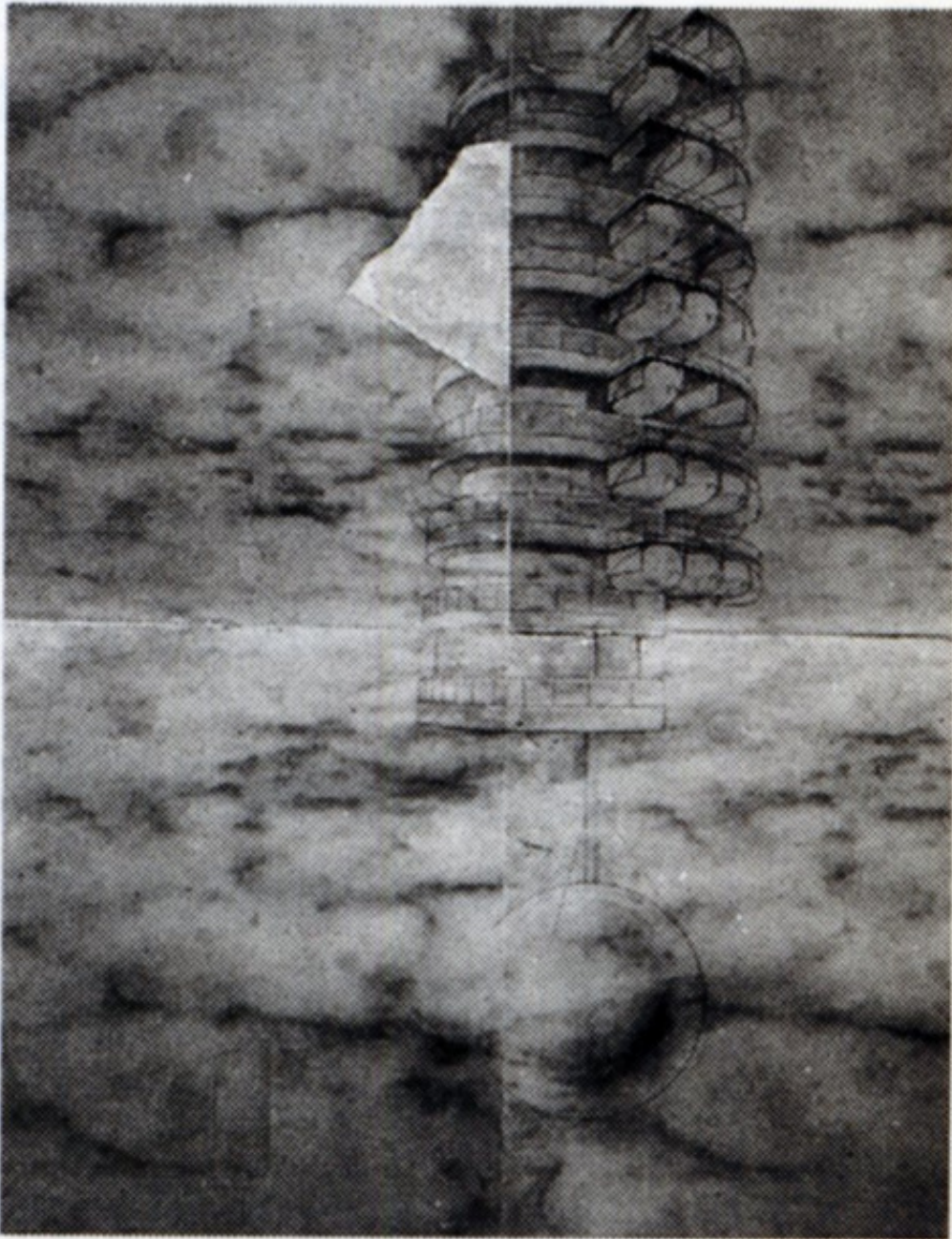
Seen from plenty, now would be hard to imagine. It would seem not quite real, an absurd time when, for no apparent reason, human beings went without things easily within the power of humanity to supply and lives did not flower as it was obvious they could.

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Red Plenty post-scarcity consumption

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“In general I think work space and living space should be as mixed as much as is practical. Our work will be more than making wages - it will be our art, our whole life. We will give it to each other, we will not buy it. Also there should be no signs of hierarchy. I don't even believe in the leader system we have now. We are all equally responsible now, and our buildings should show it. Everyone should have their own room, sure, but these should be small. Set in the rim, perhaps, and facing larger communal spaces...”

Arkady Bogdanov, *Red Mars*

Image from [grupaoak](#):

Giorgy Krutikov, *A City on Aerial Paths of Communication: Communal House Perspective*. This was Krutikov's VKhUTEMAS Diploma Project in 1928.

Architecture Arkady Bogdanov Constructivism Mars Trilogy

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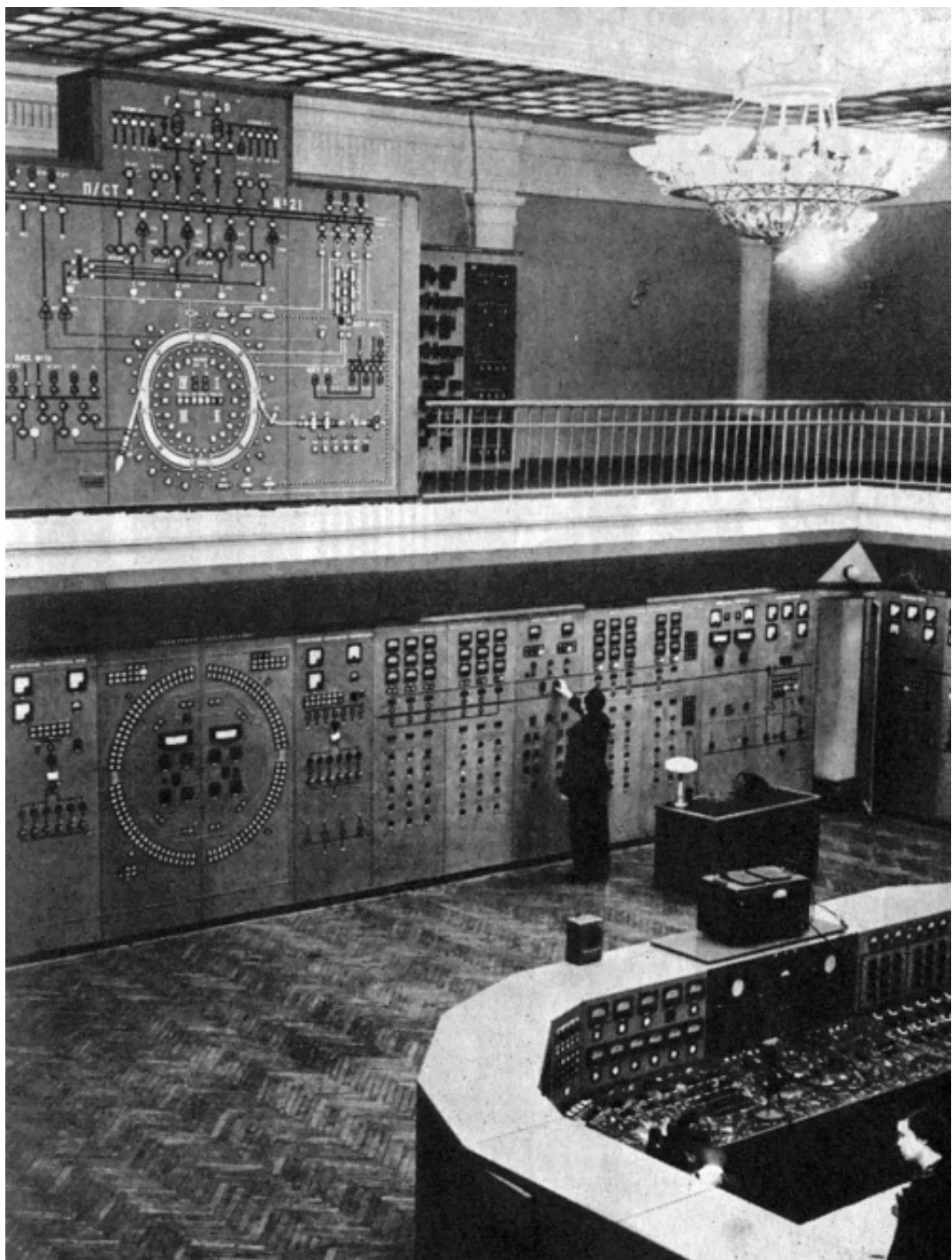
One thing that capitalism today seems particularly poor at is large scale, technological projects. Whilst we clearly have the money and technology – even as a fraction of the social surplus – to develop moon bases and plan a trip to Mars there simply is no will to do so at present because of the absence of a Cold War space race or any profit motive. Whereas small scale gadgetry has developed at an incredible pace with capitalist profit incentives, this has not been matched by commensurable progress with large scale technological developments.

Only communism can make the future come true.

- 'Why communists need moon bases'

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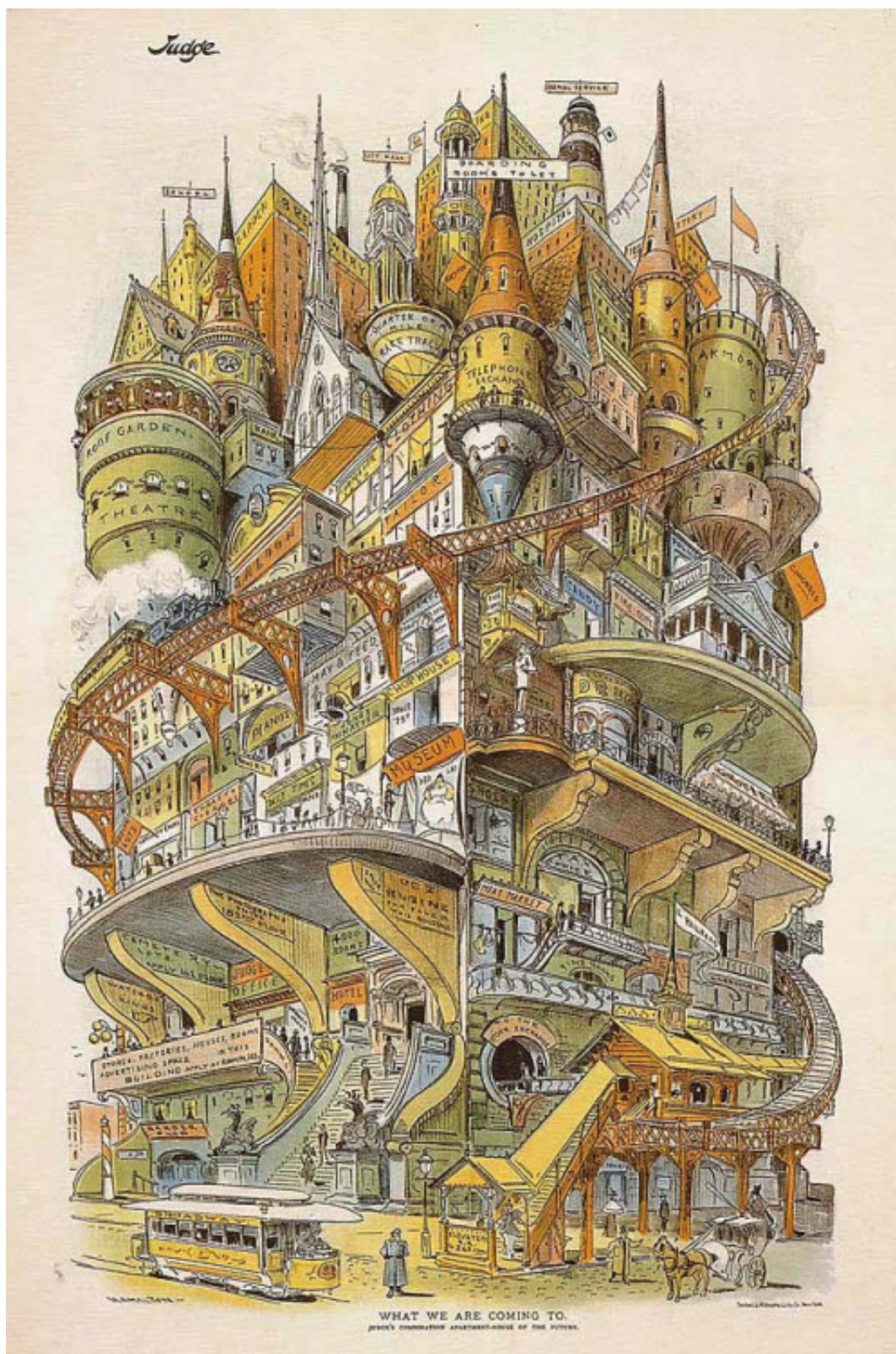


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The Future ca. 1895

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Discos are preparing our youth with the reaction speeds necessary for World War Three.



Friedrich Kittler.

Luxury Communism The Future Friedrich Kittler

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The constant effort of what has been called society, has been to deceive and induce, to terrify and compel, the productive labourer to work for the *smallest possible portion* of the produce of his own labor. The object of those who instituted and maintained such a state of things was altogether different from the simple object of the only just end of the association of men, the production of the greatest possible quantity of human happiness.

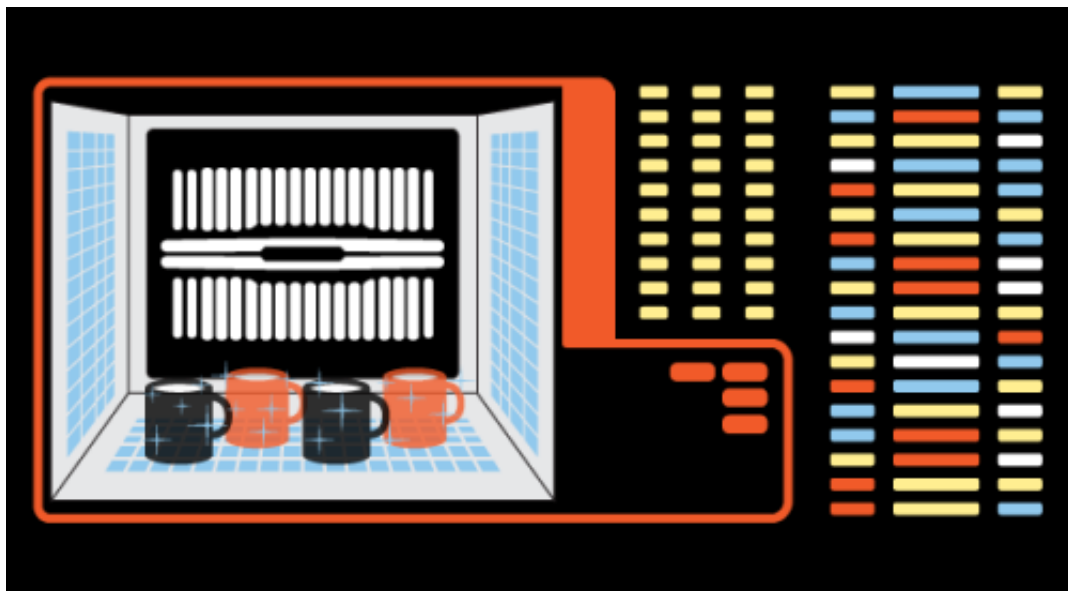
With the sole view of adding to happiness, wealth, which nature does not give, is produced by labor: and the greater the happiness produced, the more satisfactory must be the effort. And as wealth can only be produced with a view to being made the means of comfort or enjoyment by its use or consumption, and as it must be distributed in order to be consumed, that distribution must be the best which gives the greatest possible quantity of happiness to those that produce it.

- William Thompson, *An Inquiry Into the Principles of the Distribution of Wealth Most Conducive to Human Happiness; Applied to the Newly Proposed System of the Voluntary Equality of Wealth* (1824)

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“Bourgeois society stands at the crossroads, either transition to socialism or regression into barbarism.” In that spirit I offer a thought experiment, an attempt to make sense of our possible futures. These are a few of the socialisms we may reach if a resurgent Left is successful, and the barbarisms we may be consigned to if we fail.

Four Futures - Jacobin

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With no file sharing there would have been no iTunes and the iPod would have been nowhere near the success it has been. The alleged innovation of Steve Jobs is simply that of millions of the working class sharing files with their friends, just as the raw constructions of his alleged genius are on the back of the misery of his workers - who are now in full flight beyond anything Apple can offer anyone resisting the appalling conditions at Foxxxconn.

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Journalist: "Do you intend to abolish first class, Mr Perkins?"

Harry Perkins, Prime Minister: "No, I intend to abolish second class."

An ounce of oysters is worth a ton of theory

Engels, on his 70th birthday:

We kept it up till half past three in the morning, and drank, besides claret, 16 bottles of champagne - the morning we had 12 dozen oysters. So you see I did my best to show that I was still alive and kicking.



Engels booze champagne communism enough oysters for everyone

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Proletarian revolution is not, as enemies of the class insist, about universally lowering living standards to the level we plebs are currently forced to live at. It is about raising our living standards to the highest levels achievable using what earthly resources are available in a responsible and sustainable manner. We refuse to abandon the good things in life to those chinless dolts who have done nothing to assist in their production. We reject the stale crumbs flicked from the rich man's table. We demand the entire bakery and one day, as sure as eggs is eggs, we will take it.

From *The Worker-Dandyist*.

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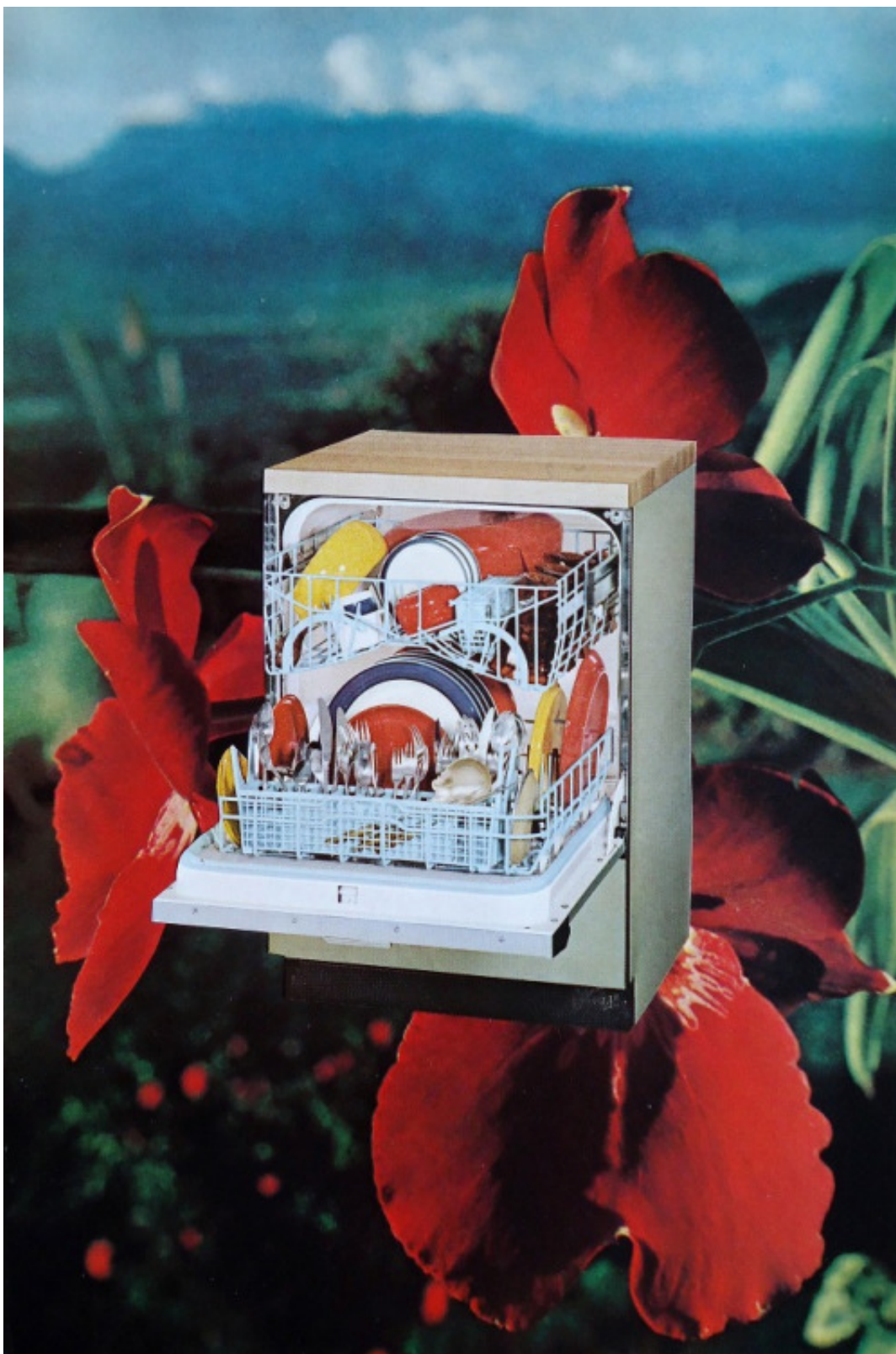
it is no longer labour that creates wealth, but science and technology - the general intellect - whose site is not the factory, but society. Capitalism is already dead, superseded by its own development, economically useless. It survives as a sheer will to power, as mere political coercion, now disconnected from the objective of valorisation.



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Washing machines, vacuum cleaners and contraception liberated women from much of their work by decreasing the amount of labour time it took to clean, house, fuck, soothe, rear and feed the labour force. But enabling women to go part-time on their unwaged domestic work and enter waged work did not transform the relationship between the class and capital. Though liberated from full-time domestic labour, women were and are still exploited as waged workers.

Robots, computerisation and 3D printers now offer 21st century workers of every gender the same shining hope of liberation from drudgery that the pill offered women workers in the mid 20th century. But this time, we must shatter the relationship between class and capital. As productive forces backflip into a workless future, the link between work and wages - between our contribution to production and our ability to consume - must end.

And be replaced by a luxurious communism.



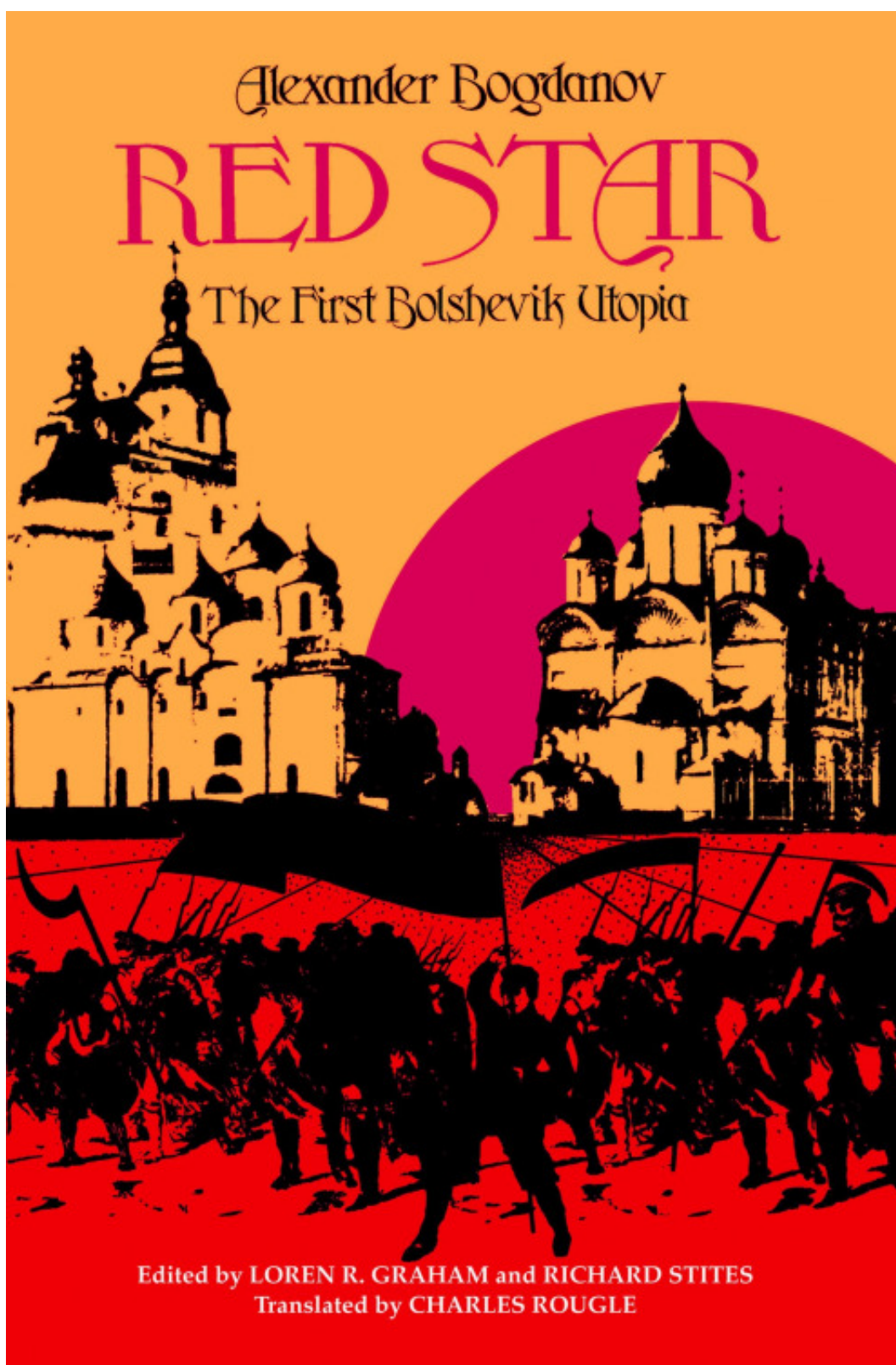
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Red Star: A Utopia (1908)

“But are there no restrictions on the use of goods?”

“None whatsoever. Everyone takes whatever he needs in whatever quantities he wants.”

“Do you mean that you can do all this without money, documents certifying that a certain amount of labour has been performed, pledges to perform labour, or anything at all of that sort?”

“Nothing at all. There is never any shortage of voluntary labour - work is a natural need for the mature member of our society, and all overt or disguised compulsion is

quite superfluous.”

“But if consumption is entirely uncontrolled, there must be sharp fluctuations which upset all your statistical compilations.”

“Not at all. A single individual may suddenly eat two or three times his normal portion of a given food or decide to change ten suits in ten days, but a society of billions of people is not subject to such fluctuations. In a population of that size deviations in any given direction are neutralised, and averages change very slowly and with the strictest continuity.”

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‘Here lies the present paradox: work has totally triumphed over all other ways of existing, at the very moment when workers have become superfluous. Gains in productivity, outsourcing, mechanization, automated and digital production have so progressed that they have almost reduced to zero the...

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intent2fall:

Many say that communism/ left anarchism etc are really about renouncing what some might term as the ‘good things’ in life, as in a forfeit to make these utopias more of a legit possibility. That doesn’t have to happen and infact shouldn’t happen for one has to look at how much the world is...

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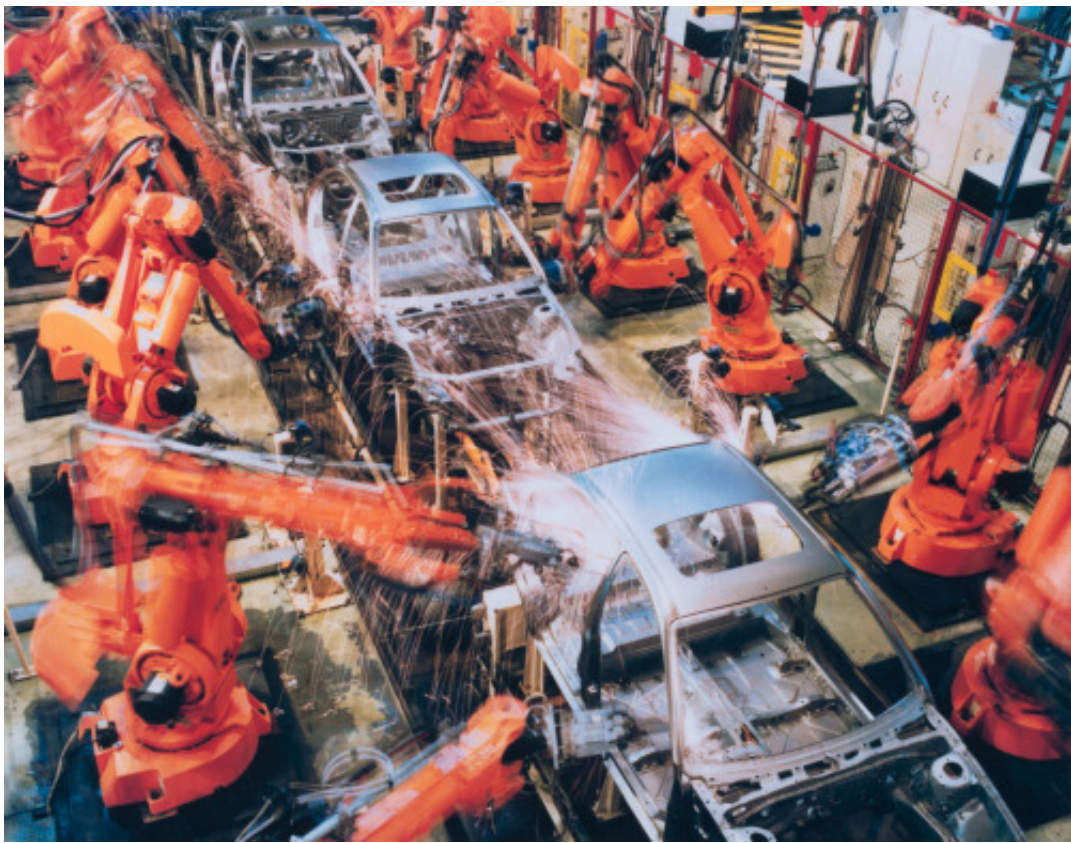


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Communism is not about a dictatorship of people over people, but rather about a dictatorship of the will and the wishes of people over the objective-material conditions of their existence. Therefore, materialistic criticism is about creating social conditions, which enable people for the first time, to plan their lives self-confidently, that is, beyond the utilization imperative and domination imperative of state and capital. This is not paradise on earth, where there are no problems and contradictions any more, but a society established according to the requirements of reason, where no one, anywhere in the world, must starve because he does not have enough means. Communism, in this sense, has nothing to do with either traditional marxism nor with alternative renunciation ideologies. It is neither about an equal distribution of misery,

nor about consumption renunciation. “Luxury for everybody” is much closer to Marx’s intentions.

Stephan Grigat

<http://www.cafecritique.priv.at/interviewIN.html>

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when we are victorious on a world scale I think we shall use gold for the purpose of building public lavatories in the streets of some of the largest cities of the world. This would be the most “just” and most educational way of utilising gold

— V.I. Lenin

(Source: marxists.org)

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We are suffering just now from a bad attack of economic pessimism. It is common to hear people say that the rapid improvement in the standard of life is now going to slow down; that a decline in prosperity is more likely than an improvement in the decade which lies ahead of us.

I believe that this is a wildly mistaken interpretation of what is happening to us.

We are suffering from the painfulness of readjustment between one economic period and another. The increase of technical efficiency has been taking place faster than we can deal with the problem of labour absorption.

The prevailing world depression, the enormous anomaly of unemployment in a world full of wants, the disastrous mistakes we have made, blind us to what is going on under the surface to the true interpretation of the trend of things.

Technical improvements in manufacture and transport have been proceeding at a greater rate in the last ten years than ever

before in history. In quite a few years - in our own lifetimes I mean - we may be able to perform all the operations of agriculture, mining, and manufacture with a quarter of the human effort to which we have been accustomed.

We are being afflicted with a new disease – namely, technological unemployment. This means unemployment due to our discovery of means of economising the use of labour outrunning the pace at which we can find new uses for labour.

But this is only a temporary phase of maladjustment. All this means in the long run that mankind is solving its economic problem.

Thus for the first time since his creation man will be faced with his real, his permanent problem - how to occupy the leisure, which science and compound interest will have won for him, to live wisely and agreeably and well.

We shall endeavour to make what work there is still to be done to be as widely shared as possible. Three-hour shifts or a fifteen-hour week may put off the problem for a great while.

We shall once more value ends above means and prefer the good to the useful. We shall honour those who can teach us how to pluck the hour and the day virtuously and well, the delightful people who are capable of taking direct enjoyment in things, the lilies of the field who toil not.

— J. M. Keynes

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