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THE PROSPEROUS

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ANDOVER 2,281

BASINGSTOKE 4,787

ALTON

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EDITORIAL

As the states overt attacks on any form of dissent increases; as exemplified by the legal framing of miners, army gangsters at Molesworth, and the physical/institutional attacks on local protest groups, it should be obvious that only direct action and solidarity will suffice as reprisals. The legalism of leftism is only a cul-de-sac.

Future activities will include a public meeting on class struggle in mid-March, a picnic on mayday and a gigon the same night to raise funds for class war prisoners. Thanx for the letters and the donations: £4 from Bognor Regis (?). Next issue in March. Please send letters, information, dole cheques, pension cheques, wage packets etc to BOX A, 4 ONSLOW RD, SOUTHAMPTON.

'STROLLING, JUST STROLLING'

A 'right-wing' vigilante group is being set up in Winchester and will commence operations on March 1st at 11pm. They are known as Yeomen. They will be identifiable by their standard riot helmets and white plastic smocks, and will direct their attention towards anybody whose activities they dont like. Frankly, the ex-state thug, Mr. Alan Coates of Park Lodge, Ovington Park (alresford 2351) is joking when he says they will extend their service to the community. As one person said, of the Yeomen, 'It's asking for trouble. He looks like he's dressed for a riot' - well give 'em it. Drive the Yeoman off the streets.

The nightwatch scheme is to be launched in Tunbridge Wells on the same day and may well spread elsewhere. If anybody has any further details please contact us at our usual address.

TAYLOR GETS ANNOYED AGAIN

The infamous Tony Taylor, ex N.F. (New Forest) hunt master has now turned vigilante. It appears that he is getting a little peaved because the windows in his fur shop are frequently put through. there has been a spate of animal rights activity in the Bournemouth area as of late and at one time a butchers or fur shop was having windows smashed every night. He & his heavies have been patrolling the streets every night because **their blood lust** is not satisfied by simply beating up hunt saboteurs.

NODDY'S CON

Well, well, well, ol' Noddy, manager of Southampton docks, announces that SEAC are bringing their container trade back here. Now, it seems likely that Trio shipping will soon be back. This exposes the lies about cheaper rates, etc; etc we've all heard about; allit means is that the shipping lines in conjunction with ABP wanted to smash the dockers after their militancy in the last two dock strikes. Noddy's victory will turn out to be pyrrhic. One day ol' Noddy will have his well and trully boxed.

VICE SQUAD ATTACKS WOMEN

Southampton police in their new puritan ethic are now driving al women off the streets in the Derby road area. The vice squad has been accosting any woman walking along the road in the area and demanding to know who they are and what they're doing at the time. This doesn't happen elsewhere in town- notably not in chilworth. The only sort of police clean-up we want to sort is via the anarchist vacuum cleaner.

I7 CLEANERS ARE SACKED

British Aerospace have sacked I7 cleaners and replaced them with I5 contract cleaners from a private contract cleaning firm. The management ludicrously claim it is part of 'an economy drive aimed at making the firm more competative'. All of which means making more profit and will eventually lead to attempts to extend contract agreements to catering, etc. The contract workers are paid less and suffer far worse conditions. The rot must be stopped and the I7 cleaners reinstated.

Blocking The Port

As a result of P+O selling their ferry business to Townsend Thoreson over I00 office workers have lost their jobs. Meanwhile back at Portsmouth the crews of the ferries blocked the Continental Ferry Port for a couple of days. The harbour-master then introduced the courts into the strike and got surprise, surprise got an injunction. It was ashame they moved the boat having received no support from the unions- they could have scuttled it..... maybe. One disturbing aspect of the dispute was the anti-French attitude of the officers spokesman(the NUS spokesman at least mentioned the support given by the French dockers). The view that British jobs are better than French jobs is claptrap; the working-class has no country. Bosses are international -we must be as well.

Christians Replay Atheists

Fresh from their defeat at the hands of Southampton atheists last year the religion salespeople are coming back to try gain a draw. The Christian Operation Mobilisation (Dopes for short) are bringing into the

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NEWS & VIEWS (CONT'D)

Christians v. Atheists(continued)

docks in Southampton the S.S. Doulos on March 13. The Doulos is one of 2 ships owned by Dopes and is manned by more than 300 Cretins and has over 4,000 books on the fluff in God's navel evidently. Maybe there'll be a dock strike - one can hope.....

Power Stations Problems

A couple of months ago it was said that Fawley power station was having severe difficulties. One of the main turbines developed a hydrogen leak but it was not shut down whilst two of their booster generators are also said to have broken down. The boosters are only supposed to operate overshoot periods to top up supplies at peak times, but they have been run constantly to distraction !! If anyone has more up-to-date information about Fawley, please drop us a note. Thanks.

"The Western Front was known amongst its embittered inhabitants as the Sausage Machine because it was fed with live men, churned out corpses, and remained firmly screwed in place."

- Robert Graves, 'Goodbye to All That'.

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A VIEW ON THE MINERS' STRIKE

The Government has managed to outflank the miners in several crucial areas i.e. by stopping miners talking to each other, face-to-face, across the country and by buying off other workforces that might link up with the miners struggle. It shows that the government and the ruling class are co-operating in putting down resistance and are learning lessons from previous strikes. Unfortunately, Trades unions and workers in general have not done the same. It seems incredible now, but at the beginning of the strike Yorkshire miners acting on their own initiative were bringing out the Notts area by picketing (i.e. talking) to the Notts miners. They probably could have brought out the majority and saved a lot of trouble later on. However, the Yorkshire area N.U.M. instructed them to come back and mass mobilisation of cops threw a wall around Notts and prevented communication between workers. They could have perhaps stayed in Notts, and outflanked the roadblocks and maintained a constant communication with the Notts. area. It's just one idea (we must have lots of ideas and put the best into practice).

To turn the tide back in favour of ordinary people, and more specifically the miners, we must organise our resistance on a human-scale, and not through large bureaucracies such as trades unions and the Labour party.

What the miners are fighting against is the NCB's insistence that it has the 'right to manage'. All managements are parasites dedicated to increase the powerlessness of workers, and to direct the energies of humanity to the greater good of their organisations and profit, and away from doing what workers would, given the freedom to control what they produce. The 'right to manage' must be destroyed, something we can all unite to carry out.

FASCIST RATS

In the last year, fascists from the N.F. have made overtures to the anarchist movement in an attempt to cloak their new-found 'revolutionary fascism' with some kind of credibility. These advances have been totally rejected. However, they haven't let things rest there as they've seen fit to use anarchist symbolism with their propaganda. Symbols have been used in conjunction with fascist graffiti in Bradford, whilst known fascists are wearing anarchist badges. This has led to confusion in the Asian community and real anarchists have been attacked in the mistaken belief that they were fascists. Meanwhile, in London, stickers have appeared with black lettering on a red background (the anarchist colours) with slogans implying a libertarian critique of Marxism - slogans like 'Marxism is for Bourgeois poseurs', followed by: 'Join the Rat Pack, Join the National Front'. As the prospects for an offensive from an Anarchist

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THE ANARCHIST PRESS

ANARCHY - very irregular magazine, available from Box A, 84b, Whitechapel High St., London E1. 50p - or maybe more, you never know.

BLACK FLAG - forthrightly (30p) and quarterly (75p), from BM HURRICANE, London WC1N 3XX.

CLASS WAR - regular broadsheet (10p) from Box CW, 84b, Whitechapel High St., London E1.

DIRECT ACTION - monthly paper (20p) from Dept. D.A., P.O. Box 102, Hull, North Humberside

FREEDOM - monthly (45p) from 84b, Whitechapel High St., London E1.

WORKERS PLAYTIME - popular yarns of class war - roughly every two months (30p). Available from c/o 84b, Whitechapel High St., London E1.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

RISING FREE 5p plus s.a.e. from 40, Leacroft Road, Normanton, Derby.

POISON PEN - send a s.a.e. to P.P. c/o Hastings Free Press, 92, London Rd., St. Leonards - on - Sea, East Sussex.

BLOOD MONEY (CONT'D)

The same thing happened last year when 'Texas instruments' were found to be labeling cheap computer chips with military numbers then passing them off as the real thing. These potentially faulty components are present in cruise and pershing missiles but needless to say there are no plans to withdraw them from service to replace the dangerous chips.

Suggested reading - "The ground launched cruise missile"

by Tim Williams. Published by Electronics for peace
151 Courthouse rd. Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Cost 75p plus A5 SAE or from alternative bookshops.

A VIEW FROM THE BOTTOM

It is obvious that it is immoral for one person to exploit another. Whether this is by politicians creating unemployment to scare and weaken the working class, workers forced to sacrifice their dignity for meagre wages, pushers selling smack, emotional blackmail or physical exploitation. The worst evils of this world arise from people trying to gain an advantage over others, through whatever means i.e.. class, race, religion or sex.

Society is run by the dictate of trying to get one over the other sucker. From taking tests and exams at school which teach us nothing but to take part in "class" games the desperate scramble to move up and down the class ladder, we are expected to put one over anybody and everybody. As the stupidity and futility of this becomes more apparent the tactics of the exploiters grow more desperate in their attempts to preserve the status quo. The tensions and strains within the world grow in response leading to explosions of horror. The journalists and newspapers aren't even ashamed of their lies anymore, the aural and visual lobotomy of radio and T.V. grows worse by the year. States scare their own people with the threat of other states and then

use this fear to stop freedom, equality and justice. The worst tastes are pandered to in an attempt to distract people that the fifth rate that is offered is the best. Now as one group of workers try to protect their communities from destruction we are told from the Fuhrer bunker in Downing street that they are the enemy within and in protecting themselves from Thatcher's cossacks they are threatened with life sentences by the home secretary.

As the inherent violence of the state grows wider in its attempt to crush the last bastion of the organized working class. While capitalism tries to corrupt us spiritually, morally and physically to weaken people against itself and to turn another buck. Giving us the worst and telling us it's the best. the inconsequential swap all that is best in humanity in return for authority, prestige and power.

It would be glib to suggest that there are easy answers to solving these problems that face us all. However too many people are prepared to allow what they know to be wrong to pass them by saying "Well, what can I do?". Don't expect this article to tell you to do this or that, think for yourself what you want to change and then do something about it.

FASCIST RATS (continued)

RESistance improve we have to be on the watch for these scum using our colours to disguise their views. They are an enemy and should be wiped out at every opportunity.

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BLOOD MONEY

Every year each adult in the U.K. is robbed (legally mugged?) by the taxman to the tune of about £600 (the exact figure is impossible to calculate due to the official secrets act and government backhanders) to pay for the country's defence. Apart from the obvious reasons, there are several disturbing facts about the arms industry.

- 1) They have a licence to print money since 100% profit margins are not uncommon and 50% is considered fairly low.
- 2) They draw about 20% of the country's top engineers whose skills should be used to help humanity not wipe it out.
- 3) Their products are often very unreliable and sometimes dangerous.
- 4) They tout their wares in third world countries and receive huge contracts thus wasting money and resources which should be used to feed and care for the starving population.
- 5) It is not uncommon for a company to supply both sides in a war thus prolonging the slaughter.

The reliability shortcomings are accepted by and are partly caused by the military. The Generals always want the latest gizmos and gadgets in their new toys. For example consider the Tornado aircraft which is fitted with high capacity radar, ECCM (Electronic Counter Counter Measures), Cannon, Skyflash and Sidewinder missiles, flies at mach 2.2 and is bristling with screens, knobs, buttons and computers. However, servicing takes about 3 months and involves a total strip down of all the systems then testing them both individually and in the assembled state. By the time the plane has landed after it's first flight several of the systems will have failed. This means that the suppliers make a killing (no pun intended) when selling spares. The F1-II has similar problems.

Of the 15 or so cruise missile tests the failure rate has been something like 50%. This means that in a "nuclear exchange" about a third of missiles launched from Greenham Common would crash on U.K. soil and explode (not a nuclear explosion) because of the ton or so of fuel igniting and detonating the H.E. (high explosive) component of the war-head therefore contaminating huge areas of the country.

Another failure which is more commonly in the news is the Harrier aircraft which is often crashing eventhough it is a low complexity, high reliability aircraft. These crashes are mostly caused because the engine is overstressed and prone to destroying itself

By far the most worrying failure is that of early warning computers. This happened twice in 1980 and led to nuclear mobilisation in the U.S. The cause was found to be faulty computer chips supplied by 'National semiconductors' who were struck off the list of U.S. government approved suppliers for skimping test procedures.

LIBERATION!

This past year has seen a massive increase in more 'militant' action by animal rights campaigners. The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) have now started carrying out arson attacks against property belonging to the scum who murder animals for profit. The Hunt Retribution Squad has emerged, threatening violence against the bloodsport junkies who get their kicks out of tearing apart our wildlife. Massive daylight raids by groups like the South-East Animal Liberation League (SEALL) have taken place, resulting in hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage and the removal of thousands of files detailing the horrific practices carried out by these 'research' labs.

In the south, the animal lib movement is thriving. Last September Wickham labs were raided by SEALL (V.A.12). Southern ALF cells have been causing considerable damage to butchers, fur shops etc. on an almost daily basis.

But this upsurge in action has brought about an intense State reaction. David Mellor, the Home Office bastard who issues vivisection licences, has branded the new breed of libbers as terrorists and has consequently ordered the Police to crack down on these groups.

So how are the Police doing this? Well, firstly they are setting up squads to deal with the 'passive' animal rights groups. For example, in the New Forest (and other areas where the sabs are effective) there is a Hunt Squad, consisting of 1 sergeant and 9 coppers whose sole aim is to arrest and intimidate sabs, ignore hunt violence and so on. But this is having the opposite effect to what the Police want. Instead of giving up, the sabs have started hitting smaller hunts with no coppers, and are consequently causing more hassle than before. But if the pressure does become too much for the sabs, the ALF and others have promised to take 'action' against the huntsmens cars, houses etc. They know that the Police can't be everywhere 24 hours a day.

The Police have also started tailing known animal activists (paranoia?). Before the raid on Wickham, a member of SEALL was photographed by the Special branch photographing the labs! Due to their complete incompetence, the Police were still taken by surprise on the day of the raid and have only brought charges against 19 people (150 took part) and most of these were arrested on the statement of one jerk who spoke after being nicked! (Since the raid a Special Response Unit has ~~XX~~ been set up in Wickham and can arrive at the labs within 2 minutes)

The Police have even been fucked by their own officers! After a raid on Bios labs in Surrey by SEALL, in which 15 beagles were rescued, 2 activists had to make a run for it into some woods when the Police arrived. They were seen hiding in a bush by 2 coppers who temporarily went blind! Obviously they had witnessed the conditions of the dogs and the 'experiments' carried out on them.

Faced with this dilemma, Mellor has now started a smear campaign against the liberationists. He has told the Press to print lies about danger to life (only his and the bastards that he supports!) and has even withheld information received from the ALF in the hope that someone will die (after the phone call about poisoned Mars Bars Mellor withheld the info for 8 HOURS hoping someone would become ill. Fortunately no Bars on sale to the public were poisoned and the one sent to the Mirror (HAH!) contained a poison that is not harmful to people. Even so there was plenty of warning given and it would have been Mellors fault if anyone did suffer. He8s the terrorist!).

Mellors last resort is the formation of 'hard-core' units who hate animals (in fact who hate anyone who's anti-State!). These units are fortunately having no success as groups like ALF have no national membership of activists (only supporters) and work in small autonomous cells. The State is now SCARED of the threat posed by the activists (the first step to anarchy?) and is using every weapon available to attack them. Its not working. Our campaign is growing as are the numbers. WE ARE WINNING!
N.B. Between 1979-83 Tory party funds received £2½ million from Britains 3 largest drug companies, who obviously have a vested interested in animal experiments. Surely this hasn't influenced Mr. Mellors attitude?!
(For more info about ALF, Hunt Sabs etc send an SAE to Box A.....)

IMPORTANT!

THOSE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WICKHAM RAID ALL FACE HEAVY FINES AND SENTENCES. IF YOU CAN AFFORD A DONATION? HOWEVER SMALL, WE WILL PASS IT ON TO THEM.

THANKS.

"ANIMAL LIBERATION IS OUR LIBERATION"

TROUBLE MAKERS

DOCUMENTS >>>

Verbal Assault has received the following 2 documents. The first comes from People for Peace, Box N100, 234 Camden High St., London NW1.

STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL.....APRIL 30th 1985 12 noon.

How do you think governments, corporations, war, starvation exist? Quite simply, they exist because we allow them to exist. Without our obedience to their control and dominance of our world, these destructive forces would no longer survive to plunder the earth and all that live on it. Just take a long look around ourselves..... what do we see? To me it is a great big mess, total chaos - people are slowly starving to death while others literally live off the fat of the land and vast amounts of resources are devoted to blowing the world up; people are forced to slave away their lives so that a few rich men can get even richer.... it goes on and on: pornography, sexism, patriarchy, militarism, the po-lice, DH-SS, racism, cuts in essential services such as health. For too long people have expected leaders and reforms to solve the deep injustices and inequalities within our existing society.....centuries of leaders and reformism have failed to solve the real problem: the control of society by wealthy, powerful men. Despite the 'radical' Labore governments, 7% of the population in this country own 84% of the wealth - and many people still find it difficult to survive on the humiliating pittance grudgingly doled out by the DH-SS. And as for leaders...? They only want power for themselves, and will do their utmost to contain popular resistance as well as trying to obtain more power for themselves through them. For example, look at Neil 'lets destroy the working class now' Kinnock and his attitude to the miners strike, not to talk about his 'vote for me and I'll solve everything within 2 weeks' speeches at boring, repetitive CND (Capitalism's Non-Nuclear Defence).

So, no authority, no reforms.....where does that leave us? Real change can only come through ourselves. That means personal change, such as a rejection of sexism and trying to see people as human beings rather than commodities to be exploited and repressed and political change. And so to STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL. 'Business as usual' means industrial accidents because safer regulations are expensive for the bosses, selling anything as long as it will sell, without any regard for the impact on humanity and world in the name of profit and greed. LETS GIVE THESE RICH, GREEDY MEN IN THEIR SICK CORPORATIONS AND POWER-CRAZY GOVERNMENTS WHAT THEY DESERVE. There are 'no' leaders, no plans..... it's up to you, do whatever you want to do, go wherever you want to go. FOR TOO LONG THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN DESTROYING THE EARTH AND US IN OUR NAME: lets show them that we will no longer accept this rape, plunder and pillage. On 30th April we should all hit back at this evil, rotting system whose morality is measured by the fact that it is willing to annihilate all in order to 'defend' itself. LETS TAKE BACK OUR WORLD BEFORE IT IS FINALLY DESTROYED. 30th April is the date; everywhere is the place...mass resistance to make our collective power felt. Suggested ideas include occupations, raids, leaflets, pirate radio, superglue, takeover of areas...it's up to you. LETS MAKE THE RESISTANCE KNOWN ! STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL !

More information can be obtained from: Box SBU, c/o I2I Books, I2I Railton Rd., London SE 24.

The second document was sent anonymously and has been destroyed;

H.S.A. Sabs Report on Hunt Sabs TO Date

As far as the New Forest goes we've been avoiding the area (too much hassle). So when the cold weather stopped the Hunts we did an anti-fur demo in Hickleys, as reported in the Echo. When the hunts were on we did our bit. We've done a Hare hunt in the Aldershot area and some Fox hunts elsewhere.

But on Saturday 2nd February we ventured back into the Forest. After walking only a few yards we happened to chance on a meeting with Tony 'Capitalist Animal Torturer' Taylor, we had a bit of an exchange or abuse and sarcey comments, but nothing came of it !

We then ventured into the Forest to do the usual pre-hunt spraying. We did 2 woods without any hassle. In the 2nd wood we sprayed we managed to pick up a tail, but lost it quickly. After doing as much as possible to make life difficult for the Hunt - we left the Forest!!! After an hour or so of trying to locate other hunts elsewhere in Hants we returned to the Forest where we were to get quite a shock. The Hunt in the forest, had from somewhere, acquired some rather ugly, big, mean and heavy looking goons to trash the skulls of any sabs. Needless to say we didn't hang around. It is obvious that the Hunt and their supporters don't believe in letting sabs get on peacefully with their sabbing, they have to use brute force and violence to contain us !!! We therefore have to totally rethink our whole tactics to dealing with the Hunt. This we are already doing and some friends from out of the immediate sabs area are talking of a retribution squad especially for the New Forest. This situation has been brought about by the Hunt, and I hope the rich scum suffer for it! If they want to play evil - then so be it! We can

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LETTER

Micheal Noury
8548/379 - Ref 9
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78303 POISSY, FRANCE.

100 week of detention
Poissy 29/12/84

Dear friends,

'You, whose vision has stayed unclouded
You, whom the day delivers from the night
You, who only have to listen to me in order
to reply to me
Give me the news of the world'

Just a few lines to confirm my change of address for you. I must say I consider this transfer to be a victory, because by sending me to another prison, the authorities of 'La sainte' have shown their impotence, their inability to (illegible), to break me! In the meantime I continue to protest against my sentence (He was framed with an armed robbery charge). They're to shake me off, but the fight will go on!!

I owe my strength to all those who support me and who show solidarity with me. You are many: the number increases all the time, and its amazing. Its thanks to that, that my morale is high and continues to grow stronger. I thank the whole world a great deal: my parents, all my friends & relations, all my friends at home and abroad... and of course, yourselves. I am also grateful to the 19 prisoners of the PCE and GRAPO (of Yeserias) for the very beautiful and touching card which they sent me, and which I have just recieved..

I'll close with my best wishes for '85- particularly the hope of being freed. My warmest regards to one and all.

I will write soon, Michel

ALSO RECIEVED FROM MICHEL NOURY:

INFORMATION USA

Shane green;

He has suffered the following fate in a Californian prison: his arms & legs have been strapped to seperate benches; he's been left like this for 6 days & nights. - without food- and he's been savagely beaten. Threatened with death by the screws, he's benefitted from the attentions of the members of the Black Cross who have highlighted his case & who've sought to spread information and kept in touch with him. Recently he's been threatened with death by a group of American facists known as the 'Aryan brothers'. Shane belongs to anarchist group 'the black dragon anarchists' a group which has resorted to desperate acts of violence. He is 29 years old and will stay in prison till the year 2000.

write to Shane Green 807 95-011 390i LUNIT

Kllien Blvd Lampac California 93436 USA.

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not afford to hire heavies like they can but we are adamant that we will stop the slaughter, and if we can't do it peacefully then we have no other option than to resort to other methods, or give up - and that is obviously an absurd suggestion.

Stay turned to V.A. for future news, data etc.

HAMPSTEAD MAY DAY

A Communique from the Black Standard Collective

Due to the relative failure of the last STOP THE CITY to do much except make people even more fatalistic than they were before, we (The BLACK STANDARD COLLECTIVE) have decided to hold an Anarchist Picnic on Hampstead Heath over the Mayday Bank Holiday. The basic idea is for lots of people to have a good time and to inject some enthusiasm back into the movement as well as presenting an oppurtunity to see old friends and make new ones, and to promote a bit of solidarity.

If the Picnic is to be a success however, we need a lot of people there which means making sure everyone knows about it. So it would be a great help if you could tell everyone you can think of about it and show as many people as possible the enclosed leaflet.

Love and Kisses,

Nick Misfit, c/o I76, Westcombe Hill,
Blackheath, London SE3 7DH

LABOURING LOCALLY FOR THE BOSSES

As the latest unemployment figures race to over 4½ million at a conservative(sic) estimate - at least 20% on the Isle of Wight where the south-coast isn't so bloody prosperous - we see and hear a lot about the battles between local and central government. This of course means local government run by the Labour Party and the central government run by the Tories. All of this is a false battle - a war of mirror images with much smoke, no weapons and the only injured - us as usual. Indeed as the current round of pay negotiations for local authority workers reaches its climax, there will be no doubt that local councils will attempt to smash workers' strikes - indeed some of the 'socialist' councils have already done so. The 'socialist' soviet of cheap bus fares - Sheffield - has already seen such action. It is not the first and will not be the last.

So, let's have a look at our local Labour council and see what it has been up to. As usual it's said a lot and done a lot - but not a lot for the working-class of this town. Take the example of the buses - for one view see the last issue of Verbal Assault - despite having buses painted, petitions drawn up and so forth Ridley's bill will no doubt go through unless the bus workers themselves intervene and prevent it - Ridley like all politicians is scared of action. Indeed, the local Labourites have already shown their colours. Not content with attacking the 'no fares' day on the basis of lost revenue - the usual reaction of the bureaucrat - they have now come up with a plan to axe 56 jobs!. All this in the name of 'efficiency' - a management term used equally by all politicians - and a word especially well used by the NCB.

Dave Bull, chairman of the Transportation Committee, reckons that this is a 'fair package' It's interesting to note that the local Labour left is busy 'backing the miners' who are fighting to save jobs but we wonder what would happen if the busworkers took the same stand as the miners. There seems little difference between McGregor's 'efficiency' and the same 'efficiency' of the bullshit left down here in Southampton. Another classic in this area is the decision to introduce the farebox scheme. This was the scheme that was tested on the number 45 route last year. The scheme resulted in an attempt to sack a driver and led to a strike which forced his reinstatement. It is now to be extended to the whole city because whilst it proved such a fiasco on one route it evidently won't do so when applied to all the routes. The only place for this plan is in the fire and let's hope the local busworkers reject it totally.

Meanwhile, as the Associated British Ports continues its attacks on Southampton's dockers

and ex-Militant Pearce goes off clutching his redundancy money - so much for the fight for jobs - there was a bizarre item on Newsnight on BBC-2 the other week. Ol' Nosey Parker tried to give the impression that the attack on the dockers was a result of changes in the 1950's. All of which was pure garbage. ABP have attacked the dockers because of their militancy in the two national dock strikes - no other reason. However, during this T.V. programme there was an interview with good ol' Whitehead who went on about the strike losing jobs and giving the town a bad image. Oh that Southampton had the image ofArmthorpe. Whitehead's populist right-wing rhetoric made it plain just what he is - a boss. One of the reasons for the hammering the dockers have taken is their inability to break out of their isolation. The local media have been gloating over the struggle but it's noticeable that during the Townsend Thoresen dispute in Portsmouth no ferries turned up in Southampton. The battle will go on - 'no - strike' agreement or not.

The whole crux of this article is to show that Labour at a local level are still the bosses, will act like bosses but above all else will do absolutely nothing to change society. In a situation where the fiscal crisis of the state becomes more acute and central government deflects its reductions onto local government the working class has no friends in any of the political parties or in any branch of local or central government. It only has itself.

Anarchist Black Cross Prisoners List

The latest Black Flag - no. 125 - has a list of imprisoned libertarians. Here are a few excerpts;

Brent Taylor, Ann Hansen, Doug Stewart, Julie Belmas and Gerry Hannah (The Vancouver 5):
c/o The Vancouver 5 Defence Group, P.O. Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V7X1A1.

Eddie Horner(008), H.M. Prison, Hedon Road, Hull, North Humberside, HU9 5L5.

Marie Murray, Limerick Gaol, County Limerick, Ireland.

K. Omori, c/o Akiyoshi Ito, Sakae So 203, Iwakura-Agura, Sakyo, Kyoto, Tokyo, Japan.

Manuel Nogales Toro, Segovia Prison, Apartado de Correso II3, 40080, Segovia Spain.

Kathy Aikman(43886), Box 3400, Women's Center, Goodyear, Arizona, 85338, U.S.A.

That IS only a few - the full list is available from the A.B.C., BM Hurricane, London WCI 3XX. We urge our readers to get hold of a copy and to get into contact with some of these prisoners. Remember, they are in there for us, we're out here for them.

A PASSING PHASE

WHAT
'EDUCATION'S'
REALLY FOR

Just after the Xmas & new year holidays of '77/'78 during an English lesson at school, the teacher mentioned, in a very short passage, some of the basic ideas of Marxism.

Though the ideas given were vague and not at all clear, I became interested. So, naturally I suppose, next time I was in the school library I looked up Karl Marx and there was a book about him. I forgot who the book was by, but his ideas were put in easy-to-understand terms (especially as I was thirteen & not at all familiar with some of the political terms). As a result I became 'very' interested in Marxism.

Although I tried hard to persuade the librarian at the school to get more books on/or by Marx & Marxism, it seemed that it was impossible for her to do this, recommending me to the county library in town. So this I did!!

When I got to the county library I asked for what I wanted. I got a book on Marx's sociology & social philosophy and a small pamphlet/book (about 30-40 pages) on 'anarchy'. Being the sort of kid who listened to the Sex-Pistols at the time, the word stuck out in my mind. I read the book and found it far more interesting & far more an ideal form of system of social structure than Marx's.

As a result of reading these books in classes, my work deteriorated quite a bit - and a few essays I wrote in English lessons were based very much on Marxism and Anarchism. I tried very hard to gain access to more literature and failed. Though by accident I started reading George Orwell books. Although George Orwell is not really that much in the line of political literature, things like '1984', 'Homage to Catalonia', 'The lion and the Unicorn' and 'animal farm' are more along the lines of pure socialism, Orwell himself is remembered for his anarcho-socialist view-points.

By the end of February '78 I was referred to the year head for the deterioration of my work, for reading books in classes I shouldn't and for defacing my exercise book covers, mainly with anarchist/marxist slogans! I was told that if I didn't improve I would be in deep trouble! - things didn't improve. A friend a few years older than me gave me quite a lot of leaflets & pamphlets obtained at demos etc., (most of which was read in school). My work didn't improve & now that I'd run out exercise book cover space I wrote the slogans on desks!

By about $\frac{1}{2}$ way through the 2nd week of March, I was called to see the year head (again). This time there was a Social Worker (ugh) present. The social worker then 'interviewed' me for about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. At the end of this $\frac{1}{2}$ hour she asked me if I really believed in anarchism/marxism. I said (being rather ignorant at the time to how evil the state really is) "yes those ideas are far better than trash system we've got!" Her reply was; "thank-you I'll see you again soon, bye" (etc).

The next Friday I was introduced to another, this one was to be my social worker for the next six months. For this first meeting we had a sort of general chat. We talked about all sorts of things that would interest any boy of 13, football, girlfriends, rock music, hobbies & politics(?). (But I wasn't interested in any of those things when I was thirteen! - typist). Again I trusted the system and spoke freely about my politics and my fast deepening views. A meeting like this would happen again for the next 4-5 Fridays. On the last Friday of April I was told that on Monday I would be going to a Home/school for 5 weeks and the social worker seemed to justify this very well. I believed every word of the social worker, being ignorant of the state system, and thought his justifications for this move were OK.!!

At this home we were put into classes of 5. There were 3 such classes at any one time and little or no contact was ever made between different classes. We were given normal lessons, except for the first 30 minutes after dinner when we had 'social studies', where a variety of political views were taught and we were asked to write an essay giving our views on that particular political idea. Out of the 4 other 'inmates' 3 did admit to me that they had read socialist, marxist or anarchist literature and had such views. (The other 'inmate' didn't talk much and never about politics).

For the next 3 months after leaving the home I had to spend $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour every Friday afternoon talking to my social worker. This time we didn't talk about what interested me, but what the social worker thought on how I ought to change my views. He kept insisting that my political ideas were a passing phase, childish and how I ought to be channeling my energies into more important things, like studying, getting my exam results, and thinking about a career etc, etc, etc....

It took a while to sink in but it became obvious (especially after leaving school and meeting more victims of HM Social Services) that teachers, social workers are nothing more than a defence for the state, and when you step out of line they try their best to boot you back into to line!! And from my early teens, when I listened to the Sex Pistols, my experiences have told me that they got it wrong: 'never trust a hippy' should be 'NEVER TRUST A SOCIAL WORKER'.