

Birmingham

Sometimes, when you lift up a large stone which has lain long undisturbed, you see the furtive crawling things that hide underneath.

From Thursday 28th. to Thursday 5th., the students of Birmingham University were in occupation of their administration buildings and Great Hall. The occupation (which initially involved 1000 staff and students) was precipitated by the high-handed attitude of the V.C. and his minions, wishing to rule a neo-feudal empire by decree. The students and staff in control of the buildings seemed calm, cheerful and well organised (no 'student mob' this). The catering facilities set up in the main entrance operated smoothly and without creating any mess. During the daytime the main body broke up into several ad hoc discussion groups in which serious efforts were made to map out a programme of reform for the present institution as well as to consider alternative structures.

One 'fringe benefit' flowing from the occupation of such a place as an administrative block is that there is available documentary evidence to verify one's suspicions that administrators not only like to manipulate people, but they like to be able to manipulate truth itself. Here is an extract from a communication from the Senate to the Council (Birmingham University).

General

To avoid the impression that increased representation for non-professorial staff was following on as a consequence of the student agitation for increased representation of their body, the paragraphs in the Statement which deal with both non-professorial staff and student representation should be divided where possible and written separately.

Note: For a number of years the non-professorial staff have been engaged in the long-term exercise of obtaining increased representation on University committees, but have had to put forward their proposals immediately in view of the student pressures.

At the time of writing, students have taken over the Senate Building at Bristol, perhaps they will find something under the stones which they overturn. It is wrong for the administrators, who have so much power over our lives, to be able to work in secret. If justice is not being done, then let injustice be seen to be done.

Belfast

CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH

On Dec. 14 there is to be a demo in Belfast in support of the civil rights campaign. Some members of Merseyside Anarchist Group will be taking the Friday night boat across to take part.

How about YOU ?

The fare is £ 4 10 0, but we may be able to help you by a subsidy or a loan. Perhaps, if you're not going yourself, you could make a loan or donation to help out somebody else?

Take it from here:
Bookstall, Friday,
O'Connors, Friday night,
or Tuesday's meeting.

MERSEYSIDE ANARCHIST MEETINGS

118 High Park Street Liverpool 8
Every Tuesday at Eight O'Clock

170^A Lodge Lane Liverpool L8 0QW
Every Friday Nine to Midnight

At Other Times Contact Chris Kneath
Basement 52 Belvidere Rd L'pool 8

UNIVERSITY ANARCHIST GROUP

Informal meetings around the stall
in the Entrance Foyer - 1.30 p.m.

We've got thirty members - why
doesn't somebody elicit his finger
and organise a public meeting ?

On sale regularly: 'Peace News',
'Freedom', 'Anarchy' 'I.T.'