

This week we have received no main article for publication. Perhaps this is due to inadequate communication on the part of the editors, in that we have so far failed to make clear that Insert is an open forum for any anarchist to express an opinion or draw attention to a matter of fact. It is not restricted to anarchists who go along to any particular group meetings (Merseyside Group, University Group, etc.) or who subscribe to any one view of anarchism, or even who are residents of Merseyside. (The fact that Insert is described as the bulletin of Merseyside anarchists is related to its primary area of distribution, not source of contributions.)

We have therefore deliberately decided not to try to "knock up" an article between us to disguise the fact that really we have nothing to publish this week; instead we are going to set out as carefully as we can certain essential facts about this bulletin.

The idea of a regular means of communication among Merseyside anarchists, and between anarchists and "others", circulated within the Merseyside Anarchist Group for some time before finally crystallising in the first issue of Insert last July. One issue only of Volume 1 was produced before arrangements for the Anarchist Federation of Britain conference and various other matters seduced the attention of the committed few who were still around on Merseyside during August. (Digression: it is the ambition of one of the editors - A.R. - someday to produce Volume 1 Number 2 on the grounds that sequential numbering of issues of Insert is no more sacrosanct than any of the other things that anarchists reject as fundamentally meaningless.) Volume 2 was begun as a "fresh start" on the return of the other editor - J.B.C. - to Liverpool in October.

The sole issue of Vol 1 was financed out of a whip round at a Merseyside Group meeting; Vol 2 has so far been financed by a subsidy of ten shillings a week from the University Anarchist Group (UAG gets a grant from the Students Union) plus profits of 25% on Freedom sales plus donations (which have recently stopped coming in) plus postage costs which have been almost entirely borne by Donald Harrison. To date then the cost of each issue (21/6 printing plus about 20/- postage) has been covered; without some further donations soon however this happy state of affairs will not continue.

Material for publication has originated mainly from a small number of anarchists who are in fairly close touch with the editors. This has led to the impression that Insert is designed to propagate the views of a "faction" among Merseyside anarchists who are basically committed to a non-violent, non-revolutionary transformation of society. We want to make it clear that although circumstances have led to Insert being strongly biased towards this particular view of anarchism, this was never intended as conscious policy. We welcome articles from anyone who wants to say something about anarchism, revolutionary or not, and hope that our critics will help us to redress the balance by sending their contributions to 170A Lodge Lane Liverpool L8 0QW, preferably by the Tuesday of the week of publication to ease the mechanics of production.

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MERSEYSIDE ANARCHIST MEETINGS are held at 118 High Park Street Liverpool 8 every Tuesday at eight o'clock. These are discussion meetings; responsibility for action of any kind lies with the originators of the action who should arrange ad hoc meetings to discuss details (let us know and we will pass on the information and publish it in Insert).....this was generally agreed after some people justifiably objected to being held responsible for the failure of the Viet Nam demo when they had been opposed to the idea from the start.

OTHER DISCUSSION MEETINGS at 170A Lodge Lane every Friday nine to midnight.

UNIVERSITY GROUP Informal meetings around the stall in the Entrance Foyer every Friday one-thirty. See letter rack for Insert. Secretary for this week is Chris Allen (contact via letter rack or Anarchist Drawer in Guild Office).

FREEDOM, ANARCHY, IT AND PEACE NEWS are all on sale at the University Stall.