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ANNIVERSARY TOUR

To celebrate our first birthday V.A. is going on tour to meet our readers outside SOUTHAMPTON. So, if you want to see if we have three heads or whatever, be at one of these railway stations (except Yeovil) at the suggested time and date; we will be noticeable. SEE YOU THEN.

MONDAY July 23

WEYMOUTH 12.20

WAREHAM 17.15

TUESDAY July 24

POOLE 11.10

BOURNEMOUTH 15.00

WEDNESDAY July 25

HAVANT 11.30

PORTSMOUTH + S'SEA 16.00

FAREHAM 20.00

THURSDAY July 26

YEOVIL (BUS STATION) 12.30

SALISBURY 18.30

FRIDAY July 27

ANDOVER 11.30

BASINGSTOKE 16.00

WINCHESTER 20.00

SATURDAY July 28

WORTHING 12.00

LITTLEHAMPTON 16.30

CHICHESTER 19.30

SUNDAY July 29

LYMINGTON TOWN 10.00

NEW MINTON 17.00

BROCKENHURST 20.30

VERBAL ASSAULT IO

This is issue no. IO and with this one we celebrate our first anniversary. We've got better and we hope that you make use of the magazine . However, the mag. depends not only on what we know and do, it also depends on feedback from you, our readers. So, if you've got anything to tell us don't hold back, others want to know. Thanks for the letters, donations, advice, praise (evidently both the local Branch and the Stalinists liked the last cover - make what you like of that) and of course, abuse. Just keep it coming to us at Verbal Assault, Box A, 4, Onslow Road, Southampton.

Fewer police For Swaythling

One effect of the miners' strike has been in Swaythling where because of the demands on police numbers elsewhere, 2 of the 3 local community cops have been taken away. The sooner the better the other one goes as well -it's only a start but.....

Jobs for the managers

When good ol' WOOLIES DECIDED to close their shop in Bitterne they triumphantly announced that all the workers there would be offered re-employment at their other stores in the area. Well, none of the 25 workers has been offered any such thing and the only one to keep a job was the manager who's got a job as a floor-walker in the City Centre branch .So much for their promises.

Michel Noury

Michel Noury (see last issue) has been put on special punishment because of his letters to the political press ,specifically the 'anti-prison' press, He can no longer receive political papers. Michel has appealed to all comrades to write on his behalf to the Inspector General of Prisons, c/o The Ministre de la Justice, 13 Place Vendome, 75042, Paris, Cedex 01, France. The local French Consular Agent is a Mr. J.R.P. Hammond, 236, Winchester Road, Southampton. Tel.772442.

"Socialism =Eviction"

For those of you who followed Mission Solent closely, no doubt you would have gleefully noticed a small group of gypsies peacefully spending some time on the same site as good ol' Mission Solent about a week or so before the start of the grand jamboree. They suddenly disappeared about four days prior to the start of the great save-in ; this was two days before an eviction order was to be served on them by our brand new 'socialist' council. Oh, God can't have been on their side (Mission Solent-that is) because Leighton's mob had to hire a security firm to watch over them - it was Burns International.

And whilst we're on the issue of socialist(sic) councils, old 'RedTED' has decided to try evicting 'I2I' Bookshop in Railton Road once more. Letters of protest to Nigel Baker, Borough Valuers Office, Borough of Lambeth, Hambrook House, Porden Road, London SW2.

Brambles Peace Camp

Evidently the police took over an upstairs office of Wadham Stringers at Waterlooville recently just to watch the peace campers. They were using video and camera equipment.

Situation Vacant

Can you say 'daddy' and 'tractor' and want to drive a £60,000 electric Jaguar toy car, well, this could be the job for you - just write to Prince Vacancy, c/o Buckingham Palace, London. Please enclose photo, c.v. and s.a.e. All replies treated in confidence (believe that and you 'll.....

Shop Steward Sacked at General Hospital

No doubt, people will know that Steve Ferris, NUPE Branch Secretary, was sacked by S.G.H. management recently after threatening to do so for at least two years or so. This strike has been going on for over 3 weeks (at time of typing) and last Friday they rejected the advice of their leadership to return to work and stayed out on strike. The mangement were very well prepared but having spent over £70,000 on some fancy security cameras, they must have been having second thoughts because they have hired some extra security guards. Things have been getting desperate with the runs for oxygen cylinders being carried out in refuse trucks which certainly ain't sterile. These oxygen cylinders are used in operating theatres which are are supposed to be sterile. We urge all our readers to go post haste and join the pickets there.

Vancouver 5 Update

Julie Belmas pleaded guilty to conspiracy to rob a Brinks truck, attempted arson of a Red Hot Video store , car theft, possession of dangerous weapons, stolen property and explosives ,and the bombing of the Litton cruise-missile plant. Gerry Hannah pleaded guilty to the same with the exception of possession of explosives and the Litton bombing. Julie got 20years and Gerry 10 years. Ann Hansen pleaded guilty to the B.C. Hydro bombing ,the Litton bombing, the firebombing of a Red Hot Video store and possession of explosives and a dangerous weapon She got 20 years. Doug Stewart was acquitted of nearly all of the charges but was convicted of possession of weapons for which he got 1 day as a result of timeserved already. Brent Taylor still awaits the result of his trial.



THAT TINDERBOX FEELING

'Throughout much of blasted Britain, the Britain where unemployment bites deepest, where the Prime Minister cuddles no calves, there is a tinderbox feeling' -The Guardian, June 20, 1984.

For once the blasted liberals from the Guardian's editorial staff have got something right - mind you, the rest of that particular editorial was completely off-target. However, let us not deny them their partial correctness. As the events of Orgreave and Maltby have shown, miners and the mining communities are now looking for the kill. Thatcher is undoubtedly seeking a way out, and as we stated before, a 'heart attack' for old MacGregor seems the most obvious way out. One of the most notable, if unsurprising, aspects of the last few weeks has been the uncomprising refusal of all politicians to support the use of violence by the miners. Kinnock, Kaufman, etc., have consistently refused to back the miners because they recognise that when the miners gain their inevitable victory over the police picket lines then the need for their mediation will have gone. No longer will the miners need the Neil Pillocks of this world and most importantly both sides will have recognised it as well. That fact explains Kinnock's low-level profile and when his head does pop up at all, all he ever says is 'intervene', 'Court of Inquiry', etc., etc.,. Kinnock isn't stupid, he can see that the miners represent just as big a threat to him and to the Labour Party as they do to Thatcher.

Whilst the politicians consider their future unemployment the first signs of the re-appearance of the spirit of '81 - a marvellous vintage - are rapidly making their mark. Most of the mining communities have been on strike (without strike pay) for four months and are now beginning to consider whatever means are necessary for not only survival but for the ultimate victory. The events of Maltby, Armthorpe, Woodlands, and Barnsley with the police and the state failing throughly to hush it up as has happened with other re-enactments of 81 - mainly in Bristol and Liverpool - will no doubt act as a spur for other mining communities. The attack on the police station indicates that the police are seen as the 'enemy' thus giving the lie to statist apologists who claim that the police are part of the 'working-class'; this is akin to claiming that the hangman is on a par with the hanged. Such gibberish should have been consigned to the dustbin of history many years ago along with its advocates. The proletarian shopping and the statement by the local NUM official to 'cool it' were part of the scene as well. As to the first, the more the merrier and as to the second, a responsible union official would surely have been aiding their members by helping to find more petrol.

The previous articles on the miners' battles were entitled 'Til The Death', which was a statement from a picket who said that they would fight until the death and he certainly was not talking about his own. To my mind, the Tory government will soon be forced to bring in the undertakers for their 'Plan For Coal'. The only questions that then remain are, how long before we're all undertakers and how long before Capitalism is interred once and for all.

ONTO THE DEATH OF CAPITALISM AND THE STATE

THE ANARCHIST PRESS

BLACK FLAG - fortnightly bulletin and quarterly journal. Annual sub. £9. Single copies of the bulletin (25p) and quarterly (75p) available on request from BM Hurricane London WC1N 3XX.

DIRECT ACTION - paper of the Direct Action Movement, anarcho-syndicalist organisation. Sub. £2 from I64/I66, Corn Exchange Buildings, Manchester, M4 3BN.

FREEDOM - at present monthly from 84b, Whitechapel High St., London E1.

INSURRECTION - 50p per copy from Elephant Editions, London WC1V 6XX.

ANARCHY - magazine. Sub. £2. 50 from Box A, 84b, Whitechapel High St., London E1.

CLASS WAR - broadsheet, 'more truth in its title than in the whole of the Sunday People' - from Box CW, c/o Little a, CI Metropolitan Wharf, Wapping Wall, London E1. 'Evil' - The Sunday Slanderer.

WORKERS PLAYTIME - "Popular yarns of class war". Bimonthly produced by some members of the London Workers Group. Sub £2 from Workers Playtime c/o 84b, Whitechapel High St., London E1.

FREE SPACE

RECIPE

BAKE A POLITICIAN

In our never-ending series of scoops Verbal Assault is pleased, nay proud to present you, our readers with a veritably unique first. Yup, filched from the back-pocket of a passing Chief Constable by one of our intrepid reporters - one of the state's secrets you won't find in any of Duncan Campbell's books. So here it is!

LE POLITICIEN ATTRAPE AU LASSOO

The Ingredients

- 1 large tablespoon of deceit
- 2 large tablespoons of lies
- 4 ozs. of glibness
- 4 lbs. of bones - neatly removing the remnants of the heart
- 1 pair of legs
- 1 well used head
- 1 mouth
- 1 16oz. packet of well-known phrases such as 'nation', 'law and order', 'votes', 'me', 'electorate', 'me', 'necessary', 'me', etc, etc,
- 2 lbs. of hands (well shaken- not stirred or horny-handed)
- 1 packet of gravy browning
- 1 pair of blinkers
- 1 packet of cotton concrete wool
- 1 large mirror
- 1 large rope formed into a noose

So, now you have the ingredients. Now place the glibness, lies, deceit, and the bones in a basin and mix thoroughly. Set your oven at Gas Mark 3 (electricity 450f/230 C.)

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Take the packet of well-known phrases and empty it into a bucket with the hands, head, mouth and legs, and give them a good shaking. This is to ensure the body is therefore used to the reception it will be given in the near future. Now having so done, mix in the mixture of glibness, etc. that you have prepared previously.

Empty the bucket into a very well-greased baking tin and place in the hot oven for 2½ hours or until well done.

Whilst the body is cooking make your gravy in your normal fashion.

After the body is well-cooked remove it from the oven and place it onto a large dish ready to serve.

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SERVING HINTS

Obviously you should serve the politician with the gravy but before you do so, remember to fit the blinkers round the head securely, and to place the cotton-wool into its ears whilst ensuring that the mirror is placed in one of its hands so it can enjoy its own reflection - an activity it will spend a large amount of time doing in the near future. Now spread the gravy liberally.

THE COUP-DE-GRACE

To set your politician off really well, take your rope to the nearest tree and hang the politician from it. This will give you, the politician, and your dinner guests practice for the future.

HAPPY COOKING

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NEXT ISSUE : HOW TO MAKE A VEGETARIAN DELIA SMITH WITHOUT BUYING A T.V. LICENCE.

#### BLOWING UP PARLIAMENT?

Helium-filled condoms - one each for the 92 male M.P.s- floated past the Union Jack over New Zealand's Parliament on May 31 during the

state opening by the Governor-General, Sir David Beattie. They were released by feminists demanding women's rights to safe contraception and abortion.



# The CURRENT State of ENSLAVEMENT.

The patterns of employment/exploitation in the industrialised world are changing. The capitalist classes of the industrial nations are attempting to ride the storm of the present crisis - as usual they are riding it on the backs of us. Governments resort to the usual austerity measures: cutbacks, wage 'guidelines', etc., combined with legislation attempting to curb the effectiveness of workers' resistance and privatisation of industries where there is a fairly cohesive organisation of workers. Meanwhile, employers attempt to cut labour costs in a climate of increased competition and a squeeze on profits, which means sackings and a reorganisation of work for those still in employment - i.e. more intensive exploitation. It is in this area of immediate experience that the lives of millions of people will be profoundly affected: the development and application of the 'new technology' is in the forefront of this manipulation of people's lives.

In a society where a ruling minority holds the cards technology is not a neutral force. Originally developed specifically for the arms trade, the advance of microelectronics technology has coincided with a recession in the world economy, so that it is now profitable to exploit it. The introduction of new technology brings several advantages for employers. For a start, labour costs can be cut drastically: automated equipment increases the productivity of the operator which means the same output is produced by fewer workers. This is very costly in human terms, not just for those made redundant. Those still working find that the personal relationships and contacts with fellow workers are lost as they sit in front of flickering screens that beam directives. Isolation. Through microelectronics management can reassert control over many aspects of the work process, setting the speed and pace of work, according to its demands. The operator has no control over his or her own work. For example: a Scottish company, Bram International, has produced a computer system which displays to workers what they have achieved, what they should have achieved and their percentage efficiency, minute by minute. Employers also find that new technology tends to cheapen the skills of certain workers, e.g. printers - skilled workers become lowly-paid machine minders. The new technology also has far reaching effects on the status of women, tending to reinforce the traditional role in society. Unemployment forces many women back to the home. Those working on Visual Display Units (most office workers are women) may yet find themselves in a similar position: the advent of cable means that



word processors can be wired up in the home, leaving employers the expense of running an office and leading to the dispersal of workers to their homes, denied even the possibility of contact with each other. Isolation.



Have you ever wondered what it's like to work in a factory making semiconductors?

Is it exciting to work with high technology, to wear sparkling white coveralls and bounce along down brightly lit sterile corridors, as if you were in Space Station Alpha?

The reality, of course, is a little different. Marconi Electronic Devices (MEDL) recently opened - if that is the right phrase - the largest clean room in the country in its Lincoln factory.

The 12,500 square foot clean room, positioned in the middle of the factory, is impressive. Wafer fabrication continues in a quiet, cool, sterile environment.

And on the subject of things sterile, the ion implantation

room is not for those who would like offspring.

Over two thirds of MEDL's staff are women. They are overwhelmingly employed in packaging integrated circuits.

The space-age image of the factory hides many boring and repetitive jobs: 'We have to use women, although I suppose in the future we will be using machines,' he added.

'Its really boring,' said one woman. 'My eyes hurt after looking down the microscope all day. I would like to do some of the other packaging jobs, it would be more interesting,' she added.

The technical expert was unmoved: 'They learn to do one job, and get good at it. I don't see why they want to do other jobs as well,' he then added.

Alongside the application of new technology unemployment has emerged as an inevitable by-product, and yet another weapon to divide and demoralise people. Those still in work have the big stick of unemployment waved at them to frighten them into accepting wage cuts, longer hours, worse conditions, etc. At the same time there is a large pool of unemployed people who could 'price' themselves into jobs or scab in strikes. At times like this the level of struggle of employed workers tends to be low. Unemployment is also a means of destroying the communities of workplace and neighbourhood which tend, through the mutual support of families and friends, to be resistant to attacks on standards of living made by government and bosses. The current campaign against the miners is an attempt to smash such communities in the coalfields. The various privatisation schemes (e.g. in local authorities, hospitals, British Telecom, etc.) are similarly, attempts to break down the morale and cohesive resistance of groups of workers through

## THE CURRENT STATE..... (CONT'D).

redundancies, wage-cuts, etc. Of course, the government has to make a show of 'caring' for the unemployed and does so by reinstating a modernised form of the old 'parish relief', formerly popular in the depression of the '1800s - the YTS and Community Programme schemes. These are simply cheap labour schemes to get people used to low wages, to scab on 'permanent' workers who sometimes find themselves sacked to be replaced by a couple of YTSers on £25 a week. The temporary nature of such schemes - they only last a year - doesn't leave much time for workmates to organise amongst themselves, let alone feel inclined to join a union, and the insecurity of their jobs doesn't really allow much room for effective resistance. There are also many agencies which cash in on the large pool of unemployed by taking on temporary workers to 'hire' to companies. There are a number of advantages for employers - they can decide how many workers they need per day, have no need to pay sick pay, redundancy, pension, bonuses, etc. They can treat workers as badly as they like because there is an inexhaustible supply of them. The employers wouldn't be expecting any trouble from such workers who don't really form a solid band of people; just isolated individuals passing through.

### A great place for business

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Meanwhile, the government is attempting to restructure 'secure' employment on bases more advantageous to employers, particularly in the microelectronics industries so beloved by Thatcher. The essence of this 'secure' employment is the isolation of workers (computer programmers, etc.) both inside and outside the workplace. New towns have grown up (e.g. Milton Keynes and Swindon) which cater for the industries and those that work in them: they are really nothing but privatised pseudo-communities specially designed to control the activities of the inhabitants and

to pose barriers to communication between them - the business 'parks', shopping centres, play areas, and the residential areas where people live in isolated boxes, seldom seeing their neighbours as they watch television or videos - street life has been abolished because there are no streets. All this is a deliberate policy of divide and rule that architects, town planners, industrialists and politicians have devised to serve the needs of production and profit. At the same time, the people who work in the 'elite' industries are kept isolated from the rest of the working class, not only geographically, but also by being encouraged to identify with the employers - through advertising and the skilled nature of their work which has high rewards. They are no less exploited than anyone else.

The capitalist class is by no means achieving success in its attempts to adapt to current conditions - it has to master us first, and wherever there are human beings there are always contradictions. There is a spark of life, even in the most oppressive factory and the most sterile housing estate. The reaction of mining communities to the attempted destruction of their livelihood has been seen at Maltby and Orgreave. We are not under the control of the bosses: they need us, but we don't need them. If we can unite across the boundaries they have erected between us we can finish them off once and for all. That means unemployed people getting together with miners, with computer programmers, with housewives, with office workers, labourers, school-kids - anyone who has no control over their lives and know it. The factories, schools, office-blocks and technology will be ours to use as we wish.



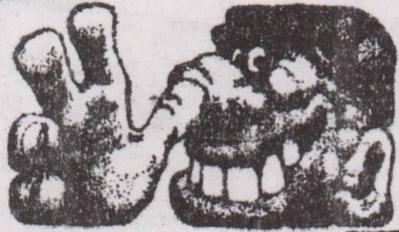
"Have you anything to say before I smash your face in?"



Justices must not only be done, they must be seen to be done!

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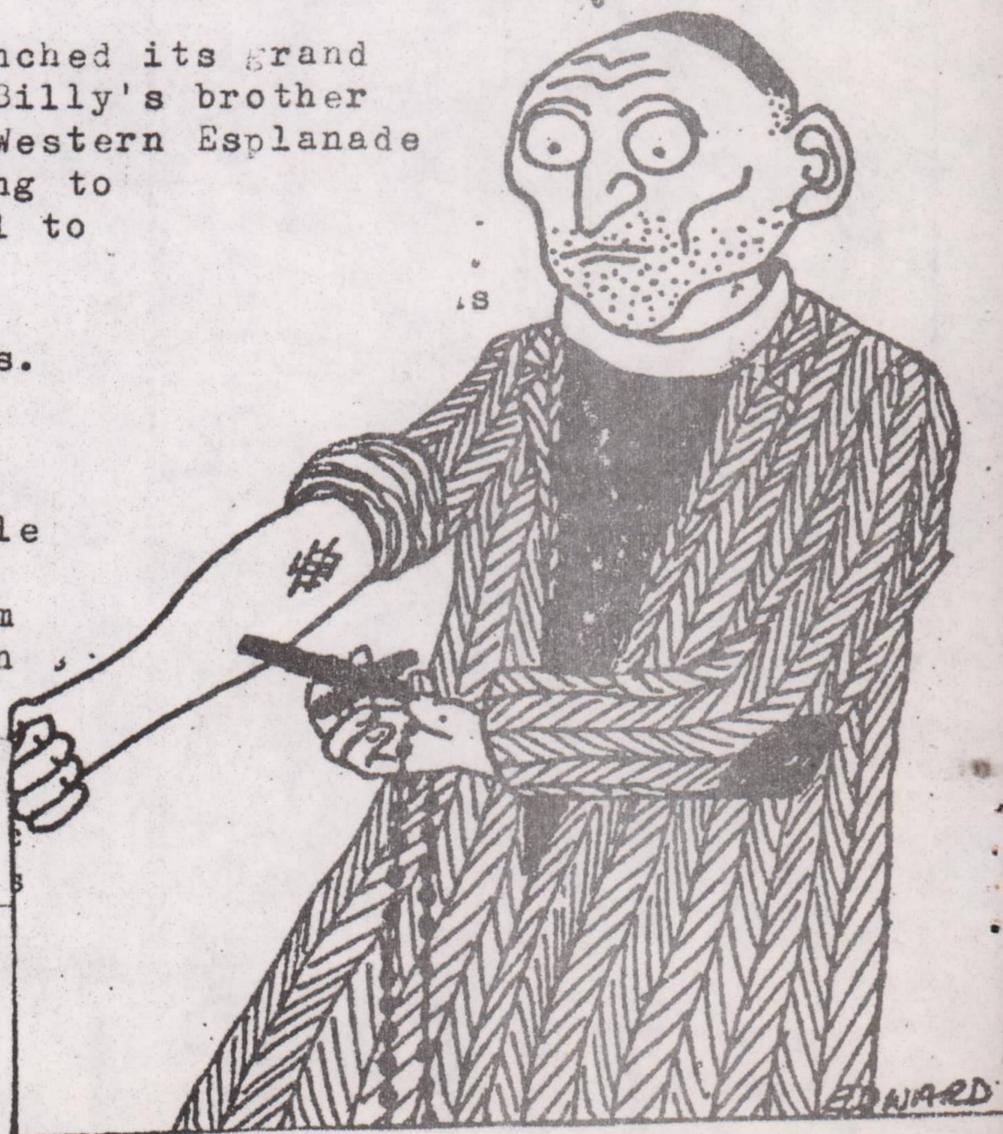
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ARE YOU USUALLY  
ALONE WHEN YOU HEAR  
THIS ALTERNATIVE VOICE?

From June 16-23 Mission Solent launched its grand campaign with Leighton Mouse, King Billy's brother-in-law, a rantin' 'n' a ravin' on Western Esplanade. This campaign was one of many aiming to save us from sin and convert us all to worshipping the Almighty Rat.

We are sure that the Rat's disciples were welcome in your hearts and homes. Already, the Almighty Rat has one of its followers running this country - Margaret Tetanus - and the Rat's own sweetie - heroin - is freely available now. Worship and heroin are part of the Rat's divine plan to save us from 'The Sin', that which wants to abolish all rulers, kill the rich and create free society. The Rat saw the signs in 1981 - the year of the riot - and decided action was needed to cleanse this evil and what better than a war.

Then, lo and behold the evil seemed vanquished. However, the virus seems to be reappearing - strikes, riots, etc, etc - so the Spirit of the Rat has come amongst you once again. And remember now, only you can smash religion 'cause it's all a big CON



## FIVE STEPS TO HEAVEN

### STEP ONE - SELF REALISATION

What do you as an Evangelist, Bishop, Guru, Cult leader, etc. really want out of Life? Quite simply you want a number of things - excess money, sex, cars, drugs, swimming pools, luxury goods, nice houses(mansions), status symbols and so on, but most of all that delicious feeling of Real Power derived from being able to influence a horde of gullible minions. Once one has achieved this position of power one can then enter an exciting new league and have lots of useful friends like politicians, bankers and the like (they will also find you useful as well, so be prepared to do a few favours for the Right PEOPLE).

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### STEP TWO - THE KEY TO POWER

Well, if you can't become a politician and you don't know any quick and effective Masonic handshakes there's only one thing for it - you'll have to find some gullible minions (FOLLOWERS, PUNTERS, DISCIPLES, CONGREGATIONS, ETC.). As in any other business you can't function without consumers. Don't worry there are plenty of potential followers about. Here's a general guideline - look for a particularly insecure and alienated type of punter (and let's face it, who isn't insecure or alienated these days). Leave the creation of alienated and unfulfilled people to the experts(the Government). As Evangelists/Priests/Gurus it is our job to make good and profitable use of the by-products of Government exploitation and oppression.

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### STEP THREE - THE HOLY PRODUCT

Once you've targeted the class of follower you want (and remember although rich ones are preferable even poor punters, who there are more of, will give considerable time, energy, money and even their lives for a convincing leader, e.g. the Pope or the Ayatollah) you've got to bait the hook in order to reel 'em in. In a word this means PRODUCT. We, religious leaders, give this a variety of names for the consumer's benefit - TEACHINGS, DOCTRINES, HOLY WRIT, HOODOO, BUNKUM AND MUMBO JUMBO. Basically it doesn't matter what you tell them and generally the more far-fetched the more they like it, but it's essential to appeal to their basic insecurities. Promise the punters anything they want but make sure it's only achievable after DEATH(The "After-Life" Pitch) or the path to achieving the promised goods is so shrouded in contradictory MUMBO JUMBO that they won't notice you're conning them(The "Mystical Bullshit" Pitch).

It's always best to invent a few superior beings(GODS) and a few other characters to add to the effect. This is essential as though the word/teachings of the Deity you can tell the punters/followers what to do. Added to this they can hardly contradict you as they won't be able to contact the God(s) without you (as you made them all up anyway). This will of course add to your reputation amongst the punters as the "Chosen One" of the God(s).

Please note that in the religion business Brand Loyalty is crucial. Your followers must be one hundred per cent blind and unquestioning in their loyalty to the Product. Some leaders/priests have got quite paranoid about this and a few dissenters have had to be silenced (well, quite a lot actually but we won't go into that now). If you've got time, write a 'holy' book(s) to sell to your followers. Fill it full of rules(restrictions) and ideas to 'soften' up and increase your mental control of the punters. Don't forget the punters want to think they're getting their money's worth so it pays to give them the traditional trimmings (shrines, temples, ceremonies, etc.)

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### STEP FOUR - ENSURING BRAND LOYALTY AND GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FOLLOWERS

To ensure Brand Loyalty (adherence to the faith) it is generally best to get the followers to identify, as strongly as possible, with the product(doctrine). There are many ways of doing this e.g. sell them religious objects/souvenirs, likenesses of deities and 'saints', 'special' clothes or 'robes', 'special' foods(get this worked out with your local food manufacturers), literature, silly hairstyles, jewelry, symbols, etc.. Note maximum brand loyalty is the only way to make the most of your followers. Once you've achieved this loyalty there is no end to what use you make of the poor saps. Remember Reverend Jim Jones, what a hard act he was to follow - he made his followers commit mass suicide. Religion means Power.

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### STEP FIVE - COMPETITION

Adelicate and tricky problem to deal with. The Religion Business is a tough,  
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FIVE STEPS TO HEAVEN(cont.)

competitive and yes, a risky world to enter. Fortunately the material rewards for a successful religious leader certainly makes up for this risk. As our power and influence is based on followers/subjects we are going to be in direct competition with other gangs both within the religious racket and outside it. Outside the business by far our biggest competitor is the Government. It is important that we stay in cahoots with the Ruling Elite in government and their financial backers. Over the past couple of centuries it has become increasingly more difficult for a religious leader or organisation to be the sole ruler of a country. In this respect the Golden Days and Boom Era of Religion is over and the most we can expect these days is to form a partnership with whatever mob or dictator is holding the reins of power. Even in good partnerships such as in Catholic states the Politicians are generally the more dominant partners

Don't despair as the politicians/dictators etc. are really our brothers and let's face it we're in the same business. So let's 'play ball' as we can all get a piece of the action. We religious leaders and potential leaders must seek to establish and maintain our cults/doctrines/interests within the framework of our benefactor - the State. We are an integral part of the State and with the politicians we share a common aim in keeping those we exploit (the people) in their places. Politicians in the main do realise that we in the Religion Business are valuable as a distraction for the Proletariat (The Labour Pool) and we can directly help by enforcing the existing social conventions and by influencing our followers to obey the state's laws and dictates. Plus one of our representatives is always on hand to send the Cannon Fodder off to the Falklands or wherever Capitalism requires bloody sacrifice.

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MY GOD

I do not bow before that idol  
To whom the wretched of the earth,  
The world's enslaved, downtrodden children,  
Convey their gifts and beg rewards.

Such a God gives me no comfort  
Who pits the strong against the weak,  
Who burdens men with trial and hardship  
And makes of suffering a cult.

The gaze of his forbidding visage,  
The pallor of his mournful brow  
Ignite no fires within my bosom,  
Nor warm my spirits late at night.

My God is an idea: a new life,  
The dawn of bright and happy days,  
To struggle, to ferocious struggle,  
It summons all courageous men !

It brings revenge on the oppressors  
Who deal with men by shedding blood!  
My God is great and glorious freedom,  
Self-awareness, strength, and love!

E. Zaidner-Sadd, January 1920

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And now a few words from Alexander Berkman,

So, my friend, you have nothing to expect from the Christian Church or from any church. All progress and improvement in the world has been made against the will and wishes of the church. You may believe in whatever religion you please, but don't put any hope of social improvement in the church.

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Or as Proudhon put it.....

For my part I say that the first duty of the thinking, free man is ceaselessly to banish the idea of God from his mind and consciousness. For God, if he exists, is essentially hostile to our nature and we in no way depend upon his authority. We acquire knowledge in spite of him, well-being in spite of him, and social existence in spite of him. Each step in our progress represents one more victory in which we annihilate the Deity.