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ANARCHISM (BRIEFLY)

Anarchism is revolutionary anti-state socialism. In practical terms, anarchists aim for the destruction of the power of the ruling class and of all relationships based on domination and submission. This means taking over our industries and communities and changing them to meet the needs of all, as well as the ecological needs of the environment. Without this takeover we can struggle within capitalism but never replace it.

Anarchism will be created by millions of people, not a dictatorial elite (we are not Marxist Leninists) and all will have their part to play in shaping it. Power will lie with the organisations thrown up by and for the revolution, not with the political parties who will try to dominate and try to destroy them.

The new society will not be born through abstract ideas, but will come out of the realities of struggle and the need for working class people to unite. Such struggle doesn't just involve resistance to ruling class power (strikes, mass protests and other forms of direct action), but also construction- the building of the new, locally based federal organisations (examples of which go from grass roots anti-poll tax groups to the miners support groups of the 1984-85 strike), plus the forging of solidarity and the willingness to go further.

There is no truce in the class war. The only answer to ruling class power is continual and widening struggle- for social revolution and anarchism.

NEW TITLES

A One-Man Manifesto

Herbert Read Freedom Press 0 900384 72 7

£6.00

Reprint of articles and pamphlets written for Freedom and Freedom Press. Read "was a poet, literary critic, educationalist, philosopher, art critic, historian of and, above all, propagandist for modern art and design. He was also an anarchist." This book should have been listed in last year's AYB but, due to incompetence, wasn't.

Anarchism and Violence

Errico Malatesta Stormy Petrel/London ACF 50p

The views of the great Italian anarchist on this perennial subject. Taken from the Freedom Press book Malatesta: his Life and Ideas.

The Anarchist Revolution

Errico Malatesta Freedom Press ISBN unknown £3.50

New collection of writings, translated by Vernon Richards. First appearance in the English language.

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Probably the most brilliant publication in the history of the universe (apart from Valerie Solanas' Scum Manifesto, that is). Tell all your friends to buy it as well.

Anarcho Syndicalism in Puerto Real

Solidarity Federation

£1.00

"The recent struggle in and around the shipyards of Puerto Real, Spain, in both the workplace and community, against threatened closure, witnessed the anarcho-syndicalist union CNT playing

both a prominent and decisive role."

Chomsky's Politics

Milan Rai

Verso

1 85984 011 6

£10.95

A study of the famous linguistic philosopher and anarchist. "Milan Rai presents a sympathetic yet probing analysis of Chomsky's critique of United States' media and foreign policy, and his vision of a libertarian socialist future."

How To Create The Free Society

Derick A Pike

0 9504597 5 5

£2.50

"...many fresh ideas about anarchism and pacifism" In the Tolstoyan tradition.

Little Tenement on the Volga

CS Walton

Claudia Press

0 9520913 1 3

First hand account of everyday life in Russia following the collapse of the Communist dictatorship. "Witches, KGB men turned enforcers, speculators, alcoholics and the women whose labour keeps society from total breakdown..."

Manufacturing Consent

E Herman/N Chomsky

Verso

0 09 953311 1

£8.99

"...how an underlying consensus largely constructs all facets of the news." Exposing the myth that we have free speech.

The March to Death

John Olday

Freedom Press

0 900384 80 8

£3.50

Anti-war drawings by John Olday, the cartoonist for Freedom

(then known as War Commentary for Anarchism) during the Second World War. The newspaper quotes that introduce the cartoons were selected by Marie Louise Berneri. This is a reprint of the book that Freedom Press published in 1943 but with a new introduction by Donald Rooum.

Scum Manifesto

Valerie Solanas Phoenix Press C90 cassette £9.95

The feminist classic from 1968 available on cassette. Not for the easily offended. Parental guidance maybe?

Talking Schools

Colin Ward Freedom Press 0 900384 81 6 £5.00

Colin Ward is Britain's best-known and most published anarchist writer, the author of Anarchy in Action. This book is a collection of ten essays he gave on the subject of schools.

The Terrace

Michael Duane Freedom Press 0 900384 78 6 £2.50

"One (educational) experiment was the Terrace, set up by Northcliffe Comprehensive school in the mining town of Conisbrough near Doncaster, to provide non-school education for 15 year olds to whom school had become meaningless."

To Remember Spain

(The Anarchist and Syndicalist Revolution of 1936)
Murray Bookchin
AK Press
1 873176 87 2
£4.50

Essays which "describe, analyse and evaluate the last of the great proletarian revolutions of the past two centuries."

PERIODICALS

The following descriptions were written by the periodicals themselves. When no information was received this is recorded. If we think that a periodical no longer exists there is no entry. If there isn't a shop near you selling these periodicals then subscribe to them, they could do with the cash!

ANARCHIST LANCASTER BOMBER

BM 1715

London WC1N 3XX

Published quarterly. Security: Please note the state regularly monitors and periodically steals our mail. You are responsible for your own security. A.L.B is affiliated to the Green Anarchist Network. We welcome art work, letters and comment. No dilettantists. "Controversial liberation theory and general anarchist excess...". "If you're in the least bit fluffy then steer well clear..." (By-Pass magazine). As confiscated by Hampshire Special Branch. Need we say more.

ANARCHIST WOMENS NEWSLETTER

c/o Box 51, 82 Colston Street Bristol BS1 5BB

The newsletter was a project set up during the Anarchist Sisters gathering part of anarchy in the UK. Anarchist women can communicate to each other about issues, ideas, events and pass on information of interest through the newsletter. There are now 100's subscribers from all over Britain and from many other countries. It's publication relies on contributors and donations.

ANARCHY!

PO Box 1TA

Newcastle NE99 1TA

Anarchy! is a liberation broadsheet for the North-East put together by members of the Solidarity Federation. Articles from local anarchists as well as contributions and news from around the world gives Anarchy! an international feel. Anarchy! appears

every 3-4 months and is available for an SAE.

BLACK FLAG

No information received

CLASS WAR

PO Box 467 London E8 3QX

The agitational paper of the most widespread anarchist / communist current in Britain, with groups in most towns and cities. On the ball news and views, sport, war diary, reviews and coverage of events in Britain and abroad. This is more than just comment, this is a campaigning paper and movement to change the world.

CONTRAFLOW

No information received

COUNTER INFORMATION

c/o Transmission 28 King Street Glasgow G1

For over 10 years CI has been reporting on world-wide social struggles; workers', community, women's, prisoners', resistance to racism, environmental destruction...and more! We encourage self-organisation, collective direct action, and the generalisation of resistance to all oppression and exploitation. SAE brings sample. Bundles available for free distribution (12,000 printed). Donations, news, exchanges welcome.

EAST MIDLANDS ANARCHIST BULLETIN

Box EMAB 88 Abbey Street

Derby

Published monthly by a group of non-aligned Anarchists with contacts in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire. We seek to publicise Anarchist ideas, practical projects, our regular conferences, camps, monthly walks and to bring Anarchists

together in the Midlands on a regular basis. Send SAE for copy of EMAB.

ECHANGES et MOUVEMENT

BM 91

London WC1N 3XX

A network of comrades and groups exchanging information and discussions on class struggle, trying to escape the traditional sectarian opposition of ready-made theories, learning from class actions against capital. Quarterly bulletin in English and French, and pamphlets. Presentation text and publications from above address or from BP 241, 75866 Paris, Cedex 18.

EDUCATION WORKER NETWORK

No information received

FIGHTING TIMES

Box A
12 Mill Road

Cambridge CB1 2AD

Rag of Cambridge anarchists. Twice a year, covering wide range of subjects, in particular direct action, involvement with anti-pornography, Earth First!, animal rights, Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, international struggles, anti-censorship, and lots more, not to mention cartoons, crosswords, poetry. . . refusing to toe anarchist party lines. 40p + SAE.

FLUX

No information received

FREEDOM

(in Angel Alley) 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX 0171-247 9249

8 pages A3, 24 issues a year, 50p. For subscription rates, send for a free specimen copy. Anarchist commentary on current affairs, thoughtful and entertaining. Founded in 1886,

Freedom is the longest running anarchist paper in the world, produced and supported by generations of enthusiastic young comrades.

GREEN ANARCHIST

BCM 1715

London WC1N 3XX

UK's quarterly primitivist paper, 20+ A3 pages, 75p Now in its eleventh year. Forum for international network of Earth First!, anti-fascist, animal and sexual liberationist, and other autonomous groups. (See Green Anarchist Network entry in Organisations list.) Challenging, practical range of publications via GA mail order PO Box 407, Camberley GU15 2FL.

HERE AND NOW

No information received

INDUSTRIAL WORKER

I.W.W. - British Isles Secular Hall 75 Humberstone Gate Leicester LE1 1WB

The Industrial Worker is the official newspaper of the I.W.W. It comes out once a month and carries news about the activities of union members as well as stories and news items on trade union activities in the U.S. and around the world. 50p per issue.

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ORGANISE

84b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

60p. 20 pages. Magazine of the Anarchist Communist Federation, published quarterly since 1988. Carries the important debates, the big issues in the revolutionary movement. Equally against academic sterilityand anti-intellectual posturing. International news, reviews and discussions. Puts the class into class politics.

PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS' NETWORK

PSWN

PO Box 1681

London N8 7LE

Published by PSWN, part of the Solidarity Federation - International Workers' Association. Promotes revolutionary unions and syndicalist methods to overthrow capitalism and the state, and establish a society based on workers' self-management and libertarian communism. Applies this to issues facing public service workers, and seeks to network with others.

THE RAVEN

(in Angel Alley) 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX 0171-247 9249

Quarterly, 96 pages (or more), A5, £3.00 post free to anywhere in the world, subscription rates detailed in Freedom (q.v.) Anarchist writing in depth, mostly readable, occasionally striking. 1995 issues (numbers 29 to 32) are on "World War 2", "The Land", "Federalism and Devolution", and (probably) "Economics, Unemployment and Capitalism".

SUBVERSION

Dept. 10

1 Newton Street

Manchester M1 1HW

Free bulletin published every 3 or 4 months, with news, comment, analysis, debate and dialogue on inter/national politics and class struggle. Neither Anarchist nor Marxist but - read it and find out.

TAKING LIBERTIES

c/o London ABC (Anarchist Black Cross)
121 Railton Road
London SE24 0LR
0171 274 6655, Fax 0171 326 0383
Taking Liberties is published roughly quarterly, costs 25p and

subscriptions are £5/£3 individuals, waged/unwaged £10/£5 organisations, large/small

Covers the cases of working class prisoners, whether imprisoned for resistance to capitalism, framed by the police or fighting the prison system. Also covers prison resistance, news, views and writings by prisoners, and attacks prisons from a class perspective. The ABC is an active prisoner solidarity network.

TRANSPORT WORKER NETWORK

No information received

WORKERS SOLIDARITY

No information received

YORKSHIRE ANARCHIST

c/o Box EMAB 88 Abbey Street

Derby

The Yorkshire Anarchist is a quarterly A3 news-letter, intended as a forum for debate for anarchists in and around the Yorkshire region. We publish articles (usually 4 - 600 words) of opinion, comment, and analysis, with some news and hopefully a joke or two. Free or donation, written contributions welcome.

ORGANISATIONS

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST FEDERATION

C/O 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX

The ACF is an organisation of class struggle anarchists working for a revolutionary change to a free and equal society. Working as a federation of groups (London, Merseyside, Hastings, and Nottingham at the moment) and individual members coordinated by an annual national conference and regular national delegate meetings we initiate and support the struggles of our class against the bosses in all forms of our exploitation, sexual, economic, racial, international etc. We also seek to promote anarchist ideas, both widening their audience and deepening our own understanding in agitational and educational ways to build a united revolutionary movement. See also Ace Editions and Organise.

CLASS WAR FEDERATION

National Secretary
PO Box 3241
Saltley
Birmingham B8 3DP
See the entry in the periodicals list.

GREEN ANARCHIST NETWORK

via BCM 1715 London WC1N 3XX

An international network of some 40+ autonomous groups dedicated to fighting for a free society in harmony with nature. See GA for for your regional co-ordinator- we'll make you a UAB if you can't be a full-time contact. Other networked publications: Lancaster Bomber and Eco-Vegan and Fighting Times.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS of the WORLD- British Isles

Secular Hall 75 Humberstone Gate

Leicester LE1 1WB

The I.W.W. is a revolutionary syndicalist trade union dedicated to the organisation of all workers, employed or unemployed, against the bosses. Presently there are over 60 wobs in the UK with concentrations in London, Oxford, Swindon and Edinburgh. Our current activities include organising couriers in London, teachers at a FE College in Edinburgh and healthcare workers in East Anglia. In addition, the Oxford Wobs put out a journal called Burning Fuse. In addition to local activities we hold a general meeting every three months at various places around the UK. The official newspaper of the IWW is the Industrial Worker.

NETWORK exists to bring together anarchists and libertarians who are interested in meeting together and getting to know one another in a social rather that political environment. Regular rambles are held taking in archeological and historical sites. Contact: SAE to Peter Neville, 4 Copper beeches, Witham Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 4AW or phone 0181-847-0203. Wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring food for sharing at the picnic.

LONDON ANARCHIST FORUM is a non-aligned anarchist discussion group meeting on Fridays about 8pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC12R 4RL. Anyone interested in giving a talk or leading a discussion contact Dave Dane or Peter Neville at the meetings or phone 0181-847-0203. Attendance free but financed by a collection at the meetings or by donations. The meeting is followed by social drinking.

PRIMITIVIST NETWORK

PO Box 252

Ampthill

Bedfordshire MK45 2QZ

The Primitivist Network promotes networking among anarchoprimitivists and anti-civilization registers. The Network is not an organisation and has no fixed ideological line. It is designed to

act merely as a means of fostering contact between like-minded people with the aim of generating anarcho-primitivist projects. It's objective is the development of anarcho-primitivist analysis and action. It's goal is the creation of a world free of all forms of coercion, governance and domination. Send two postage stamps (or an IRC) to be entered on and receive a copy of the current network list. Abbreviated listing available.

SCOTTISH FEDERATION OF ANARCHISTS

3 Royal Exchange Court 85-87 Queens Street Glasgow G1 3PA phone 0141 226 5066

The Solidarity Centre opened its doors five days a week six months ago and has become a base for a whole lot of political groups on the libertarian left in the Clydeside area, involved in a wide range of campaigns from community politics to environment work. We also have educational meetings, desk top publishing facilities, a dark room, media group, and meeting space for anyone who wants to work in a conducive atmosphere unhindered by authoritarianism. Glasgow Anarchist Group in this incarnation are the biggest exponents of anti-state politics on Clydeside. The Scottish Anarchist Federation is a national organisation, promoting anarchist politics in Scotland.

SOLIDARITY FEDERATION

PO Box 29

Manchester M15 5HW

The Solidarity Federation was born out of the old DAM (Direct Action Movement) and the three industrial networks (Transport, Education, and Public Service). As a federation of local groups and industrial networks we promote workers self management and revolutionary unions as the way to overthrow capitalism and establish a libertarian communist society. We are active organising in both the workplace and the locality. We are part of the IWA (International Workers Association) which includes the CNT in Spain. For a copy of our draft organisational platform send a SAE to our address.

SUBVERSION

Subversion is a group of working-class revolutionaries who:

BELIEVE IN THE DESTRUCTION of capitalist society and it's replacement by a worldwide human community without the state, classes, national borders, inequality or oppression. Without wage-labour, markets or money, but where everything will be free to all;

BELIEVE THAT WORKING-CLASS REVOLUTION is the only way to achieve such a society. We need to build a class-conscious, revolutionary working-class movement strong enough to smash the present system- only the AUTONOMOUS STRUGGLE of the working-class (no leaders or parties to give us orders) can lead to such a movement, a movement of SELF-EMANCIPATION.

TO THAT END we engage in struggles in a non-sectarian way together with everyone who shares these aims. Contact us at : Subversion, Dept. 10, 1 Newton Street., Piccadilly, Manchester M1 1HW.

PUBLISHERS

ACE EDITIONS

84b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

Publishing imprint of the Anarchist Communist Federation. We produce cheaply, distribute widely. Printing with a purpose, we regard our pamphlets as tools to help build the libertarian revolutionary movement. Titles in print: Manifesto of Libertarian Communism; Role of the Revolutionary Organisation; Basic Bakunin; As We See It. Pamphlets for 95/96 on Ecology and a Manifesto for the Millenium.

AK PRESS

22 Lutton place Edinburgh EH8 9PE Phone / fax 0131 667 1507

AK Press publishes books. And pamphlets. On a wide variety of anarchist, situationist, libertarian and related themes. Everything from poetry to parapolitics. Other active service units of the AK empire include AK Press mail order for individuals. Our current catalogue has around 4,000 books, magazines, political tapes and sexy sports-wear. Ask us for a copy of the catalogue.

DERRICK A PIKE

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DS4A

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FREEDOM PRESS

(in Angel Alley) 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX Phone 0171 247 9249

Publishes Freedom, The Raven and other anarchist books and pamphlets (about 70 titles currently in print). Distributes other anarchist publications. Bookshop, in alley alongside Whitechapel

Art Gallery, open Monday to Friday 10.30 -6, Saturday 10.30 -5. Mail order service, many titles post free. Send for a free list. All run by volunteers.

KATE SHARPLEY LIBRARY

No information received

LAND AND LIBERTY

c/o 35 Rayleigh Avenue Westcliff On Sea Essex SS0 7DS

"Vegan, Punk, Permaculture"- L&L exists mainly to promote my own booklets, posters, etc., which address issues such as organic gardening, veganism, land use, ecology, 'third world' exploitation etc., from a libertarian, positivist perspective...I aim for accessibility- much stuff also 'child friendly'. Open to trade, communication and ideas- SAE for list.

PHOENIX PRESS

PO Box 824

London N1 9DL

Was mostly reprints of old books but now bringing out more new stuff (including the Anarchist Year Book every year). Aiming at a history of anarchism and a new anarchist manifesto. See elsewhere in the Year Book for details of Phoenix's loan system through which you can help publish anarchist books.

PIRATE PRESS

PO Box 446

Sheffield S1 1NY

Produces anarchist pamphlets cheaply. Mixture of class struggle serious stuff and more situationist, but we print whatever takes our fancy. See our new publications at the Anarchist Book Fair.

REBEL PRESS

Box R 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX

Publishes of a number of key texts (eg Revolution of Everyday Life, The Ego and It's Own) as well as other titles around the theme of anarchism and situationism.

SPECTACULAR TIMES

Box 99 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX

Pocket books with a situationist-inspired critique of the 20th century. Originally authored and published by Larry Law. Since Larry's death A Distribution has had stewardship of the titles and has been gradually bringing them back into print. (11 are currently available)

SPUNK PRESS

The Spunk Archive is a library of anarchist literature stored on a computer and available through the Internet, computer bulletin board systems and on floppy disks. It's maintained by an international collective who exchange ideas and make decisions via internet email. The catalogue currently contains around a thousand items: articles, books, essays, stories, poetry and recipes of interest to anarchists and others. It's constantly growing and welcomes contributions in computer form.

Email:

spunk-info-request@lysator.liu.se

Ftp:

Ftp://etext.archive.umich.edu/pub/Politics/Spunk

WWW:

http://www.cwi.nl/cwi/people/Jack.Jansen/spunk/Spunk_Home.html

UNPOPULAR BOOKS

Box 15 138 Kingsland High Street London E8 2NS

Like it or not Unpopular Books has placed itself in the forefront of proletarian publishing with such tracts as 'Black Mask', 'Open Creation', 'Green Apocalypse' and 'Secret Societies in the First

International'. Also available: London Psychogeographical Association newsletter. Send 6 stamps (or IRC's) for next 4 issues.

BUSINESS?

The Year Book is aimed at individuals, letting them know that books have been published in the last year, what periodicals are being produced, and so on. Another aspect of anarchist activity is trade distribution to bookshops. If you're a bookshop looking for anarchist titles to stock (or a group setting up a book stall) then the following organisations will supply material at trade discount.

A DISTRIBUTION

Box R 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX

Address as Rebel Press are distributors of anarchist and situationist titles, especially those of Rebel Press and Spectacular Times. They are sole distributors in both cases, and also carry some titles from the US.

AK DISTRIBUTION

22 Lutton Place Edinburgh EH8 9PE

AK Distribution carries a vast range of anarchist, situationist, council-communist and related material- books, pamphlets and periodicals. We also distribute a wide range of other radical literature, as well as fiction, poetry, comics, CD's, tapes and cool t-shirts. Many of our titles are imports or are hard to find. Write for catalogue.

FREEDOM PRESS

See their entry in the publishers' list.

PHOENIX PRESS

After the revolution money will either be abolished or grow on trees, I forget which. In these decadent, prerevolutionary times, however, printers want to be paid for their work. So if you want to see more anarchist books in print and don't mind putting your money where your mouth is, Phoenix press has a loan system whereby money is collected in small sums until enough has been got to pay for the printing of a book. Over ten books have been printed using this system. The basic sum of money being asked for as a loan is currently £40. (it used to be less but that's inflation for you.) This sum has been chosen because it's slightly less than a week's full dole and therefore within the reach of most people. For the £40 loan you'll get a copy of the book for which the money was lent, plus a copy of the current Anarchist Yearbook. When enough books have been sold you'll be offered your loan back. (remember that Phoenix is asking for loans, not gifts.) This takes ages and of course you'll be asked to continue the loan for another book.

The Phoenix loan system means you can help anarchist publishing without having to put up the full cost of a book (at least £2,000, a sum beyond the reach of most people). So if you think anarchist publishing is worth supporting, and can afford it, send a £40 loan to Phoenix Press at PO Box 824, London N1 9DL. Try and remember to include your name and address since these come in handy when sending you the book. There's a book every year and once you've lent the £40 you'll get a copy of each year's book.

ANARCHIST BOKFAIR



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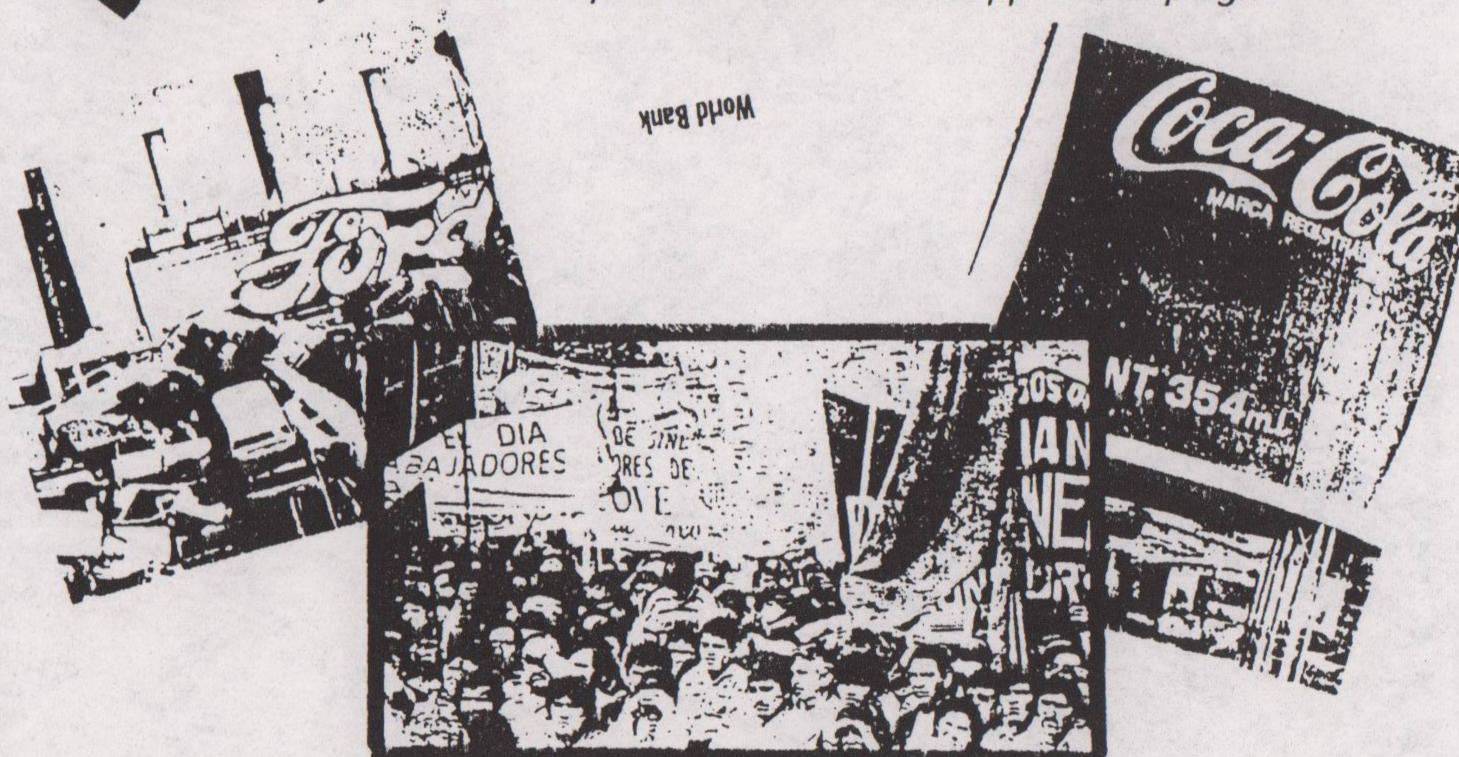


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IT'S OUR WORLD -- LET'S TAKE IT BACK!

This is the sixth Anarchist Year Book. It's a guide to the books that have been published in the previous year, to the periodicals that are being brought out, to the publishers and organisations of the anarchist and libertarian movement in Britain today.

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