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When protest isn't enough

The anti-war march in central London on 28th September was followed by the usual widely-disparate claims about numbers – anything from 150,000 to 400,000. The difference this time round of about 250,000, however, is telling in itself. Even allowing for the inevitable tendentious distortions, it reveals that there were simply too many people to allow an accurate estimate.

Even if the claimed totals are meaningless, there are other indicators of scale that can be of use. When the front of the march reached Hyde Park, there was still a massive throng backed up at Embankment that had been waiting for up to two hours. A solid column filled the roads down Whitehall, and all the way down Piccadilly to Hyde Park Corner. It took four hours to complete the route.

An 'official' figure, then, is irrelevant: regardless of which figure one takes to be correct, this was the largest anti-war demonstration London has seen in recent years and perhaps ever. Even the lowest estimate of 150,000 reveals a steady groundswell in opinion against the war. Add those who were unable to attend, and the countless numbers in cars saluting the march with their horns, and it seems fair to say Blair's long-awaited dossier has failed to resonate.

The press the following morning, however, will have made depressing reading for many: inflated commentary about John Major's amorous transgressions that, if they reveal weaknesses in his sexual judgement, reveal nothing new about the flaws in his political judgement. There was scant evidence that editors had found it a struggle to dignify such titillation with the political significance needed to justify its monopoly of the front pages. Coverage of the demonstration was beggarly and, fitting a beggar, neatly tucked away out of sight.

The press is an industry and, like any other, needs to return a profit to survive. Increasing profit margins is the hallmark of a successful editor, and cheap smut sells better than the wanton expenditure of foreign lives. Even if a million angry protesters had choked the capital last Saturday, the sexual diversions of a rising cabinet minister would always have eclipsed their concerns. Merely demonstrating is never going to influence policy makers. Widespread public opposition to the poll tax only forced the Tories to execute their embarrassing turnaround (and their leader) because of a concerted campaign of civil disobedience. The state needs to be hit where it hurts: the law.

Anton Pawluk

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Anarchists in the anti-capitalist bloc, 28th September

Council's sick harassment

The campaign group Justice for the Mentally ILL was set up two years ago to stop unannounced visits to the homes of mentally ill people living in the Manchester area.

Although the government's 'Best Practice Guidance' (in the form of its 'Verification Framework') specifically says that local authorities should give people prior notification of any visit to their homes by council employees, a number of authorities have refused to sign up to the procedure. Until recently, Manchester City Council was one of them.

The council's policy was made perfectly

clear in March, when Councillor Claire Nangel (who has responsibility for arranging visits to the sick and disabled in the city) said during a 'public question time' that the council wouldn't be signing up to the 'Verification Framework'. She told the meeting that "in every single local authority the introduction of the framework has led, not only to a large increase in costs, but also to significant benefit delays".

Last year, after the council had ignored repeated requests to stop unannounced visits to the homes of the mentally ill, Justice for the Mentally ILL launched a website called 'Stop the Harassment'. This was aimed at

disseminating publicity about 'immoral visits'. It referred to the case of a mentally ill man who got an unannounced visit soon after the death of his mother, which (it was claimed) had caused him further mental health problems.

Members of the public were asked to write to officers and councillors to protest at their policy, and the organisation announced that it would take direct action itself. This would involve unannounced visits to the homes of key officers and council members working for Manchester City Council.

When campaign activist Gary Daniels found on Friday 20th July that the campaign (continued on page 2)

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Anarchists work towards a society of mutual aid and voluntary co-operation. We reject all government and economic repression. This newspaper, published continuously since 1936, exists to explain anarchism more widely and show that only in an anarchist society can human freedom thrive.

What anarchism means to me

Anarchism means freedom, literally 'no-ruling' from the outside. It doesn't mean no rules from the inside. It's the most developed social order, based on the self-discipline, self-organisation and self-coordination of the individual, with mutuality and reciprocity interwoven with Love. It is definitely not individualism, or any version of the disease called loneliness (privacy, being alone, narcissism, egotism and the like).

We are born into company, the company of our mothers. Individualism may exist only in a society based on money – that is, on mutual exploitation, a version of violence, human beings ruling one another. Slapping somebody's face is to rule them and so isn't anarchistic. Therefore anarchism may exist only in small groups of self-coordinated people, co-operating on a voluntary basis as far as living is voluntary at all.

Actually, life offers no freedom in the sense modern civilisationary philosophy understands the term. The need to eat, excrete, hug, orgasm and all that's naturally necessary to achieve them – these leave no room for freedom. Freedom exists only where it doesn't exist. Foolish? No, sophisticated.

The very concept of freedom appears where natural life is infringed by any means or in any form or measure. It's only life in nature that counts. So anarchism means living in nature in a sustainable way of life. At the moment, this can only be found rarely, in isolated parts of the world.

Anarchy nowadays means a hard, continuous, constructive and comprehensive working-together, in small coordinated groups, to replant the naturally sustainable jungle of fruit trees, starting everywhere. We have to reconstruct a natural anarchy. Demonstrations, destruction, violence; noisy, even mild music, even mild words – these do no good at all and so make no anarchy.

In common language, anarchy and anarchism mean negative, disorderly, destructive, murderous. We know that this is deliberately false. But people calling themselves anarchists often support these false interpretations. Justice should be seen in practice, not just imagined in the spirit.

Toma

What does anarchism mean to you? Send in your contributions for this column (300 words please) to FreedomCopy@aol.com or to The Freedom Editors at the address below.

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Under the McSpotlight

Report from the
McLibel Support Campaign

Wednesday 16th October is the eighteenth annual Worldwide Anti-McDonalds Day, timed to coincide with UN World Food Day. It's a protest against the promotion of junk food, the unethical targeting of children, the exploitation of workers, animal cruelty, damage to the environment and the global domination of corporations over our lives.

Last year, we had reports of local protests all round the globe, including ones in Australia, the Philippines, Canada, Brazil, New Zealand, Malta, Israel, the UK, Greece, Russia, Croatia and the USA. In 1999, when we closely monitored where protests took place, we heard of 425 protests and pickets in 345 towns in 23 countries.

Millions of leaflets have now been handed out worldwide, in over 27 languages, since the McDonalds corporation took legal action against the McLibel Two in 1990 in an attempt to suppress the original London Greenpeace leafleting campaign. This demonstrates the determination of community activists to ensure that the public have an opportunity to see through the glossy marketing propaganda that big business continually forces on us.

This year has seen a call for action from McDonalds workers themselves. McDonalds Workers' Resistance (MWR), established in 2000, has called for employees of the corporation to take action on the day. Workers could phone in sick, they've said,



hold partial walkouts and go-slows, and send messages of support to protesters outside stores.

MWR has demanded that all those employed by McDonalds, anywhere in the world, should be allowed to organise themselves as they want. The firm's employees have insisted that the right to organisation shouldn't be dependent on the number of people involved, and that no person should be discriminated against for involvement in an industrial organisation.

"We ask McDonalds to make explicit that they do not own their employees and that they have no right to dictate what we can and can't believe or express at any time", activists from Glasgow MWR said last month.

Ronald McDonald

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Friday 11th October: 'Taking on McWorld', an open discussion led by one of the McLibel defendants at the London Anarchist Forum, 8pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square.

Saturday 12th October: A special showing of *McLibel: Two Worlds Collide*, the revealing and gripping story of the historic McLibel case. A double bill with *Drowned Out*, the story of village resistance to the destructive Narmada dam project in India. This includes a Q&A session with the director and the McLibel defendants. 10.30am at the Curzon Soho Cinema, 99 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, £5 entry.

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website had been closed down, along with his own internet account, he was furious. He immediately telephoned AOL, his internet service provider, who told him they'd closed his account because of a website he was hosting.

Speaking about the incident, Gary said "AOL told me there was nothing illegal or non-factual on our website, but Manchester City Council had found the website offensive. AOL told me they were a family ISP and said they'd received a letter from Susan Orrell, the council's solicitor. I was on the telephone for three hours that Friday talking to AOL about my account and the campaign website. They eventually told me I could have my account back if I agreed to withdraw the website."

Manchester City Council have agreed that they wrote to AOL about the site on two separate occasions. In a letter officials sent to people who'd written in to protest at their actions, they confirmed that they'd written to AOL about the site last October, and that they'd believed it had been removed.

They also confirmed that they'd written to AOL again in June, saying that the site was "potentially defamatory". They said that AOL had told them on 19th July: "We have taken the appropriate action against our member, and the site has been removed. For reasons of privacy we are unable to reveal details on individual actions taken, but options available to us include written warnings, account suspensions and complete termination of service." Finally, the council said – somewhat ironically – that they'd not closed the website down but had asked AOL to review it.

A public relations officer for Manchester City Council declined to comment when asked if the council had threatened legal action against AOL and others, or if the

council had contacted the campaign group before complaining to AOL. "The Council have no further comment to make to the statement already issued", he said.

AOL said that, while they couldn't comment on an individual case, the company had a set of rules which defined what was acceptable conduct for their members. These rules (the conditions of service) were contained, they said, in both the Members' Agreement and the Community Guidelines. Members' use of the AOL service constituted an acceptance of both these documents.

A representative of the company said, "it is essential for the benefit of our members that the content generated by AOL members in chat rooms, message boards, web pages, etc. reflects AOL's community standards, and we may remove it if, in our judgement, it does not meet those standards. When we do, the member may receive a warning about the breach of AOL's standards if their account (in any of their screen names) was responsible for putting the objectionable content online. If it is a serious offence or they have violated our rules before, we may terminate their account. It is not practical or realistic for AOL to pre-screen content on the AOL service, but AOL is committed to taking appropriate action in respect of inappropriate content once it has become aware of the existence of such content."

On Friday 26th July, Manchester City Council suddenly changed tack and announced that, in future, they would notify people of most 'verification visits'. The campaign group says it sees this as a welcome breakthrough and a total vindication of their opposition to unannounced visits to the homes of the sick and disabled. They believe that, without their campaign, this reversal in council policy would never have occurred.

In their view, the concerted mass letter-writing and the threatened direct action –

that is, unannounced visits to the homes of key officers and council members – strongly influenced the council's decision to notify people before a visit takes place.

Speaking about the campaign, Gary Daniels said "we eventually got what we wanted because a lot of people wrote to Manchester City Council, protesting about their actions towards our campaign group and their policy of unannounced visits to the homes of the sick and disabled. We can't give enough thanks to those people who emailed their personal protests to Manchester City Council."

Derek Pattison



This is the second issue of the quarterly free paper produced by North & East London Solidarity Federation.

The front page features a syndicalist analysis of moves towards war on Iraq, arguing that it would be a war of imperialism, not of liberation. "We do not accept that the only options are supporting imperialism or supporting local dictatorships. Our alternative lies in a workers' movement that can overthrow the current world order."

There's also an article on workers' industrial action in London local government, and a critique of the role of big business. "Business is a burden on the working class, let's throw it off." To get your copy, send an SAE to NELSF, PO Box 1681, London N8 7LE.

Counts defend the countryside



London

The Countryside Alliance claimed that 500,000 people turned up for the so-called 'Land and Liberty' march on 22nd September. But despite its name, there's only one reason the march took place. Similarly, there's only one reason the Countryside Alliance exists at all – to defend foxhunting. The organisation's genesis can be found in the struggle to criminalise hunting during the 1990s.

Critics have long seen organised foxhunting as barbaric, and wondered why hunters are exempt from cruelty to wildlife legislation. Recent hearings on hunting have once again proved that it's cruel and morally bad, but still hunters aren't treated like cockfighters or dogfighters. They're given a privileged opportunity to save themselves. This is in the form of the 'tribunals', which (if Alun Michael, minister for rural affairs, gets his way) would judge hunting activity as a civil wrong and on a local basis.

It's only because the left and anarchists are so weak that the Countryside Alliance would dare say the march was about Liberty and Livelihood. They've never been interested in the jobs of other working people. Throughout the Thatcher years, they watched the urban working class get shafted while they collected subsidies themselves. It's clear they're not concerned with the liberties of everyone – they

oppose 'right to roam' legislation, for example.

The fact is that hunting continues to exist because a very small number of people own the vast majority of land in Britain. They got this by stealing it off our ancestors. 189,000 families own 40 million acres, or 88% of Britain's land. Meanwhile, 59 million people live on 4.4 million acres. Hardly fair, is it? These landowners get £4 billion in subsidies every year as well. A hidden welfare system for the rich!

The traditional aristocracy are the mainstays of the hierarchy (official and unofficial) in the Countryside Alliance, whether it's the moneygrabber Lord Mancroft or the Duke of Westminster. The duke collected £3 million subsidy from the EU Common Agricultural Policy and was reported to have loaned the Alliance a third of it.

As Britain's richest man, what the fuck is he getting this welfare cheque for? Clearly to squander on his political hobbies. Prince Charles gave his staff paid leave to attend the march. The Duke of Northumberland has allowed his family mansion to be let out as a fundraiser for the Alliance too. In the North East, Alliance press releases are being sent out from a manor house.

Although it claims to represent all the countryside, the Alliance owned £40,000 worth of Barclays shares when Barclays closed 170 rural branches. Clearly the Countryside Alliance shouldn't be allowed to claim it's

working in the interests of all the people in the countryside. It specialises in social exclusion. Two of the it's commercial directors, Christopher Sporborg and Michael Hoare are bankers, and Nick Bannister is a stockbroker from London.

Those who marched with them last month were, at best, naive. At worst they were nazi scum. This was a rightwing populist Alliance on the march, and those who consider themselves to be anti-fascist should be aware that a purely nazi movement is unlikely. Nazis are at their most dangerous with other rightwing types, and this is the type of movement that's a real threat to people.

Early editions of hunters' paper *Horse and Hound* could talk freely about the "niggers in Ceylon" (1884), and there are similar ideas in a lot of isolated areas. Basically they're ideal traditional white Brits, heterosexual, beef-eating and conservative with a small 'c', even when they're progressive enough to vote Labour.

There are different groups organising around the hunting issue. The TGWU Rural Workers' section was anti-hunting, so the Union of Country Sports Workers (UCS) was set up as a pro-hunting front to give the cause legitimacy. The UCS have previously organised the blocking of Parliament Square, and they were active in the petrol dispute in autumn 2000.

The Countryside Alliance network has

organised some motorway go-slows and an illegal blocking of Parliament Square. This was allowed by the police, rather than attacked by them, as has happened to anarchists on Mayday and RTS events. The shadowy Real Countryside Alliance is using direct action to target Labour MPs and hunt saboteurs' offices and homes. They've also graffitied motorways.

In one toff magazine, *The Field*, the Real Countryside Alliance even threatened urban workers when they said they'd "pull the plug out of a reservoir in Wales and run Birmingham short of water". One Labour MP has passed the article to the police and Home Secretary as a clear case of incitement, but don't expect any action to follow ...

There are some who say the fight against hunting isn't a town versus country issue. On paper this may be correct. But if they've won the war of ideas and turned the countryside against the town, then what? Surely it's right to approach the urban working class and motivate them against these trespassers on urban land, 'cos they don't want us in their green and pleasant land. Imagine a coachload of people from Hackney and Brixton enquiring about guns at a Countryside Game Fair. The village idiots would go even barmier.

Trevor Bark

The Urban Alliance website has been hacked by the police or pro-hunters, and host company geocities won't help. Meanwhile, visit www.classwaruk.org

LONDON SOCIAL CENTRES

• The Carnivalistas held a benefit night at Vauxhall's Bonningtons Café on 23rd September. It was designed to raise money for the development of the Southwark and Lambeth Community Action Network (SALCAN). The new network is intended to be a non-hierarchical grassroots body, linking a diverse range of community groups and individuals. Its first meeting will be on 18th January next year.

The Carnivalistas were established in July 2001 with the aim of buying space for a social centre in South London. They plan to open a place where a diverse range of community groups and individuals can come together, independent of local authority and governmental restraints, to deal with community issues the way they should be dealt with – by the community.

The social centre will be a place where all members of the community can feel at home, a space free from all forms of discrimination and oppression. It will hopefully become a community hub, encouraging the principles of mutual aid and community-based direct action.

The Carnivalistas are part of the London Social Centres Network, which links numerous social centres throughout London. These include Emmaz, the Radical Dairy and Freedom Press Bookshop.

Carnivalista

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Palaver in the park

South London

Around two hundred people turned out with candles and banners on 21st September, to protest at Bromley Borough Council's decision to enclose the crest of Crystal Palace Park. The crowd soon got the bit between their teeth and started to pull down the fencing which the council had hoped would keep them out. In no time at all, long stretches of it lay on the ground and demonstrators walked on to the site and sat down.

The police response was slow and minimal. About six of them turned up in total, and by the time they came it was all over, leaving nothing for them to do. There was no attempt to move people from the site. Many demonstrators remained, playing music and socialising inside and outside the fence for the rest of the evening.

More of the fence was pulled down overnight, and the next morning saw local people enjoying the open space and exercising their right of way across it once more. Let's hope the council now takes note of the strength of local feeling and respects the wishes of the community by reinstating it as a green open space.

Ironically, on the same day local people



could use the crest again, campaigners learned of a decision by Bromley Borough Council and Sport England to completely rebuild the athletics centre lower down in the park, rather than just refurbish it as they'd been expected to do. It now seems the real reason for fencing off the high ground is that the council are planning some kind of associated development on the site. They may face stiff opposition.

Anyone who remembers the history of the

original campaign to save Crystal Palace Park – the eviction of the protest camp three years ago, the massive police operation surrounding it, the huge policing presence at every single one of the demonstrations – will remember how much local campaigners are a force to be reckoned with.

Ruby Crystal

For more background or to get involved with the campaign to save this beautiful open space, email savetocrypalacepark@yahoo.co.uk

Reclaim the future

London

With the warmongers banging the drum for revenge and manipulating the mainstream media to con us into backing their war, a couple of recent events occurred to remind us all that an alternative is possible. On September 20th to 21st, people from Reclaim the Streets and other progressive groups staged a two-day 'Reclaim the Future' event at a squatted venue in North London.

This was an opportunity to look back and learn from the achievements of RTS since the middle 1990s, with a display of photographs, posters, leaflets and testimonies. It was also a chance to look at possible ways of moving forwards, with a series of workshops based around alternative media, autonomous collective working, solidarity and resistance.

On the evening of 21st September there was an excellent and cheap party, with live bands and DJs. This went ahead despite close attention from cops and other party poopers. The event showed what can be achieved in a disused building, in a short time and by a determined group working together. It provided an alternative space to the merciless consumerism (and high prices) of capitalist society.

The following day, Sunday 22nd September, was European car-free day – or, at least, In-Town-Without-Your-Car Day. Largely funded and organised by mainstream reformist pressure groups and lefty councils, it was unsurprising that this took place on a Sunday. After all, it couldn't be allowed to have too much impact on the moneymaking circus that is capitalism.

But it did give us a glimpse of what would be possible if society wasn't based around car-culture-capitalism. Environmentally-friendly forms of transport were promoted, roads were closed to traffic, the air was cleaner (briefly) and the pace of life reduced.

If our lives weren't so dominated by car culture, profit-making, the exploitation of the world's resources and peoples, we might – just might – not be fearing another war in the Middle East over control of oil reserves and untapped markets for capitalist modes of production.

We mightn't be faced with Iraq threatening its neighbours and people with horrific forms of chemical warfare, or with Israel threatening Arab neighbours with its nuclear weapons, or with the US and UK threatening just about anyone who won't do as they say in the name of capitalist profit. Don't dream about it. It's time to reclaim the future.

M.H.

INDUSTRIAL NEWS

The unions are sabre-rattling over the government's Private Finance Initiative (PFI). The Labour Party conference this week was expected to see an unprecedented show of unity among four of Britain's largest unions. The TGWU, Unison, Amicus and the GMB were all due to back a motion calling for a halt to PFI projects until their efficiency is assessed.

The GMB and T&G were also planning to threaten industrial action if the companies who run contracted-out council services don't match recent pay increases won by council staff through strike action. It's clearly unfair that a refuse worker employed by the council gets a pound an hour more than one employed by a contractor doing exactly the same work.

While anarchists welcome the increased militancy of unions, we need to be cautious. Union bosses' main concern is to keep their members and to see Labour re-elected next time round. Their opposition to PFI will melt away if they can get a deal that means companies taking on privatised services would have to continue negotiating with them.

This has already happened in the NHS, where Unison has tried to stitch up a deal with the Department of Health to ensure that staff in contracted-out services keep their NHS terms and conditions. In return, Unison have made little fuss about the privatisation of health services. The same will happen elsewhere. Don't be fooled. Union militancy is strictly limited.

R.G.

Activists in the fire brigade said last week that the government was treating people's lives with 'contempt', after it emerged that 3,000 troops had been stood down from emergency fire duties to prepare for war in the Middle East. Members of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) said the change, announced on 27th September, would leave just 9,000 soldiers on duty to cover 52,000 civilian firefighters if, as

expected, a national strike over pay begins later this month.

Officials from the Ministry of 'Defence' insisted the troops would be replaced, but firefighters said the replacements would be raw recruits without even the basic training possessed by the soldiers they'd replace. The ballot for strike action closes on 18th October, and the first action could take place as early as 25th October.

The revelation that the government is withdrawing soldiers from firefighting duties came just days after 2,000 firefighters received massive public support as they marched through Birmingham. Shoppers clapped as marchers entered the city's Victoria Square on 23rd September. Opinion polls have shown consistently high public support for the 40% payrise demanded by the FBU.

• Chief fire officers are being awarded



monster payrises of over £20,000, the FBU complained on 20th September, even as they try to hold down firefighters' pay. In one case, the boss of the Strathclyde brigade was awarded a rise of £22,400, more than an ordinary firefighter's basic wage.

Amid much acrimony, bosses at rail operators First North Western (FNW) have announced that talks with drivers' union ASLEF have broken down. The union has announced that drivers with FNW will continue their series of 48-hour strikes. While previous stoppages had centred on fortnightly actions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the new series of weekly strikes are set to run on Saturdays and Sundays, starting on 28th September and due to end on 24th November.

The actions will be coupled with a rest-day ban. This will result, by the bosses' estimates, in at least 180 train services not running on any given day. All of this is in addition to the stoppage of all train services twice a week.

The original strike action by FNW drivers was intended to affect the Commonwealth Games in Manchester earlier this year, but after government intervention in the form of Two-Jags Prescott, the action was suspended.

Bosses at FNW have since been insisting that a deal was brokered and should be adhered to. Drivers and their union reps have pointed out that no deal was agreed, only the suspension of strike action as an act of good will. As with any good will shown to the bosses and their state cohorts, it's been used against the workers involved. Managers have tried to slip in extra conditions, to do with menial duties and periods of notice.

But in this particular class battle, workers are having the last laugh. The strike action this week looked set to seriously disrupt Labour Party members travelling to their conference in Blackpool. So, some egg on the face for the bosses and a well-aimed left hook for Two Jags.

Jones the Steam

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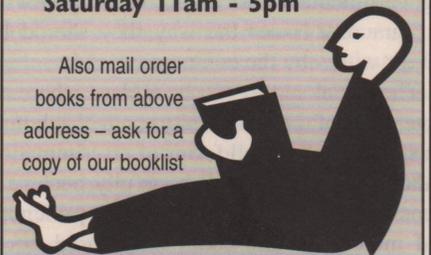
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No war but the class war



The UK and the United States have been bombing Iraq almost non-stop since the end of the Gulf War. And guess who suffers from this bombing? It's sure as fuck not the Iraqi government who suffers, it's the Iraqi people. They get killed by Saddam Hussein and his brutal dictatorship and they get killed by the UK and the US. We've got no time for Saddam, and most of us think the world would be a better place if someone put a bullet in his head. What we can't understand is why so many people are prepared to support George Bush and Tony Blair's war.

Bush and Blair won't actually do any fighting, of course. They'll be fine just sitting at home while they send people's brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers away to do all the fighting. Politicians never actually die in these wars, unless they lose (and even then

On 28th September, London saw the biggest protest yet against an impending war on Iraq. A large anti-capitalist bloc took part in the march from Embankment to Hyde Park, and many anarchist groups were active in it. One of these groups was the Anarchist Youth Network. Here is the text of the leaflet they distributed.

most manage to escape). It's normal, everyday, working class people like us that die because of them.

Have you seen the pictures on the news of the Iraqi kids preparing for war? Do you really think they want to go and fight? They know that when war breaks out, they'll all die. Do you think it's right for this to happen, just because Saddam Hussein is a nasty piece of shit?

The Iraqi people live under one of the most brutal dictatorships in the world, and Saddam even used poison gas on his own people (it was the Kurds, the same people Winston Churchill gassed). But it seems a bit ridiculous to say you're liberating them and then go and

drop bombs on them.

Throughout history, governments have oppressed their peoples, used them to fight their wars and generally treated us all like shit. Which is why we propose class war instead. This is where we all get together and tell our bosses and our rulers to fuck off.

The world would be a lot better place if we were in charge of our own lives, rather than leaving it in the hands of bosses and bullshit politicians. War only serves the interests of these politicians and bosses. When they fuck up the economy, they can use it as a scapegoat or as a way of stealing new resources.

George Bush (with help from his junior

partner, Tony Blair) is currently using it as a way of getting oil out of Iraq and as a way of keeping people 'happy' at home – that is, giving them someone else to hate instead of their own rulers. Have you ever noticed how, when we're at war, everyone gets behind the war effort and, all of a sudden, saying something like 'Blair is a wanker' becomes an act of treason?

War is the health of the state, and the only way we can stop this vicious system where war, poverty and crime are encouraged by economic conditions is by organising together, getting off our arses and smashing it. If war is the health of the state, then class war is the health of the people.

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Letter to the PM

Dear Prime Minister, Your friend George, or should that be Dubya (I'm told this is the name his friends call him), is having a lovely time just now. The war effort is going smoothly. He might be leading his country into a long battle on his own, apart from us in Britain of course – Uncle Sam's favourite poodle. But he's not doing too badly. Most of the Yankee punters cheer for George. Make the best of it, boys. The electorate are very fickle.

That was a rousing speech you gave in your Sedgefield constituency last month. Ninety whole minutes – wow! But don't overdo it, Tony, you'll need all your strength, what with a war coming up and all. You really are a hawkish sort of bloke when it comes to hovering around good ole Dubya. The trouble with raptors, though, is they hang around in the same place too long (hadn't you noticed?) This trait might be your undoing. Remember the shadow cabinet? If this war takes off, they'll come into their own. Watch your back.

In the *Guardian* last month (4th September), you made an extraordinary claim. It went like this. "The most important thing is that whatever we do is with the broadest possible basis of support. That is what we did in Afghanistan and Kosovo. We had the international community with us." You went on to say a lot more, but we get the message. Did you really mean it when you said you

had "the broadest possible support" in Afghanistan? Surely you don't mean the Northern Alliance? Eh? You do?? Well, with support like that, if you do make it to Iraq, events really will be interesting. And regarding your claim that you had the support of the international community, really – I've got news for you. There was no such thing. Why, even your fellow Christians were split over that conflict, just like they are now.

Wise up, Tony. It's not just about the oil. Your good friend George sees representatives of the Crescent as evildoers writ large. A good Muslim is a dead Muslim as far as Bush is concerned. September 11th was a good excuse for you both to show the cross. But Christianity has all the symbols of death. A dead man nailed to a bit of dead wood says it all. Have a good war, Prime Minister. I'm sure your pal Dubya will.

Mick Cropper

Sabotage the war

All the adverts present military life as a non-stop juggernaut of fun, challenge, foreign travel and life-changing experiences. Get fit, learn new skills and make excellent mates who'll be comrades for life. No job prospects? Sick of your current job? Want to learn something totally new and help people, save lives and defend your country all at the same time? Given the repetitive and meaningless nature of so much wage labour, it's no surprise people want to join this friendly, empowering hero-making family.

But the military's job is really to protect and increase the power and wealth of rulers – civil servants, industrialists, politicians, landowners, judges and other undesirables. The idea of fighting for your country is one that's led thousands to their slaughter, over centuries of armed conflict spanning continent

after continent, era after bloodstained era. Not a decade has passed without UK forces 'intervening' all over the world, in conflict generated by British foreign policy.

Wars aren't fought for our benefit. Wars are huge power struggles between, and for the benefit of, those who have the most power in the world – the ruling class, aka the state and transnational corporations greedy for more resources, human and environmental, to exploit and extort in the name of CASH. We will always lose, as long as they keep trying to win.

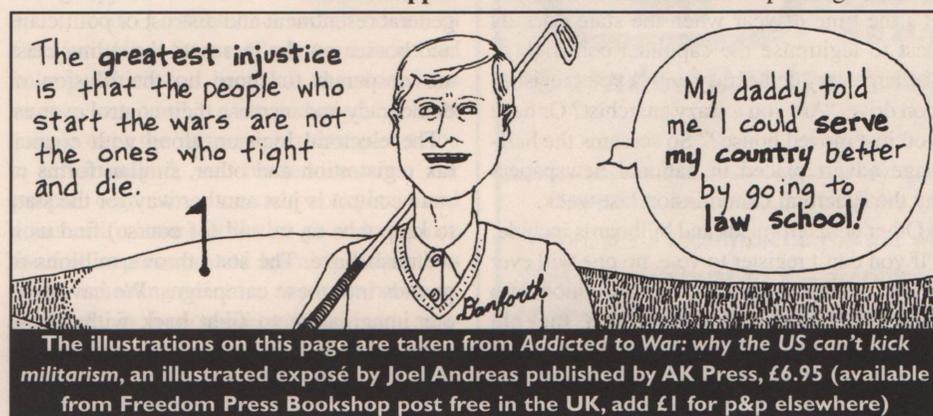
There are no winners in war. The system, this sell-buy free-market-fundamentalist system we live under, propels war through its never-ending search for things to commodify – land, labour, life itself. We want to fight against this, not for it. We don't want to fight wars, but war itself.

We are not this country and there's no such thing as 'the nation'. It's just us, the working masses, a mass of people united by geography, language and a common experience of life in a class-stratified Nation State.

Don't join the army. Discourage others from joining. Join the people who are struggling to improve their lives and to change society. We're fighting for a world where we all share what there is, the work that needs to be done and the decisions that need to be made. A world where there will be no uniforms or orders of any kind – an anarchist society.

No War But The Class War

'What we say ...' on page 7



The illustrations on this page are taken from *Addicted to War: why the US can't kick militarism*, an illustrated exposé by Joel Andreas published by AK Press, £6.95 (available from Freedom Press Bookshop post free in the UK, add £1 for p&p elsewhere)

When flowers are not enough

Ian Huntley, the caretaker accused of murdering two girls who attended the school where he worked, is due in court on 8th October. His partner, Maxine Carr, who also worked at the school in Soham, Cambridgeshire, has already appeared twice via videolink from London's HMP Holloway. Police say they'd fear for her physical and emotional security if she travelled to court in person. As their cases progress towards a trial, the mainstream media will continue to whip up interest in the murders.

Around 100,000 children disappear in Britain every year. Several thousand will have disappeared while the search was on for Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman in August. A very few, like Holly, Jessica and – more recently – Millie Dowler, are found dead. But only rare cases will receive the same level of publicity as these three have done.

Do the others disappear in the wrong place or at the wrong time? Aren't they photogenic enough? Or not so white? Maybe all these factors, combined with the need to sell newspapers, propels the Soham children and Millie on to the front pages.

After the bodies of Jessica and Holly were found, hysteria swept the land. What looked like collective grief was shown, on a scale unseen since the death of Diana. People mourned nationwide and travelled from afar to lay flowers. Why? Were people grieving, not just for the children, but for themselves as well, perhaps for the abuse they'd suffered at the hands of others, perhaps for the unhappy lives that so many lead but are forced to hide away?

Writing in the *Independent*, self-proclaimed anarchist Will Self suggested that the people who took their kids along to scream abuse and demand retribution at Carr's first court appearance were themselves guilty of a form of abuse by exposing their own children to



an atmosphere of extreme hatred and revenge.

It would be no surprise if some of this potential lynch mob had themselves been abused. We know that abuse and violence are often part of a vicious circle that's handed down from generation to generation. Perhaps we can see here a hidden cry for justice, but in such a twisted and fucked-up way it only serves to perpetuate injustice, misery and abuse.

What were the effects of a police investigation on a community like Soham? A community was shattered and turned in on itself. Nobody was entirely innocent, nobody

was free from suspicion. The police exhorted the community to look at itself, to look at neighbours and family and report anything that didn't quite fit.

It was a breeding ground for mistrust, a mechanism for breaking down solidarity and resistance making hell of the inhabitants' lives, every word and action analysed by who knows who. It was a police state of the worst kind.

Then, of course, over the crest of the hill came the saviours. The professionals, those pillars of the state, ready to put every thought and emotion neatly in its correct place. The priests, the psychologists and

counsellors, the commentators, the legal eagles, all seeking their moments of glory, fame and fortune as they dispensed their false wisdom.

Then chasing their own tails came the media themselves, spitting blood and fury and creating more damage, with their gossip and innuendo and front-page exposés about various members of the accused families, as if this somehow made the accused guilty of such heinous crimes. Fair trial, anyone? Innocent until proven guilty? In these circumstances?

As anarchists we abhor any human suffering. We believe every human life is entitled to grow and flourish in an atmosphere of safety, security and love. As parents, we fear for our own children and we feel only compassion for the families of Jessica, Holly and Millie. But we must also challenge the manipulative behaviour of the mainstream media and the state, and ask questions that many would prefer to have swept under the carpet.

Conspiracy theorists are already having a field day over aspects of the Soham tragedy – the presence of alleged paedophiles in the local police force (and on its team of investigators for the murders); aspects of the police enquiry; the location of the bodies, close to a US military base; the sudden sectioning under the Mental Health Act of Huntley and the low-level charges against Carr.

These issues may become more important when (if) new information becomes available. But there are already many disturbing issues to deal with, such as the reactions of people whipped up by the media and the virtual police state that arose in Soham. Until these issues are dealt with, similar tragedies will continue. We'll continue to turn inwards and hurt our own. Laying flowers is not enough.

M.H.

HANG 'EM HIGH

Nicholas van Hoogstraten, the repulsive insect who uncoincidentally happens to be one of Britain's richest men, was due to be sentenced on 2nd October for his part in killing a business rival. Already known in his home town of Brighton for thuggish practices, and more widely for uncompromising hostility to ramblers on his Uckfield estate ("disgusting creatures", he once called them), Hoogstraten is thought to be worth around £500 million. This was amassed through property 'development' during the 1960s and 1970s, in which he was a particularly rough practitioner of a brutal trade.

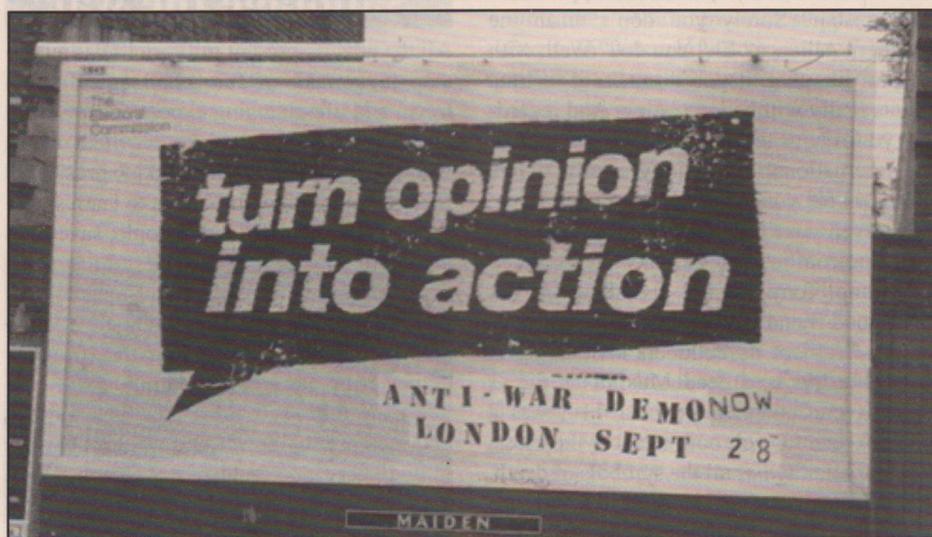
There have been persistent rumours that a fire which killed several inconvenient tenants in Hove was more than a tragic accident. In the past he's called the residents of his properties (and whose money made him rich) "filth and scum" and said, "I fucking hate them".

Anarchists oppose the state, which means they oppose the state's prison system. But it's only a few idealists and dreamers who'd campaign to get people like Hoogstraten, or his fellow millionaire Lord Archer, released. What would happen to people like Hoogstraten in an anarchist society? Maybe their behaviour traits wouldn't exist. Who knows? I don't.

This side of the revolution, I oppose the state's prosecution apparatus. If it was in my power to do anything about these people (which it obviously isn't), I'd advocate a more robust and direct response to their actions. It's only liberals and woolly reformists who'd shed any tears for these shits.

J.M.

VIEWPOINTS



PARLIAMENTARY CON

It's the time of year when the state does its best to legitimise the capitalist con-trick of parliamentary democracy with a voter registration drive. "Are you a crazy anarchist? Or have you just moved house?" So screams the half-page advert placed in national newspapers by the Electoral Commission last week.

Other gems from ads and billboards include: "If you don't register to vote, no one will ever know what you think", "Turn opinion into action", "Votes are power" and the old favourite, "If voting changed anything, they'd abolish it". Even with the trendy, street-cred graphics used, you can tell the last one was

added later by persons unknown.

With turnout at elections dropping and general resentment and distrust of politicians and bosses on the increase, the ruling class are desperate to shore up the illusion of democracy and increase their control over us.

The electoral register, along with council tax registration and other, similar, forms of state control is just another way for the state to keep tabs on us and (of course) find us if we misbehave. The state throws millions of pounds into these campaigns. We have only our imagination to fight back with. These street cred campaigns are only good for one thing – subvertising!

M.H.

SEXUAL FREEDOM

I was moved by your courage in publishing the discussion of pornography recently. So I'm sending you the views of a couple who are no longer around, but who were anarchists and who believed very strongly that the stateless freedom of an anarchist society could only be achieved by people accepting the idea of total sexual freedom.

They believed that jealousy in human beings was a reflection of a greedy and purely acquisitive society. They had strong evidence from primitive human societies, which would no doubt be contested but is interesting.

They were convinced that the arrival of safe systems of birth control had removed any reason for preventing human beings from having sex with anyone they liked, as long as they consented, sexual pleasure being one of comparatively few total pleasures available to humanity.

They said human beings would only be free when the fact that two people had been to bed together was of no greater importance or reason for outrage than if they'd played a game of tennis or gone for a walk.

Fidelity, in the eyes of this couple who enjoyed a long and remarkably happy partnership, was a matter of comradeship in the business of living. Taking sexual pleasure with another person for a few hours had, they said, the effect of stimulating, rather than harming, their relationship. What's the anarchist alternative to this view? Is it an expression of real anarchism?

C.

What we say ...

The publication of Blair's long-promised dossier reveals that – unlike the US, Britain and a handful of others – Iraq has no workable nuclear, chemical or biological weapons programme. All Saddam Hussein has got is the desire to acquire one. In this, his government is pursuing ends of state just like every other. But what the debate about the dossier has shown, as have the moves to war more generally, is far more significant.

Since the end of the Second World War, we have been sold an image of bourgeois democracy. It's been portrayed as moving from a recognition of interests of state to a nurturing of universal rights which override the 'rights of states'. The principal vehicle for this universalism has been the United Nations, with a secondary role played by the various transnational agencies that have formed around it.

Its aims have been set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in related documents – the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) is the most obvious example. The most progressive element of bourgeois legal ideology has always been its universalism, embodied in writings such as Grotius's *Of the Law of War and Peace* and Kant's *On Perpetual Peace*. But in practice the gap between bourgeois universalism in theory and the action of capitalist states in practice has been filled with mounds of corpses.

After 1945, the rhetoric of universalism was taken up by the United States and Britain as a flag of convenience, a stick with which to beat the Soviet bogeyman and a way of distancing their own bloody colonial heritage from the reality of the genocide unleashed by fascism in Germany. What is most apparent now is that those states which function as the 'hidden fist' supporting the 'hidden hand' of capital (to paraphrase free market 'philosopher' Thomas Friedman) have no further use for the rhetoric of human rights and universal law.

Internment has become a reality, both in Britain and in the United States. While Camp X-Ray is the most obvious example, New Labour's rushing-through of the Terrorism Act in 2000 (and its consequent opting-out from Article 5 of the ECHR) has allowed the British state to ban a variety of political organisations and to detain nine men indefinitely. With the general prison population hitting 71,894, it's clear the rhetoric of 'rights' is being abandoned for the 'native' population too.

The recall of parliament and the toothless debate which followed went to show only that Blair doesn't need the support of our 'democratically elected' representatives before killing Iraqis in our name. Bush has already said that, if he sees fit, he'll declare war unilaterally, regardless of the concerns of the UN. So the structure of international law will be abandoned by those who were its most vocal advocates when it served their ends.

The poet and film-maker Pasolini once said that liberalism and its political institutions were merely fascism in slow motion. Bush and Blair are set on a course which demonstrates the truth of his remark. The notion of 'rights' in bourgeois ideology makes our freedom dependent on the 'self-shackling' of states. We can put our trust in no such illusion. Our freedom and autonomy can be guaranteed only in struggle against the state and against the system of exploitation it oversees.

A number of groups have begun to organise for acts of civil disobedience when the war begins. We support these moves. And as we do so, we remember that Bush, Blair and all they represent threaten, not only the rights and physical security of the people of Iraq, but the 'rights and liberties' so many of us here in the west have come to take for granted as well.

Readers' letters

It's the oil

Dear *Freedom*,

I don't dispute anything Lorenzo Ervin says about the Israeli attitude towards the planned invasion of Iraq ('The truth behind the lies', 21st September). But Lorenzo is mistaken if he sees the prime objective of the American attack as the protection of the state of Israel. Israel is no more than Bush's 'deputy sheriff' in the Middle East (as John Pilger so aptly describes it).

The reason for the coming onslaught is blatantly obvious to anyone who cares to consider some facts. Global oil reserves are approximately 1,000 billion barrels. This will last about fifty years at current consumption rates. The United States holds oil reserves of around 3.7 billion barrels, compared with 610 billion in Iraq alone.

So it's no surprise that the USA is a net importer, buying in eleven million barrels a day. In fact it's the world's largest importer. Oil comprises the largest part of the US budget deficit. Work out the implications of this for yourselves, dear comrade readers.

Bob Potter

Lessons for editors

Dear *Freedom*,

"By challenging the bosses' power, the strikers improve the chances for the rest of us too", you say of Britain's firefighters ('What we say', 21st September). The chances of what? Freedom from government? How do striking firefighters discredit the opinion that government is necessary, which is the sole foundation of government?

"Direct action for better conditions", you explain, "is an assault on all bossdom". Not

on the bossdom of government, it isn't. Freedom from government is *not* the same as better conditions *under* it, which is all the firefighters are asking for.

If in doubt, ask any firefighter whether they think government is necessary. Almost certainly you'll find they dislike *this* government, but are terrified of having none. So not much chance of anarchy there.

Francis Ellingham

Bash the fash

Dear *Freedom*,

Militant anti-fascism (the kind that says we should sort out fascists ourselves, rather than appealing to the state to do it) isn't exclusive to anarchism. Nor does it say attacking fascists is the only strategy. It's always pushed for a combination of political and physical responses, working together.

Using the time-honoured tactic of getting your retaliation in first can make the fascists stop and think. It also allows space to put a political argument – that social problems can be solved by redistributing power and resources, that more state power, racism and regulation (which is what all the scum, from New Labour and the *Daily Mail* to the British National Party, are calling for) will only mean more shit for us at the bottom.

We should say to racists: if you demand that the state tag 'asylum-seekers', what will you do when they decide you're part of a 'problem group' yourselves, maybe because you've just lost your job?

I'm glad Allan J. is arguing against fascism (letters, 21st September), and there's always room to discuss which tactics are effective when. But to dismiss militant anti-fascism as 'coercive' really misses the point. If we know

the state only uses its power to its own advantage, and we don't trust the fascists to do any different, then who'll watch our backs if we don't do it ourselves?

B. Block

Grateful prisoner

Dear *Freedom*,

Thank you so very much for giving me a free subscription to *Freedom*. This is going to be great. I shall enjoy every issue you send me. Already I can tell you that I truly loved the article by Donald Room entitled 'GM is a good thing, honest' (10th August).

This piece was a real breath of fresh air from all the anti-GM propaganda which usually fills anarchist publications. I look forward to more good reading in future of *Freedom*.

Alfred N. Rea

Appeal for help

Dear *Freedom*,

I am trying to locate information on two people from around the period 1919 to 1921 – well-known reformer John Lawrence and Scottish revolutionary John Maclean.

If any of your readers can help I'd be most grateful to learn of sources, archives and libraries that may hold information. In particular, I'd like to hear from individuals who may have known them.

I'd like to thank *Freedom* readers for any help in this matter.

Brian Forristal

7 Glen Terrace, Waterford City, Ireland

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