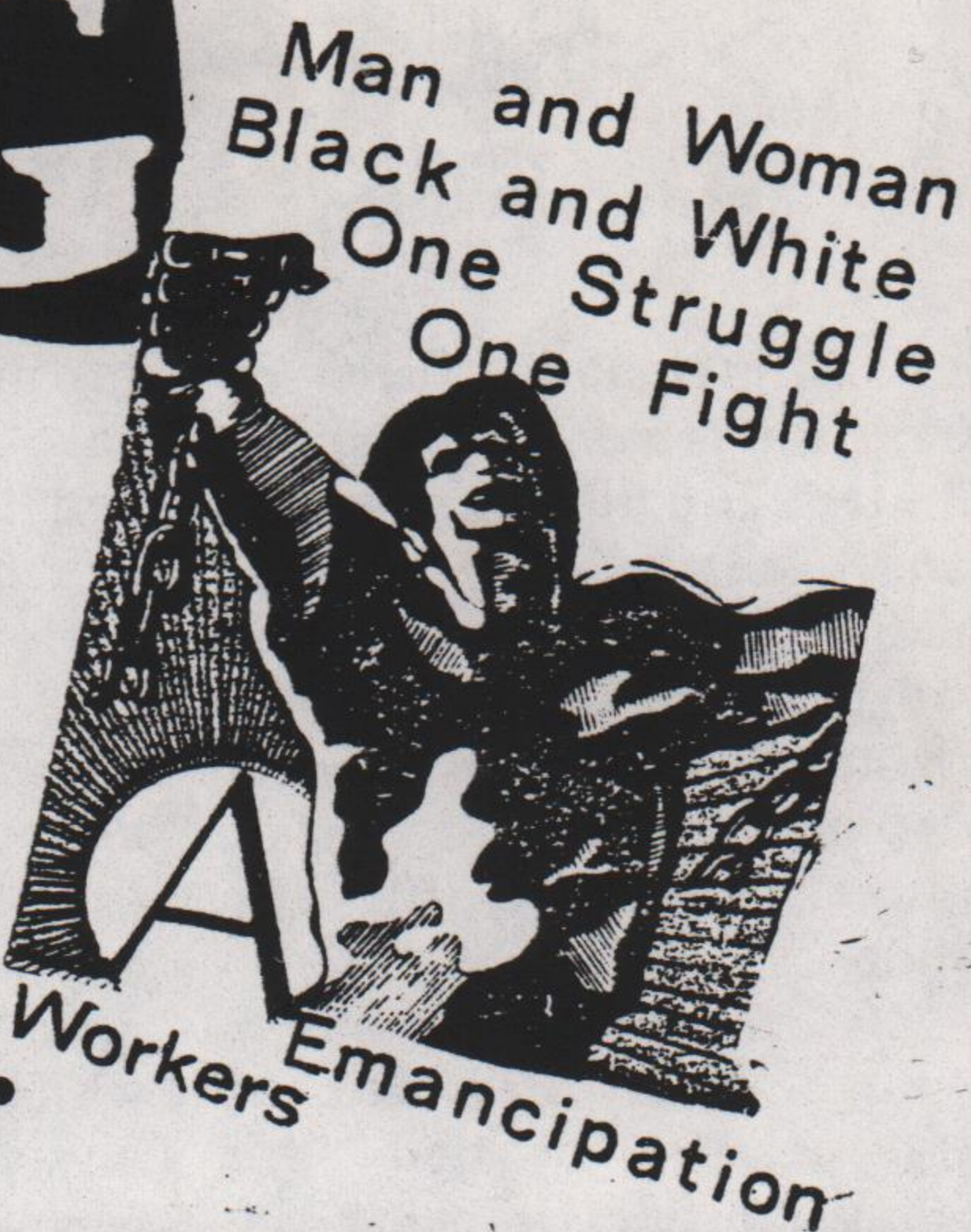


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WE'RE IN HERE FOR YOU

FREE ALL CLASS WAR



YOU'RE OUT THERE FOR US

WOMEN PRISONERS

"SANTA isn't coming here this year

"He's been in dispute with the Coal Board for eight months, trying to keep jobs for himself, his mates - and for me, in the future. The Government, the press, and the DHSS are all against him. It's only your generosity that's kept us going. But there's nothing to spare for Christmas."

And that's true for all miners' kids in North Derbyshire this year.

So may we ask you a few questions?

* We hope you and yours have a good Christmas. When it's finished, will you have £10 or so left in your savings? If so, will you give it now to sponsor a Christmas dinner for a miner's family? We can use it well by buying in bulk, and give these brave families a change from the baked beans that they eat all too often.

* If you're buying presents for your own children, will you add an extra one to your list for a miner's kiddy? The children are caught up in a struggle they don't necessarily understand, but they're suffering in many ways. We need presents for the complete range of age groups, including the older ones.

will you help?

If you can help, it will give heart to families fighting the most difficult industrial battle of our lifetime. We know we're asking a lot, but workers in struggle can only turn to other workers for help. We stand or fall together.

send messages of support & solidarity:
G/O N. Derby's NUM,
Saltergate, Chesterfield.

Six pit strikers sentenced

SIX striking miners from Shirebrook in North Derbyshire received custodial sentences yesterday from stipendiary magistrate Mr Ian Boyd QC at Chesterfield for offences connected with the mining dispute.

They appeared for sentence having earlier denied, but been convicted of, offences including assault on police and damaging and besetting the homes of working miners.

David Taylor (21) of 278 Central Drive, received 56 days but had already been in custody 29 days awaiting sentence and so with remission will be released in a week's time.

Peter Darby (18) of 74 Vale Drive, got 56 days; Neale Bailey (19) of 53 Field Drive, 21 days; and Wayne Spizer (17) of 73 Field Drive, Paul Ellis (23) of 24 Vale Drive and Mark Wright (18) of 46 Recreation Drive, each 28 days.

strikers sentenced

Saturday, November 17,

To: Women's Action Group, Goldwell Rooms, Ashgate Road, Chesterfield.

* I should like to sponsor a miner's family for a Christmas Day dinner, and enclose £10/promise to send you £10 by December 1st.

AND/OR

* I will send you a present for a miner's child by December 1st. (To save heavy postage, if you send us your pledge, we'll see if we can pick it up within a few days after December 1st.)

NAME

ADDRESS

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TEL:

Please make cheques, etc, payable to:
Derbyshire Women's Action Group Christmas Fund.

Build the resistance

spies

Big Brother is watching you — and that's now official!
A police video camera team filming at Tilmanstone in the Kent Area.
The videos are not limited to the picket lines.
They can now be seen in the pit villages in a new sinister development.
Tilmanstone NUM Vice-President John Baldwin said he thought the police were preparing for the future "to pick up and identify activists."

Profits and poverty

IN 1983 the 20 highest paid company directors in Britain were paid as much as 722 workers on the average male manual wage.
Figures just published by Labour Research also reveal that there has been an increase in inequality since 1979. In that year the 20 top directors got as much as 454 'average' male manual workers.

Top company directors usually get much more than their salary — share options, company cars, private health insurance, and other perks. But in salary alone Richard Giordano of British Oxygen received £521,500 last year, and another six directors got more than £250,000 per year each.

'Labour Research' also looks at the latest official survey of earnings.

The ten worst-paid jobs in Britain are all jobs dominated by women — from hairdressers through sewing machinists to cleaners. Gross pay in those jobs is one-quarter or one-fifth of the salary of top-paid groups like doctors, finance, insurance and tax specialists, and police inspectors.

PLASTIC BULLET SUPPLIERS IN BIRMINGHAM

The Birmingham firm of Parker-Hale has recently distributed 266,000 Parabellum blank metal case plastic bullets. The consignment was brought into England via Belgium through an American company, Sherwood International, who have offices in London.

Roger Hale, a director of Parker-Hale, justified his 'family business' being involved in such trade on the grounds that the bullets were only used for training purposes.

This 'family business' has been supplying police forces with a highly specialised sniper's rifle for many years.

In more recent years they have also supplied the RUC and Gardai (police forces of North and South Ireland) with handguns and carbines.

Roger Hale refused to confirm or deny that the plastic bullets had been shipped to the North of Ireland on 25th September. If they hadn't been shipped to Ireland, which police force here is now being trained with these weapons? **Are we going to see the miners receive the same brutal treatment that we have seen in the North of Ireland since the introduction of plastic bullets in 1976?**

Parkerhale Ltd, corner of Golden Hillock Rd and Walford Rd, B'ham

1000 days on remand

WEDNESDAY October 31 marked 1000 days on remand for Thomas Power, in Belfast's Crumlin Road Jail. This is equivalent to five and a half years of a jail sentence.

Thomas Power and hundreds of other Irish men and women have been charged, and many convicted, on the *uncorroborated* evidence of paid 'super-grasses' in Northern Ireland's non-jury Diplock courts.

Informers have been offered bribes by the police in return for their stories:

NORTH OF IRELAND Britains Vietnam

I have just returned recently from a visit to Belfast as a member of the Troops Out Movement délegation. I came back visibly shaken from my first experience of brutal oppression and naked colonialism. I have been a class-struggle Anarchist (Anarcho-Syndicalist) now for fifteen years, the same number of years since the recent British occupation of Ulster. During that time the media has constantly played down the full horrors of the British government's occupation. Constantly reiterating that British troops are there purely as a peace-keeping force

The reality is somewhat different, Belfast at first sight — at least the areas occupied by the British — bears much resemblance to pictures I have seen of Nagasaki and Hiroshima after the bombs of 1945. Ruined buildings, burnt-out cars, and the ever present road-blocks and troops hurtling by, gives the ordinary visitor a brief glimpse of the tragedy that is a daily reality for the Irish population of Belfast.

I was privileged to stay in the homes and visit the clubs of Republican activists during my all too short four day visit. What impressed me as an Anarchist and a revolutionary was the openness, the warm-hearted hospitality, the lack of racism towards me, despite my rather unusual delight in wearing jewellery and displaying innumerable badges, towards one who

after all is a member (however reluctant) of the oppressing culture. I kept repeating to myself after the cold-blooded murder of Sean Downes) to which I was a witness — and the incredibly violent behaviour of the British troops and the RUC, 'They will never conquer this people'. If ever I saw a politically conscious, tremendously brave working class population it was there on the streets of Belfast. Despite the desperate poverty, the unemployment, the degrading brutality of the oppression, the Belfast Republican working class is not only ready and willing to listen to alternative political ideas, they do so with an open eagerness and a sense of immediate urgency.

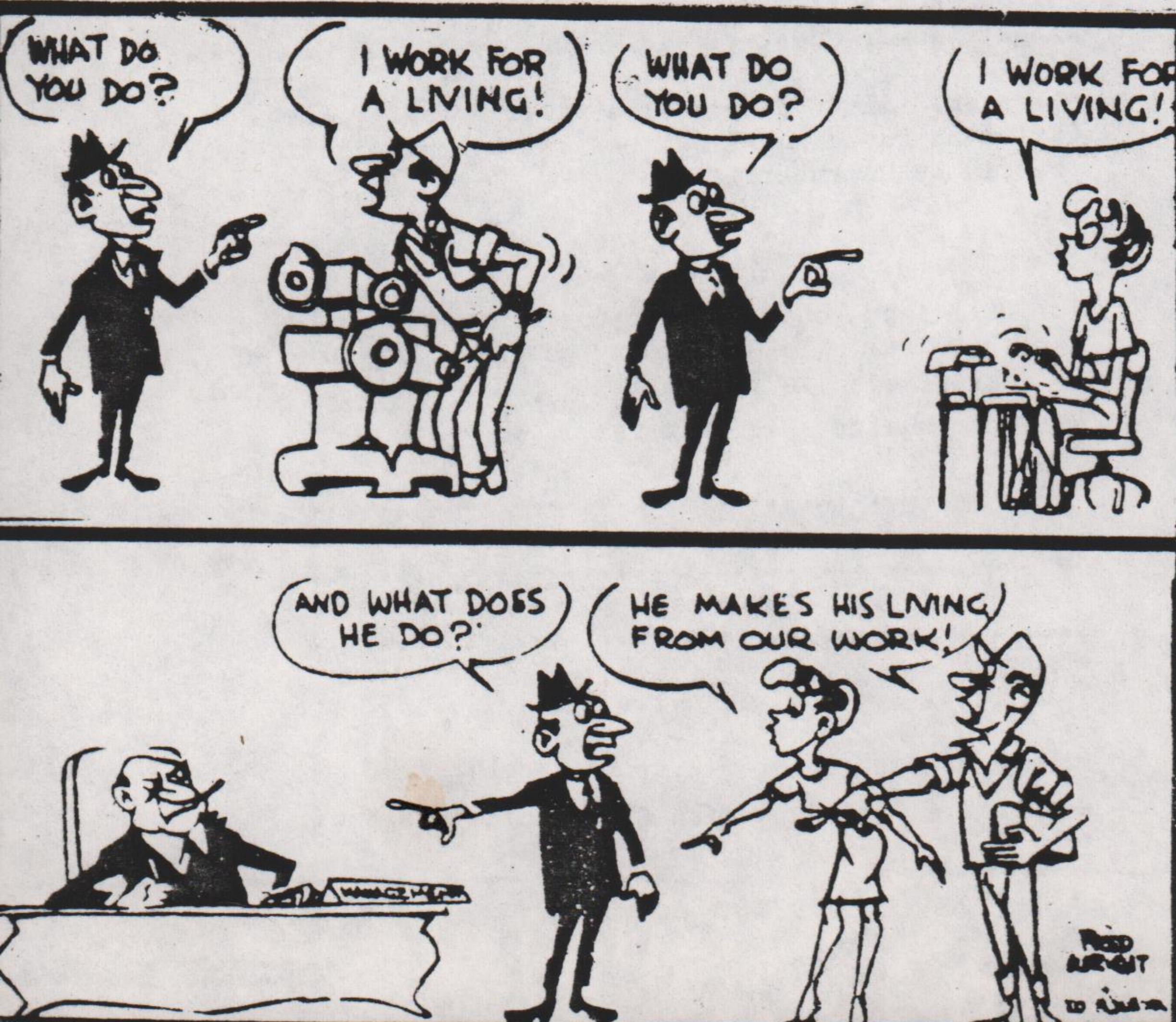
The Republican movement that I spent my time with bore little resemblance to the stories of bigoted Catholic nationalism which I had been led to expect, both from others' accounts, and the media. I found a people intensely alive and open to new ideas, aware of the social problems and intent on solving them as soon as the oppressive British presence is withdrawn. They expressed interestingly diverse opinions to me about racism, gay rights, sexism and socialist alternatives. I met activists who spoke with the Anarchist vision of society as I did. I spoke to Republican organisers who espoused decentralism, federalism and community and workers control (in an Anarchist sense). I remember talking to one rank and file activist who claimed he was neither a Republican nor a Nationalist but a reactionary — amid the laughter of himself and his wife. He went on to explain to my shocked and horrified face that he meant that he was only reacting against British oppression by meeting violence with violence. In this sense he was a reactionary.



The Republican movement is indeed diverse. I will not try to disguise the fact that I had very real differences of opinion with certain members of the 'Sinn Fein' organisation who espoused beliefs, for example, about 'revolutionary' Cuba and who saw socialism in statist and nationalist terms, and I made quite clear that I saw loyalty to class as more important than national differences. The rank and file, however, were much more open and ready to express ideas more in keeping with my own Anarcho-Syndicalism.

Anarchists must become aware of the terrible reality of British oppression and struggle against it wherever and whenever possible by demanding on every possible occasion an end to the British military and political presence in Ulster. They should tell their friends that British troops are in Ireland as a prop to the present sectarian divisions, and left alone the Irish working class could be well on the way to finding their own solutions.

P R., Newcastle on Tyne



● On Monday there is to be a general march against the Government beginning in the Market Place at 12.30 and proceeding to the DHSS offices on London Road.

Police expect few people to attend the march which is believed to be a semi-personal protest.

Sit-in called off

A PLANNED demonstration and sit-in at a Derby social security office to protest against unemployment was cancelled at the last minute by organisers yesterday.

Local miners support groups, peace and unemployed organisations had planned to carry out a peaceful protest demonstration in the city yesterday afternoon to show their solidarity with the miners.

But no-one turned up at the proposed meeting place in the Market Place at 12.30pm apart from police and reporters.

In a letter sent to the Evening Telegraph today the Unemployed Workers Action Group explained that the demonstration had been called off due to "misinformation being spread about the planned day of action."

A day of action was called across the country in support of the mining communities, the day does not seem to have had any impact but the idea still remains a good one. In Derby ignore the press bullshit, we called for a picket of the job centre, no other groups in Derby backed the call, except for some other unknown (to the cops) Anarchists who glued some locks, to do with the day but also to highlight the Animal Liberation Front. At the meeting place for the proposed picket no one turned up including us, though we watched the spot from a safe distance, there were 7 or 8 cops in the market place waiting for over an hour their was also 2 on guard on the corner of Newland st. DHSS offices, no doubt their was also cops outside the jobcentre and also London rd. DHSS offices. So all in all the only people who did mobilise themselves were the cops and bank managers. Later on in the day we handed out leaflets in support of the miners on albion st.

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Needless squirts

A GLUE alert from the police had dozens of Derby's top money-men working on Sunday.

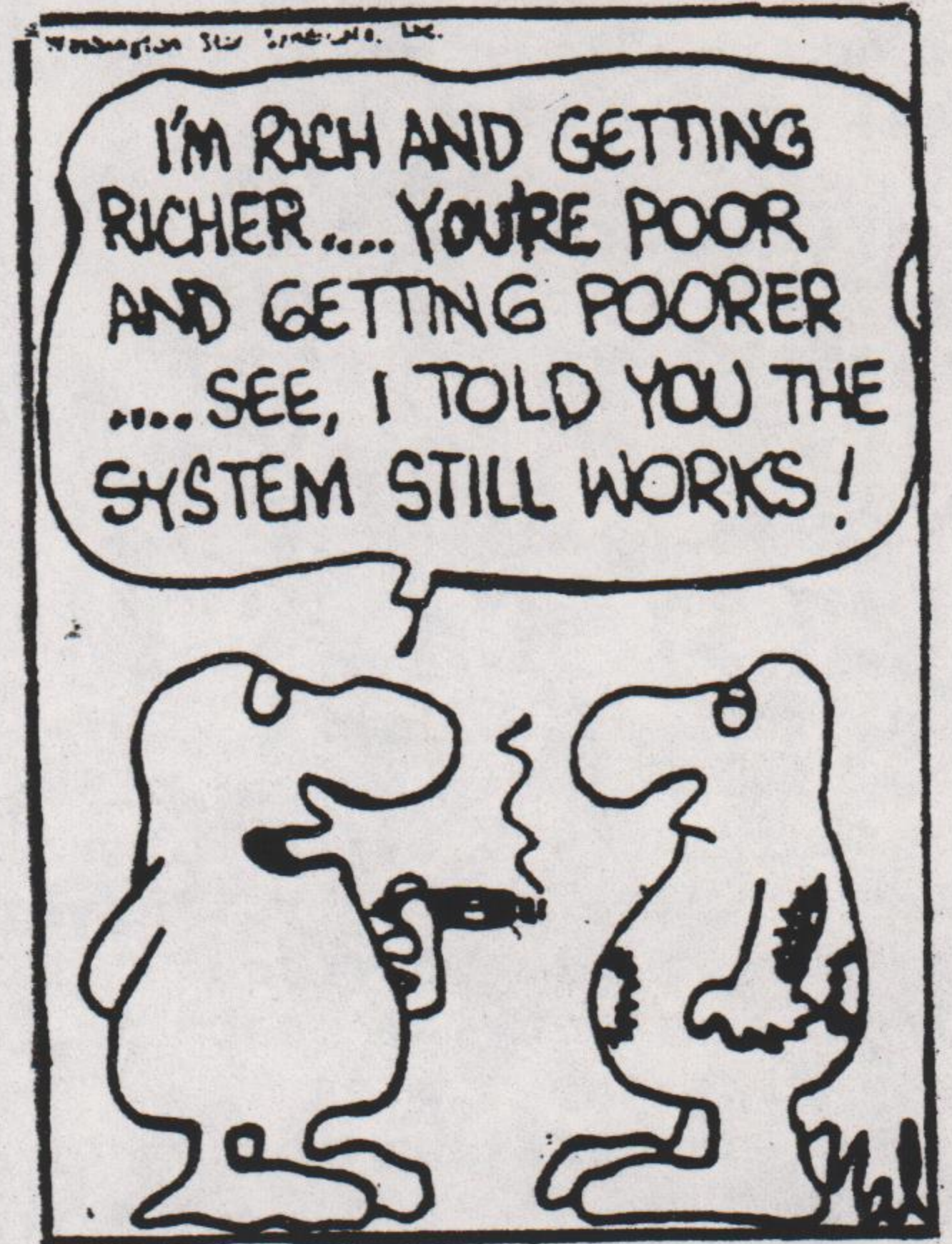
Acting on a tip-off that anarchists would squeeze glue into locks of banks and building societies on Monday morning, police alerted all major financial houses in the city.

They advised that locks should be sprayed with a fine oil to ease removal of the glue, if applied.

Bank and building society managers scurried into the city centre on Sunday, to squirt WD40 into every available keyhole.

"As it happened, we need not have bothered," an official of Derbyshire Building Society told the Trader.

"There was no Super-glue raid on our premises — or any other, as far as I know. But it's better to be safe than sorry."



Minister's son thumped at pub

A GOVERNMENT Minister's schoolboy son landed in hospital after a pub row over unemployment.

Edward Luce, 16-year-old son of Foreign Office Minister of State Richard Luce, was beaten up outside the pub in Pimlico, Central London.

His attacker was a man from Liverpool.

Edward said: "This chap claimed the real total of unemployed was four million. I said it was 3,200,000.

"He invited me to discuss it outside.

"I thought we could talk about it better there so I agreed. It didn't

register that he meant anything else.

"But before I knew it he head-butted me and kicked me on the ground.

Edward needed treatment for face cuts.

ha ha ha



PAINTER

Thomas Reid died because his employers couldn't bear to fork out enough money for a bit of electrical cable.

He was painting the inside of a water pipeline in Perthshire when one of the gas lamps he and his mates were using fell and

ignited highly flammable bitumen paint.

Thomas Reid later died in hospital of burns.

His employers, Glendene Painting Contractors Ltd, pleaded in their defence that the men were using gas-lamps because electrical lighting would have required some 400 feet of cable.

When the company came up before the Edinburgh sherriff's court they were fined a mere £1,250.

ANARCHIST PUBLICATIONS

DIRECT ACTION, Nov. issue, 20p monthly paper of the Direct Action Movement is available from us also BLACK FLAG, the fortnightly anarchist paper, we also have a number of pamphlets for sale.

*EARTHWORKS, quarterly Mag. of the Newcastle Anarchist Group, no.2, 15p, articles on the Miners Strike (history of north east pit closures, Violence, DHSS, Picketing, Solidarity) other articles on 1910-1914 The Workers Fightback, Troops To Strikebreak, Social Control in Schools, Labour Party's History of Scabbing, History-Soldiers Mutiny at Kinnel Park, plus more & available from plus S.A.E., P.O. BOX 10, Forest Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 9BW.

*RED & BLACK TYPES, monthly bulletin of the Kent Libertarian Society, Nov; no.4, Free, articles on Brighton Bombing, Girls-trousers & School, Ireland. available plus S.A.E. from: K.L.S. c/o 68b Thorold Road, Chatham, Gillingham.

*CLASS STRUGGLE, anarcho-syndicalist bulletin from the Hull branch of the Direct Action Movement, 2p, articles on General Strike Our Best Weapon, The Bolshevik Counter Revolution, Defenders of the Revolution Kronstadt 1921 Rebellion, Syndicalist Unions. available plus S.A.E. from; c/o 5 Hollins Hill, Burnley, Lancs.

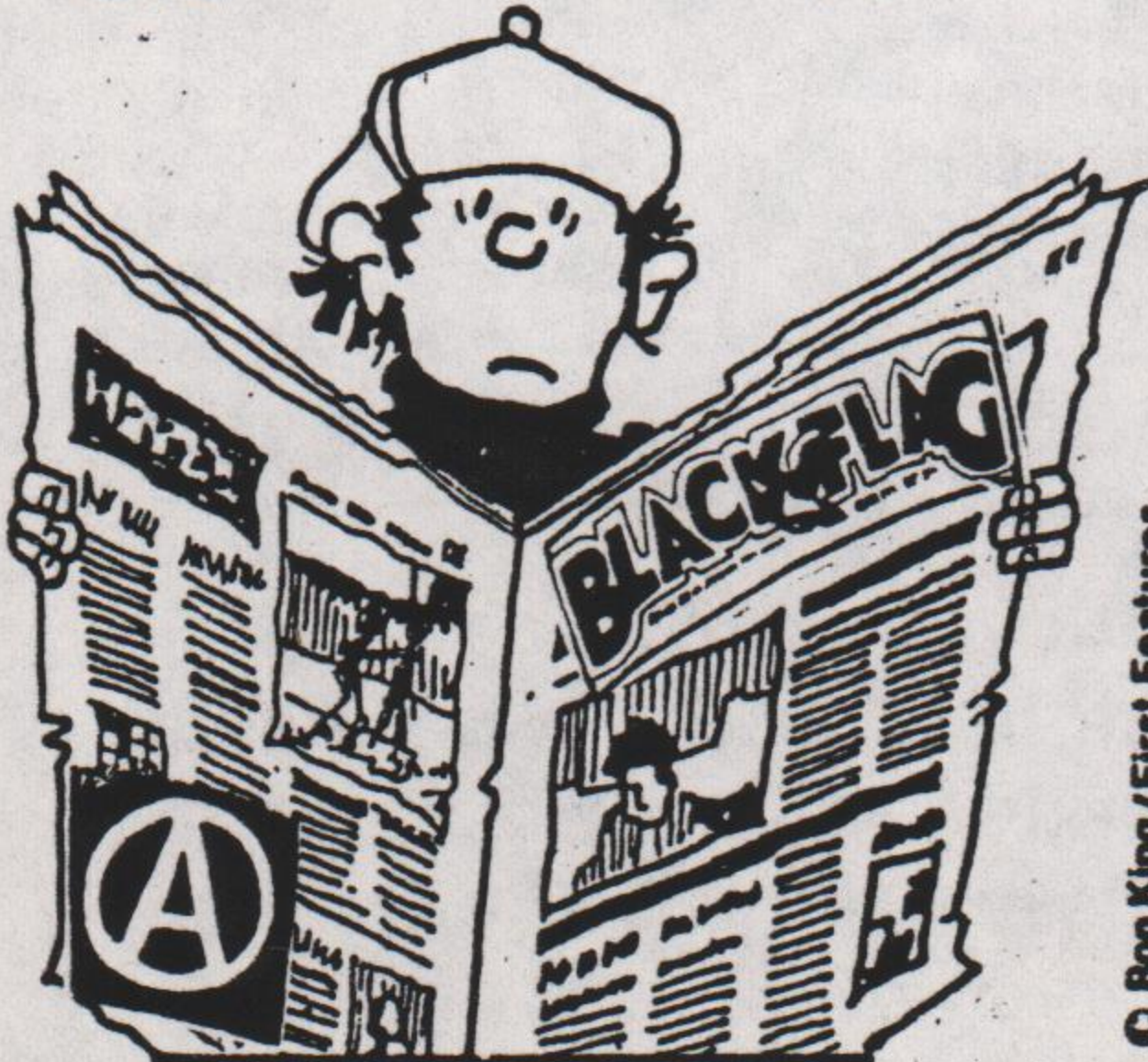
*THE SLAB, Southend Libertarian & anarchist broadsheet, oct.-nov. no.4, Free, articles on the Miners Strike, the old Southend Anarchist Group, The Ecology Party, Today Northern Ireland-Tomorrow? plus more & available from plus S.A.E. rom; 360 Victoria Avenue, Southend on Sea, Essex.

*RENEGADE, monthly paper of the Liverpool Direct Action Group, Nov; no.1; 5p, articles on Turn Pickets into Riots Victory to the Hitsquads, Ethiopia-putting it all in to perspective, Fight the System, Resist Evictions, Bricks & pieces plus more available plus S.A.E. from; Box, Renegade, c/o Lark Lane Books, 82 Lark Lane, Liverpool 17.

*ANGRY, class war movement type paper, quarterly, issue no.1, 20p. articles on The Miners Strike HERE WE GO, Militant Anarchism, The Fist of Fury, a (dubious) article on Ireland, another (dubious) article on the anarchist movement slagging off everyone and describing anarcho-syndicalists as jerks living off the corpse of the rotten spanish syndicalism or something like that anyway available from: Chris Low, 17 Chalton Road, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

There are two new pamphlets out one from Black Flag mentioned elsewhere and one from the Direct Action Movement, ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM-RACISM AND STRUGGLE, 15p. available plus p&p from SLDAM, 121 Bookshop, 121 Railton Rd; Brixton, London.

Quick! Get your copy before the Cops steal em!!!



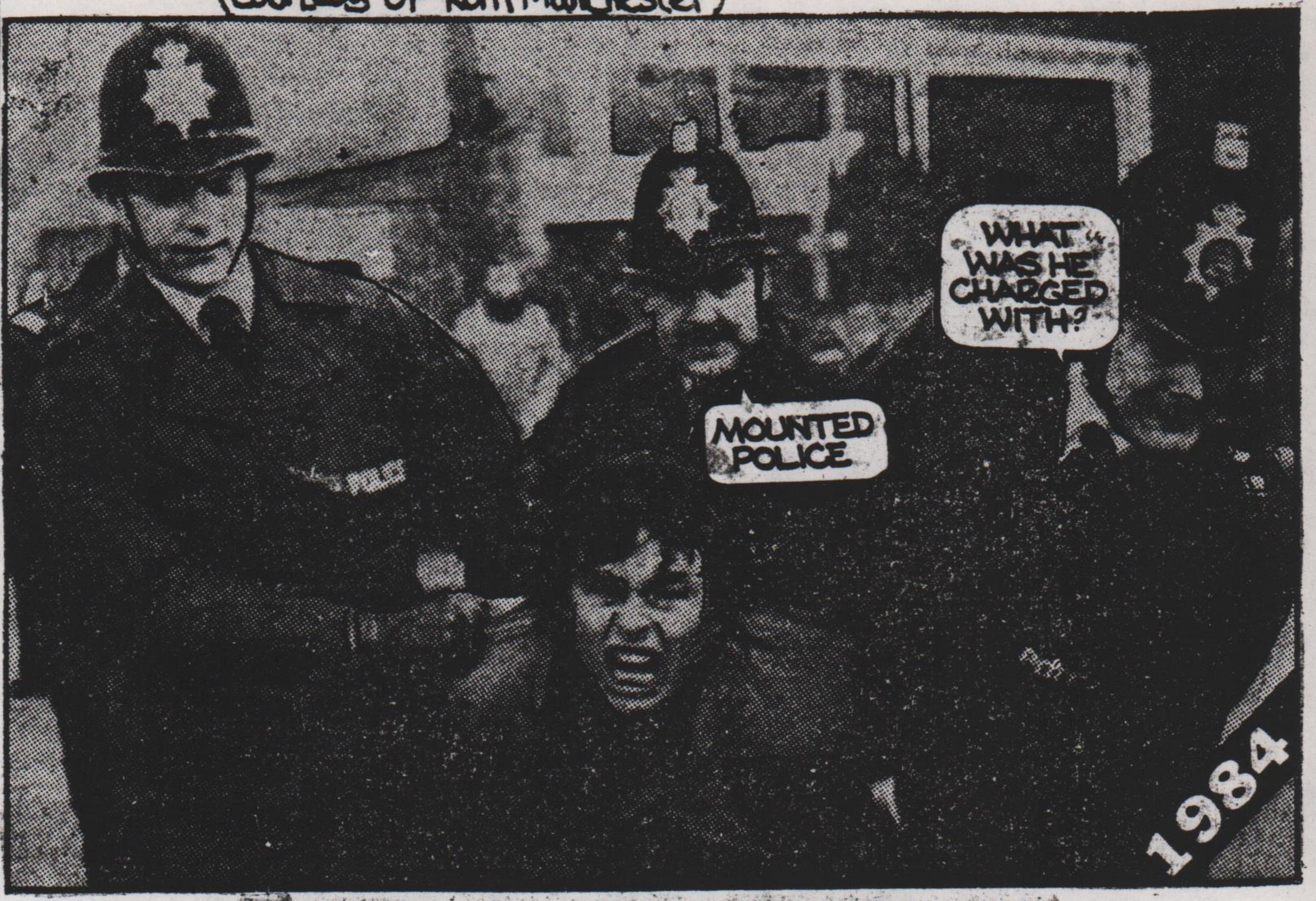
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HEAD TEACHERS UP IN ARMS! ITS ABOUT TIME SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE!
 No nukes in school eh! Derbyshire county council labourite of course want all school stationary in Derby schools plastered with nuclear free zone (SIC) or something like that, well theirs a big smallish row going off, we all know schools are dole queue fodder conveyer belts, anyway its all a load of crap, ain't going to say anymore, wasted enough space already.

ERRIBLE TWINS- coming(have been) to Derby say the TGWU in the evening Telegraph, Benn will be dumping us full of bullshit about the LABORE party & Scargill between Russian & Libyain buisness finds time to come to Derby. Anyway the main thing is to show your physical presence on the march in solidarity with the mining communities - no one can force you to listen to them, theirs a good safe accross the road. Theirs a pub nearby as well.

...ance Will Rule
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 A MARS BAR A DAY HELPS YOU WORK REST AND PLAY!
 sometimes they posion you as well.
 OR
 A MARS A DAY MAKES YOU BIG FAT AND OVERWEIGHT!



Confrontation today: are the miners morally in the right?

Fire-bomb Fight BACK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12,

PETROL bombs were thrown at police, shops were reported looted

at Cortonwood, one of the pits threatened with closure in a move which sparked off the dispute. It was there that the petrol bombs were thrown at police and an electrical shop appeared to have been stripped of its stock. Thirty-one police and six pickets were reported injured.

A South Yorkshire police spokesman said there was "chaos" throughout the coalfields.

"It has been the worst night of violence we have had since the stike began it has been coordinated throughout the county and not concentrated at one pit, which has previously been the pattern."

riots

Another razor letter

ANOTHER booby trapped letter has been sent to the National Coal Board in North Derbyshire. Earlier this week two letters were sent to area headquarters at Bolsover which contained an NUM leaflet with three razor blades attached, with their edges exposed undet the flap of the envelopes. Now a third such letter has been received, this time at Shirebrook Colliery.

SCABS OUT!

Mr Brian Dawson, of Sunderland, expelled from the NUM for crossing picket lines. had his membership revoked after a special sitting of an area disciplinary committee.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19,

● Police were stoned by miners' pickets early today at the National Coal Board's Elsecar workshops near Barnsley. About 40-50 pickets were trying to build barricades near the workshops when the incident took place. South Yorkshire police reported that elsewhere in the area oil had been poured on the road, a tipper truck set on fire and a railway level crossing had been shut down. Before the stones were thrown at police, pickets at Elsecar had fastened a gate with metal wire and had torn down fences.

A van was set on fire near Harfield Colliery near Doncaster and a road block erected. Barricades had gone up close to Gawber Colliery, near Barnsley, Treeton Colliery, Rotherham, and Kiveton Park Colliery, near Rotherham.

the NUM's anthology of strike '84 poems, has just been published.

The book has nearly 50 poems reflecting all the human dimensions of the strike.

It is available direct from the printers at 60p

Orders should be sent to 10 West Street, Worsborough, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

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STOP PRESS: A food kitchen is being set up in Shirebrook, one of the areas where the Tories and the Coal Board are trying to get the 'back to work' movement going. Rush donations to Barbara Foster, 12 Boundary Close, Langwith Junction, Mansfield.

■ SOUTH YORKSHIRE'S 'Socialist Republic' council have banned bus workers from wearing 'coal-not dole' stickers. Bus workers face disciplinary action for showing support for the miners. At least one inspector is refusing to sign on workers who refuse to remove the stickers, meaning the loss of a day's pay.

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JUSTIFICATION OF ANARCHISM

That People are Born Free

Our rights are inalienable. Each person born on the world is heir to all the preceding ages. The whole world is ours by right of birth alone. Duties, imposed as obligations or ideals, such as patriotism, duty to the state, worship of God, submission to higher classes or authorities, respect for inherited privileges, are lies.

If People are Born Free, Slavery is Murder

Nobody is fit to rule another. It is not alleged that people are perfect, or that merely through his/her natural goodness he/she should not be submitted to rule. There are no super human beings or privileged classes who are above "imperfect humanity" and are capable or entitled to rule the rest of us. Submission to slavery means surrender of life.

As Slavery is Murder, so Property is Theft

The fact that humanity cannot enter into their natural inheritance means that part of it has been taken from him or her; either by means of force (old, legalised conquest or robbery) or fraud (persuasion that the State or its servants or an inherited property owning class is entitled to privilege). All present systems of ownership mean that some are deprived of the fruits of their labour. It is true that, in a competitive society, only the possession of independent means enables one to be free of the economy (that is what Proudhon meant when, addressing himself to master artisan; he said, "property is liberty" which seems at first sight in contradiction with his dictum that it was theft). But the principle of ownership, is that which concerns the community, is at the bottom of inequity.

If Property is Theft, Government is Tyranny

If we accept the principle of a socialised society, and abolishing hereditary privilege, and dominant classes, the State becomes unnecessary and unnecessary government becomes tyranny. "Liberty without socialism is exploitation; socialism without liberty is tyranny" (Bakunin).

If Government is Tyranny, Anarchy is Liberty

Those who use the word "anarchy" to mean disorder or misrule, are not incorrect. If they regard government as necessary, if they think we could not live without Whitehall directing our affairs, if they think politicians are essential to our well-being and that we could not behave socially without policemen, they are right in assuming that anarchy means the opposite to what government guarantees. But those who take the reverse opinion, and consider government to be tyranny, are right too in considering anarchy, no-government, to be liberty. If government is the maintenance of privilege and exploitation and inefficiency of distribution its tool then only anarchy is order.



The article below has been reprinted from a new pamphlet by Black Flag/ South London Anarchist Group, written by Albert Meltzer - ANARCHISM - ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST, price 80p. the pamphlet has short and simple articles on Anarchism the in's and the out's, well worth getting hold of, available from plus S.A.E.; Black Flag, Box BM Hurricane, London WC1 3XX. (we shall print some more articles from the pamphlet in future issue's)

We've earned these mines ①



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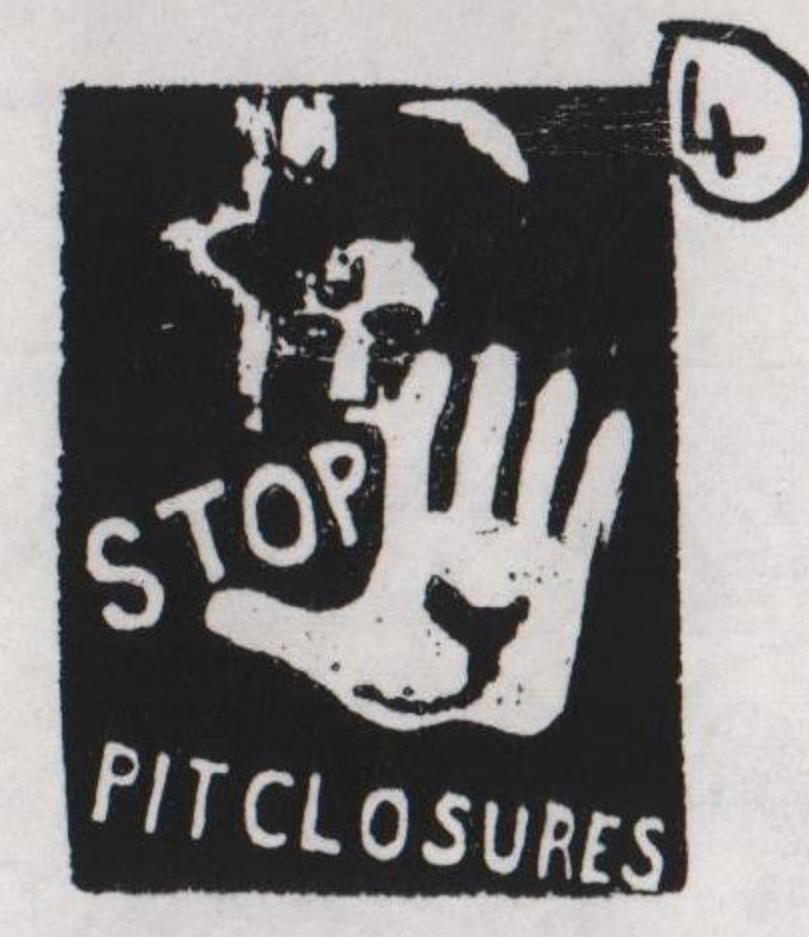
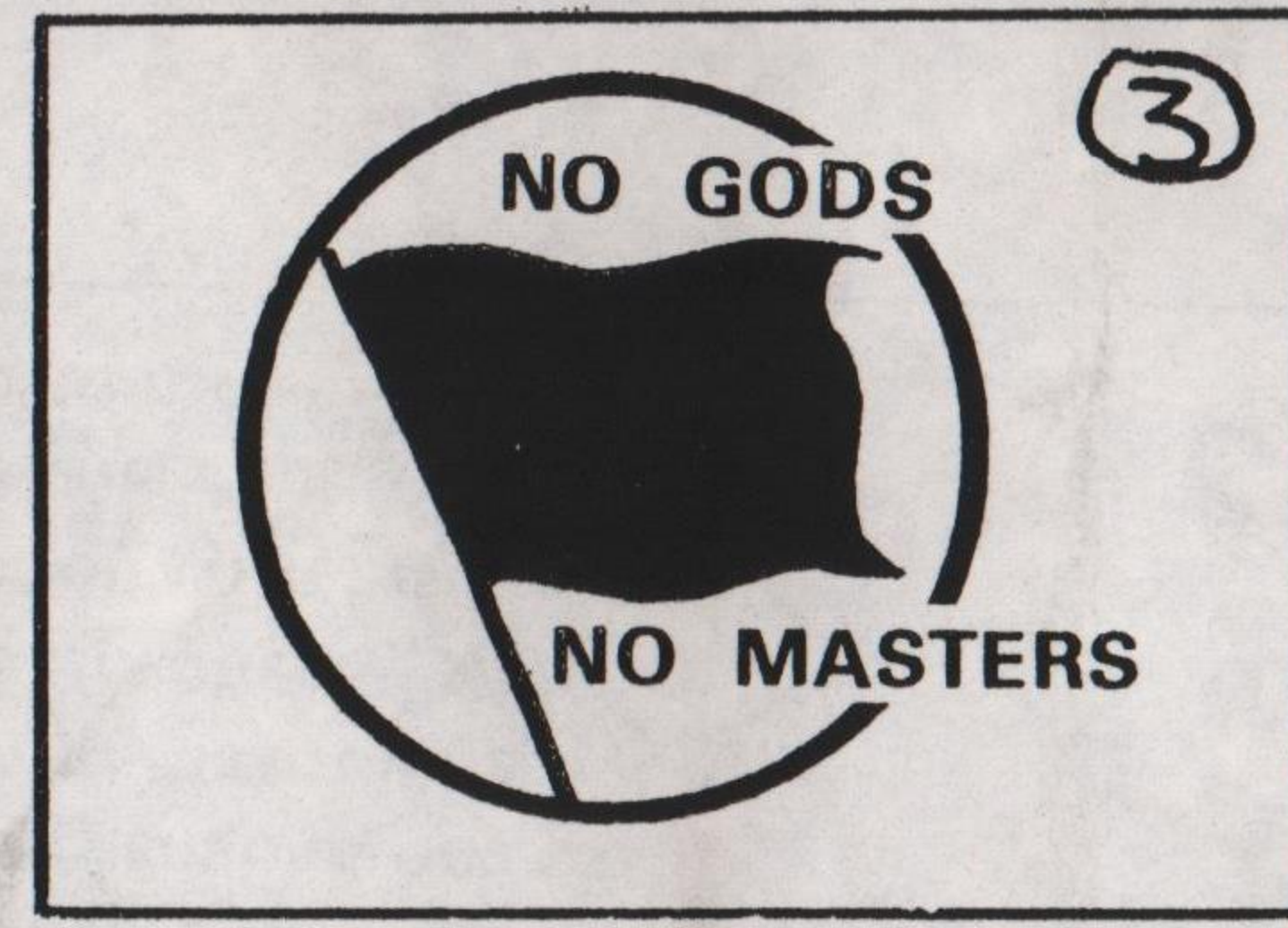
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