Against exploitation

THE DEVELOPMENT OF
class societies, which in
time replaced egalitarian
societies throughout
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tarian societies throughout
the world — were disastrous
gains, in terms of increased pro-
ductivity through improved com-
munications etc, society became
divided into haves and have nots.
Class societies are based upon
exploitation — the process by
which the many provide for the
greater well-being of the few.
Class societies are divided into haves and have nots.

The 'invention' of private
property and the exploitation of capitalism as the dominant econ-
omy system in the last few hun-
dred years brought the process
of exploitation to near perfection.

Exploitation under capital-
ism primarily means that wor-
kers are robbed by their em-
ployers of the full value of their
labour. Their exploitation is by
and large invisible to them, though they
may be aware of a sense of injus-
tice.

Embrace

The workers, by and large, ac-
cept the capitalist economic ap-
proach of seeing themselves as a cost of production, rather than the
main source of wealth. In doing so,
they are unwittingly accepting the
capitalist system. There are many
reasons why workers embrace their
exploitation. In part it is due to the
persuasive power of education and
the mass media but also, it is a
result of trade unionism.

Trade unions accept capitalism.
Their role is not to help bring about
its destruction but to operate with-
in it. In doing so they help promote
capitalist exploitation. The unions
try to improve wages and condi-
tions, and in doing so accept man-
gement's right to manage and the
employers right to profitability.

Profitability however, is based on the
assumption that there is a demand for the
products and that they can be sold. In
times of recession this may not be
possible. It is then that the workers
become viewed as an economic liability
and sacked, for the employer sees the
worker's labour power as just one more
commodity which has a price. As profits
fall, fewer workers are needed and they
are put on the scrap heap in such numbers
as to restore profit levels.

Robbed

So, the workers are robbed day in, day
out. Unfortunately, they are usually una-
ware of this. Many workers go along with
the idea of 'a fair day's work for a fair day's
pay'. In other words, there is an accept-
ance of the employer's right to manage, to
expect hard work and the system of wage

Marx

Karl Marx, despite any objections that
anarchists might make about his central-
ism, statism, etc offered some useful in-
sights into how exploitation occurs.
Capital, he pointed out, comes about when
the raw materials provided by nature
(wood, cotton, coal, etc) are transformed
into useful products (clothing, furniture,
etc). The employer provides the necessary
machinery, premises, managers, while the
worker provides the labour. Consequently,
profits are split between capital and
labour. Their exploitation is by and
large invisible to them, though they
may be aware of a sense of injus-
tice.

Wealth, he pointed out, comes about when
the work is of a similar character.

Kropotkin pointed out, all of the
wealth of the world which has been pro-
duced over the centuries is the result of
the efforts of all of humanity. This
wealth must be restored to all of the people
of the world — it belongs to no-one and
everyone.

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and the right will be more radical in their demands. This will call for an increase in state spending, a bailout of industry and the re-introduction of the exchange rate controls that Thatcher got rid of. The right and the re-introduction of the exchange rate controls that Thatcher got rid of. The right and the left will want Britain to pull out of the common market, throw out immigrants and reject the EEC, cut links with the USA and return to a more inward-looking strategy.

The left will want to re-introduce public housing and nationalize the industries that will save their profits take a decline, forcing the long-term unemployed to remain idle. Therefore six projects that work as 'war camps', than the Board of Trade, would make such an about turn that would be equal to its political suicide. But Toryism had a claim to post-war Keynesian type policies is considered for future implementation. It has been leaked that the building society movement money into new build. The car industry, not content with car taxes, has also called on the CBI to 'kick start the economy'.
Money is the root of all progress” John Major

"...environmental protection and a growing economy are inseparable" George Bush

"...there is great awareness about the importance of a new contract between man and nature" UN Secretary General, Boutros Ghali

THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS DEMONSTRATE how the participants of the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development, the Earth Summit, responded to the problems of global ecological crisis within the perspective and language of capitalism. What was achieved within this framework?

Agenda 21 This 800-page ‘agenda’ was agreed as a series of guidelines for governments covering a range of issues including such seemingly mundane issues as health care, housing and population. There is no legal obligation to follow these guidelines and their implementation is dependent upon financial investment.

Biodiversity The US refused to sign this agreement to protect plant and animal biodiversity. This is because the agreement would limit the practices of Transnational Corporations (TNCs) involving biotechnology and ‘intellectual property’. Again, implementation is dependent on finance and further policy engagements.

Global Warming Although this agreement, signed by 160 countries, is to be enshrined in law, its recommendations are limited by economic rationality, so that, for example, non-governmental organisations can recommend an immediate 60% reduction in atmospheric pollution, investment need only be reduced to those of 1990 by the year 2000.

Deserts Other proposals and agreements were made concerning aid, deforestation, mining and desertification but these, like the others, fell within the overall pattern where TNCs kept themselves and their activities, beyond the reach of any regulatory controls (by lobbying richer nations and through the special access the consortium of top TNCs had got to the Secretary General of the Earth Summit) and where the needs of capitalism triumphed over those of the environment, the poor and the starving.

Is it at all surprising that what the Earth Summit produced was not worth the 20 years it took to organise or the 30 million pieces of paper it was written on? No, environmental protection and a growing economy are not ‘inseparable’ they are entirely incomparable. Unlike the naive and outraged of the green pressure groups, or the left, we do not expect global capitalism to act against its own interests in order to conform to international agreements.

To understand exactly why capitalism can never be ‘greened’ we need to know exactly how capitalism operates as we approach the end of the 20th century.

Permanence A permanent feature of capitalism is its need to grow in order to overcome the limitations which unfold into periodic crises. This growth takes the form of the creation of new sectors, export, investment, the search for new markets, an ever increasing rate of turnover and geographical extension. To achieve this capitalism needs to be highly flexible. In recent years, due to technological advances in transport (commodities to consumers), communications (global finance markets), this flexibility has enabled international capitalism to establish a degree of independence from even the most powerful nation states. Its increasing wealth and power is concentrated in around 500 TNCs who account for 80% of all world trade and investment and whose individual budgets are often bigger than those of whole nations.

This is not to deny the power of nation states, particularly the rich and militarised states of the west, but to recognise that ultimately they do not run or control capital.

The function of the state today is to create and maintain conditions in which capitalism can thrive. This can be seen in the push towards liberalisation, deregulation and marketisation, cuts in public spending, high unemployment and attacks on the power of organised labour.

The rich and militarised state will respond to any perceived threat to this order from ‘upstarts’ regimes through the use of sanctions, the support of ‘rebels’ or, as a last resort, direct military intervention. But this should not blind us to the fact that it is the TNCs who call the shots. It is they who have the capacity, regardless of the needs of any individual state, to move a manufacturing base from one part of the world to another where production costs may be cheaper or environmental restrictions evaded.

New World Order This mode of late capitalism, the New World Order, is responsible for the most savage destruction of the environment and the ruthless exploitation of millions of human lives, all expendable in the pursuit of profit.

In the debt-ridden nations of the South the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, restructuring and rescheduling loans to debtor countries with ‘structural adjustment programmes’. These programmes force countries to open up to TNCs and adopt export-oriented economies where the provision of their own food, housing and education is sacrificed to the production of goods for export to bring in the hard currency debts must be repaid in. Cash crops are produced requiring the use of imported and environmentally harmful chemicals and pesticides. Precious forests are cut down to produce timber products and cleared cattle grazing land to deliver burgers to every High Street in the western world. This deforestation leads to further global warming and the extinction of plant and animal species.

In the rest of the world TNCs use planned obsolescence to achieve an ever-increasing turnover rate for their commodities. Commodity prices are made to break down quickly, cars, TVs etc. become ‘unfashionable’ through the promotion of ‘ever newer and improved’ products.

Deadly In the New World Order the ruling class work to provide a global stumping ground for a capitalism that is not simply the enemy of ecology, but an enemy which is in the process of becoming more dangerous and deadly than ever before.

The force of the Earth Summit should signal to those seriously committed to protecting the Earth, the facility of attempting to encourage any government to adopt a green agenda. Such activity is not only naive but dangerous since it encourages the illusion that, even if a green agreement were elected it would be in a position to oppose the force of international capitalism.

What we must do is to bring the single issue of ecology into the general terrain of class struggle. The role of the Earth Summit is to breakdown the barriers between the movement, the exploited humanity globally and going on the offensive. ‘...[Now] it’s between TNCs and citizens to fight it out directly’, as eco-feminist Vandana Shiva concluded after the Earth Summit.

McLIBEL 2

GROSS WORLD PRODUCT

AS CONSUMERS WE are overwhelmed with information about the goods on sale to us. We find a detailed nutritional analysis on a tin of beans or are told of the amazing biological cleaning powers of the latest soap powder. What we are not told is the story of how these commodities appear, as if by magic, on the supermarket shelf or fast food restaurant counter.

Telling that story, exposing the secret face behind Ronald McDonald’s smiling mask, or seeing through the white glove of Unilever, London Greenpeace are active in making people aware of the exploitation of workers, animals and nature involved in the production of commodities by transnational corporations like McDonald’s.

McDonald’s see London Greenpeace and their leaflet What’s Wrong with McDonald’s as such a threat that they paid spies to infiltrate their meetings. As a result Helen and Dave from the group are being sued for libel by McDonalds simply for handing out the leaflet. The outcome of the case concerns us all as it will affect our freedom to use and distribute information critical of corporations and other organisations in the future.

The McLibel 2 hopes to turn their trial, early next year, to their advantage; "...the trial will be a public forum for the truth in front of the world’s media — they will be able to publish the facts about McDo- nald’s practices presented to the jury. It should be a real eye opener for millions of people... This is why the case must be fought.

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LAST MONTH I attended Earth First's annual Round River Rendezvous, in a forest campsite near Durango, in SW Colorado. It was packed with about 200 EF! activists from across the US and Canada last week, and was an eclectic mix of 'workshops', socials, discussions and direct action. Most of the participants were young and articulate and extremely idealistic. For me the social time was a strong sense of collectivism but also individualism. The 'workshops' followed a format very similar to the COINTELPRO of the sixties. It was a game of 'workshops' against 'workshops' as far as participation and the relationship between the two was concerned. The main events were the four regional delegations chosen from the chosen fish-bowl. Those activists not already within these small regional cliques were expected to be isolated and marginalised. Even the separate 'workshops' were expected to be part of the larger fish-bowl system. This is similar to the structure in Britain. It makes sense for us as an individual. A decision is made by consensus of those in the middle. The voucher system is supposedly all-embracing and non-hierarchical. The economic drift away from the 'traditional' anarchist organisation towards a political domination over militant sections of the working class. With a few exceptions, everyone talks about anti-authoritarianism in theory but individualism has been replaced by a more collective culture. Their miserable track record does not of course give genuine revolutionary sleepers nights!

Although the Belfast Anarchist Collective and the Platform of the Libertarian Communist of Ireland put up a good show in 1984 with the founding of the 'Anarchist 'Movement in Dublin and the publication of their bulletin Anarchiste. The WSM and their magazine Anarchism had been rather slow to get going, but Organise! has recently been produced by the Anarchist group and is a good sign of the sea-change in the 1990s. The Anarchists have also returned to the fold. With Lecoin he was one of the 'left' anarchists who had left the UAC, leading to the departure of the 'Synthesists' (partisans of 'tradi- tional' anarchism). The UAC had attempted to make a synthesis between anarchist communism and syndicalism and the changing of the UAC's name to Union Anarchists Communist League was used as a method of changing the name of the organisation. The Anarchist group stand firmly within the tradition of militant class struggle anarchism and as such are committed to building an organisation with internationalist perspectives. In practice this means an uncompromising opposition to both Union and all forms of nationalism. As they say, 'in the long run...'

The concern about infiltration has led to some very unhealthy paranoia. Any newcomer or anyone making a challenge to EF orthodoxy is seen as a potential agent provocateur. In an open meeting (where by necessity only legal activity is discussed) the best way of countering infiltrators is to make decision making as open and non-elitist as possible. The voucher system positively works against this and isn't foolproof since three agents can come with a black label. The problems with consensus decision making are inherent in the system of the fish-bowl. The voucher system has made them worse.

Social dynamism

While EF's lack of political analysis and awareness was disappointing but not unexpected, their strength was an almost tribal collectivity. The level of humour and artistic creativity were extremely high. For them, politics is almost a complete sub-culture of the anarchistic subculture. With little understanding of the state and its replacement with 'local' community. This will only be achieved by forging solidarity and the will to fight amongst their class."

"In the summer of 1992, during the First World War, he joined the merchant navy to escape the slaughter on the Western Front. At the age of 19 he came an anarchist. In 1993, he was a bookshop delegate at Renault from where he was sacked after a strike. He was a member of the anarchist organisation Union Anarchistes pour la Liberte. Under the influence of the ideas in the Organisational Platform of the Libertarian Communists written by Rus- sian and Ukrainian anarchists in exile (Makhno, Mert, Abih- nov etc) which argued for class struggle anarchism and theoretical and tactical unity, the UA changed its name to Union Anarchistes Com- munistes in July 1926. How- ever the UA had for some time contained many confusions left over from 'traditional' anar- chism. Faulier became an editor of the UAC paper Le Libertaire and ran its bookshop from 1937-50. He took an active part in defence work for the Italian American anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti, framed by the American State, and along with his future life companion Alice Nadal worked in the committee that raised funds for Makhno's welfare.

Synthesis

Faulier was active in both the Platform of Platformists ideas in the UAC, leading to the departure of the 'Synthesists' (partisans of Sebastain Faure, who attempted to make a synthesis between anarchist communism and syndicalism and thechanging of the UAC's name to Union Anarchistes Revol- utionnaires) from 1927-30. However some synthesists remained in the UACR, and this won the majority at the 1930 Congress. The Platformists published a bulletin for six issues, which was cancelled. In the words of Faulier ended 'in quasi-general indif- ference'.

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The fascist threat in France in 1934 led to a reuni- fication of syndicalists and platformists, and the rever- sion of UAC to UAF Pauillac returned to the fold.
The REUNIFICATION of Germany brought with it a crisis for the groups of the extreme right. They had lost one of their main bases so that they were forced to have a certain popularity amongst the East German youth. It has a number of East Germans in its membership.

The neo-Nazi groups will attempt to take full advantage of this. The West German extreme right was an important ship-building town and dock. The reintegration of Germany created enormous problems for the East German industries and thousands were made unemployed. This has been repeated all over the East. After years of state-controlled industry, the state socialists dreamed of a certain amount of success, soon to be forlorn. An immediate peace, but failed to secure the power of the bosses.

FASCISM HAS LONG been the last refuge of extreme right wing policies. In Europe, ending hopes of revolution in many countries, and the failed revolutions continue unchecked. Once more fascism is on the rise, especially in France and Germany. A party in France has already arrived, and one in the Thatcher regime stole some of the racist rhetoric of the fascists. The ruling capitalist class did not need a stronger presence here to keep things running smoothly.

The riots at Rostock were not orchestrated by the West German extreme right. It was the youth of the town who started the attacks on the refugees' hostel. The West German neo-nazis arrived at this first violence. The leader from Munich, another from Hamburg and a third from Berlin were caught. The commit- tee of Rostock was a phenomenon of East Germany. There had been no group or party of the extreme right organised at Rostock for the last few years.

On the other hand, the extreme right organi- sation, Revolutionary Anarchism — The Way Forward. October 22nd, Marchmont Crescent, Neasden, London W1C starting at 7.30 pm.

Where sporadic riots followed those of Rostock. This organisation pushes the line that what was East Germany was being led by the nose by West Germany. The extreme right is bound to have a certain popularity amongst the East German youth. It has a number of East Germans in its membership.

So where does this leave anti-fascism? As fascists, like liberal democracy, is just an aspect of capitalism, any attacks on fascists must be anti-capitalist as to support democracy in attacking fascism, will leave the root cause, capitalism, undestroyed. The sad reality of the anti-fascist group set up in this country are all to varying degree cross-class movements. The Anti-Racist Alliance is made up of sections of the trade union bureaucracy, older generation and most of the Labour and Tory parties — it's obvious, they're all on the same side, and it's equally obvious they'll never stop the fascists!

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From Panther to Anarchist

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EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER the formation of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California, two black nationalists—Huey Newton and Bobby Seale—started a movement that would eventually grow to 30 chapters, with a membership of 5,000 at its peak.

The Black Panthers were the largest of the Marxist-Leninist groups in their emphasis on physical protection against the police. They inherited this from the Los Angeles Watts riot in 1965, and they saw themselves as a vanguard party. This was a significant difference from other Marxist-Leninist groups, who tended to focus on ideological development and theoretical work.

In the Black Panther Manifesto of, “The ‘dangerous’ class, the Manifesto of, ‘The ‘dangerous’ class, the...”

As revolutionaries' we say that we feel that “the people need...”

Among those imprisoned was Kuwasi Balagoon. He influenced a number of the leadership, in particular in New York. He decided to take the path of élite leadership, and he went underground, staying there when all others had been imprisoned.

Dialogue

White anarchists in the United States failed to gain a foothold in dialogue with other black movements, but they did find common ground with black radicals. Black people in America who clearly see the oppressive and racist nature of capitalism have often had a justified and healthy mistrust of white radicals who often saw them as party fodder, or as just another weapon in their battle against the State. The result was that they did not engage in dialogue, but focused instead on their own work to build a revolutionary movement.

The fact that some black American activists did evolve anarchist ideas, given the difficult circumstances, is a remarkable achievement. We may not be able to replicate the conditions in the black American working class after the recent setbacks, but we can be inspired by the way in which the black anarchists built on the gains made in the past, and by our ability to increase our knowledge of the size of the black movement.

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Reading the Detectives

What is a detective novel? Does it just involve class struggle and revolution? Isn’t reading a detective novel a way to understand the social order? A detective novel is a way to explain how society functions and its economic, political and legal systems operate under the surface.

Commodity

Through the mass of commodity production, capitalism in its purest form. The concept of a commodity, the capitalist form of the detectivenovel held sway, and there was one revolutionary attempt to break with it. The detective novel became a vehicle for maintaining the status quo with the central character being the solution to the mystery in order to preserve the social order. Where as Balagoon exposed the social system and its lie, Chopra used the detective novel to explain how society works and functioned as just another weapon in the arsenal of the ruling class.

The one revolutionary attempt to break with it was Balagoon. He had resisted racism whilst in military service, going on to become a tenant organiser in New York. He was one of the ‘20 Panthert’ 212 of the New York police, and he was able to explain the working of the state and its institutions.

The detective novel became a kind of Nietzschian superman, a harbinger of the experts who would take over the world. The detective novel became a way to understand the social order, and it was a way to build a revolutionary movement.

Sherlock

Doye established the modern character of the detective novel, and he did so with the mood of scientific enquiry of his time, but Holmes, the detective, was a man who had access to the latest scientific inventions, and he was able to solve the mystery in the end. Holmes, the ‘expert' par excellence, was able to solve the mystery in the end.

Kafka

During this period, when the reactionary form of the reactionary movement was dominant, there was one revolutionary attempt to build a movement that was not only for social justice but also for a change in the ruling class.
transform the detective story into a vehicle of social criticism. This was Franz Kafka's novel *The Trial* (which is not normally recognised as belonging to the detective genre at all).

Kafka's main character 'K' is accused of a crime he has not committed. The novel deals with K's fruitless attempts to obtain justice from an arbitrary and absolute authority with which he cannot even communicate effectively, and culminates in his bitter realisation of the total loss of human dignity and his death as a non-entity.

Kafka fuses detective and accused into a single character — and demonstrates that power, bureaucracy and authority can exist for their own sake. K has not committed any crime — indeed the crime of which he was accused is never specified. Kafka's central concern is with the arbitrary nature of authority or 'The Trial'. The Trial is a devastating indictment of power — unsurpassing even Kafka's involvement with the Czech anarcho-communist movement during his short adult life. Kafka's attempt to radicalise the detective story was inspired by a Europe divided by war and revolution and by his early death from TB.

**Perry Mason**

The next major attempt to bring the detective novel back into its function as a medium of social criticism was made by group of writers based around the American Crime magazine, Black Mask.

The most prolific of these was Erle Stanley Gardner who became one of the most successful writers of crime detection in the history of US literature, creating Perry Mason. Gardner paraded down the detective novel to a few essential elements — dialogue, action, plot — so successfully that some aspects of his plot were subsequently copied by Raymond Chandler for his Marlowe series and Dashiell Hammett based on Gardner's Case of the Dangerous Woman.

The early Perry Mason novels have a radical edge, with Mason defending the underdog against injustice. The Pinkerton Detective Agency which created the prototype of the private detective in the 1850s, Pinkerton's Agency was notorious for its earlier strike breaking and shooting down workers. Hammett's experience at Pinkerton gave him an insight into the true nature of society and the way in which wealth and power are maintained by the maintenance of social control; they help people to come to grips with the whole rotten set-up, and the increasing sense of hopelessness and helplessness which corrupts society.

Hammett created the elements that marked a fundamental shift in the modern detective novel which was perfected by Raymond Chandler. Chandler perverted the use of language that Hammett used in his *The Big Sleep* and *The Maltese Falcon* into a hard-boiled style. In *The Thin Man* Hammett created a whole new sub-genre of the 'hard-boiled' detective.

**Warshawski**

Chandler's methods were taken further by Canadian-born Ross Macdonald who succeeds in writing detective novels which are powerful and insightful into the modern society. There is no doubt that Macdonald's *The Long Goodbye* is the most famous of all the detective novels. Macdonald frequently links social and psychological damage done by war to criminal events which take place in the world. Young people are frequently portrayed as on a knife-edge between honesty and dishonesty, between hope and despair, portraying their generation in which Macdonald placed a hope for social change. MacDon-ald's use of language and his political analysis of society is the way in which the individual character's behaviour is linked to social causes and shaped by them.

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**Marlowe**

Marlowe's theme was that of the underdog against injustice and a fre-edom to social causes and shaped by them. Marlowe, is a catalyst for exposing this society. MacDon-ald's work is that the way we treat crimes to social crimes. A murder which doesn't return reminds you of a Poodle pretending to be a Retriever. Called Laredo, 'left' is now seen as people like George and Vietnamese. That in the future all shall cope.

**The Last Few Months**

While these so-called alternatives to capitalism start to decay, small but significant numbers of people are won to the revolution. We have been greatly encouraged in the last few months by the amount of interest in our ideas. Subscriptions to Or- ganising have shot up to their highest level, and we receive several requests for more information and literature every week. Membership of the ACP has soared, and we have gained a number of comrades, some with years of experience, some new to the movement, some radicalised by the anti-poll tax movement. We now feel that our ideas could take off. We appeal to all our readers to seri-ously consider joining the ACP and help create a dynamic organisation pledged to helping create a new, just, equal, and sane society.

**On the Future**

To be a Byron or a Shelley I will not aspire, *Their social collapse in Eastern Europe is hindered by the burea-urature of the economic and social set-up in the social collapse of state-capitalism has bought a lot of headaches for the boss class, how ever. The penetration of the market into Eastern Europe is hindered the bureaucratisation of society and shaped by them.

Many people who think and care about social justice are beginning to see that the old solutions put forward, be they Labour, Stalinist, Trotskyist, or Green are like so many band-aids on a cancer-ridden society. The revolution will bea medicine shows — "guaranteed to grow hair on a doorknob" and leading to instant hair loss. The social revolution doesn't remind you of a Poodle pretending to be a Retriever. Called Laredo, 'left' is now seen as people like George and Vietnamese. That in the future all shall cope.

My thoughts will be just simple and pure, No remedies for life's ills to cure, But a message of hope for the future, That in the future all shall cope.

The great divisions we now endure Between the filthy rich and the blessed poor, Be gone forever from this planet Earth, A New Age arise: A new birth, "But when? But when?", I ask, Why don't we abolish this much needed task?, Tis in your hands, as we shed, An inspiration that makes us all Divine!
Reviews

Why the Revolutionaries Have Failed

This is a very difficult pamphlet to review for a number of reasons. It begins with the obvious observation that the radical challenge to the perceived weaknesses of the 'libertarian-communist-anarchist-syndicalist' combination of revolutionaries and their failure to act as a cohesive, unified force in the past on the working class in Britain. However, the assault is made through a critique of the Anarchist Workers Group specifically, making critical points about the A WG's ideas as well as their response.

It is arguable, to say the least, that the 'anarchosyndicalist, libertarian communist, council communist etc.' are virtually meaningless terms. However, the failure of the pamphlet is that it lays the burden of proof on the individual reader.

The author points out that the current system that we call capitalism is bottomed on the assumption that work is relatively liberating and a field of self-fulfilment. "The system is based on an illusion, that work is the opposition to the alienation caused by work itself. This is empirically a false assumption. Work is universally alienating, in the sense that people are deprived of the means of reproducing themselves."

The Book is written in a style which could be described as "commodity" writing. The author tends to refer primarily, in his opinions, to "the rich tapestry of these people's lives". The book provides an interesting insight into the world of capitalism, and could be read as a guide to political action in the future.

The Lockdown continues. Marion was locked down in October 1983 after two guards were killed in a solitary confinement. The strike was in response to the perceived weakness of the strike. The strike was successful, and the prison was reopened after 23 days. The prison is still under siege, however, as the authorities attempt to bring prisoners under the control units. The pamphlet is welcome, but I wish it had contained some constructive analysis of the strike and how it can be used to help reclaim democracy as an active principle by making available the rich experiences of large scale organisations and how they can challenge the "democracy" of the future.

Camouflage

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The pamphlet makes the point that mass assemblies without a proper system of delegation result in chaotic meetings that degenerate into meetings to rubber-stamp the actions of the committee. "Although collected together in a room, an assembly is made up of individuals who are themselves autonomous as just individuals who are self-conscious of not following the committee's latest decision, shout out their opinion but then just mutter to themselves when they get a reply." Mass assemblies without the use of rotation and full participation of the masses' 'could end up with meetings attended by only a small group of dedicated activists.'

Certainly this has been a problem with the Dockers' Co-operative Association. Simultaneous organization and attacking to go beyond it with the concept of assembly. They appear to be moving along the path of becoming a mainstream union with other factors at work here besides the problem of anarchism. As well as a political level.

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