

...revolutionary
 ...eventually forming a Union
 ...Libertarian Communist Soldiers
 Why? Such are the level of demands,
 ...of organisation and perspectives of
 ...soldiers movement that it takes on a
 ...character: a character that has been
 ...etally reinforced since May 1 1976.
 And it is this mass character, this aim
 ...becoming a mass movement that
 ...mines the appearance and
 ...isation of revolutionaries in the
 ...y.
 ...Libertarian Communists? Because there
 ...already existed for about three years:
 ...Revolutionary Soldiers, Sailors and
 ...Airforce Front (FSMAR), close to the
 ...ique Communiste Revolutionaire;
 ...or around a year:
 ...Revolutionary Alliance of Soldiers
 ...ARS), close to the Organisation
 ...ommuniste Revolution (a split from
 ...e LCR).
 ...hat we were unable to join either of
 ...organisations explains the move
 ...rds forming a Union of Libertarian

...the two positions are summed up here:
 ...the first restating our positions and
 ...considering the struggle in the barracks as
 ...priority;
 ...the second considering that the struggle
 ...of deserters, conscientious objectors and
 ...the undisciplined is to be placed in the
 ...same plan as the soldiers struggle.
 This position would consider that a
 mass organisation of soldiers cannot exist
 taking into account the fact that the Army
 is a structure separated from society and
 that class struggle does not cross over into
 it and hence no class nature can be
 ascribed to the elements that make it up.
 This leads to proposing an autonomous
 organisation of revolutionary soldiers,
 regrouping the revolutionary soldiers and
 soldiers committees sufficiently 'left-wing'
 as to have as their aim the destruction of
 the army above all given that the
 heterogeneity of the army does not permit
 mass work.
 Fraternally,
 Soldats Communistes Libertaires
 Paris Region

...to employ blacklegs.
 The proposed criminal trespass
 law may yet get toughened and
 extended to make occupations illegal,
 wide open to police violence.
 If the Government can learn from
 past sit-ins and prepare laws to cripple
 the working class, then the workers
 can also look to sit-ins of the past to

Occupy

Not so if the workers had occupied
 the factory. The means of production
 is everything that matters to both
 sides.

These groups (Marxist/Leninists) regard
 the working class as only capable of a low
 political perspective, usually termed 'trade
 union consciousness'.
 Therefore they see themselves at the
 class' head. (the revolutionary Vanguard).
 They then lead the class to socialism!
 All Leninist parties are similar, in that
 they are sure only they can be the true
 'Workers Party'.
 The servile relationship between the
 party and the class is mirrored in the
 internal dictatorship within the party
 bureaucracy.
 Whenever any of these 'vanguards' has
 managed to grasp power, it has resulted in
 the crushing of all real revolutionary
 initiative, as the new ruling class tighten
 their hold on the state.

So what is to be done?
 The working class, unwilling to shoulder
 the burden of bankrupt capitalism, and
 rejecting the party of slavery 'solution',
 must create its own grass roots
 organisations.
 This is not forming new unions, or
 counter unions, it is the by-passing of
 union bureaucracy in the pursuit of class
 interests.
 Rank and file groups with cross
 communication, and decision making,
 co-operation and acts of solidarity with
 other areas will be natural developments
 as the struggle develops and overlaps.
 (Industrial struggles linking with claimants
 unions, community action, rent strikes,
 price pickets, etc)
 In this way a united working class can
 be achieved, as confidence is built through
 action.
 The open, democratic manner in such a
 movement will have a dramatic effect on
 everyday life.
 People will for the first time make real
 decisions concerning themselves and their
 society.
 This will however only be fully realised
 with the total destruction of capitalism.

What's libertarian communism?
 The AWA calls its ideas Libertarian
 Communist. We think the people who
 create the wealth in the world are quite
 capable, armed with political insight, of
 overthrowing capitalism and creating a
 socialist society, run by a co-ordinated

network of community councils using
 modern communications to ensure total
 exposure and control of decision making,
 the revolutionary transformation of society
 could be managed by the working class for
 the working class.
 Free expression of all socialist ideas
 is essential for the development of the
 revolution.
 Leading from this, the councils will be
 able to plan the new economic/social
 structure.
 These councils, we believe, should be
 composed only of industrial, agricultural
 and community delegates.
 This would ensure all the working class
 being represented.
 No political party or group, etc. should
 be allowed delegates as a 'right' — this
 would help to eliminate dangers of political
 'take-overs'.
 All power must rest with the rank and file.
 The undermining of sexism, racism,
 religion, etc. will increase as sane economic
 and social policies, based on need and use,
 become effective.
 When conditions have been favourable
 to self-expression, workers have displayed
 amazing abilities.
 Much was achieved in Catalonia and
 elsewhere in Spain in 1936. Widespread,
 highly successful 'collectivisation' was
 accomplished.
 Production continued though often the
 methods and products changed
 considerable. Public services under workers
 self-management were more efficient and
 reliable.
 The situation was only changed by the
 military might of the ruling class, who
 imposed General Franco in a tragic three
 year war.
 From this and other examples it is
 apparent that socialism cannot be created
 in isolation. The workers movement must
 be international.
 The AWA believes that the defence of
 the revolution must be based on the
 arming of the working class.
 A workers militia, not a 'new'
 professional army, would give workers
 power real 'teeth'.

Here and now
 The AWA has set itself the task of

...by the GM men allowing them to
 have home leave to avoid this
 problem.
 All these things put together can
 help in making future occupations as
 successful as the GM workers one
 turned out to be.
 The union was recognised, along
 with all the other demands.

creating a strong libertarian communist
 tendency within the working class.
 We think that it is essential that
 revolutionary anarchist ideas are widely
 known and discussed if any meaningful
 change is to take place in society.
 To this end we publish agitational
 material, including a paper. Our members
 are active in working class organisations
 advocating direct workers power.
 AWA policies include working within
 trade unions, though not as full time
 officials; all rank and file groups, claimants
 unions etc; drawing 'liberation movements'
 such as 'Gays' into a clear perspective of
 their oppression; when supporting
 resistance to the bosses' offensive we
 advocate:
 — total non-co-operation with the
 governments policies
 — all layoffs to be met with
 uncompromising hostility
 — redundancies and closures turned into
 occupations

Our organisation
 The organisation was formed at the
 end of 1971 by revolutionary anarchists
 who were disgusted with the chaos of the
 Anarchist Federation of Britain'.
 The original name of the organisation
 was the Organisation of Revolutionary
 Anarchists.
 The name was changed to AWA in
 January 1975.
 We are a membership organisation of
 moderate size. Our members accept the
 principle of collective decision making.
 There is an agreed set of Aims and
 Principles and a formal constitution,
 which are revised at National Conference.
 This is usually held every six months.
 There are bi-monthly delegate
 conferences, where the Association
 coordinates its activities.
 We seek to create local groups in all
 areas to affect the struggle on a national
 basis.
 Local groups interpret National
 Conference and Delegate conference
 decisions to relate tactics to their local
 experience.
 We have fraternal links with
 international organisations, with the aim
 of eventually forming a Libertarian
 Communist International. Much needs to
 be done before this becomes practical.

What is the AWA

...affluent society created in the fiftie.
 ...ties is now clearly collapsing. East
 ...West working people face price rises,
 ...cuts and slashed public expenditure.
 ...in the factory floor this means
 ...activity deals, a deterioration in
 ...ing conditions and the spectre of the
 ...housing it means higher rents, more
 ...ons and petty restrictions on tenants.
 ...ducation, the health services, it means
 ...classes, larger waiting lists, with
 ...attacks on the unemployed.
 ...is is what capitalism means in
 ...ce. The slump is worldwide.

The Government is powerless!
 ...e Anarchist Workers Association
 ...state intervention to solve the crisis.
 ...olution of the parliamentary system
 ...ated the illusion of democracy.
 ...is allows bogus appeals to 'National
 ...ty' in times of trouble, while
 ...uating the inequalities of capitalism.
 ...at as bogus is the myth of 'National
 ...ignity', as capitalism is international.
 ...reality government, whether Tory,
 ...l or Labour is powerless in
 ...rison with the multinational giants,
 ...corporations and stock-exchange
 ...ctors.
 ...simple terms, governments float like
 ...n the tide of international capital.

Change the laws?
 ...changes alleviating the distress of
 ...pressed must be welcomed by
 ...ts, however the AWA opposes the

idea that gradual reforms can create
 socialism.
 But changing laws does not change
 people's attitudes and the rich always
 afford to find loopholes or evade laws
 altogether.
 Governments rely on the myth of their
 infallibility in order to impose laws and
 restrictions on people who would never
 themselves propose such measures.
 Socialists who accept the parliamentary
 system (the Communist Party, left wing
 Labour Party etc) imagine that it is
 possible to reform the nation by a series of
 changes in government policy.
 Mistrustful of the working class' ability
 to create the new society, reformists
 firmly oppose independent grass roots
 struggle.
 This plays into the hands of the bosses.
 Whenever a genuine attempt has been
 made to change the economic balance of
 society to favour the working class, the
 owning class has removed its 'liberal' mask,
 and resorted to armed repression.
 The most obvious case of this was the
 suppression of strikes and occupations by
 the Allende Government in Chile, then
 with the workers weakened and unarmed
 the military fascists seized control.
 The peaceful road to socialism of
 Allende has been swamped with workers'
 blood.

No to the party dictatorship!
 The AWA condemns all attempts by
 revolutionary groups to snatch power in
 the name of the working class.