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British Asians

The British Asians are people from India & Pakistan who were taken to East Africa (they were also sent to South Africa & the West Indies) to work for British firms; who then took executive and civil service jobs working for the British government in the colonies.

They are by no means the only Asians who were taken there, but they differ from others in that when East African countries became independent & the Asians there were offered a choice of nationalities; they chose to be British.

Those who wished to become citizens of the new African states did. India & Pakistan offered those who had originated from within their borders the right to return home, or without returning home immediately the right to adopt Indian/Pakistani nationality. Finally there were those whose support for British rule had been such that they were considered Quislings by their fellows.

These had made themselves unpopular with both the Africans, whom they had helped the British keep in subjection, & by their fellow Asians. For the most part they had not supported the Indian struggle for independence.

They therefore did not wish to adopt Indian nationality, nor did they wish to embrace Kenyan, Ugandan, or Tanganykan nationality. As many were in the civil service in colonial days & many more were local agents for British firms or held executive positions in the larger companies, - & as - at that time - fewer Africans were yet able to do their jobs, they were assured that for ten or so years they would keep positions of some affluence and comparative power.

But they were only happy to remain in their posts if they knew that they would have somewhere to go, when, as was inevitable, the states in which they lived said that those who had deliberately declined their nationality and chosen ours should ask them to abandon their jobs - as they asked other British nationals to do.

They were promised by the then Minister for the Colonies, (& present Minister of Housing) that having deliberately chosen British nationality they could come to the country for which they had worked so long, whenever they chose. No doubt it was foolish of them to put any faith in the word of a Tory M.P., but they did.

They now want to come. It is absurd to allege as anti-immigrant M.P.s are doing that they are driven out by African racialism. They are seen - & their history explains this - as British agents, they have worked for Britain, Britain is the only country under an obligation to them.

DOCKERS GAOLED

Five men lie in Gaol
The Cabinet lies always

Five men lie in gaol for trying to preserve their jobs against containerisation. Trying to defend not only their own livelihoods & those of their families, but those of their mates at work.

The Government - aided and abetted by the National Press - breathes hypocritically about the necessity of the rule of law; that if we pick and choose as to which laws we shall obey there will be chaos and barbarism.

Meanwhile, because one British architect & one American speculator went broke, it has become common knowledge that businessmen make large payments - whether in cash or in shares, whether as 'gifts' or as payments for services rendered - to politicians and civil servants.

Law for whom

We know that the "Rt. Hon." R. Maudling and others were involved purely because Poulson & the Real Estate Fund of North America went bankrupt.

We do not know how many hundreds of other politicians have equally accepted backhanders - for let us not mince matters that these retaining fees are anything other than bribes to attain preferential treatment - from other businessmen who have been smart enough not to go broke. (perhaps because they chose the people they bribed more wisely.)

But as the Politicians and Pressmen have all been quick to state that Maudling has not done anything illegal, or that was not normal practice, we can be certain that the custom is general.

This is the rule of law that is so dear to the hearts of the Cabinet. The rule of law which the dockers flouted and for which they are not only imprisoned but publicly abused.

It is this law, and the law which allows a slum landlord to be the Minister of Housing - demanding that councils sell council houses to increase the profits of private landlords, - which they claim that if we break we shall have chaos and barbarism. What have we now?

What happens now?

The politicians - in return for 'sweeteners' pass laws to protect the interests of businessmen & to penalise any workers who resist.

Business speeds up processed demanding ever more & more arduous work for no more pay & when the increase in work means that the market is flooded, then more & more workers are declared redundant.

While the Tories are obviously the prime example of this corruption the Labour Party cannot be considered blameless.

Dan Smith - the Leader of the Labour Party in the North East & former chairman of the Labour-group on the Wandsworth Council - has been involved in the Poulson case and in a case in London last year though cleared of "impropriety" was nevertheless found to have benefitted financially from the provision of badly built flats that endangered lives.

Furthermore the Wilson Government's proposals for an Industrial Relations' Bill were only marginally less noxious than those of the Tories and would have served the same purpose of safeguarding business profits.

Such actions are the nature of politicians under a money-oriented system. Until workers combine together to abolish the ruling class's hold on the economy & the state there will always be instances of this sort of crookedness; & always be instances of attempts to penalise workers yet further, imprisoning those who resist.

That would be Anarchy

In one thing & one thing only are the politicians telling the truth here: - when the "Rt. Hon." Q. Hogg & others say that to pick & choose which laws one should or should not obey is a recipe for anarchy.

For anarchy correctly means cooperation without coercion, socialism without the state, the control by the workers of their own places of work without interference from any bosses, be they capitalists or be they state-appointed managers.

Anarchy is the abolition of the monetary & class systems, & the sharing of all things in common without directions from any leader, - be he elected, self-appointed, or someone's son.

It can come about solely when men decide to act for themselves, to take control of industry and their own destinies. It cannot come by getting leaders elected to parliament; it will not come by getting people to follow the leadership of an allwise revolutionary party. It can only come when workers act for themselves

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as with other VOICE editorials
this is a personal interpretation
of the case for anarchism.

Anarchy is the essence of communism, based on the soviet (the council of all workers) as the main unit of society with all members having an equal say in the running of the factory/housing estate/farm... True profit sharing, based on need, with group decisions on expenditure.

This would remove the worldwide crime of the working man losing half the nett value of his product at source whilst releasing his surpluses for better uses than buying arms to keep him under.

"Why me?"

"With ten hours a week overtime & the wife working we can get by;-- the kids let themselves in after school".

"What?" ... "Of course I'd rather be at home with the family, but I need the car to get to work" "don't grow on trees you know".

"Yes there used to be local work but we're all at ICI now. Money's better." "Savings?" ... "How can you save? We live a week at a time. I go for a pint & the Missus has a game of bingo & that's it. We've got the telly."

"Censorship?" ... "Na; this is England mate."

"Or me?"

"I'm a small shop keeper. I serve a small area, belong to the Tory party, always vote Tory, (but the local bigwigs are a bit condescending,) & besides my work for the Chamber of Commerce keeps me busy."

"My son is doing well in America." "True the new Hypermarket will put me out of business. It wouldn't be worth staying open for the few OAPs. I was thinking of turning the shop into a launderette, but the risk is too high with the little bit we've saved."

"Anyway your ideas are crazy! Why should I identify with the working class? They do nothing for me". ... "Expendable to the ruling class? Nonsense!" ... "No, I can't compete with Saverite or Fine Fare, but your co-ops would be the same, wouldn't they?"

"Will they let me?"

"Not if it can be helped."

"Yes, they give you a bit of the cake, just enough to keep you coming, whilst they need you. God help if they don't. It took them from Roman times until the eighteenth

Century to twig that a pool of wage slaves was better than owning them. The bosses know our strength better than any, & will react strongly against any attempt to step out of the normal union activity - that can control the workers, & be bought off for minor improvements, carefully costed & allowed for in the previous price rise. (And in passing on - to the consumer - the "grasping unionists" wage rise cover the next one.) Never let workers find out bosses are dispensable.

"If you strike and leave the work place it remains in capitalist hands."

"I wonder if THEY would be prepared to destroy a factory to regain it; now that the workers have discovered the power of the sit-in, will the bosses try to do so?"

"Beatons' Transport should have gone to the wall; but the CBI is using it to fight militancy. So, how much power have you got, that the bosses will ruin members of their own class to defeat you?"

"Non-violent take-over of all workplaces would be beyond the power of any government to defeat.

Britain ruled India until Ghandi said:

'Don't fight the British, ignore them, but love them,' something like Jesus carrying the Roman squaddy's bag".

"So how much power have you got? None through your M.P.; he's part of the system, - answerable not to you, but to the CBI & to the party bureaucracy. Your elected leaders are in the same boat.

"Only by using the power that you have in yourselves can you get a fair deal."

What do I want?

I can't speak for you;
but I don't want to spend the rest of
my life slowly being poisoned by the very things I produce;
my mind a blank in the dull routine
of sweating for peanuts.

I want to live in a free clean healthy world, & I can't see a world economically dependant on wastage, pollution, & exploitation of the masses achieving this.

Can you? ... "No?"

So we must resort to revolutionary action to gain what should be ours of right, in this so-called free land, in the 'democratic' 'free' Western world. But democracy soon resorts to its old face - fascism - when YOU ask more than you should.

Anarchy (& Anarchism)

is asking for more, - and that is why it is a very dirty & dangerous word. It means not having a state to exploit you, send you to prison for not agreeing with it, not fighting in some crazy war to protect the financial interests of the privileged few, - their right to reap a fair slice of what you produce, with no

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Ask any lorry driver of my acquaintance for his opinion of dockers & the answer will probably be one of four letters. This disrespect has recently been publicised by the national capitalist press as arising from drivers having a more favourable attitude to the Industrial Relations' Act & their revulsion at the so-called greed of the water-front labour force.

If we examine matters more carefully & rationally however we find that nothing could be further from the truth, we find, instead, a traditional and entirely predictable clash of interests completely unrelated to our new labour laws. An heavy goods' driver's prime intention is to get unloaded the more quickly to be on the road home. Dockers' principle need is to preserve all dock work under their influence; & if this results in drivers spending long hours - or even days - in queues, being prevented from unloading themselves, then the docker regrets it but sees it as merely a side effect of the main issue. Drivers of course resent this frustration deeply. Frequently leaving home in the early hours, in all weathers, to deliver their cargoes, and then being prevented from so doing.

Thus the driver-docker relationship is unlikely to be good & the capitalist press has tried to exploit it. There have been stories of T&GWU's road haulage branches complaining to the national executive about loss of earnings due to disputes in dockland & other road haulage branches in the same union swearing undying support for their brothers in the docks.

The mistake is to see this as a split in working class solidarity. In fact these apparently contradictory expressions of opinion are dealing with different matters. The former seeking a solution to the docker-driver divergence; a matter that is in any case insoluble under capitalism, for even when drivers cry: "fight your bosses, not your own kind" they will still be the casualties of the confrontation. The latter expressing support for the dockers' struggle against the Industrial Relations' Act. Neither has anything to do with containerisation.

It is of course this expression of support for the dockers that is of immediate and widespread importance. Whatever our other differences, in the fight against the Industrial Relations' Act, lies the future of the British working class. That the government picked on the country's largest working class institution - the T&GWU - for a confrontation is obvious. That the T&GWU has so far collaborated with the institutions of the Act, - for whatever reasons, & following whoever's advice, - is more than unfortunate.

The T&GWU is big enough to withstand all attacks on its independence without outside help. But it is doubly unfortunate in that the Act attacks more than the sovereignty of the institution, it attacks the most important aim of trades' unionists, an aim they share with revolutionaries, that of securing the individual's control over his or her own life.

The opposition to the Act is of course widespread. Calls for

full confrontation with this - or any other - government, that seeks to return its people to serfdom have been made in every town in the country, & Telford is no exception. In that situation - whether or not Heath is deliberately engineering confrontation politics - an united working class cannot be defeated. Whatever the General Council of the TUC may decide it is the intention of the rank & file to ignore the Industrial Relations' Bill. Whether this direct and massive challenge to authority can be translated into a more general revolutionary movement is the challenge to us.

John wrote this article a few weeks ago, we apologise for the delay in producing VOICE, & to him for the fact that subsequent events serve to reinforce his case rather than confirm his predictions after their publication.

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EDITORIAL by Mike Harbour

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return bar kicking you in the teeth, if you try to improve your lot. (The state can seize the funds of your union, for supporting a strike, but not of the C.B.I. for backing an unfair lock-out.)

"You're just a bunch of reds."

"Why don't you go to Russia? - They could do with blokes like you."

The answer is they couldn't;

as Russia, the "workers' land" is merely run on state capitalism instead of private, no better, sometimes worse, but that is not communism & the Russians have as much to fear from anarchism; & will resist it just as strongly as our own bosses.

The C.P. members are either blind, or - which is worse - knowingly lying.

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THE LIBERTARIAN CASE

" The 'free' world is not free; the 'communist' world is not communist. We reject both: one is becoming totalitarian, the other is already so.

" Pollution, nuclear & other wars of mass destruction, put a question mark over the survival of the world & mankind, as a product of their ('free', 'communist') power struggle & disregard of human values.

" We charge that both systems engender servitude. Pseudo-

freedom based on economic slavery is no better than pseudo-freedom based on political slavery.

- " The monopoly of power which is the state must be eliminated. Government itself - as well as the underlying institutions - perpetuates war, oppression, corruption, exploitation & misery.
- " We advocate a worldwide society of communities and councils based on cooperation & free agreement from the bottom (federalism) instead of coercion & domination from the top (centralism). Regimentation of people must be replaced by regulation of things.
- " Freedom without socialism is chaotic; but socialism without freedom is despotic. Libertarianism is free socialism.

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We reproduce in this issue our leaflet on the strike some will have seen a version with a different front page, produced when the dockers were imprisoned, the second version being written after the House of Lords ruling. We thank the young socialists for help distributing this.

We also reproduce the text of another anarchist leaflet - that was the only revolutionary group leaflet available at the dockers' march through London, the Communist Party tried to prevent its distribution - which argues the case from a different approach but makes other valid points.

One of the pet arguments the Tories produce on the radio is that the present government was elected pledged to take a firm hand with strikers; & so opposition to the Bill is repudiation of the democratically expressed will of the electorate.

Actually most people who swung to supporting the Tories so did on the strength of Heath's promise - frequently repeated by his supporters - that he would cut prices at a stroke. Considering that the Minister of Agriculture has said that this was a mere joke, an electioneering joke which he doesn't for one moment believe anyone took seriously, it cannot be said that the Tories are unduly concerned about fulfilling election pledges on other issues.

(Though it is worth noting that had the Labour Government not added its weight to the fable that 'unjustified' strikes, - engineered by 'politically motivated people' - were ruining the nation, the Tories would not have been able to whip up hysteria on the matter and get a mandate, backed by totally falacious arguments, & lies about intimidation, for any anti-union action.)

But the average Tory canvasser - at least when talking to trade unionists - when campaigning, far from making their desire for industrial relations' legislation clear, insisted that the Conservatives had no intention of repeating Barbara Castle's 'penal and unfair' laws against unions.

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Tory attitudes to promises were shewn not only by "at a stroke" but by the fact that Heath promised to get a popular mandate for entry on whatever terms he negotiated, after negotiating them, & his insistence that there he only wanted a mandate to negotiate.

They made definite promises to the Child Poverty Action Group & to Shelter on new social services, relief in cases of extreme poverty, & on combatting the housing shortage. Instead of fulfilling these, they have launched a property speculators' boom, cut taxes for the rich, tried to restrain the wages of the lower paid, & fostered a growth in unemployment & inflation.

In just one thing has Heath showed himself a man of genius. He has made Harold Wilson appear - in comparison - a man of honour, of compassion, - a friend of the poor & workers, - & almost a socialist.

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What makes Tory workingmen tick? When they see Maudling getting six figure sums as presents from businessmen (& that's just from one of many) why don't they demand their cut?

Alright, fair enough, there may be some who hope the ball will come to rest at their number one day; then they will be free of the need to work for a living, and will be important. One can understand that those hopeful ones hate socialists, - we're endan-

gering their prospects. They've probably got as much chance of a bribe as they have of winning the pools.

But others have no such aspirations. They not only don't expect one of those 5 or 6 figure bribes, - which would set them up as capitalists on their own account; - nor even a 3 or 4 figure one to pay off the hire purchase or the mortgage; they don't even have any hope of the price of a night out or a round of drinks. They were similarly without hope of a share at the time of the Profumo affair.

Are they so degraded that they don't think they are worth it? Do they really feel that those who get the spoils deserve them in some way? Have they such a mean opinion of themselves that they think it right and proper that others should get all the backhanders, & then be allowed to fiddle the law so as to hurt them, themselves, & their fellow workers? That they will accept wholesale corruption, without demanding their own cut?

The mind boggles of course at the idea of all the working class Tories demanding their 'fair' share; - marching down to their constituency associations' offices to get an equitable distribution of the loot, perhaps threatening to withdraw their labour at polling times.

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Come to think of it what makes the working class supporter of the Labour Party tick either? Why don't they demand some of the cash that Dan Smith & the M.P. for Normanton got as pickings? Or if they really believe their party is socialist and shun such ethics, why don't they demand that capitalists like these, like Woodrow Wyatt (whose views on the dockers were predictable), Strauss & Maxwell be thrown out of their allegedly socialist party?

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One of the pet suggestions made by government politicians is that the strikes were all the results of communist plots. Certainly it's true that the sympathy strikes were most rapidly sparked off where the Communists & their sympathizers were most influential in the union bureaucracies. Certainly the fact that the strikes were called off so quickly when the dockers were freed, even though this followed a House of Lords' ruling that made it plain that the real struggle is still to come suggests the usual half-hearted communist approach.

But those who call the opposition to the Industrial Relations' Bill communist should reflect on the fact that the Bill would have brought British industrial law into line with that of the Soviet Union. It is arguable that it is the Tory supporters of the Bill - not its opponents - who should be called the Communists, the people who ape Russian practices and want to copy Russian conditions.

One wishes one could be sure the Communists will show the same fervour in opposing this legislation copied from Russia as the Tories display in copying it.

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Probably the largest current of anarchist thought in this century has been the syndicalist. In France, Spain, the USA, Australia, Sweden and South America for years the majority of the organized working class adopted revolutionary industrial unionism.

Syndicalism looks to social change as a result of the social general strike. Not a general strike on the British 1926 pattern but one in which workers would occupy their factories, - as at UCS, Bryant Press & so forth, - and would run these on behalf of the community as a whole.

They believed that unions should exist to fight the bosses, not to run welfare schemes, & that these latter, which may well be important, could be better run by friendly societies. That the unions should be organized where workers work, should hold their meetings during the boss's time at work, should not have permanent & highly paid officials, but where it was necessary to have full time organizers these should be paid the average of the workers they represented and should be expected to return to their normal work after a brief time in office (usually one year).

They believed that it was unwise that unions should have large bank accounts - which the capitalists could seize - or enter into any signed contractual agreements that might be used by the bosses going to law later. They refused to accept any state interference, insisting that the state was & always would be the agency of the ruling class in enforcing the conditions in which capitalists could exploit their workers.

They were considered extreme, & the workers turned in their majority to our present business unionism; - (though in this country the shop stewards came into existence largely as the result of industrial unionist & guild socialist pressure, & the A.S.E. (later the A.E.U., A. E. F. & finally the A.U.E.W.)) was formed partly in answer to syndicalist pressure & its constitution at one time reflected this and residual elements still remain.)

Now that with the IRBill the bosses are in a position to victimize any union - whose members resort to unofficial action; - & the divisions business unionism imposes on workers cripple them when it comes to defence against the bosses the case is strong for looking once again at the warnings the syndicalists made so many years ago. Syndicalism offered an organizational way to combat a government and capitalist class armed with the IRB; it is questionable whether there is any other.

Reg Prentice thinks the dockers should not be supported; once again one should leave everything to politicians. One might be more impressed if there were a firm Labour Party promise that trade unions would have the money taken from them in fines refunded by a future Labour Government and this would be recouped from the firms the Tories are encouraging to bring the legal actions. As it is there isn't even a firm guarantee that the IRBill will be repealed in its entirety.

Do what's right,
not what's legal

Pete Roberts

We've heard much lately of 'law & order' & the need to 'maintain the rule of law', particularly in the field of industrial relations, (but also when councillors refuse to deprive schoolchildren of milk or inflict government ordered price rises;) but what is this rule of law & why do we need it?

We are told by the politicians - who make the law - that if we don't obey the law there will be anarchy, & that that would be bad, because people would steal and kill each other, lacking the law to stop them. That there would be savagery or dictatorship. They all say that it is wrong to break the laws that they make (for 'our own good', allegedly) even if we think they are wrong. They say that society will break up if the industrial relations' act is not enforced.

But Reggis Maudling has made himself a tidy fortune in recent years by financial wheeling and dealing, - when so many people are left by the law homeless & unemployed, - yet he can say that he has nothing of which to be ashamed! Does the law, then, protect the weak from the strong? us from ourselves? No. It leaves people in poverty & then imprisons dockers for trying to protect their jobs, jobs which by Maudling's standards bring them a pittance.

Why is this? It is because the 'rule of law' is in fact the rule of those who make the law, & in this country they are a few wealthy & powerful politicians, who are sure of the support of their parties & the cooperation of the rest of their class - as long as they look after their own, by ensuring that the law protect rich landowners & industrialists. Backed by powerful managers & trade union bosses against the rest of us, the ordinary people with little money & less influence.

The idea that society agrees the laws that govern it (by the 'democratic process') & that its members should - for the common good - abide by them is a confidence trick. (Because of capitalist control of the press, & the civil service, and because much government action on vital security matters is secret, therefore without the consent of parliament; elections do not produce governments that represent the people or are responsible to them, as the Mass Media would like us to think they do.)

You & I have no say in making the law, so we have no obligation to obey the Industrial Relations' Bill or any other law. Society will never be just & peaceful, and full of happy people; until all are free to govern their own lives, their behaviour, by mutual consent, & relate to each other for everyone's good; instead of submitting to government by a narrow clique & doing what the law allows only because they will be otherwise punished.

This true democratic state of things will never be allowed by any government, or gained by working according to the law. It will come if people can organise themselves without law & without coercion, & it will only come then. Recently this was virtually admitted by a Labour M.P. - a lawyer - in a short-sighted attack on the IR Bill. He distinguished between law that enforced accepted standards - e.g. that against murder - & law which attempted 'social engineering', - e.g. the IRB - stating that law could not work as

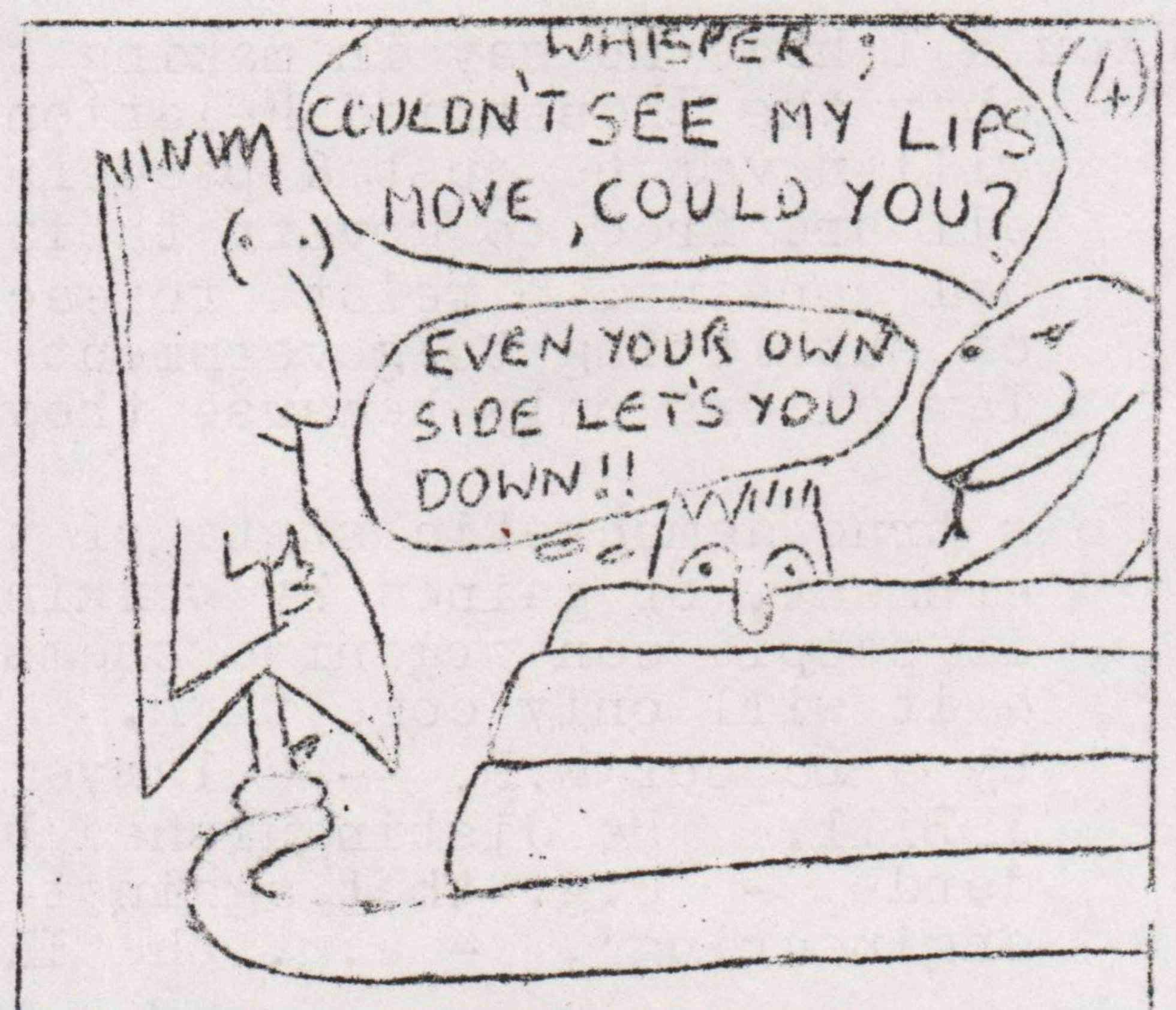
the latter, & that government should not use it as such.

His intention was merely to slang the Tories & appear learned and intelligent at the same time; but in fact he simply showed that the law is a conservative force, incapable of bringing about radical change, in this radically sick society. Law is made by the ruling class, for the ruling class.

What alternative is left? Not to vote Labour & hope, but to work at actual problems, using really democratic means, & to hell with the government & the 'rule of law'; and to hell with any bastard who says that he can look after you better than you can yourselves - provided that you submit to his every whim, (or obey the rule of law,) as the governments have it.

The five dockers may be right or wrong, but they're not politicians or bosses, & their fight against this law is everyone's fight against every law.

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PENTONVILLE

a reproduction of the leaflet
"5 in - ALL out" produced by
the organisation of revolutionary
anarchists, for the dock strike

By putting 5 dockers in Pentonville, the Tories have finally succeeded in proving to the working class of Britain what its parliamentary and trade union leaders have consciously tried to conceal; - that Tory policies on Industrial legislation, Social Services, Value added Tax, & new rent increases are part and parcel of an all-embracing attack on the living standards and strength of the working class movement; And more important, that only the working class, by independent, united action can protect its own interests.

A weak and divided working class is a must if the British capitalist class is to make a profit when we are dragged into the Common Market. Until the IRB, the British rank-and-file movement was the only one in Europe which was not chained to the ground by strict industrial legislation.

The Tories would never have risked such openly anti-working class legislation if they hadn't needed to demonstrate their intentions to the EEC capitalists. To present them with, and themselves have the advantage of, a beaten and divided work force & vast unemployment. For the same reasons the Labour Government introduced the idea of industrial legislation with Barbara Castle's 'In Place of Strife'. ** They too were smashed by widespread unofficial industrial action.

The struggle which the dockers have sparked off has never been a squabble between workers, nor is it just a trade union fight against a vicious piece of legislation, nor even an industrial dispute against the Tory government; it is the struggle of the whole working class against a ruling class whose survival depends on exploiting OUR labour, & against all their servants, in the courts - or in the leadership of the TUC & Labour Party.

Already the reformists are frightened and back-peddling. Reg Prentice says the dockers were wrong to defy the court, he says: "Trade unionists should not rally round these men, they are just not worth it." Outside Pentonville yesterday a speaker, straight up from the TUC building, announced that outsiders shouldn't interfere, that this was a trade union fight in solidarity with victimised dockers.

It was a speaker from the T&G, a driver who put the issue in its proper context. He called on the whole working class to unite & smash the Industrial Relations' Act; & to throw out the Tories & their Housing Finance Bill with them.

Enemies & false friends will try & divide us. They will squal about the 'National Interest' (their interest on dividends) & extremist minorities, they will warn us of left wing takeovers, they

will try every compromise they know, they will try (& probably succeed) to buy off the TUC (as they always have done in the past, they will try to mislead us & pool the wool over our eyes, they will try every trick to hide the real issues in this struggle.

But only the working class understands what it means to watch a boss drive home in a Rover 2000 from an air-conditioned office, while we cycle home after sweating all-day in a filthy factory. Only the working class understands productivity deal deceptions, measured day work, breakneck piece-work, spiralling prices, rents, taxes of all kinds.

We will fight & free the 5, but are we then going to sit back & wait for the next martyrs? Or are we going to make it clear that the working people will never again tolerate anything like the IR Bill. Will not sit back & watch the TUC fix a new compromise, some new 'voluntary' wage freeze.

The whole struggle has grown because they have tried to paralyse the strength of the working class, to make us an easier prey. We will beat them because we will use that strength. But we must go on to use that strength against all the other parts of the attack. An united working class can free the 5; can defeat the Rents' Bill by striking and occupying in any area where it is brought into use; can force better lives for the poor and old by withdrawing - or using for our ends - the source of all wealth, OUR labour.

Finally by breaking down all the divisions created or fostered by the bosses, - our own ignorance, or trade union rule books, - we can end the system of exploitation forever. To make a real democracy, - a democracy where those who control are the producers not the wasters, the needy not the wealthy, the mass of the people not the minority.

Practically this means creating links such as are forged by the unity of this demonstration. By using local working class organizations, such as trade councils, to unite all sections of the working people - tenants, unemployed and workers in factories. Where there are no such local organizations, or where they have long ceased to function effectively and for working people, by creating new organizations of the sort. Where there is no demand for them, one starts with the propaganda necessary to get it, by thinking, talking and organizing groups to advocate action.

WE ARE SICK OF THEIR WARS,
THEIR LAWS,
THEIR CLASS?
THEIR ELECTIONS - in which identical parties tell identical lies -
& THEIR DECEPTIONS

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** The intention was & is to attack 'only' unofficial strikes
- these are 97% of all strikes.

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First five men went to gaol for trying to preserve their jobs against containerisation. Trying to defend not only their own livelihoods & those of their families, but those of their mates at work. Now the unions - the whole unions - are to be fined whenever some members are forced by the bosses to do the same.

The Government - aided & abetted by the National Press - breathes hypocritically about the necessity of the rule of law; that if we pick and choose as to which laws we shall obey there will be chaos and barbarism.

The unions as they exist are unprepared for the sort of struggle that is needed to resist. They are top heavy, have highly paid permanent organizers with too much to lose to risk defying the law.

They combine welfare schemes with the real trade union tasks of defending the workers, and so have to have vast financial assets which can be confiscated.

They are not rank and file controlled, and are not primarily and exclusively organised where people work, on the basis of the unity of people who work together - who would be in a better position for discussing joint problems and controlling officials, but are residentially based.

The unions are therefore fundamentally law-abiding, and when the law is changed, - like the rules of a game being altered in the middle to favour one side, but this is no game, - they are at a loss. But the bosses's concept of law is strange.

Law for whom.

Because one British architect & one American speculator went broke, it has become common knowledge that businessmen make large payments - whether in cash or in shares, whether as 'gifts' or as 'payments for services rendered', directly or to favourite charities - to politicians and civil servants.

It has been stressed - in the case of the Rt. Hon. R. Maudling - that this is not illegal and is normal practice in no way unethical. So backhanders are general. But we only know this because two businesses went bankrupt, & are then assured that it is general - presumably other businessmen choose more wisely whom to bribe & do not go broke.

This pattern of corruption is the rule of law that is so dear to the hearts of the Cabinet. The rule of law which the dockers flouted & for flouting which they were imprisoned and publicly abused.

The same rule of law allows the Minister of Housing to be a slum landlord, allows him to get away with demanding that councils sell council houses, increasing the profits of himself and his fellow private owners. Allows the minister for the environment to permit building in areas where it was previously forbidden to the great financial advantage of a firm in which he was a former partner.

They claim that if we pick and choose whether to obey this law we shall have barbarism. What have we now? One side picks and chooses how to change the law in its own interests & feather its own nests. (Many Jews in Germany died because laws were not defied.)

~~What happens now?~~

The politicians - in return for 'sweeteners' pass laws to protect the interests of businessmen & to penalise any workers who resist.

Business speeds up processed demanding ever more & more arduous work for no more pay & when the increase in work means that the market is flooded, then more & more workers are declared redundant.

While the Tories are obviously the prime example of this corruption the Labour Party cannot be considered blameless.

Dan Smith - the Leader of the Labour Party in the North East & former chairman of the Labour group on the Wandsworth Council - has been involved in the Poulson case and in a case in London last year though cleared of "impropriety" was nevertheless found to have benefitted financially from the provision of badly built flats that endangered lives.

Furthermore the Wilson Government's proposals for an Industrial Relations' Bill were only marginally less noxious than those of the Tories and would have served the same purpose of safeguarding business profits.

Such actions are the nature of politicians under a money-oriented system. Until workers combine together to abolish the ruling class's hold on the economy & the state there will always be instances of this sort of crookedness; & always be instances of attempts to penalise workers yet further, imprisoning those who resist.

That would be Anarchy

In one thing & one thing only are the politicians telling the truth here: - when the "Rt. Hon." Q. Hogg & others say that to pick & choose which laws one should or should not obey is a recipe for anarchy.

For anarchy correctly means cooperation without coercion, socialism without the state, the control by the workers of their own places of work without interference from any bosses, be they capitalists or be they state-appointed managers.

Anarchy is the abolition of the monetary & class systems, & the sharing of all things in common without directions from any leader, - be he elected, self-appointed, or someone's son.

It can come about solely when men decide to act for themselves, to take control of industry and their own destinies. It cannot come by getting leaders elected to parliament; it will not come by getting people to follow the leadership of an allwise revolutionary party. It can only come when workers act for themselves

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