Bombs Not Jobs
Fight For Proletarian Redundancies

inside: URBAN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
Dear Aunty,

You clever bastards have done it again haven't you? Riot Guide on Sale at Top Bookshop, a full column in the Sunday Express! We've been trying to write our own adverts for years (well, months anyway), but we never thought anarchists could write their own adverts in the Express. By Gerard Kemp? Who are you kidding? The shock horror story of the report is obviously your syle (and they never left off the exclamation marks either). Can you see your print run jumping straight up? Alright, now get us an advert, please...the Observer will do nicely.

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(wwe now have 80)
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Street sales in London £100
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Theoretically this leaves us with a deficit of £140 per issue. In practice the situation is worse, because our revenue was much less for the early issues (members of the collective are now between £0.50 and £1.00k) and because for the last two issues bans on marches in London meant no street sales there. (We've tried, but without much success, to sell outside tube stations.)

In order to come out at all, we've had to become much less regular and we've had to borrow money from people outside the collective.

Our immediate and pressing debts add up to £200. If you can contribute - however little - please send us a donation to the Xtra Appeal. BCM IT, London WC1 3XX. (Cheques to be made payable to A Little Bit.) We will be publishing a list of donors in our next issue.

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Are recent events in Brixton and other places part of a new Tourist Board publicity campaign? If the sinister people directing the riots are no more than 50 men, then it all falls into place. For riots read a spontaneous celebration of an historical event...ie the Peasants' Revolt.

For 'looting' read 'frenzied late night shopping by loyal citizens impatient to collect Royal Wedding memorabilia. Of course, I may be wrong about this, but don't all tourists just want to see the sites, and tell us how 'Wonderful our policeman are?'

Rattle.

Dearest Aunty,

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AND FROM UNIGATE

The Self-Igniting Petrol Bomb

It is with a profound sense of shock that we reveal to our readers the latest weapon of terror to be unleashed on our beleaguered country: the self-igniting petrol bomb.

It appears that the degenerates who have led the riots need something that is easier to throw from motorbikes, which doesn't use up their matches and which you cannot see coming in the dark. There have been serious consultations with the senior management of our parish, and we feel that it is our duty to publish the details of this horrific addition to the rioters' arsenal of hate and mayhem.

The idea is that a rag is soaked in a chemical which (upon the bottle smashing attack) reacts with the chemicals inside the bottle. This creates a spark and the petrol ignites.

The bottle is filled with a mixture of 50% petrol and 50% sulphuric acid (which you can get from car batteries or from chemistry labs). The rag is soaked in an equal mixture of sugar and potassium chloride boiled in an equal amount of water.

Finally, the rag is tied around the bottle and we can only hope that the moral decadents using these petrol bombs are careless enough to ensure that the police have fewer of them to deal with.

We print this information so that citizens can be alert and well-informed about the actions of those out to destroy the British way of life. Remember, be vigilant — aim high.

Next issue it will be with a profound sense of shock that we reveal to our readers how certain malignant elements within our society are now making atomic bombs....

Bottle filled with HgSO4 and petrol. Rag soaked with KGO4.

M. Stinner.

HAMPSTEAD HIT

By Waves of Moderation

A top level investigation is being made into the total absence of riots on the night of 10th August 1951 in the vicinity of Hampstead.

Local police are blaming 'extreme apathetic moderate elements' for a night-long orgy of inaction, in which shop windows remained unshattered, consumer goods remained neatly stacked on shelves, old ladies slept soundly in their beds, with windows completely not boarded up, and black and white youths decided to pack in the action for a while, to get a long night's sleep.

Police were last night warning that 'this kind of apathy, if unchecked, could spread across this country, thus depriving us of an excuse for carrying C5 gas and arms and using water cannons'.

Who is at the centre of these terrifying non-events? Some high-up intelligence sources are pointing the finger at Mr Roy Jenkins and Mrs Shirley Williams, who, they claim, have been 'using deliberately non-inflammatory language and at stirring up moderation', and encouraging people to think that there was (in Roy Jenkins words) 'a dignified and reasonable way of bringing stability and harmony to this great country of ours'.

And what did local residents think? Typical housewife, Lieut-Col 'Daisy' Flutterbuck (rd), 96, said 'It was terrifying. I walked down Hampstead High Street that night and felt quite lonely, it was so empty. And when I walked past a skinhead, all he did was say 'Good evening ma'am' and then he gave me a Sony'.
OK, IF YOU DO GET CAUGHT, they'll probably rough you up! So think: 'I'm a survivor,' relax yourself as much as possible and DON'T SAY ANYTHING!

The cops will either take you to a holding cell, which is basically a room caged off, so at least you'll be with other rioters etc. or they will transfer you to your local Police Station cells.

They will do a CRO (Criminal Records Office) on you. If you give your name and address, they will visit your home to check if you do live there.

After the CRO the cops will attempt to get you to make a statement. Reply: 'I have nothing to say!' It could be you, watching cops making up the stories, showing each other the imaginary wounds etc.

Of course it can get a wee bit frightening when they ask you of things varying from 'you shot the Pope' to 'I saw him/ her throw the petrol bomb.' Just remember to reply: 'I've got nowhere to say,' and keep quiet.

The more you say the better the story they can concoct against you.

You have certain legal rights when arrested, ask them what you are being arrested for. You are allowed to phone (or telegram, if you pay for it) a lawyer or friend.

The trouble is that the police have not been allowing people to phone lawyers and friends. So you should have arranged with friends that if you're not back by a certain time, they should contact a source of legal advice.

It's always a good idea to know where your local legal advice centre is, you can get picked up walking down the street ya know.

As I said the police will have roughed you up so demand to see a doctor. But no deals! You know, 'we'll let you see a doctor if you tell us......'

The next step could be an appearance in front of a justice (a magistrates). If a lawyer or friend does not appear, a person called a duty solicitor (there's one attached to each court) will come to give you legal advice. But the duty solicitor is after an easy life, so he/she will try to get you to plead guilty. If you don't plead guilty and stick to it, you will appear in court, not bailed.

The cops' solicitor will ask that you are remanded in custody, but you should ask for bail. The police will contest this request for numerous reasons: homeless, no job, no dependants, a squatter, previous form etc.

If your request for bail is refused you will be remanded in custody for seven days.

Anarchist Youth Federation

There is a proposal to establish an Anarchist Youth Federation. In an attempt to forge better communication links between groups and individuals a questionnaire has been sent out. This will provide a basis for a communications network/organisation, with the aim of promoting a nationwide movement of young anarchists, growing rapidly in size and strength and cooperating with the present Anarchist Movement.

One small corner of 'our' country has detention without trial, courts without juries and concentration camps. Most, if not all, of one section of the population is on the Army computer at Lisburn.

Army observation helicopters cruise across Catholic areas all day, at night scanning the streets with searchlights. Cameras are mounted on key buildings throughout Belfast and other towns to keep whole areas under surveillance. Every ghetto has at least one Army/RUC stockade.

Censorship of the Press (one only has to read European and American newspapers to see the extent of the censorship) is no excuse for British anarchists not being aware of the situation. The British ruling class would like nothing better than to pull out of Northern Ireland. It gains no economic benefit from occupying that country. However, their whole rationale for being there is political. They simply cannot be seen to be beaten by the armed force of the oppressed people. And that, quite simply, is why the struggle in Ireland is important to the struggle in Britain.

Yes. The Provisionals and the INLA are, despite recent improvements, imbued with an authoritarianism and national chauvinism which we as Anarchists cannot possibly accept. But they are fighting. Moreover, the average volunteer is a working-class or lumpen proletarian youth, armed and politically aware. The massive periphery of the movement comprises mainly young people who totally reject the society they live in and are prepared to do something about it.

Action here in Britain is crucial, though. Propagandist physical attacks on military/ruling class targets connected with Ireland are necessary right now. The Angry Brigade certainly understood this. And if, as we are so often told in Xtra!, Britain is heading towards an 'Italian situation' then at some time we must go onto the offensive in harrassing and sabotaging the British war machine as part of our general attack on the State.

The British Army is now the most experienced and sophisticated counter-insurgency force in the world, and is itching to go into action in this country. They have gone beyond the standard crude approach to internal security (mass random house search-es etc) in the last five years and now go in for covert actions, intelligence gathering and the use of high technology. Its about time we came out of our ivory tower and realised that there's a fucking war going on in our back yard and did something about it.

Solidarity

Liam Horan

Revolution

Gal from Liverpool
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Brixton carnival…

The day after the most serious disturbance in mainland Britain since the war, Brixton Road in Brixton gave the impression of a carnival. Despite the police, who were clust- ered everywhere and the following day, it would, in our view, be equally meaningless to ramble about social desperation. We don’t think we already suffer enough from leftists droning on about it?

In all these discussions, several things stood out. It was not a race riot — all were aware of that. Contrary to what you may have heard or read elsewhere (why read that leftist and liberal shit?), the only ‘newspapers’ heard were the release of those arrested and for a total withdrawal of all pigs from the area. They didn’t work a word, ‘Tories out’, ‘right to work’, ‘Maggie’. The closest utterance approaching political was the statement of one fighter that lessons had been learnt from the panthers of ten years ago. Not that I agree with that, but that is what I heard. Another pointed out the slogan we sprayed up a year ago, ‘Bristol yesterday, Brixton today’, ‘Yes’, I agree with that.

Because there was a lack of leftists, the media and police muttered darkly about the riot as being ‘pre-planned’, ‘anarchist-inspired’. “White anarchists” were reported as being involved in the fighting, which involves police and youth could lead to widespread rioting and looting.

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**Urban Collective Bargaining: Part 1**

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**Summer nights**

In the first week of July, Asian youth attacked a racist gig in Southall, burning down the venue, pelting the police with petrol bombs and bricks. Liberals and leftists, of course, tried to justify the action, isolate it by describing it as ‘anti-fascist’. Why then the same youth lost their own! Asian shops, one week later? Speculation on the Southall incident faded rapidly, for, a day later in the Toxteth area of Liverpool, black and white youth gave us the most astounding riot yet.

The outstanding features of the Toxteth riots were their duration — with fighting raging until six in the morning — and their extent. Again, it should be noted that the participants were extremely young.

Over that week, Moss Side in Manchester exploded. The next weekend many cities were torn with riots who looting…, Unemp Loonie pages have been written describing the above events. It is our task to comment on them, to look to the future.

As far as these events being ‘race related’ is concerned, it would appear that the majority of the rioters were black. But how does this prove the riots were ‘race related’? Both black and white youths fought together in these anti-police, anti-authority disturbances.

The reason the bulk of the rioters were black is easy to see. Blacks simply have more shit heaped on them by society than does the white population. The ‘threaten racial factor was provided by the police, who stormed into the insurgent areas howling ‘Black cunts’, ‘f*cking niggers’. The media and police spoke of outsiders…, so, the police are all local residents of the disturbed areas then? The police of ubiquitous motorcyclists, rogue CB breakers co-ordinating the action… But all this garbage about ‘outside instigators’ deserves to be rejected with contempt. How many of these face-painted, red-beret revolutionaries were arrested, dragged before the courts, identified as ringleaders? None. The ‘vanguard’ of ruffianism appeared after the events. In some cases, as in Toxteth, to be sent packing. The kids the mums and dads go to street gangs. For that is what they mostly are — any leaders come from then disappear back into the community to be replaced by others. SAS men fighting the rioters, or of Russian spies fermenting trouble is merely the same. These riots were the product of spontaneous currents. The currents affected both police and shopkeepers in previously ‘(helper’ of the Great Fear of 1978 (see the book about the eve of the Freeport rebellion by Georges Lefebvre), Most of our comrades should know about this anyway, as they spend most of their time in university studying history. That’s why we need you to tell them what’s going on in the streets.

**White Woolies burned**

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**The Rule of War...**

This is war. The Government and police have not slumbered. What can only be described as interment camps have been erected. The police are now terrorising white communities causing more street battles, creating more polarisation. Older people are siding with the kids, as they too meet police repression.

On the night that a sea of morons crowded into Hyde Park to celebrate some scabby cow marrying a worthless ponce, the police were celebrating the Year of the Disabled by deliberately running over a crippled youth who was taking no part in the further Toxteth riots. This led to more petrol bombs being thrown at the police than at any other time and only a week later the Chief Constable of Liverpool was stoned by an angry crowd. This small incident raises a few points. In the same spirit a crowd of youths stormed the dock of a Birmingham courtroom, in a vain attempt to free one of their mates. Respect for the law? Many of the 3,000 arrested over just one weekend will face the full fury of the courts. Many will find themselves in the new holiday camps.

Who needs Diplock courts when you have plain old-fashioned magistrates — some of them Labour Party or trade union members. Once the kids realise that punitive sentences (one youth was jailed eight years for petrol bombing in Chester) are just another arm of the law, it could well be that magistrates may be paid visits from enraged mobs. They may very well learn the meaning of the terror they inflict, as their houses burn, preferably with them in.
Urban Collective Bargaining: Part 2

"I WANNA' RIOT/

Poetry in King's Cross. London. "I'm fed up with the peace and quiet/ I am not a running riot." Kids singing on a bus at Finsbury Park: 'I wanna riot/a riot of my own'. Police are asking in the shopping centres: 'There's some smart stuff there - fancy a bit of late night shopping?'

Suddenly, through ACTION, dreams were translated into reality. Anything was possible. Despair was desolate, tactics became possible. Yes, Geoffrey Howe was right when he said the depression is over. The festival has only just begun!

Police strategy can be summed up as: Content; Isolate; Disperse (or so it says in the textbooks). Firstly the police will attempt to contain the disturbance, sending in a force to confront the rioters and hold their attention; this force will be little more than a standing target at first, its morale will be low and it could be overwhelmed with determined and intelligent attack. However, in a reasonably static battle, time works against us, as the police will soon be able to bring massive force to bear.

Cordon bleu

Meanwhile a cordon will be thrown round the area, although this takes time, needs co-operation between different divisions and is rarely effective - as at Brixton and Southall. Listen into the police radio to find out where the road-blocks are and where they aren't.

This is where knowledge, or a map of the area is most important. Isolated police road-blocks are an obvious target for us; a small group could carry out a successful molotov attack in a few minutes then withdraw. Ideally, groups outside the main area should be giving police convoys on the main roads, or just blocking them with barricades. Remember, police coaches are very vulnerable - all that glass and one-person exit doors. Similarly, even those brutal SPG barristers are not going to be too happy at having the double-doors of their vans only to receive a proletarian present.

Without luck, people will also be busy organising hoax calls to the police telling them of 'disturbances' or 'youths making petrol bombs', or 'a group of blacks outside a jewellers', and if there are enough people the police switchboard will be jammed with incoming calls. This worked effectively in Brixton, by all accounts. Our aim is always either to extend the action, or to make them think it's being extended.

If the police containment and isolation is going well, they will now concentrate their forces for an offensive action designed to disperse the crowd. This is the moment the pigs have been waiting for; they will be brutal - some won't bother with arrests, they'll just club whatever moves; the more cowardly will try and grab somebody so that they can give them a beating in the security of their black vans and get back to the station for a cuppa. Escape routes will be left open to assist this dispersal - at least, if the crowd is reasonably large. If there aren't any exits, they're deliberately planned to crack as many skulls as possible.

Set, but not match

The illustration shows how police propose to deal with 'set-piece' confrontations. At present they are using three types of formation: the skirmish line, which will advance slowly, or in quick bursts, without making contact; the wedge, used defensively (like a knife through butter) to disperse a crowd; and the diagonal line to drive the crowd in a particular direction. Changes of formation will take place quickly to surprise people. If they're trying to disperse a crowd from behind a barricade, they will use a holding formation and advance down side streets so that the barricade becomes redundant. Always protect your flanks.

In a 'set-piece' confrontation the police will almost always win - they have superior weaponry, technology and organisation, while the rioters will have forsaken their major tactical advantages - surprise and mobility. The Dublin riot is a good example of what can happen in such a situation.

The police are heavy infantry and there's wire mesh over the front windows. However, the tyres are exposed to puncturing or burning (use more sugar in the molotovs to make it stick) and the windows can be plastered with paint to prevent the rioters. Also, water can't go round corners so even a small obstruction will act as a shield. It's had to use water against this colossus against a small mobile group and the five tons of water is used up in five and a half minutes (though they might use two cannon in tandem). The jet is effective up to 75 yards, where it will fall; I've seen under 10 yards it can knock you over. The water can contain a non-toxic blue dye, which fires CS. The Charterhouse Subsidiary Company of Schemulys Ltd, Dorking, Surrey is responsible for the manufacture of this particular abomination (hope our Dorking comrades have noted that!)

A helmet with a strong, thick plastic visor could be advisable. The police get theirs from Helmets Ltd, Wheathampstead, Herts. But be careful - you don't want it to shatter in your face. Republican youth in Ulster have taken to shattering behind huge corrugated iron shields.

Gas

CS gas has already been used in Brixton and Toxteth - first used in Vietnam, it had been stockpiled by the army, but until nearly 1968. It is a stable, off-white powder that gives off a faint peppery smell and has its effects by settling on the skin, being inhaled or swallowed. It wears off quickly once you've got the contaminated area (about 15 minutes), although skin irritation may last longer. The first thing is to make sure that as much of your skin is protected by clothing, as possible. Wear armbands, goggles, or a gas mask if possible (army surplus stores?) or try an improvised mask made from a cloth surgical mask with a small gauze sponge soaked in vinegar; otherwise, smear your face with a mixture of bicarbonate of soda and beaten eggs has been recommended.

Anyone badly affected should be led out of the area and made to open their eyes into the wind (don't rub them!); the skin should be washed with detergent and water to stop irritation of water and whisky. After a few hours a cool shower can be taken.

If the riot is in a residential area like Brixton or Toxteth, the police may deliberately fire canisters into people's houses as a way to terror-
ise the community generally. Young children have been murdered this way and houses can be contaminated for days. The house will have to be thoroughly aired and the rooms swept from top to bottom; food will be inedible. Ideally, protect yourself beforehand by fixing iron bedframes over the inside of the windows, as they do in Amsterdams.

The gas is made by the MOD in Nancokke, Cornwall and the canisters manufactured by Schemely Ltd. The L3A1 cartridge gives off gas for 10/15 seconds, so there's still time to chuck it look at the bastards. There's not much you can do with the exploding variety, except hope that wind or rain will delay its effects. As for the future, CR gas is already stockpiled, having been used against prisoners in the London Kesh riots in 1974. Its principal advantage over CS is that it is water soluble.

Snatch squads

The authorities have a great belief in 'leaders' and agitators, and think that if they can seize the 'ringleaders' everybody else will go home.

This is part of the reason for the use of `snatch squads': four or five men without shields, wielding long batons, who will start sprinting 20 yards behind the lines, unseen by the rioters and suddenly burst through and grab somebody.

In Ulster the Republicans formed anti-snatch squads armed with their own clubs, and designed to attack the snatch squad. Snatch squads are vulnerable to concentrated missile fire, but they are used at such close quarters and with such surprise that any organised defence would be unlikely to succeed without prior knowledge of the snatch. This means having some people in high buildings or on roofs, who can see the police manoeuvres and communicate their movements to the people in the streets via walkie talkies, flags or hand signals. (Binculars would be useful.

Brian.

A RIOT OF MY OWN

Toxteth, Moss Side. In such cases, the Contain, Isolate, Disperse strategy will be used. But where the rioters and looters are small in number, or are not defending their own community, the police are using dispersal tactics - this means squads of SPG in vans zig-zagging at high speeds down roads and pavements in order to confound people off the streets. They also get fewer casualties this way. It's advisable, therefore, to have escape routes ready through shops; in residential areas front gardens should provide enough cover and a source of ammunition in the surrounding fence or brick wall. Better though would be to build barricades of blazing vehicles, doubled-up if possible. Something that hasn't been tried is a taught cable across the road - enough to disable a car or van.

In dealing with small groups of rioters, the police must also break into more mobile groups, losing some of their advantage in discipline, resources and concentration of force. Nevertheless they still have a centralised communications system and motorised transport: however, we have the element of surprise - we choose the time and place, concentrate our forces, attack and disappear, so that we keep them running round in circles - this sort of urban guerilla strategy is being used successfully in Zurich, Berlin and Italy. The Wood Green riot was an interesting advance in this direction and successful enough without being well-planned or organised: here, the police seemed more concerned with brutally beating up small groups rather than preventing lootting. It's important to counter their advantage of motorised transport by blocking the streets and building barricades all over the place. We've got to stretch them to the limit - force them to use all their available people and over-extend themselves, then pick off small groups and attack selected targets suddenly and in force, withdrawing before help can reach them.

Anyone who is taken or goes to hospital for treatment should avoid giving their real names, as police may take down names and addresses from the casualty register - this happened in Dalston.

Looting

Finally a word on lootting - too much indulgence in this at crucial moments may lose you the battle if there's nobody left fighting off the police. For practical purposes the best shops to loot first are hardware stores, chemists, sports shops and off-licences and clothes shops, which will provide the most useful materials. These are: clothing such as running shoes, gloves, hats and scarves, perhaps goggles and water proof; missiles such as bottles, cans, darts, balls, billiard cues, inflammable liquids, paint and alcohol, tools - crowbars, hammers, screwdrivers: medical appliances such as bandages, ointments, anti perspirant and breath freshener (for those close up moments) etc etc. Then there's the electronics shop - for radios, receivers, walkie talkies and food shops - it's hungry work rioting. As soon as the area has been cleared out of the area then get everything redistributed as fast as possible - before the pigs move in and nick the stuff for themselves.

Preparation: a petrol bomb factory in the North of Ireland.
BLAZING ANGER!

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Liberal arts...

Unlike the liberals who make a lucrative living protesting about the introduction of water cannon, CS gas, plastic bullets, we are putters who will face these weapons on the streets. While the liberals are frightened by the escalation of events, as much as injuries caused by weapons that we will be lasting, we can see the future quite clearly through the clouds of gas.

Many innocent people will suffer. Plastic bullets have a strange habit in Libya of killing primary school children. On the mainland we doubt if marksmanship will improve. Parents aren’t going to take kindly to kids being killed by crazed cops. The pigs are already kicking shit out of anybody they catch in riot situations. These people are the lucky ones. The remainder get kicking various rights.

When the parents, older people, take to the streets, as they will, should these disturbances continue, that is when the situation will become more diversified, in a positive sense. The forces of ‘order’ will no longer be facing kids armed with petrol bombs and bricks. The older enthusiasts may be armed with shotguns. If the police continue their blunders like at Toxteth, we may see the first ‘no-go’ areas. Already at Moss Side, Manchester, a cross-bow has been utilised during a mass attack on a police station. More police stations, perhaps courts, may soon become inner city illumination.

We must also take practical steps to prevent later identification, such as wearing masks, preventing film crews and photographers from photographing unsold police work. We must also develop better methods of communication, of defense against ‘hot pursuit’, of disabling police vehicles before they disable us.

Technical knowledge to jam police transmitters and communication will be useful, but specialist knowledge doesn’t represent leadership and, indeed, should not be an excuse for avoiding the most important work — that of taking the streets.

Left out...

It was interesting to notice the predictable absence of the Habitat leftists from the riots. It seems, that by a remarkable coincidence, a mass outbreak of child-minding and consciousness-raising occurred in the vicinity of Hampstead when the London troubles flared. When rotting first broke out in Toxteth, groups of teachers moved home — out of the area. A drastic cure for gentrification? Our only role in all this, as far as I can see, is merely to be among the rioters. To push events further perhaps by suggesting attacks on middle-class areas. Our only political role at this point in time is to prevent the left from recouping this rebellion. So far they have been unable to let’s keep the status quo. Don’t think these riots can be recaptured by the Government. They can talk all they like to community leaders. But they can’t enter into meditation with the street fighters, whose method of dialogue with the State is the brick and the petrol bomb. To all those ‘revolutionaries’ who say, ‘But all this has nothing to do with the working class’, we raise our eyebrows and ask them if they have ever worked in their lives — and we don’t mean working for exams. To the so-called anarchists who bemoan the lack of direction of the events we say ‘that’s the beauty of it all‘. The rioters may appear to be fighting in the blind, but they have offered the most radical critique of this society yet. Whether they bombard the police with £300 cameras, as they did at Wood Green, or just scoop them from the windows and loot them. This is surely the only climate possible today in which anarchist-autonomous ideas could take root and spread. So far all the rioters want is smokier bacon — so far...

Not everyone is into rioting for anarchy......

FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Take, if you will, a quick dec at the dialectic of history, a mere glance at the last quarter millenium, and, as my mate Ronnie would say, ‘Ask yourself this question’ — which has made more impression upon the consciousness of the masses, anarchy or the MacDonald’s hamburger?

Enquire of anyone where he or she can get the nourishment of 100% pure soya bean and the reply will not, alas, be from the anarcho-synthetic press. The intellectual and moral bankruptcy which has served so many in a merely left anarchy even beyond the redemption which, in less acute cases, could be afforded by reference to Saatchi and Saatchi.

The popular men of the anarchist, even those in an armchair, is of one out to cause trouble. Contrast this, dear reader, with the position enjoyed by the MacDonald’s hamburger, revered in every hand in the land. Why is this? Could it be (indeed it is) because the hamburger works from the inside. The inattentive attitude to the political system in the case of one of the many who are, after all, too busy getting on with the business of living to note to munch cucumber sandwiches and sup gin, means that, provided society functions so as not to interfere, there is little hope of illustrating the alienation enjoyed by so many for so few.

The present system is seen as sufficient because its inadequacies are not heighten

by people abusing it properly. Consider, by way of example, the ripe opportuni

ties afforded by the esoteri

ec body of company law. Provisions of the 1948 Compa

nies Act allow directors to be sank, and companies to be wound up where the majori

ty of shareholders oppress the minority. Even Depart

ment of Trade Inspections can be arranged by those with a few shares. Surely the effort of familiarising your goodsevives with the law would pay ample dividends. Be really naughty, exploit the system properly. It is much more fun than suffering from disillusionment following the self-pretence that the revoluti

on is here because a few guys get an over-attachment to unsold consumer goods (shades of J.K. Galbraith ‘Efficient Society’), while the police find new ways to keep fit.

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Shock horror, Express lashes out

BANNED!

A story of everyday, armchair revolutionary folk...

One Sunday our comrade nips along to his local bapcy shop to get three packets of Woodbine and a Sunday Express.

After the shock, our comrade receives yet another blow. Collets have refused to sell the paper any more, which is a pity as it is the big lefty bookshop on Charing X Road which was previously one of its biggest outlets.

‘Why have you banned us?’ he asks. Only to discover that a ‘crime correspondent’ from the Sunday Express has been chanting to the MD of Collets. And that apparently they agree that the contents of Xtra! are ideologically ‘unsound’.

Now, our comrade is not going to criticise this (very reasonable) decision, nor will he even point out the defects in Collets’ TV security system — even though he knows they will never catch Xtra! again. After all, we’re all on the same side, aren’t we? They should just stick to selling Marx and Engels.

A sore throat (and head) somewhere in Hackney. August 1981.

FC Knight, Canvey Island.
The politics of Feminism conjurs up all sorts of misleading images to men, (politiced men as well). What is needed is a simple ‘explosion’ of the myths and mystification surrounding women’s struggle for freedom.

The fact is, that male domination over women - the patriarchal society - is the most concerning aspect of the REAL political struggle, both because of its perennial nature and its obvious, concrete existence. Men have spent so much time trying to achieve ‘social revolution’ (emancipation of the sexes!) that they have missed the most obvious revolutionary struggle: the emancipation of women in the context of the present.

The reading of HERStory offers no real enlightenment for consciousness-raiseing as it is virtually all masculine in its content and perspective, this is why in many areas women have been extremely suspicious of organizing with men.

They have tended to group themselves separately, to discover for themselves their own HERstory and to attain a feminine feeling of solidarity (for action) that they are denied when participating in groups that are dominated by males.

Here here should be made on the ‘recuperative’ nature of the ‘women’s’ libbers’ who maintain (essentially) that all that is required for equality are various reforms and for a woman to ‘get out there and be equal.’

This garage is best exposed in the recent tightening-up of the laws regarding abortion (granted in this country in 1968, due to massive pressure from women’s groups). The State has realized the revolutionary consequences of giving women some control over their own lives - and is trying its best to severely limit the chances of working class women obtaining abortions.

Once you open your eyes the violence inherent in society against women becomes visible. Indeed, it is even more blatant than racism; all centres of exploitation are male orientated, and the various medias come into a standard of their own when it comes to sexism and degrading women: pornography needs no comment.

This is what makes many (if not all) feminists bitter (usually defined as being anti-men), because they see men’s acceptance of the status quo as acquiescence to all this sexism, but it is an easy trap to fall into to write men off as having nothing to contribute; men are imprisoned in sexist roles also.

The two main reasons for the patriarchal society are the State and the ‘family’ - the family teaches subservience/obedience to (male) authority, and brings up girls and boys differently to reinforce these thought patterns (ie the boy with his gun the girl with her doll. Also the different chastisement methods and the different approaches to communication etc.

What feminists demand, quite rightly, is the changing of men’s attitudes, and treatment towards them - not waiting for the revolution, but now - and this is something that most men find disconcerting, that they must positively gain cohesion between what they say and what they do.

Being used to rigid, authoritarian, Marxist organization in the factory/office - and not having any sensuality incorporated makes them see political activity as something that is done on a ‘part-time’ basis, unlike feminist politics - which is lived continuously, and makes the different consciousness needed a daunting task for most.

What makes the politics of radical feminism so fresh and interesting is the refusal to separate the ‘reasoning self’ from the ‘emotional self’ - (ie as men do) - their unification in perspective of sensuality, rationality and intuition go to make feminism the most comprehensive, all embracing, ideological perspective on the Left. Their libertarianism is without doubt essentially Anarchist.

Jack Mesreen (NW)

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**ALL DRESSED UP, AND NOWHERE TO GO?**

Feeling left out, inadequate, lacking in confidence? Just fill in the questionnaire and our computer will do the rest.

My favourite riot venue would be (please tick).

**_TOXTETH SUMMER SALES_**

**_BRITON SPG BASHING_**

**_WOOD GREEN LATE NIGHT SHOPPING_**

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**_VAN BURNING_**

**_BARRICADE BURNING_**

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**_MUMMY’S A MAGISTRATE_**

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The violence and barbarity of the institutions of the state are nowhere more clearly expressed than in the 'health' measures against the mentally ill.

It is to these modern dungeons of inhumanity that people are designated when they no longer conform to the bourgeois codes of thinking and behaviour. Once there the 'patient' is totally ostracized from society - and is, in many instances, without any hope of ever seeing life outside again.

The disastrous way in which inmates are treated is virtually never made public knowledge. There is the notorious exception of Rampton in Nottinghamshire, but even there every doctor, orderly, nurse and administrator concerned was completely exemuted.

This secrecy is because, just like prisons, mental institutions are socially isolated and - more importantly - everybody in them is classed as defective and a violent danger to the safety of 'the public'.

The definitions of so-called mental illness are in the hands of specialists, who (for all their pontificating) have a narrow analysis of cause and effect; only in the most liberal strata do we see a concern for the massive growth, in the last half century, of stress-related illnesses. This concern unconsciously recognises that exploitative society is the cause of peoples' problems. Indeed, even many physical illnesses are caused through psychosomatic induction.

(Note here that the SPK - Socialist Parents' Collective - in Germany, during the late sixties, analysed and located capitalism as the central cause of mental illness. This group contributed to the birth of the RAF.)

Drugs - both to control the mind and the body are used without any compulsion, and age has no relevance to its usage. Witness the Manchester girl (age 8) who was sentenced to be detained indefinitely for setting fire to a pair of curtains in a council home. She regained her freedom only after a lengthy campaign and four years' of captivity, beatings, druggings. What will compensate her suffering?

Another factor in the analysis of these institutions is the trend over the past ten years or so to dump 'normal' prisoners there - those that have proved too rebellious for the usual methods of containment and recuperation.

Only when we are able to live a life that is not geared to playing roles, monotonous work, suppressed desires and uncaring lifestyles - the goal of anarcho-communism - will the volume of 'mental illness' and its causes be drastically eliminated.

The Dark Stranger

LOVE TO ALISTAIR! Yes, even Kepes is waiting to be sold when you get out!!!

JOB

CRIMINAL

The use of prison control units marks a significant step in the direction of total state control. The 'official' explanation for their existence is that of 'dealing' with prisoners who are either exceptionally conformist, violent and a bad influence.

To decode this trash, one should read that they wish to isolate and punish prisoners who are instrumental in getting solidarity together amongst other prisoners, and also those cons that are too politically sensitive to be let out (in the prison) on normal association.

The actual punishment is that of extreme sensory deprivation in the form of total isolation from others in inhuman conditions, i.e., small, white, concrete cells, with a rigid routine - strip searches, cell searches, solitary exercise, removing bedding. And the cruze of the punishment - which is absolute subservience and obedience to the screws; any slight 'disrespectfulness' cancels out what 'remission' the prisoner has 'achieved' and places him back on day one, 'phase one' of the first 90 days of the special control sentence.

To explain this phasing process - the control sentence is divided into two halves of 90 days (i.e. total six months). The first half is spent in total confinement and sensory deprivation, with any 'non-co-operation' on the part of the prisoner putting him back on day one. The second half (assuming he has passed on to it), consists of the prisoner being allowed out with other control unit prisoners on work parties. But again, if he shows lack of cooperation (sufficiently established) co-operation he is placed back on day one, phase one of the whole thing starts again.

Only after 80 days of total submission to the screws and authority is the prisoner allowed the 'privilege' (sic) of normal prison association and routine.

Anybody studying this will see that:

a) the prisoner can be kept in these conditions indefinitely, that is, until the prison authorities determine that he is broken (as an independent-thinking human being), and that he is willing to be controlled by the screws.

b) that the idea that the normal prison routine and life is something that is privileged - and not a punishment - is held up as a goal to the control unit prisoner.

c) that no (liberal-minded) 'safeguards' are possible. Firstly because prisons are mainly structures autonomous in themselves - which can be demonstrated by the differences that occur from prison to prison (i.e. governor to governor). Secondly because it is always true that screws volunteering for jobs in these units are always the ones who tend to be brutal and fascist.

d) that because the prisoners in these units are cut off from all contact with other prisoners, their conditions - that is their treatment in terms of beatings and drugings - are not observed by others and supportive action is not possible.

that the conditions themselves, of extreme sensory deprivation, humiliation in the most soul-destroying manner, drugings to control the mind and body, cell searches, strip searches are all an indication that the British state is following West German methods and preparing the ground for control of 'dissidents' - i.e political revolutionaries.

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SELF-HELP GUIDE FOR INJURED RIOTERS

When there are riots, people inevitably get hurt. But you don’t have to hand them over to the ‘experts’ – if you know a bit of first aid.

The object of first aid
The aim of first aid in emergency conditions is to prevent further deterioration of the injured person’s condition, until medical assistance can be obtained. But before considering what can be done in an emergency, it is worthwhile considering suitable precautions that can be taken to minimise injury in the first place. In a riot, ways of avoiding arrest should also be considered, since the police can often inflict severe injuries on their victims.

Prevention – better than cure
Exposed skin is more easily broken or bruised by physical blows, more easily irritated by chemical poisons such as acid, or damaged by heat, not to mention more easily identified, than is covered skin. Thus, adequate clothing covering as much as possible of the body is desirable. This applies to vulnerable areas like the head, back, sides and ankles. Gloves will likewise protect the hands and crash helmets, or woollen hats and scarves will protect the head. Clearly mobility is important as well, so it’s no use turning up so heavily armoured that you can’t move. Leather is the toughest covering and it doesn’t let you overheat too much.

Of most injuries, dressing like this signals to the pigs that you mean business and therefore snatch squads may single you out for particular attention. I leave it to you how you balance these pros and cons.

Before you start
Assess the whole situation confronting you. It’s no use applying the most elegant splints and bandages if you and your wounded comrade are unattended, or flattened by collapse. If your patient can’t walk, then a simple pick-a-back is ideal – if you’re strong enough. If there’s two or more first aiders, then stretchers can be improvised from doors, wheelchair, supermarket trolley or wooden posts slotted through the arms of two jackets and supported with belts. People who have had their spines injured should not be moved unless it is essential to save their lives.

First aid problems
The main C.G.S. injuries to be encountered in riots are bleeding, head injuries, burns, broken bones, shock and C.G.S. gas poisoning. It is not possible to cover in any detail all the possible situations one might encounter, so I shall only deal with the principles of treatment in this article.

Immediacy is the key. Keep calm and cool. If you can’t handle the situation, get the patient to a hospital – preferably away from the area if you are worried about being traced by the police. You can always give a false name and address and think up a convincing story, although doctors usually don’t want to hand people over to the cops anyway.

Bleeding
The normal body contains eight to 12 pints of blood, depending on size and weight of the individual, and, as blood loss will know, we can easily lose one pint without harm.

Bleeding always looks worse than it is and it is extremely difficult to assess how much blood has actually been lost. If you’ve ever dropped a pint of milk, you’ll know how far that can spread. However, there are signs of heavy blood loss. These are: rapid breathing, a pale complexion, and a steady increase in the pulse rate. The normal rate of the pulse of a resting individual is 50 to 80 beats per minute. Practice feeling pulses on yourself at the wrist, in the neck and at the temples. Prevention of blood loss is one of the most important functions in first aid. At the start it should be stressed that tourniquets should never be used. Bleeding is best controlled by applying continuous pressure with a folded cloth or bandage or clean cloth for at least ten minutes. (This takes patience!) Raising the wounded part in the air also helps as the heart then has to pump uphill. Nose bleeds are best controlled by pinching the nose just below the bony bridge for at least ten minutes, with the patient leaning forwards and breathing through his or her mouth.

Large lacerations it may be necessary to pinch together the edges of the wound with finger and thumb rather than using a pad. Once the bleeding has been controlled, a firm clean dressing can be applied.

Head injuries
Where there is a head injury and possibly a fracture of the skull, especially where there has been loss of consciousness, the patient should be kept in the coma position (see below).

His or her general condition should be observed regularly and pulse and rate of breathing should be recorded if vomiting occurs. If the pulse rate falls below 60, if there is a difference in the size of the pupils, or there is a change in the level of consciousness, then medical help is urgently required.

Fractures
Whenever a limb looks deformed and is painful, suspect that it has been broken or dislocated. Simple treatment is to immobilise the broken bone, thus easing pain and preventing further damage to the soft tissue, by splinting. Splinting involves fixing the broken bone with bandages to a rigid padded object (wood, a folded magazine, or the body itself) above and below the suspected break. Do not try to put the limb back in place. Get the patient to hospital where a doctor will deal with it. This is done under anaesthetic, so don’t give the patient any food and drink.

Shock
Shock results from a shutdown of vital functions in the body and is caused by a drop in blood pressure. The most likely causes of low blood pressure in riots are: severe bleeding; severe burns where body fluid is rapidly lost, severe pain (eg a broken bone, or abdominal wounds); and emotional reactions (eg fear or grief).

The symptoms are a rapid, shallow pulse, a pale complexion and often shallow and rapid breathing. The patient is anxious, may feel sick, or actually vomit or feel giddy. There may be some loss of consciousness, contaminated, sponge with cotton wool soaked in a 2:1 solution of Treatment involves laying the patient down with his or her head as low as possible. Loosen tight clothing and keep the patient warm with a blanket or coat. Ascertain the cause of the shock. If there is little likelihood of the patient requiring anaesthetic, a hot sweet drink will help. Emotional shock, is, by and large, temporary reassurance and sweet tea soon helps.

Burns
Burns can be caused by heat, chemicals and electricity. The basic principles of treatment are the same.

Remove the patient from the source of the burns (don’t electrocute yourself), and cover the burn by running it under cold water for five minutes (this minimises later damage) and protect it from infection by covering it by clean linen or sterile bandages. Don’t burst blisters deliberately. Severe burns require urgent hospital treatment.

C.S. gas (riot gas)
This noxious chemical dust is now in use on mainland Britain as well as being used extensively in Northern Ireland. It produces its effects by settling on exposed skin, or being breathed or swallowed. It produces a sharp pain in the eyes, nose, throat and chest, causing the eyes to stream and a choking sensation, followed by fits of coughing, which can be so violent as to induce vomiting. Stinging occurs on scraped areas, or minor scrapes of the skin. Water or sweating makes the stinging much worse and should be avoided.

The effects of C.S. gas can be minimised by covering as much skin as possible and an improvised gas mask soaked in vinegar vomit with air-tight piggles is supposed to help. The effects get less severe the longer you stay in the stuff.

If you can’t tolerate it, then get away from fresh air. Do not rub your eyes. Force open the eyelids and let the wind blow away the dust or wash the eyes with water poured from the inside corner of the eye running outwards. Adding a few drops of household ammonia to the water, or using a per cent solution of baking soda (a heated teaspoon per pint should be about right) is even better. If the skin is heavily watered with alcohol (vodka, gin or burn by running it under cold water for five minutes (this minimises later damage) and protect it from infection by covering it by clean linen or sterile bandages. Don’t burst blisters deliberately. Severe burns require urgent hospital treatment.

Dr Jeckyll
Spot-the-Molotov

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