

COPS IN LYNCH MOB HUNT



Norman Best (C)



Alan Whitehead (L)



Diana Maddock (A)

Party leaders pose for a photocall before the trapdoor opens.

SUSPECTS.

Suspects in what has come to be known as the 'case of the hung council' have been narrowed down to the 35 0/0 of the local electorate who didn't bother to vote at the May local elections. A source close to the parties involved claimed- "...if they didn't tie the noose, they werestill as responsible."

Police have refused to say whether they have discovered any links with extremist political groupings, but said if there isn't any they would make something u anyway.

POLICE INVESTIGATING THE HANGING OF SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL NO LONGER BELIEVE IT WAS SUICIDE!

Earlier investigations had led them to think that all the councillors had hung themselves in a fit of hysteria brought on by guilty consciences over how they were ripping off the people of the city.

The police now believe that a major motive for the mass lynching could have been the fact that some citizens thought there was no need for the existence of the council at all, but could see no other way of getting rid of them.

Since the hangings the town has been without any political leadership whatsoever, but it has not made the slightest bit of difference to anybody. Police are worried that the lynch mob may strike again - this time at the town hall bureaucrats or even at the local police themselves as neither of these groups of parasites are needed to run the city either.

see inside:

LOCAL NEWS,
"WHY RUMBLE?"

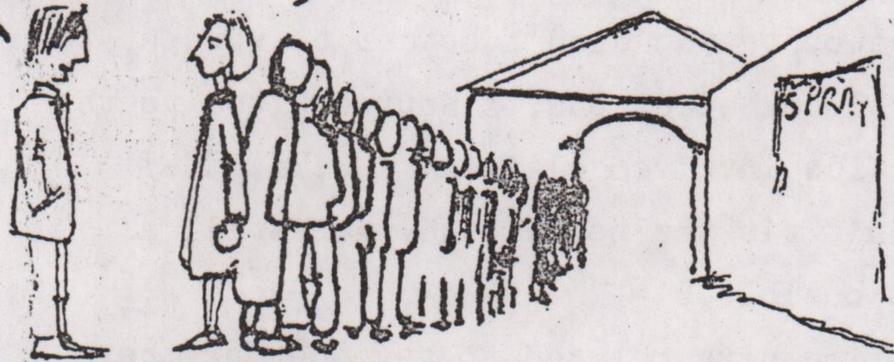
& MORE

ON THE FIDDLE

The fiddled dole figures are on their way back up, now that the election is over and the myth that things are getting better no longer needs to be upheld. The so-called "official" figure for Southampton is now 17,700. The real figure is quite obviously much higher, with people being put on make believe training and useless courses and programmes, plus being harassed through Restart. Others are being cut off from receiving benefit because of sickness and making understandable mistakes on their "Availability for work forms" ("Deliberate Trap" forms more like). The real figure is probably nearer 20,000. And still they have the cheek to call Southampton a prosperous city and boast of all the new jobs being created here. The only jobs being created are for out of town yuppies or the "Community Programmes" to give long term unemployed 6 months work. Only 6 months badly paid work with 5 years unemployment either side is called a success???

HEAR THE DOLE
QUEUES ARE
GETTIN' SHORTER

YEA - NOW WE'RE MADE TO
STAND CLOSER TOGETHER.



NATIONAL PRESS

If you like RUMBLE you'll like even more the national anarchist newspapers, heres a list of the best ones;

Class War 30p Bi - monthly
Black Flag 30p Fortnightly
Direct Action 30p Fortnightly
Crowbar 30p Occasionally.

COPS UNDER FIRE

On saturday 15th of August at the above bar in Southampton a large group of youths attacked two coppers, after previously jeering them for some time. A local shop assistant said in the Echo " A scuffle broke out between the police and everybody else. Everybody jumped on the police." Earlier in the week a copper called out to a housing estate came under fire from an air rifle, no one was caught. Things seem to be looking up in Southampton.

Open day at the sty

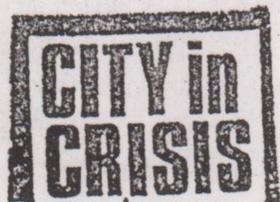
Well, well isn't that nice, Sairley police stations first open day took place last week. On display were lovable police dogs, shiny panda cars and smiling boboies. Another attempt to improve their public image and encourage us not " to be afraid of being nosy and tell any taing suspicious we see". These friendly community coppers who are always ready to stop and chat, like real human beings, make out their reports when they get back to the station careful to include every iota of information they have collected on their beat, including everyone they have talked to and personal items about those that they consider to be 'suspicious'. For example ".... blond punk girl, obviously pregnant, unmarried, lives at no.42". They try to establish regular squealers in every street and their are always some arselickers with nothing better to do. So watch out, don't talk to cops or their friends.

WHY RUMBLE?



RUMBLE is only the latest in a long line of anarchist publications coming out of Southampton, usually based around a very small and increasingly diminishing group of local activists. ARD TIMES, launched in Autumn 1986 was perhaps the most successful, at least in terms of regular printing and distribution. There were 14 issues in all. not bad for only 6 months work - but the lack of response locally began to demoralise us, and the feeling emerged that we had lost our way (yet again!).

ARD TIMES was never more than an unemployed newsletter, supporting direct action, but was only ever able to organise a May Day picnic on the common and an ineffectual anti-election poster campaign. This inactivity was mainly due to the fact that the original group behind the idea had collapsed. There had been 20 people at the inaugural meeting, by the end only 3 or 4 were meeting fortnightly. Those that were left felt disenchanted with initiating anything, because once initiated, the burden of work would always remain on their shoulders, and to some long standing activists this no longer appealed anymore. Trying to understand why this was happening though was even more difficult!



There were many militant anarchists in the city, some very active in animal rights for instance - and we knew of many who had sympathy and support for what we had been trying to do. What we couldn't understand

is why they did not get involved. Did we appear too cliquey? Too intellectual? Too violent? Too boring? The anti-election campaign was the straw that broke the camels back though, it was a great disappointment. Although we put up in excess of 500 posters and the core group expanded a small bit, we felt dispirited, our ideas had dried up, and the posters were dull and boring.

Anarchist organisation in Southampton was dieing a slow and painful death.

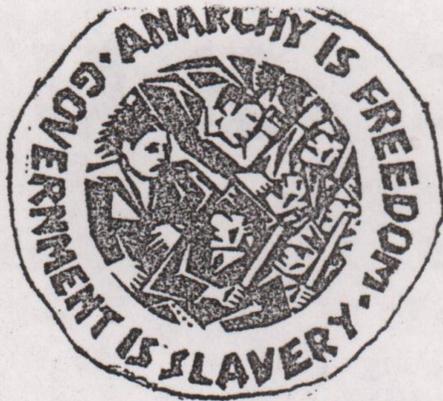
It was at this point that I decided to try and revive Rumble whose first 3 editions had been the Southampton CLASS WAR insert, and make it more independent. I thought that Southampton was much too big a place to do without a regular Anarchist bulletin. I knew there were people that would want to read it, and I felt that if people regularly saw a newsheet that persistently called for local anarchists to get organised then some who had not previously bothered, or been put off by what they thought we were like, would get involved, or at least get in touch. So I have to admit its one person publishing this issue but by the next I expect 25 class conscious militants to be involved. So come on, let's get organised let's get moving!

Contact; RUMBLE

Box R,
4 Onslow Road,
Southampton.

If you want to get Rumble regularly, or have offers of help, information, money, paper, ink or know good ways of distributing, please contact us at the above address.

What Is



Anarchy

Many people don't really understand what Anarchism is about at all. There are several strikingly contradictory ideas of what anarchists believe in, and what they want to achieve. The most popular of course is the anarchist terrorist, the idea that anarchists are just into violence for its own sake.

Most anarchists despise terrorism, seeing it as elitist and counter-productive. It creates conditions where the state can be even more repressive with popular consent (the recent E.T.A. bombing in Barcelona for example).

Terrorism can quite easily go wrong as well, thousands of working class people have been murdered "accidentally" by terrorist actions.

Terrorism is usually carried out by middle class guilt trippers putting

themselves forward as the leaders of the Revolution or by agents of a state power, i.e., recent Arab state actions. Even European states aren't averse to using a little terror, usually blaming it on somebody else who they are trying to criminalise.

However throwing petrol bombs in riots or even shooting at the police and army when

they attack working class communities, as at Broadwater Farm, is supported by most anarchists. The capitalist media would

describe this as terrorism but this stance is hypocritical. The French resistance was an essentially working class organisation defending itself against German imperialist aggression, even the ruling class have to admit they were freedom fighters and not terrorists. When people fight against state oppression in this or any other country, they too are fighting for their freedom.

So as anarchists we do not support indiscriminate violence like nail-bombs in shopping malls, but we do support the necessary violence that working class people are forced to undertake in the fight against capitalist and state oppression.

But because we condemn the actions of Marxist cells on the continent, does not mean that we are wishy-washy liberal pacifists. The second major misconception of anarchists is that we are a bunch of burnt out middle class hippies.

To many anarchists pacifism is anathema. It stinks of middle class hypocrisy, where

their lifestyles condemn millions to grinding poverty everyday, while they preach their

belief that to take up arms to change the situation is morally wrong. They moan about

the miners defending themselves on picket lines and base their "do-nothing" principles

on the dignity of the individual and the sanctity of life, ideas which mean nothing to

people who have to struggle everyday to just eat. Black people in South Africa cannot afford to let bourgeois niceties obstruct their struggles. When pacifists do promote action it is in the form of ineffective "non violent direct action!!!", which consists of failing to achieve through thousands of arrests, and then giving the state millions of pounds in fines. If we didn't know they were just stupid you'd think it was a plan to help finance the government.

That's not to say that anarchists don't want peace. The wars that CND and their ilk want to stop are only the ones that kill them as well (i.e., nuclear wars). They've no real objections to old fashioned imperialist wars where only the working class are sent into battle to suffer and die. The only way to stop these wars is international working class solidarity. The phantom pledge not to fight in 1914 was made and broken by the self appointed leaders of the labour movement, who when it suited their interests pledged their followers to the fight, just as they did during the Falklands war. A real solidarity can only be created by fighting one more war - A class war against all our bosses and leaders, the capitalist class. That war is not set in some cataclysmic future, but is going on now, everyday, in every workplace, housing estate, school and prison in the world. Our leaders try to hijack this struggle (Kinnock etc.), but as anarchists we believe that only the working class on its own can make the revolution. Every member (workers, housewives, unemployed etc.) has a role to play. We believe in revolution from the bottom up based on community and workplace, not the halls of power. Freedom cannot be given by any ruling party it must be taken from the rulers.

The left, SWP, Militant, RCP, WRP, and the communist party all believe that revolution must be made for the people by the party. The result of this is the state capitalist regimes of the eastern bloc. Power will always remain in the hands of a tiny party elite. In power (as anarchists well know from experience in Russia) Trotskyism and Stalinism cannot be distinguished from each other.

So we say it is up to ordinary people, whose actions we will support and publicise both physically and verbally as far as we are able. Some ask is this possible? Would it not be chaotic? Of course not. At the moment capitalism would collapse without the support of the working class. We make everything,

We produce all the wealth. It is possible to organise production so that the needs of all are met. It is also possible to create truly democratic structures that allow everyone to participate in the making the decisions that affect them.

However we do not believe that the revolution is around the corner, but the worst excesses of capitalism must be challenged on an everyday basis. Most especially the ideas of patriarchy and racism, that divide

the working class almost in two. Men are arbitrarily set over women in order to perpetuate the divisions that stop us uniting to smash capitalism. Racism is used to divide the working class to a terrible extent, the capitalists use it as perhaps their greatest weapon for the purpose of holding onto power. The evil, insinuating ideas of racism brought to their logical conclusion in the politics of fascism have conspired in the past

/cont.

Below we reproduce the first of two documents that were sent to us anonymously. Draw your own conclusions.

DEMO BOREDOM

Once again the March Against Apartheid is keeping well clear of the SA Embassy. During a similar demo in Nov '85 people attacked the embassy and the cops who protected it and enjoyed two hours of running battles with authority. They tasted life outside the rules of organised demo boredom.

It is for those reasons that the march is going to Hyde Park. The organisers want us to support their professional tears but when we break the traditional demo rules and act imaginatively they try to control us in the same way that the cops do, over here and in South Africa.

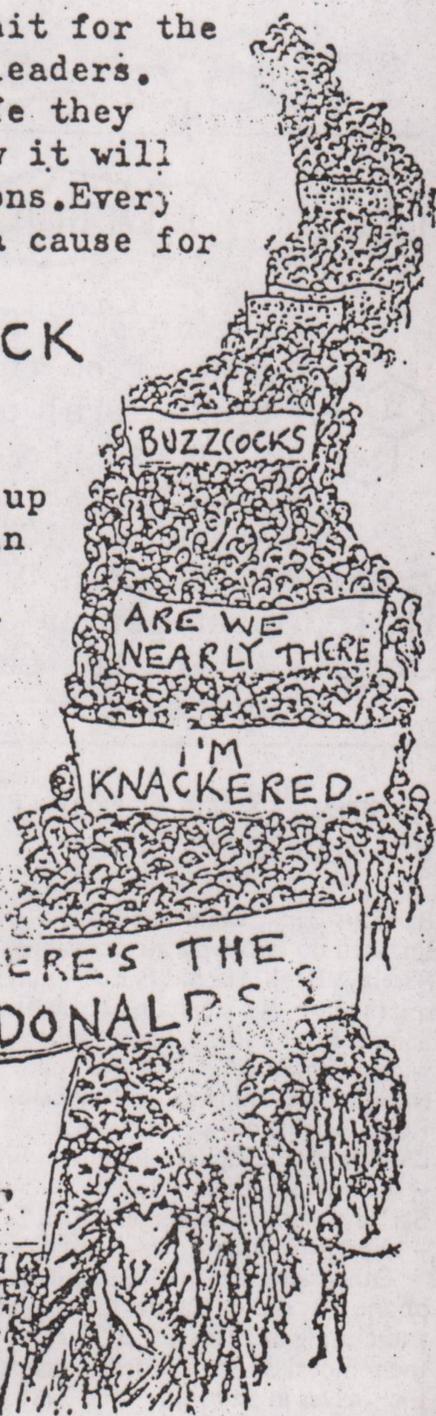
The youth in the townships don't give a shit for the authority of the soldiers or scab community leaders. When they act against the misery of their life they don't consider what the media will say or how it will affect the middle class reformist organisations. Every dead copper, every necklaced collaborator is a cause for celebration.

THE KICK OFF IS AT 3 O'CLOCK

When will we show that spirit of revolt? Occasionally an image of resistance flickers across the TV screen. If the State is tooling up then so should we. It was us firing the guns in Tottenham. We can ignore pleas for 'peaceful demonstrations of solidarity' and prepare for direct action against all exploiters. Our friends in South Africa don't want sympathy - they want to see embassies burn all over the world. I've walked around London enough, I've seen its free speech in action. I want to walk around it again and see the smouldering ruins of the Establishment and all its suffocating tentacles...

REVOLT!
LEG IT!
RETURN!

SEOUL
TENDENCY '87



cont./

FARCE

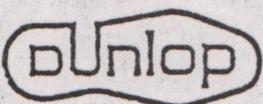
to bring about the complete collapse of organized working class resistance, in Nazi Germany for example. Discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, culture, sexuality have all been brought about and are perpetuated by the state and its institutions. We must destroy this insidious bourgeois brainwashing if we are ever to unite and smash the scumbags who oppress us.

As already said we do not believe the revolution is around the corner. We believe that the making of it is a slow process during which there may be huge jumps forward. Overall though it is a slow process of spreading ideas and building peoples confidence to bring about change. We hope to set out some more concrete explanations of our ideas in following issues of RUMBLE. If you have any comment on any of the above, or feel that you think anarchism is about something different than us, then we'd still like to hear from you (perhaps we can convince you).

At the recent city council by-election in Shirley (I didn't know about it till afterwards either) a Tory was re-elected so no change occurred in the composition of the council. No-one was going to shout about their majority though because only 31% of the Shirley ward electorate bothered to vote. Obviously people are beginning to be really pissed off at the travesty that passes for democracy in this country. People want a say in their own lives on a day to day basis, the apathy that accompanies our crosses on ballot papers at local elections manages to get covered up at the national ones by pre-election brainwashing and hype, but its obviously on the increase (non-voters were the second biggest party at the last election). Be warned politicians we'll not stand for your usurpation much longer.

Below we reproduce the second of the two documents we received anonymously. We make no comment, decide for yourself whether to follow their advice or not.

Stop South African Business



22nd OCTOBER



The idea of SSAB is simple-A national day of havoc for those who make money from the misery of Apartheid. Our anger cannot be expressed through traditional organisations. Only sustained autonomous attacks on the profits of those who operate in South Africa will bring about change.

FROM LEAFLETING, PICKETS, FLYPOSTING, HOAXES, PHONE BLOCKADES, TROLLEY ACTIONS, STICKER ACTIONS, SMELLY ACTIONS, OCCUPATIONS.....TO GLUED LOCKS, GLUED CASH DISPENSERS, WINDOWS REMOVED, REDECORATIONS.

Just get up and use your imagination. The black working class in South Africa has maintained its resistance to Apartheid. We must keep up the pressure here.....Everyday.

Recommended

HASTINGS STOP SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS DAY 30/9/85.

- Barclays Bank, Eversfield Place - windows smashed on two separate occasions.
- Barclays Bank, Harold Place - windows smashed on two separate occasions.
- Sainsburys, Hastings Town Centre - window smashed.
- National Westminster Bank, Preston Road, Brighton - petrol bombed.
- Barclays Bank, Churchill Square, Brighton - window smashed.
- Barclays Bank, St Georges Road, Brighton - window smashed.

Other activities in Hastings included phone blackading Barclays, the opening and closing of accounts in Barclays and the removal of South African goods from the shelves in Sainsburys and Tesco's. In

London, Barclays Banks were smashed or superglued in Camberwell, Dalston, Streatham, Peckham, Tooting, The City, Barbican, Chelsea, Putney, Roehampton, and in Brixton

'Poisoned by Apartheid' stickers were put on SA fruit and meat in supermarkets. Leaflets with details of SA companies were distributed, and managers went crazy as they saw people checking out the goods for brand names.

Denmark

January 17: Shell filling station set alight. The fire went out but the smoke caused a lot of damage. Walls painted with BURN SHELL TO HELL and SHELL OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

March 14 - Shell personnel training centre in Brøndby is attacked. Office equipment and computers destroyed; butyric acid and tank bombs released.

March 20. A Shell filling station is turned into a rubbish tip as about 50 volunteers carry building waste and other rubbish on carts from a nearby squat and dump it on the forecourt of the garage. Windows and pumps were smashed whistles blown. Police were held at bay with catapults and other missiles. No arrests.

April 29. Shell garage in Nærum burnt down.

May 4. Shell stations in North Jutland trashed and 2000 gallons released from the pumps.

May 5. Shell garage in Holbaek sabotaged, hoses cut, sugar in tanks; walls painted.