

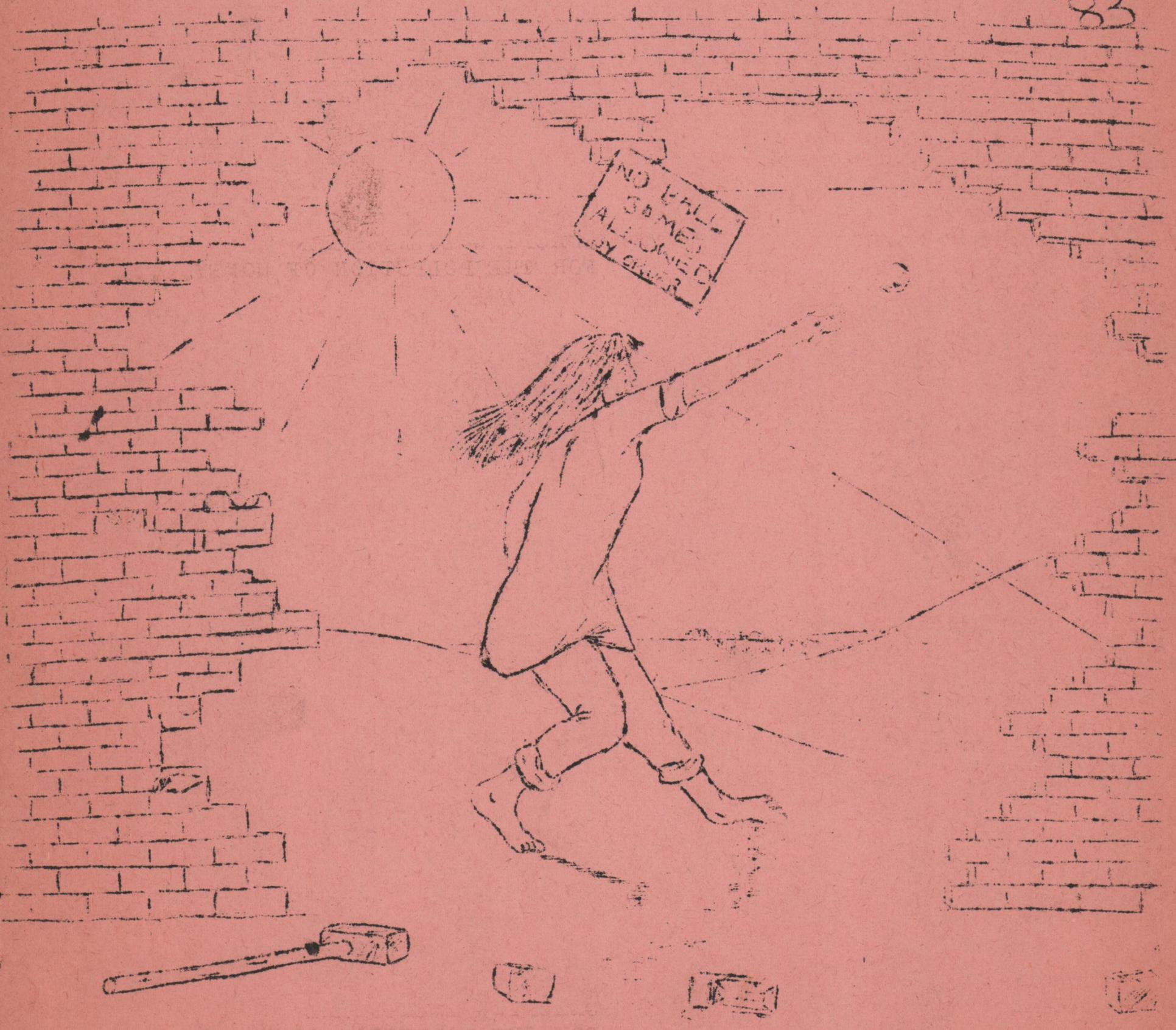
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THE DAY WILL COME WHEN ALL OF
US WHO HAVE NO CONTROL OVER
OUR LIVES SHALL SMASH EVERY
BARRIER BETWEEN OURSELVES AND
OUR WORLD.....

WHERE'S MY FUCKING HELICOPTER?!

At the moment there are two major motorways 'under construction' in the area- then 3 near Winchester and the so-called 'missing link' of the M27 near Southampton. There is already a huge white scar visible by Winchester whilst the planned road connecting the 'missing link' to Portswood will mean the demolition of over forty houses and increased danger for pedestrians because of the greater volume of traffic. All these road schemes are the logical and necessary outcome of a World-view which regards the motor car as of the highest importance.

The main reason for the building of motorways is the rapid growth of private transportation that this century has seen. When the first motor car was invented it was recognised as a potential money-spinner for those involved in Oil, rubber and car manufacturing. However, what stood in the way of their profits was a mass public transport system run with frequent services and minimal fares, when comparing the capacities of different transport systems it is not difficult to see why car manufacturers were so keen to see the destruction of public transport. One bus can do the work of 35 cars, a tram can do the work of 60. A train can equal a 1,000 cars or 150 lorries. The oil and motor companies put their foot in the door by persuading local councils to replace their electric tram services with motor buses. With the new emphasis on the infernal combustion engine the motor car grew in prominence. As a result congestion and pollution became a problem in the centre of cities. (It is interesting to note that trams were never allowed to penetrate the centre of London because trams were looked upon as workers vehicles which would lower the tone of Belgravia and Westminster, and would hold up the stately progress of Rolls-Royces).

With the rise of the motor car a whole new industry boomed. A great contribution to its profitability was the fact that cars became very much like toys to be discarded regularly for new models. A whole edifice of oil and tyre companies, servicing, road construction, taxation, police enforcement and licensing was created which is

now a major pillar of the state. The maximum profit was also the maximum waste. It is the dictatorship of the motor car which is responsible more than anything for the growth of the motorways, which bring a vicious circle of artificial demands- the demands of the economy- an economy geared to profit. Through road building communities are destroyed and dispersed and new industries emerge because of the direct link with industrial and business centres. This means also that a workforce can be drawn from a wider area, leading to centralisation of production, standardisation, monopoly and control. Motorways are the arteries of capitalism. Meanwhile, we are invited to isolate ourselves from each other in separate containers to compete for road space, prestige and precedence. By contrast the Serpell Report, released this year outlined the governments attitude to the railways when it recommended the closure of thousands of miles of track, including the line between Southampton and Portsmouth.

It goes without saying that what is required is a transport system based on self-management and the needs of the community. For instance, when the tramway workers operated the Barcelona network in 1936, tracks were realigned for necessity rather than political expediency, and administrative problems were ironed out by the workers themselves. The technical organisation was improved, a new safety and signalling system was introduced, new lines were opened and new, more efficient tramcars were designed and built. As a result there was a dramatic increase in the numbers of passengers. No one was answerable to any bosses, and it was a service that could adapt to the needs of people rather than being a package deal that everyone had to accept whether they liked it or not- the deal that we are expected to accept now. As things stand, the means and material conditions for a social liberation already exist but are, for the time being, out of our hands.

THE ROAD IS AN ARM OF THE LAW
GRASPING EVERYWHERE
FOR THE POLLUTION OF MONEY.....

STOP THE CITY REPORT

It was good to know that the authorities were worried, why else would they hold an exercise pretending that a nuclear bomb had dropped on London on the same day as our carnival? On the day before the 29th troops and police were seen at Heathrow on one of their 'combined operations' exercises, whilst in the early hours of the 29th the peace centre squat in Islington, which was putting up 100 people for 'Stop the City', was raided by ten van-loads of police with riot shields and guns. The Old Bill was obviously quite nervous - all police leave had been cancelled to deal with the expected invasion of anarchist saboteurs.

We started off about six, charting a course between predatory police vans until we reached the Stock Exchange where hundreds of people were gathered on the steps. From here there were attempts to stop the flow of traffic by continuously using the zebra crossing - the police got rough. It was a day of confusion and excitement - one moment huddled around a war memorial, the next surging down the street, sweeping aside police and traffic to the accompaniment of guitars, drums and Indian war-cries. There were two attacks on the back entrance of the Stock Exchange only thwarted by the intervention of mounted police. For most of the day we were one step ahead of the police, leading them on chases up busy streets to the Guildhall or the Bank of England. However, by five a lot of the steam had run out (perhaps due to the 240 arrests and general exhaustion) and by the time we went to the City Police Station we were outnumbered by cops who shifted us with appropriate rudeness.

As it turned out, 'Stop the City' was quite an encouraging event. Although we failed to completely paralyse the financial district of London we gained valuable experience. We realise that the streets should have been blocked from the start, using buses, parked cars and other obstructions. This would make it impossible for the police to get their coaches and vans in to make arrests and would allow mounted police little room for manoeuvre. We must have a clear idea of our aims and work out tactics accordingly. Street occupations are back - they are an effective tactic in many circumstances, and following the example of S.T.C. there shall be more of them. We'll be back!

BELGIUM - THE PARTY'S OVER.

At the end of September the General Strike by 800,000 Belgian public sector workers ended. The major trade union federations ordered a return to work after the government withdrew some of their proposed budget cuts. The strike wave had started spontaneously in Charleroi when rail workers walked out on September 9th, being joined within hours by rail workers in Liege, Brussels and Flanders. Of their own accord, workers in the post office, radio, television and local councils stopped work in support. At one point even prisoners came out in sympathy when 38 of them escaped from Tournai jail. Police appealed to people to take in their washing as the escapees only had striped clothes. The mood of the strikers was bitter and angry at what they saw as a sell-out by the unions - they wanted a continuation and escalation of the strike.

We have been informed that the Special Branch have been making enquiries about this paper. In reply to their questions:-

- 1) YES, WE HAVE HEARD OF VERBAL ASSAULT.
- 2) NO, WE ARE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE S.W.P.
- 3) YES, THERE ARE ANARCHISTS IN SOUTHAMPTON, LOTS IN FACT!!!!

CRUISE IN

The first of 160 Cruise missiles to be sent to Britain are arriving secretly now. 'Reliable sources' in Washington have disclosed that the missiles were being flown into Greenham Common airbase by night amid tight security, together with their nuclear warheads and ancillary equipment. A handful of the Cruise is understood to have arrived so far. Twenty of them are expected to be in place in the next few weeks. The American Air Force is said to have abandoned plans for practice exercises to move unarmed missiles outside the Greenham area for fear of reprisals.

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HOW THE OTHER HALF SURVIVES.

Most of the jobs in this country (and most of the world) are useless, boring, oppressive and time-consuming. Working for the System, and for the rich and powerful parasites who control us all (and are wrecking this planet) People do then mostly because they need the wage-packet.

But if you are not in a job (and not stinking rich), however busy you are and whatever useful things you do you get either a pittance or fuck-all. About 25 million people are employed, so the rest of us working class (20 million, mostly women, children and pensioners) have to survive on social security (SS) or hand-outs from the 'breadwinner'.

There are over 10 million claimants trying to survive, and maybe 'live' a little too. SS, although largely a reform won by working class strength and activity in the past (demanding 'rights' not charity) is like all 'rights' in this society - it can be eroded and taken away. Propaganda in the media about 'scroungers', bureaucracy to discourage people from claiming, and harassment by fraud squads etc., all aim to make sure then social insecurity and poverty continue, and that solidarity between people employed and people claiming is prevented.

HARRASSMENT AND RESISTANCE

In recent months there have been changes in the SS rules, to try and increase control over claimants (such as local government now controlling rent, the new tax link-up computer for everyone, long claim-forms, etc.), reduction of benefits, and more intimidation.

Millions of people are too afraid, lacking information, or too proud to claim their full rights. Surveillance and threats of prosecution by fraud squads continue to try, but fail, to cow many other claimants, from screwing as much as possible from the system.

Recently, Special Claims Control Unit Members (SCCUM) have been travelling around all regions of the country picking out claimants to intimidate, hoping to scare more people into signing off. Claimants Union (CU) and unwaged/unemployed groups have been publicising and protesting, aim-

ing to disrupt their plans. Last winter in the south-east they spent some time in Islington, Haringey, Bexley, Hackney and Norwich as well as other places where there was no opposition. Tactics have included mass leafleting to encourage non-cooperation by claimants, neighbours and SS workers; an occupation of the Norwich office; 'welcoming' pickets (often joined by a few sympathetic staff); graffiti; monitoring of their cars and faces; public meetings; etc. The Islington CU were told by staff that the publicity they and the local unwaged group did made the SCCUM's visit virtually ineffective as claimants refused to be intimidated.

HOMELESS ATTACKED

In Oxford last autumn, 300 homeless claimants (not the landlords organising the fiddle, in which they made a packet out of bogus tenancies) were arrested in a mass swoop. This was set up and coordinated by the police, courts, the media and a cabinet minister. The repression directed against one of the poorest and weakest sections of the working class is meant to show all of us how tough these bastards are, and also to build up the image of 'scroungers' being criminals if they refuse to accept the rules of poverty (starve gratefully and quietly.) In the same way, the state is trying to 'criminalise' anyone who resists their oppression.

Rather than be intimidated, we should take heart from the widespread resistance to poverty - shoplifting, fare-dodging, all sorts of fiddles (SS, electricity, etc.) sharing what we have, refusal to be forced into jobs. Even on the job, the resistance continues - absenteeism, poor work, nicking stuff, insolence, strikes....

So as claimants and as workers too, we have to stick together, discuss our common problems, fight back as best we can individually and collectively. We should work towards the abolition of money and employment (and the whole state system), and just do sensible work, and share out the products of our labours fairly.

DONT LET THE BASTARDS GRIND YOU DOWN!

It is with great pleasure that we can report that the Army Youth Training scheme is a flop. The scheme was launched with a blaze of publicity in August and it was confidently anticipated that there would be a flood of applications, but alas, only slightly more people have made inquiries than were expected to be chosen. The Ministry of Defence is said to be so embarrassed about the actual number of acceptances that it refuses to give the figures, relying instead on the number of inquiries. Up to September only 86 people were accepted into the scheme and they have 5,350 places to fill!!

MESSAGE FROM POLAND -

SOLIDARNOŚĆ!

What follows is an edited translation of a communique received from anarchists in Poland. The full text can be found in 'FREEDOM' No. 19 Vol. 44.

'To our comrades in the West:
..Let us say something about the radical left-wing opposition in Poland. During the past few months the situation has got worse. Contacts with other groups have been broken, especially those with well-equipped printers and publishers. They have wanted to be paid twice as much for printing left-wing literature, and Solidarity leaders have ordered that publications of this kind should not be distributed..
..Nevertheless libertarian publications have been very popular among the Polish workers, even those who are Roman Catholics. They are genuinely interested in anarchist ideas, especially because official propaganda uses the word "anarchy" in a negative as meaning something anti-communist.

The most active members of underground Solidarity are workers, students and intellectuals. In general the workers are no longer interested in short, small strikes. The feeling now is to prepare for a general strike in the future when circumstances have improved. There are two views on the aim of the general strike among the leaders of underground Solidarity. The first is the view that there should be a national agreement with the government, the restoration of Solidarity as a legal trade union, without any significant changes being made to the political system. This view doesn't have much support among the people.

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STOP THE TRAIN!

A train carrying US soldiers and military equipment was stopped for thirty minutes by Dutch anti-militarists on September 15th at Eindhoven.

TOTAL CONTESTATION!

to the top of the main building where they unfurled banners. In half an hour workmen removed seven of the occupiers, the other coming down at six.

The second, more popular, view is that the political system should be overthrown by revolutionary methods..

Now let us say something about our own present situation. It must be recognised that the whole libertarian and left-wing tradition has been destroyed by the Communists. We therefore have to support the libertarian tendencies within Solidarity - today the Social Revolutionary tendency, and tomorrow (after a probable split) the tendencies closer to anarchism and anarcho-syndicalism. The key policies are support of workers' self-management and the popular one of a self-governing society...we want to support the libertarian elements and attack the clerical-nationalists. In the case of a wider conflict, such as a general strike, we would be with Solidarity.

We intend to spread libertarian ideas through publications, and to win a wider following for anarchism. We still have problems with paper, ink, etc., whilst the other problem is distribution. Our plans include a series of pamphlets in the first stage.. In the longer term we shall try to produce a paper, possibly a monthly or quarterly...

...We want to express our very great gratitude to all our comrades in the libertarian movement in the West...Your help is one of the first blows against the wall of the State system which divides us. Together we can smash it!

**BRAMBLES
OCCUPATION**



On September 17th there was a Reunion of last year's Brambles Farm peace campers to mark the end of their binding over. This had followed their arrest at the end of the ten week long occupation of the proposed site of a Marconi Torpedo Factory in Waterlooville. At 4pm eight people entered the building site and climbed

to the top of the main building where they unfurled banners. In half an hour workmen removed seven of the occupiers, the other coming down at six.

HEALTH SERVICE DISPUTE - "ALL LIES"

The T.U.C. had to issue a retraction of a statement which had been claimed to have been issued by Mr. Frank Chapple of the E.E.P.T.U., and this year's chairman of the T.U.C. In it, Mr. Chapple is said to have denounced the call by rank and file workers of the N.H.S. to occupy private hospitals and call for mass popular assemblies involving the unemployed, housewives, children, the old, as well as present workers.

According to this reported statement Mr. Chapple denounced this so-called demand as a "vicious lie put about by a couple of wierdo revolutionaries". Mr. Chapple is expected to be given an award in the 1984 New Years Honours List.

Apparently, what these supposed popular assemblies were intended to discuss were problems like:

1) The abolition of wage slavery, capital, the State, the World Market, of all relations of domination and submission and of the whole of a world based on the division of desire from reality, the division of labour, the division of individuals into specialised cogs in the machine of the Abstract Economy.

2) The spreading of the occupation movement to offices, docks, factories, supermarkets, government buildings, schools, football stadiums, town halls, theatres, streets, museums, council estates, pits, universities, etc. - all open to those genuinely intent on confronting the reality of life rather than playing a manipulative role.

3) How to overcome the division of the world into hierarchical roles which turns people into full-time nurses and impatient patients.

4) How to revolutionise social relations so that the 80%+ of patients whom even the most conventional doctors admit are being treated because of blatant social irrationalities can discover their health in a revolutionary solidarity which discovers itself in a rational self-assertion against the terrorism of class society. In such a struggle health can no longer mean mending someone so that they can go filling themselves with ulcers, petrol fumes, windscreens, asbestos, coaldust or whatever.

5) How to organise the systematic destruction of: cash registers, parking

meters, clocking-on machines, government computers, empty social security offices, the Stock Exchange, etc., which daily colonise our misery.

6) How to face the immensity of our tasks and not resign ourselves to the massacres that are constantly getting closer to home (in the Falklands the masses of resigned spectators were treated to a little bit of dramatic slaughter in order to fatten them for a similar massacre in Ireland or even in England).

7) How to learn to extend the supercession of false identities that the riots, in uniting young and old, black and white, men and women, etc. momentarily cut across all the superficial identities manufactured by an alienation which divides so it can rule.

The T.U.C. have insisted that neither this so-called popular assembly demand nor Mr. Chapple's apparent denunciation of it ever existed. "As far as I'm concerned the whole thing is just a complete and utter red herring designed to undermine my power. How could I issue a statement about demands which nobody has ever made in the first place?"

"And I certainly hope they never will," added Mr. Scargill who was also present.

Mr. Chapple is 147 on Monday next assuming he survives.

WRECKERS...

A group of despicable yobboes overturned three cars and broke windows in the Six Dials Area of Southampton on the night of September 16th. A police spokesman said he had never heard of anything like it before. The vandals in question may wish to note that the Six Dials area is already heavily over-policed and that the quieter Bassett area of town has more luxurious(?) cars.

NICE PEOPLE

There is to be a £7 million development at the 'POLICE FORCE SUPPORT AND TRAINING H.Q.' at Netley. The scheme will include all-weather pitches for riot training and a firing range.

Q. Why do Special Branch men walk in threes?

A. One to read, one to write and one to keep an eye on these two intellectuals.

WHY VEGETARIANISM?

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Vegetarianism is the term used to describe people who refuse to eat animal corpses, basically for two reasons.
1. When you watch the news you will usually see some item about people starving to death in some 'Third World' country. But do you ever ask yourself why these people starve? Because of OUR greed. Most people in the Western world eat meat. It's part of our 'culture'. But the meat process is an extremely wasteful way of producing food. It takes sixteen pounds of cereal to produce one pound of meat. Sixteen pounds of cereal will keep far more people alive and healthy than one pound of meat.

In the U.S.A. large amounts of agricultural land are used to graze and 'house' (i.e. battery farm) livestock. Most of the remaining agricultural land is used to produce grain, 85% of which is fed back to the same livestock. If people refused to eat meat and thought carefully about how to use the grain used for animals then starvation would no longer exist. In the U.S.A. the grain saved would be enough to supply 90% of the yearly protein deficit in 'Third world' countries.

2. The appalling way in which many animals are treated before they are slaughtered encourages people to give up meat. Nowadays farmers have found it more profitable to battery farm animals. This entails animals being kept in the smallest space possible for the whole of their lives. This allows the farmer to cram as many animals as he can into the available space thus making a greater profit.

After the animals have been fattened to the desired weight they are taken to the slaughterhouse to be killed. People do not see the true horror of the abattoir, the animals shaking with fear as they are led to their deaths, the blood running in rivers across the floor and the guts of the dead creatures being cut out in front of the living ones eyes. There's no blood on mothers hands when she buys the Sunday joint.

It is possible for people to survive more healthily and cheaply on a grain/vegetable diet. Just look at the number of living vegetarians for proof!

By eating meat you are accepting and condoning the slaughter of four billion animals and untold millions of people every year. That's an awful number of deaths to be responsible for. Ask yourself if its really necessary.

N.B. If this article has pricked your conscience and you want to become a vegie you can write to the following address:

The Vegetarian Society,
Park Vale,
Durham Road,
Altringham,
Cheshire.

Peace and love,

'The Utopian Dreamer.'

There will be a reply to this article in the next 'Verbal Assault'.

"Fragmentary opposition is like the teeth on a cogwheel - they marry together to make the machine go round, the machine of the Spectacle, the machine of power...everyone is asked their opinion of every detail to stop then having one of the totality."



PORTON PICNIC

(A personal account of this year's event).

At 12 30pm we took the bus to Porton Down from Salisbury. When we got off we asked directions to the demo. After about a mile we were told we were going in the wrong direction so we did an about turn and walked for miles.

Eventually we saw one of the gates and a distinct lack of protesters. As soon as the pig behind the gate saw our imminent arrival he dashed for the telephone and then came to see us. We asked where the demo was and he replied "What demo? You're the only demonstrators." He was obviously talking a load of bollocks so I asked if he would unlock the gates and let us in. When he said no we turned around and started to walk away. Then some cars approached us (6 or 7) so I took down their registrations. For some reason the drivers seemed not to like this and they all did hasty 'u' turns.

When we looked round we saw that a pig van had arrived at the gates and decided it was time to leave. We walked along a public footpath which ran alongside a railway line parallel to the perimeter. We decided to cross the railway and the external perimeter fence.

Suddenly I noticed a white cylinder sticking out of the ground. I picked it up and almost had a heart attack when I saw what it was. It was, believe it or not, a genuine plastic bullet!! You know one of those things they use in N. Ireland. I could see them all around. I picked up a couple and put them in my pocket.

We continued, but as we rounded the next corner, a meat wagon was seen approaching at high speed. It stopped and some of the pigs inside got out. "Right you lot, get in." We were driven through the main lab area, then when we passed the peace camp we were told to get out.

We were told by two women at the camp that we had been dumped miles away from the actual demo which was actually at Allington Farn. As we set off the Nottingham BUAV coach stopped and offered us a lift to the demo. When I arrived I noticed that the farm was just over a railway line. Pretty soon things started to hot up, especially when the plain-clothes pig was spotted amongst the demonstrators.

Soon people started to cross the railway line and about 100 reached the perimeter fence. About four people

tried climbing over the fence but were arrested immediately. In came the heavies to move us off the embankment. We moved down onto the track. To cut a very long story short a train arrived and about 50 of us sat on the tracks so it had to stop. 100 police reinforcements arrived with six dogs and pulled us from the tracks. We ran back, they dragged us off again, etc. They then started to get more aggressive and two women were actually bitten by dogs. The train pulled away.

I saw dozens of people nursing their injuries and one woman was stretchered up the bank, unconscious.

According to the media there were 'running battles' and police used 'minimum force'. I saw no running battles and as for 'minimum force' that's just laughable.

RUSSIA - WATCHING THE WORKERS

A nationwide operation has begun in the U.S.S.R. to 'exchange' union membership cards. Every worker in the country will be affected in the operation which is expected to take more than four years to complete. The authority's aim is that every man and woman in the country's 132 million workforce will have a new cherry coloured membership card, incorporating the symbols of the Order of Lenin twice. From this the authorities will have a clearer idea of how many people are in fact working for a living and how many may be 'parasites' living on their wits.

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LETTERS (KEEP THEM COMING)

Dear Verbalists,

I have read V.A.2 and I thought it was very good. Despite the rather basic use of Situationist ideology. The mag was highly informative, well researched and exciting. The articles showed an originality rarely seen in anarchist literature, and with a strong emphasis on local issues without being regionalist. The act of the thing being this good and free is well in order.

In actual fact I think it's a shame the planners didn't build 'Solent City' as it would have been the only city in Britain with a good name (and it couldn't be any worse than what they've done with Soton and Pompey already). The bit on Captain Swing was highly intriguing, though it nearly inherited nostalgia Labour Party style it managed to stay within the scope of "History they want us to forget", and indeed I never knew it.

Concerning the 'Anarchist Cook Book' at £10 it's a bad rip-off and anyway it's bloody easy to nick books from Compendium. I include the quote from Locomanics Ltd. who market the book in America:-

"Warning: this is not a good book. Most of the 'recipes' are rip-offs and many of them dangerous. Some of them are just plain absurd and stupid. If you try to monkey around with explosives or other devices following the directions in this book you are likely to blow yourself to kingdom come. ..in all seriousness, we cannot really recommend it." --There are good 'improvised explosives books and now is the time to pool our knowledge and distribute it any way we can..

On the whole 'Verbal Assault' gets nothing but my total admiration and applause (this is a genuine letter -typist) it is one of the best anarchist mags I have read in a long time, you must be a great team. A little less Situationist dogma and more practical advice and V.A. could be near perfect as it's got that hard edge all the others lack.

Yours,

Anon. (Hants.)

Dear 'Verbal Assault',

I've read your 2nd issue and found it very interesting and well-written. However, some of the articles are a bit short, especially the peace movement, violence/anti-

violence article, which is far too complex an issue to dismiss in a side and a bit of A4.

There are a couple of points I would like to put to you as regards the use of violent protest methods. Firstly the use of violence by a protest group which hasn't got nationalistic motives to gain the whole country's support, such as the French resistance, can only serve to detract from the public's recognition of the genuine nature of the grievances, and instead concentrate the public's outrage against the group's mainings and bombings. For instance, the I.R.A. have a genuine grievance, but it is lost in public outrage at their methods of protest.

What N. Ireland is facing is occupation by another country, against which, in certain cases, non-violent resistance has been more effective than violent resistance. In 1968 when Warsaw Pact countries invaded Czechoslovakia the Czechs countered with non-co-operation and non-violent resistance, with the result that the U.S.S.R. was unable to reimpose its own form of government for 6 months. Compare Hungary in 1956 when in a similar invasion Hungarian violent resistance was quickly and brutally crushed and Soviet-orientated government re-established within a few weeks.

Secondly, as can be seen from the Hungarian case, violence against the state will lead to savage retaliation from the state. It maybe a hackneyed phrase, but it is those who suffer most who will win in the end (!) The people who make up the 'system' have as much right as anyone else to freedom, and must be worn down and made to realise they've been shitty. The concept of violence to end violence is absolute crap on whatever scale you apply it.

Mike (IPSWICH).

HELLO ALL AT VERBAL ASSAULT,

I was given one of your papers at the Porton Down demo on Saturday. I thought it contained some interesting articles (Captain Swing, Urban Liberation, and the Peace Movement) and on the whole it was worth reading. I do a paper myself and it pisses you off when you've spent a lot of time putting it together and then the response is zero... The attitude of some people seems to be if the zine hasn't got a glossy cover it must be shit8....

Trev. (Salisbury).

THIS PAPER

Hopefully this paper is not just for our self-satisfaction and that it has a value for anarchism in South-Hants. Unlike papers that have come and gone in the past we are not a 'street paper for the youth of today' which is 'the voice of the kids'. Instead it is more 'political' in the good sense and it is biased. Biased against politicians, councillors, teachers, cops and all powerful institutions. If we can maintain its regularity and get more people involved we might serve to strengthen anarchist ideas/action in South-Hants. For instance some people concentrate on animal liberation, others on anti-militarism or industrial struggles, etc. By getting people together we can exchange ideas/experiences and perhaps we can begin to know what we are talking about - anarchism becoming more than just 'doing your own thing, man' (a bit of a fraud in Thatcherite Britain 1983). Hopefully anarchism will emerge as a practical goal to be aimed for instead of being a vague dream of well-meaning individuals. We would like to see the barrier between those of us who produce the paper and those who read it broken down and more people giving us info/articles to print.

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LEBANON - MAD ARABS ?

We have heard a lot of news from Lebanon most of it in this vein - these Arabs are shooting each other and the benevolent alliance of Western states are trying to stop them. Well, it's more complicated than that. There are five armed forces in the region: the 'peace-keeping' forces (U.S. French, British, etc.), the Druze militias the Israeli Army, the Syrians and the Lebanese Army. The P.L.O. is disorganised, but is probably fighting, to some extent, on the side of the Druze. Firstly, the peace keeping forces are not neutral and are supporting the almost non-existent state of Lebanon plus the Lebanese army against the Druze militias (muslims) supported by the Syrians (covertly). The Syrians are pro-Soviet and the Lebanese army are pro-Western, so the entire affair is part of the cold war, organized by the mega-states. The peace keeping forces plus the various levels of western arms dealing are escalating the conflict at the same time as the left-wing arab nationalist cause is taken over and heightened by the Soviet Union. Any opposition to the war machine - the cold war is an opposition to the dangerously escalated war in Lebanon - STRANGLE THE WAR MACHINE!

A JOKE.

WHAT HAS AN I.Q. OF 100 ?
100 SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICERS

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE POLICEMAN
WHO KNEW WHO HIS FATHER WAS?

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE POLICEMAN
WHO WAS SO THICK THAT THE OTHERS
NOTICED ?

TV LOBOTOMY

Television plays an important role in this society. People's minds are so numbed and twisted by the cathode sedative there's no room for anger or even thought. Is it fiction or is it fact? And who cares?

The population is mesmerised by the flickering screen. And the streets, where once the politics of reality were created, are deserted at night and the rulers sleep secure.....

"People who talk about revolution and class struggle without referring explicitly to everyday life, without understanding what is subversive about love and what is positive in the refusal of constraints, such people have a corpse in their mouth" - Raoul Vaneigen, 'The Revolution of Everyday Life'.

SUB DEMO - SOUTHAMPTON.

Last sunday The 2nd october four us successfully halted (for a time) the navy from showing off their nuclear powered sub HMS Warspite We mingled with other 'sight-seers' and when on board blocked one of the narrow corridors. We were arrested for 'breach of the peace', and put on 21 days police bail, while they decide whether to take us to court. The navy have stated that they don't want to press charges (to save them from any publicity or embarrassment).