

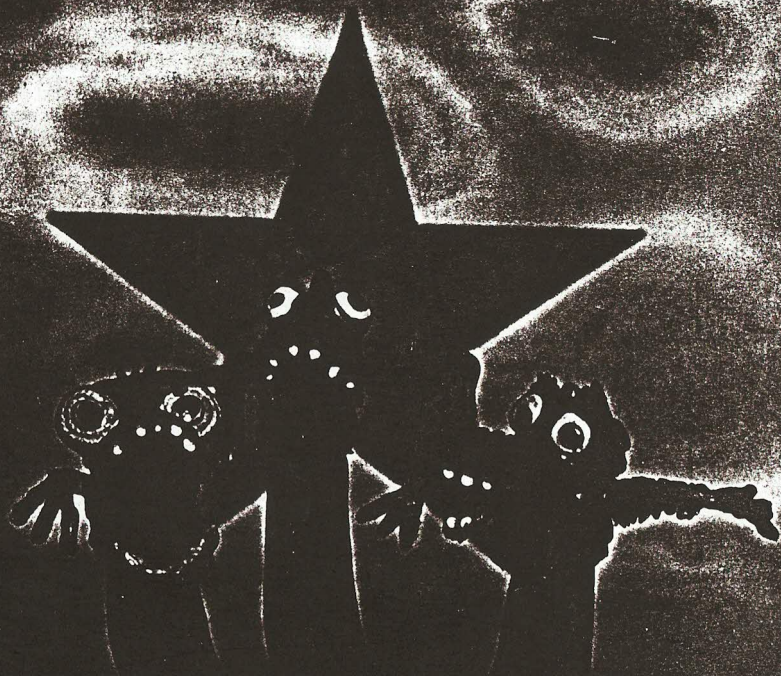
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ARMCHAIR

WORLD CAPITALIST
ECONOMY COLLAPSING
SAY RUBBER FINGER
MONSTERS AT THE
BOTTOM OF MY GARDEN



INSIDE: BARBARISM OR BARBARISM



Introduction

Hi there and welcome to ARMCHAIR 6. ARMCHAIR is the anarko-commie crass twuggle rantings of me, Erik The Vandal, together with contributions from some of my chums. Puerile politics mixed with infantile cartoons?...yes please!

This is definitely the last ever issue of ARMCHAIR, and good riddance to it. I will be doing something new under a different title for mayday next year, so watch out. I shall have to apologise for all the hopeless ranting in this issue. So much is happening in the world at the moment I find it is impossible to write something on a particular subject without immediately wandering off in all directions and bringing in everything at once! At the end of it I still can't come to any meaningful conclusion. There is no telling where things are shifting to on this planet. But shifting things certainly are, historical silly season this is not.

Some of this issue's rantings contain doomladen predictions about the system going on forever and the government never being overthrown. Well knowing our luck, sod's law will probably have it so that next week there'll be a revolution and all the copies of ARMCHAIR will have to be recalled and pulped. A special thanx goes to Coral B., Archimedes, Stevoid, El Chavo, Andy W., Proletarian Gob, Geoff, Felix and various others for help, contributions and a free holiday in Clapham. In the meantime keep writing to ARMCHAIR, folder 19, 30 Silver St, READING RG1.

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ARMCHAIR AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

1. Capitalism's crap.
2. Communism or death!
3. Where's my armchair?

No WORK TODAY!



Yes, I'm sure it was at the inaugural meeting for the young neo-debordist agitators league.

Haven't we met before?

And what are you doing this evening?

Trashing Police Cars!

Six per cent of the population watch television for more than 11 hours a day, a survey has found.

Northerners spend more time being couch potatoes than southerners.

Women watch for longer than men and the DE socio-economic groups for longer than the ABs.

Whom you got as your Valentine was just a matter of luck when the young bloods drew lots in a party game popular with Samuel Pepys's circle

for the abolition of wage labour



Pay freeze MEANT work freeze!

HELP THE ANARCHISTS: BEAT YOURSELF UP ?? PROLES SIT IN THEIR ARMCHAIR AS POLICE GO MAD!

ARMCHAIR PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

Pc admits making up glue attack

A POLICE officer who said two teenagers squirted glue into his eyes and pushed him into a canal admitted to colleagues yesterday that he had made up the story.

Pc Stephen Thorne, 32, needed surgery at Southampton General Hospital to save his sight after what was described as an "unprovoked and malicious" attack on him while he was on plain clothes duty in Hungerford, Berks, two weeks ago.

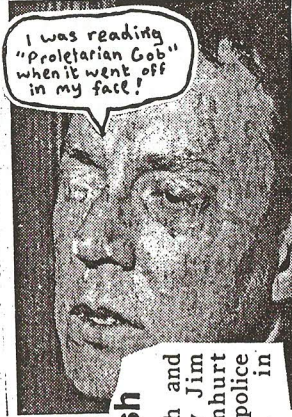
But yesterday Thames Valley Police said in a statement that Pc Thorne was suffering from depression. He was re-interviewed about the incident after briefly going missing from his home at the weekend.

A spokesman said: "It now appears that this was a symptom of his problems and he has admitted to making the incident up."

Police treated the attack on their fellow officer as attempted murder, and Pc Thorne's picture featured prominently on television and in newspapers. He had been detailed to watch Hungerford High Street after a spate of burglaries, and said he was attacked by two "scrawny" teenagers he approached.

He had to swim to safety across the Kennet and Avon canal, raising the alarm from a phone box after his radio was damaged by the water.

When officers spoke to him yesterday, he said he had put the glue on his eyes himself. He was medically examined at Newbury police station, and is now on sick leave.



I was reading "Proletarian Gob" when it went off in my face!

Bishop in crash

THE Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt Rev Jim Thompson, was unhurt when his car and a police vehicle collided in Cheltenham.

There will be no wages system; work will no longer be 'employment', but a creative and rewarding experience, useful for the community and necessary for a persons individual fulfillment.

NO SLAVE LABOUR SCHEMES



Stay at home!
Do nothing!
Sit in your armchair!

On the roads: There were over 233,000 accidents on our roads during 1992, causing over 4,200 deaths and injuring nearly 300,000 people.

In the home: Over 2.6 million people were injured in their own homes. Over 2,300 people died as a result of falls in or around the home.

At work: Accidents at work affect about 2 million people every year. Whether clerical or manual, you are exposed to risk.

Sport & leisure: During 1991, 3.2 million people were injured while taking part in some form of sport or leisure activity.

Freak accidents: Almost daily you read of unusual accidents: people struck by lightning or by falling trees.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!

Dear Mr Howard,

We've got a good idea. It'll save money and add to the public coffers. Along with other deregulatory activities you could also deregulate duelling. Currently many business competitors would like to kill each other but are denied this freedom by red tape. Duelling could be licenced with fees on a sliding scale related to corporate salary and ability to pay, say between £1000 and £2 million. An extra fundraiser could be selling entertainment licenses and fines for collateral damage (shooting bystanders). The money could go on the health service, which would not be obliged to care for the duellers, who would have to go private. I look forward to hearing your reply.

Dr Geoff Pawers
Erik Vandal Esq
Felix Brunel

Co-directors of the Institute for Downward Mobility Research

NEWS FROM A QUAKE!....

LOS ANGELES:

...Well the quake has come and gone, like one of those incidents in life that temporarily shocks people just long enough until the next outrage comes along. It was quite an event, we were terror stricken when we woke up to things falling all over the house, bottles and plates breaking. This was the first time I've ever been a bit scared, the other two major ones I've been in were more amusing than anything. We were O.K. though, nothing serious. Our garage is about to collapse though, the ceiling is ready to cave in.

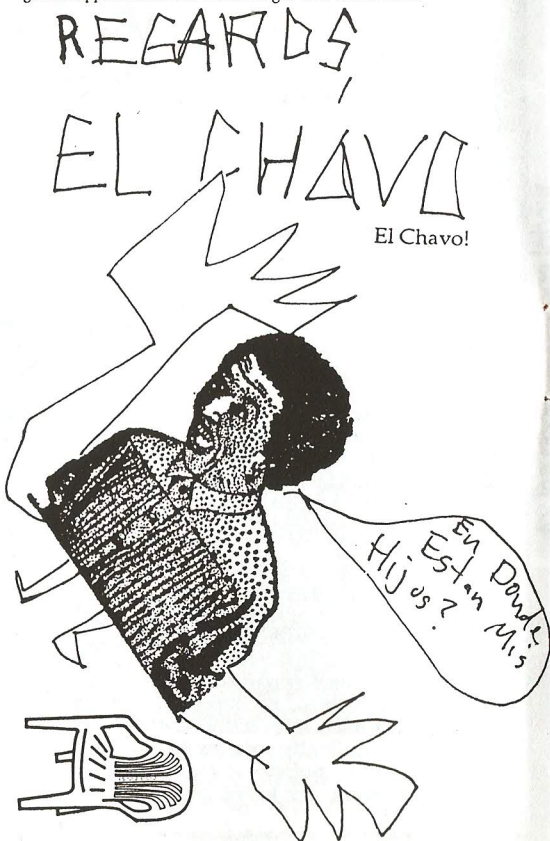
Within one hour, all the flunkys of the world as it is, were calling up the radio asking if they had to go to work today, worried more about their bosses than the fact that the city was coming apart! The system here is also very unprepared for disasters, knowing full well that they're going to happen. When people started lining up for emergency food stamps the only things the politicians could think about was the possibility of "illegals" (immigrants) getting something for free. It seems that the only way people can criticize our society is if you have someone to blame it on. And all this fervor is turning into a racist mass hysteria, assholes going on about "foreigners" not knowing English - the native language (?), as if California was never part of Mexico. Even the liberal politicos Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein (whom we were told we had to vote for since they are women and they "care" about us!) were trying to pass a bill that would make it impossible for immigrants to get any help whatsoever, not even school for children (well maybe that's good!) and any child born to immigrant parents here in California would not automatically become a citizen. In effect we would have people without citizenship in any country! Kinda like the Death Ship story by B Traven. Such crap we have to put up with.

Have you heard about the Zapatista stuff that's been happening in Chiapas? I received an interesting flyer in the mail which describes why anarchists should

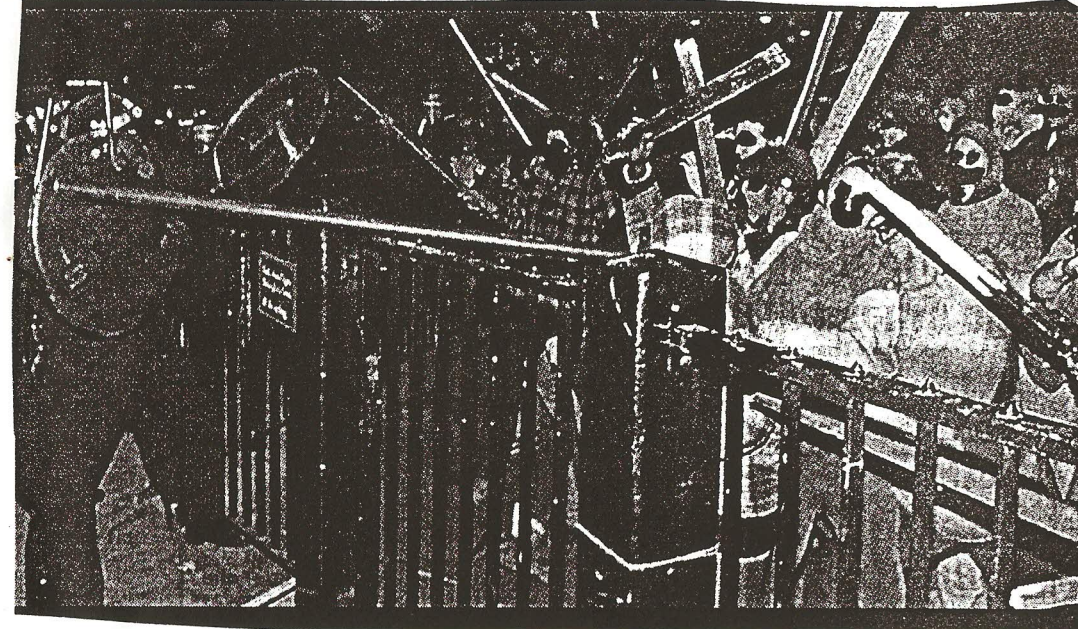
support the EZLN but I've been hearing all this news of the EZLN negotiating with the government and getting "concessions" promising schools, land, representation, and "respect" and they're falling for it! Sounds ludicrous. There's been all this other stuff that makes them seem like a liberal reform group yet all the anarchists here are all praising Zapata ("¡Que Viva!") and being very uncritical. Sound familiar? Not that I'm totally aware about the EZLN situation - just not so ready to jump on the bandwagon.

LATER

"... I had started a 'letter from L.A.' talking about the recent bus strikes (reformist shit line - who cares about the passengers?) this anti-immigrant hysteria (actually anti-Mexican since European people without papers are no problem since they've got the right language, culture, money etc.) and a few other things going on but I've been going through lots-o-crap lately and never finished it. I'm confused at where the state of the situation here is headed. It seems to fluctuate so much between "Shit, people are getting angry" and "Hey, everyone is more concerned about O.J. Simpson." It seems that this "Save Our State" (SOS) proposition might pass, basically making it so "immigrants" can't get any health care, schooling, or public aid. Also children born to "immigrants" here will not be considered citizens. Crazy. Something gonna happen don't know what though. Will write later...."



JUST A BIT OF EXUBERANCE NEWS



9th Oct 94- In terms of insurrectionary demos the occasion didn't amount to all that much, locked up in hyde park on a sunday afternoon the fluffies had already fluffed a pre-arranged containment exercise before the day had even started. But as for the battle itself the demonstrators did well for themselves for a change. Several thousand demonstrators fought with pride and successfully held the police at bay for several hours and made the police look like fools.

After many struggles that have involved physical confrontation since the early eighties there must now be several tens of thousands of proles who have acquired practical first hand experience of streetfighting in this part of the world. The hardcore of this element no longer fear the police and, having learnt instinctively to recognise when the situation is right, refuse to run away when the riot police charge but stand their ground and fight them, or otherwise go round the cops and attack shops. This element, "the same 2000 troublemakers every time" according to the police spokesnerd (the number went way beyond 2000 years ago), also understand the fundamental yukiness of the fluffies. It is not that the fluffies are "nonviolent" or even oppressively moralistic and superior in their attitude. "Nonviolence" is sometimes an essential tactic in those circumstances where physical resistance would be suicidal. It is that the phenomenon of the fluffy has been cooked up to serve the agenda of controlling and diverting any material struggle on our part into a liberal civil rights campaign under the system, imposing middle class leadership, and shopping us to the liberal-lefty wing of the state.

The real significance of the demo on the 9th of October was that we wrecked, yet again, the credibility of the likes of Tony Benn, Charter 88 and all the rest of the liberal wing of the establishment to mobilise and lead a popular Democratic People power "velvet-revolution" to modernise the british state and make british capitalism more efficient. It is not that the system necessarily wants to mobilise a democratic velvet revolution in the streets right now, it may be content to stick with the right wing conservative regime. But the system would like to have a few trick cards up its sleeve just in case the tory → P.T.O.

OCCUPY THE STREETS AND BUILDINGS!

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regime becomes unstable and has to go, a Democratic velvet revolution is one such trick card (DEMOCRACY: the dictatorship of a consumerist "majority" and the rule of individual competition under the market). But ever since a few hundred Xtra! readers, anarcho-punks and autonomists started intervening at CND rallies and disrupting other lefty circuses like the peoples march for jobs at the beginning of the eighties, through the mid eighties and through the poll tax, we have consistently blocked this trick card time after time. This causes the state a small headache as we are restricting one of its possible future escape routes. The state has tried to break us on several occasions, most notably with operation carnaby, but each time we have shown ourselves capable of coming back and regrouping.

Bourgeois liberals love People power, they love a street full of national flag waving, hymn singing, middle class led Democracy demonstrators or a crowd of respectable concerned citizens demanding democratic reforms or civil rights. But the bourgeoisie in general always hate and fear Proletarian power, they loathe open class struggle and the spirit of ludd and swing, they loathe strikers and pickets and working class insurgents who refuse austerity and undermine the economy. The Democratic revolution in Italy has clearly failed. It is the first big example of a Democratic revolution in the "new world order" era visibly and blatantly screwing up, class struggle is coming back with a vengeance in Italy. Our shouting at boring speakers and tossing bits of torn trot placard over the years may have contributed in a small way to the stillbirth of the Democratic revolution in this country. Forward to the next middle class protest movement against nasty things, we intend to gatecrash and put class struggle and social unrest back on the agenda.

THE FOUNTAINS ARE COLD AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.



As for this CJB thing itself, the anti crim joss stick bull movement contains the possible danger of a double trap. It is not just being defensive, it is being defensive about the right to be defensive. It is not just pleading, it is pleading for the right to plead. Choosing the terrain of parliamentary legislation as a focus for trying to bring together diffuse struggles is a bad choice of terrain. Passing laws is their end of the system, it is where they are strong. The terrain where proletarians are strong is the terrain of refusing to work, refusing to pay, refusing to reproduce conservative family and society. Focussing on legislation the initiative will tend to stay with the state while we run the risk of just tagging along reacting defensively. Simply carrying on with the activities the bill is supposedly dealing with like squatting and travelling while ignoring the law is being suggested by some as the best form of resistance. But this isn't really any use. At best this course of action just leaves us suspended in a dispersed limbo. But if the authorities go ahead with actively enforcing the bill and the enforcement has any degree of success then this course of action just means we are losing.

One part of the anti CJB movement has actually become a soft cop part of a pincer movement helping to enforce the CJB itself! Some fluffy activists are already planning ways of complying with the technicalities of the law before the law has even come in! In this respect the anti CJB movement has a lot to answer for, it is stirring up defeatist fear in advance of a state attack. The government may even be quietly pleased that the protest and civil liberties movement have helped "concentrate the mind", focus attention on the government's spanking shiny new law and have helped restore fear of the law among some people.



"SMASH ARMCHAIR!"

Nevertheless, the class struggle is not dead.

I DON'T KNOW



"BARBARISM OR BARBARISM"

- A Rant that leads all over the place!

So where is it all leading? What with genetic engineering, supercomputers, smart electronic ID Cards, total video camera surveillance, barcoding babies.... What are they going to do with us all now they've got all this powerful technology to play with? Is it the end? Is the class struggle doomed? Have they finally won? Are we about to be exterminated? Are the Daleks invading Earth?

Totalitarian technology has been around for years it isn't "new". In fact you could say the technology for a totalitarian system has always existed in the form of a stick to bash someone on the head with. The technology to control the population has existed since the first chief invented the first club and the first chain and the first fence. And the best form of surveillance up until today is still the Mark I human eyeball. In the ancient world millions of people lived in slavery. The ancient world did not have surveillance cameras or computers. Their workfare schemes were also a lot more invigorating than those of today: think of the weight of all those stones that had to be pushed and shoved to make all those pyramids!! Today there are at least ten cameras watching me shopping in Sainsburys but I still get to pilfer the peppermint cremes and the miniature cheese (they didn't have those in ancient times). I'm still idling my time away as a prole of leisure and they still haven't actually got round to putting me on community action painting community wall murals for a giro plus busfare; There are at least a million or so not too unlike me.

IDLE SPECULATION

The serious point here is that there is a paradox that needs explaining: The fact that the rulers of the world have grown richer and more powerful than ever before in human

history, have fancy electronic gizmos and are also winning almost every overt clash in the class struggle doesn't automatically mean that the proletariat as a whole on average are always suffering worse physical oppression or even exploitation than in previous points in history.

It seems the world's ruling elite (the U.S. government and its western "allies", the top nuclear armed military, the super rich top capitalists, elite scientists etc...) have accumulated and are continuing to accumulate such a vast amount of capital and technology that, like the rulers of ancient Egypt, they may now be in a position to entrench themselves in a position of unchallenged leadership for hundreds of years. A sort of high tech neo-feudalism. Unless they are already suffering from a severe internal crisis it will not be a realistic possibility for those below them to physically overthrow them in a brief revolution or insurrection. In a more drawn out struggle or a stalemate, time is more likely to be on their side. Even if there is a big economic crisis, social breakdown, natural disaster,

REGURGITATED RANTINGS

insurrection, social revolt or plain common-or-garden chaos in certain parts of the world, the ruling class can sit tight in its bolt holes, survive comfortably and stoically outlive such events. The temporary loss of control doesn't necessarily threaten them as an elite, they can maintain their centre and their machinery intact until such time as they can reassert control and normal business can resume. In the meantime, in the situation of revolt, no-one is able to organise a credible sophisticated alternative that can endure.

Capitalism as an economic system certainly contains "contradictions", a "class struggle", a "crisis", but it always appears able to stay several steps ahead of these problems. Capitalism is certainly not "decomposing" like the nerds form the International Communist Current insist with their slavish worship of orthodox



Marxist decadence theory. To the contrary capitalism looks stronger and bigger than ever before.

But the human population is bigger than ever before, the proletariat is bigger than ever before. Although the new world capitalist order looks like achieving a sort of status of indefinite invincibility, there is still economic crisis and social revolt and class struggle and natural disorder/breakdown and so on.... The ruling class may be strong enough to insulate themselves from these things and be unthreatened by them but they will still affect us in our daily lives. The classical obsession of "smashing the state" and overthrowing the establishment doesn't have much viability or relevance anymore (capitalism is "smashing the state" itself!), neither does the Bolshevik agenda of overthrowing the state to set up a new state under a communist party led by professional revolutionists-cum-bureaucrats to impose a "dictatorship of the proletariat". The struggles that will be of use to us will be those about our quality of life, mutual aid, building and reinventing our own community, resisting the economy when we are in a position to do so. Traditional forms of communal struggle become more difficult with the new conditions imposed by capitalism, but these new conditions sometimes create the possibility for the reinvention of community; subversion of computer bill-

GOSSIP

boards, radical socialising, turning Job Club into down the pub club.... "struggling to commute to work" during rail strikes - via the pub!

So if we are entering a new era of near endless unchallenged rule over the whole world by the new world order then what struggles make sense? I think it will help to look at struggles over the last few decades and work out where we really are being defeated but also work out where we might actually be winning a bit! It is sometimes argued that the proletariat across the world has been living under constantly deteriorating conditions since the early seventies and the oil crisis. Everything wasn't all booming up to the beginning of the 70's and everything hasn't

all been miserable ever since. It needs to be explained, for instance, why wages were rising in this country, and quite a few other places too, substantially above inflation until the end of the eighties. Right at the beginning of the eighties the miners scored a notable victory when they threatened a big strike. Thatcher at that point had to back down immediately and do an embarrassing U-turn. Even at the beginning of the eighties, several years after the miners' strikes of the early 70's, the state still wasn't prepared enough to do full scale battle with the miners, they had to wait until 1984 before they were ready.

There is a sort of "martyrdom" effect with some strikes in that a particular group of workers who strike may be defeated and punished themselves but the system is still forced to indirectly make marginal concessions or slow down attacks for workers as a whole because that particular group of workers put up a fight. It might be argued that one aspect of above inflationary wage rises in the mid eighties was due to other groups of workers temporarily being "paid off" to keep them quiet while important militant groups like the miners and printworkers were picked off. Elsewhere in the world powerful successful strikes were occurring.

FANZINE EDITOR SEEKS LOVER

The rail strike could be looked at as a defeat because the signal workers one way or another are likely to be punished/pushed into individual contracts/sacked and replaced or even not replaced as the industry is torn up. But in Kamikaze terms workers as a whole may still have made gains from this situation such as informal stayaways, pegging of railfares? damage to capitalist economic "recovery" (offensive).

Apart from industrial struggles I think there have been several areas of informal struggles which can be regarded as partial "victories", I always get in to trouble for saying this but I still think things like the revolt against housework and domesticity and the breakdown of the institutional nuclear family in large

sectors of society, which has definitely grown, represents a positive step forward. I don't think this is just a question of decadence/barbarism but is also a product of class struggle since the early sixties. It

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has been argued that the revolt against housework and the role of housewife just meant growing numbers of young women being relocated into low paid factory work and office work instead in the sixties and seventies and holding back male wages which would have risen more than they did. But even if this is true I would argue it was still a gain. As well as at last getting paid something rather than nothing there was also a big rise in social security expenditure which has increased overall on the long run for the last few decades. Mass unemployment as a deliberate weapon was first emerging in the mid seventies but was used full scale from the beginning of the eighties. It has proved a bit of a double edged sword for the system. In the mid eighties and again today many unemployed are proving difficult to push smoothly into the new jobs. The "revolt against work" has succeeded in undermining the strict work ethic and work culture, it has helped to provoke all the cattle prods like workfare. But workfare too can backfire if people just become institutionalised painting the grass green rather than competing and being mobile in the real economy. In fact quite a large number of proletarians in this part of the world have shown a remarkable resilience to being more "flexible" in the labour market in recent years. They have resisted the threat of "supply side measures" ...benefit cut off by threatening the social peace, threatening to leave the labour market altogether, entering into the "underground economy" or even creating underground community, mutual aid and so on.

TOTAL CRAP

It is not just a question of the system having the physical technology at its disposal to do this, that or such and such, it is also very much a question of whether the system feels it desirable/necessary to



impose these measures en masse in practice. I think the leading criteria the system uses to decide these things at the moment is still the basic capitalist law of value ("will it make a profit?") and I think this will be so for at least the next five years. Eventually though I think it is

leading to a high tech, surreal(?), domesticated home entertainment/torture Barbarism. What might happen is one small group of capitalists, or just a single capitalist! could finally "win" the ultimate victory in the market and be able to buy out/wipe out the whole market. They would then be able to impose their own fantasy anti-Utopia on the world. If Murdoch "wins" then the whole world becomes a T.V. studio with all of us being brutalized live on T.V. or if the Saatchi's "win" then the whole world becomes an art gallery and we'll be massacred and exhibited as a piece of conceptual art...

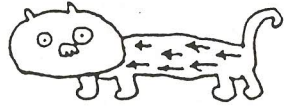
PROLETARIAN PICNICS AND SUBVERSIVE COCKTAILS

There are big problems with trying to forecast more than a few years ahead especially with the speed and scale of the way things are changing at the moment. It is not just that we don't really know what the long term outcome is going to be, it is also that there are huge amounts of disinformation, propaganda and straight-forward marketing hype being pumped out about the nature of the changes that are about to take place, particularly with something like this so called information superhighway they are keen to promote. With economic forecasting, capitalist economists admit that beyond two years in advance, accurate forecasting starts to fall down and anyway 50% of economic "forecasts" are just planted propaganda to try and influence economic behaviour/prices of various things/investment in various countries etc.

If you look at the system purely in terms of the cold technology at its disposal this rapidly leads to paranoia and despair. The system has had the atom bombs to blow us all up since the 1940's... but it hasn't done so! I'm still here, I'm still alive and I even enjoy myself from time to time. Just because the system has the technical



ability to impose something it doesn't mean it is in its interests (economic or otherwise) to impose it. Yes of course all our telephones are now tapped but there is no need to be too paranoid about it. Every day millions of telephone conversations take place. There is no way they can monitor every single phone call in serious detail and, not only that, follow up all the



information and leads about naughty activity that they have. They have computers that can recognise key words like "bomb" and alert the security people to particular phones and conversations. Soon they may have computers that can understand whole conversations but it still doesn't mean the system is able or even inclined to physically follow up every naughty phone call, much of the time they just haven't the energy or couldn't be bothered. If every person who commits an offence or is a little bit of an armchair subversive were dealt with and sent to prison then society would be like a fordist factory working to rule, it would grind to a halt!

Some future predictions we can make include an almost certain growth in the prison population as the system tries to "lock up the revolution". There is not going to be any return to real "full" employment in real jobs. As surveillance increases those struggles which are still viable will have to come more out into the open. This means they will take on more of a foot dragging and non cooperation type of character, leading to punishment and martyrdom for some but temporary concessions for others. More stupid laws, more lawyers!! A growth in self induced health problems: As people are unable to find an external escape route from the system they find internal escape routes instead....drugs, schizophrenia, self mutilation, over eating, the bottle...

The collapse of state socialism/state capitalism has not led to the collapse of the sabotaging ability of the lefty parties and unions against us. The trade unions in particular have not disappeared or become irrelevant to class struggle. Unfortunately they have displayed in the rail strike they are as menacing as ever in their ability to act as an arm of capitalist discipline in the workplace. In the future they will continue to be used as a weapon to prevent a mass social strike.

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while advanced technology involves a tendency towards more control it also involves a counter tendency towards decontrol. While there is more telephone tapping there are also more telephones! and there is far more telephone traffic than ever before!!.... more Capitalist growth and development lead to more control. But sometimes it can lead to the side effect of more things that need controlling. Despite technology, the basic

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principle for petty law enforcement remains "bust a certain percentage to try and frighten the rest" for the time being.

How is this information super-highway directly going to intrude into my life? - I don't even have a telly!! How are they going to deal with hopeless drongo cases living in the stone age like me? I have been wondering if they will eventually be forced to give the unemployed FREE interactive telly sets and FREE computers to force us into the system. Instead of the social wage; the FREE social colour telly and social computer with modem etc ha! ha!

PARTY!

On the optimistic side, in place of "praise marx and pass the ammunition", today it is more a question of "praise marx and pass the brandy bottle". We can see the advance of collective radical hedonism (as opposed to isolated consumer hedonism), communitarianism, carnival and festival, and sexual revolt as methods of resistance. The technically oppressive conditions that now surround us and the apparent unassailability of the ruling elite are giving lifestylism a funny sort of last laugh. It is increasingly a situation of our own communities and our own daily lives at work and at home being the only level where struggle has much use. This doesn't mean we ignore the overall design in the system or reject organised struggle against it. But it means this struggle is for today, not for some grand abstract ideal system. If the battle of ideologies and grand utopian designs has been "won" outright by capitalist democracy then there is no point any more struggling on a model of revolution based on some ideological programme for the future. There is unlikely to be a successful insurrection to construct a visionary utopian scheme, revolution is here and now. Communism is a form of practise in struggle. Organising with other proles who share the same common aims and common interests, the practical struggle for us will be the reinvention of genuine community amongst ourselves and the practising of mutual aid.

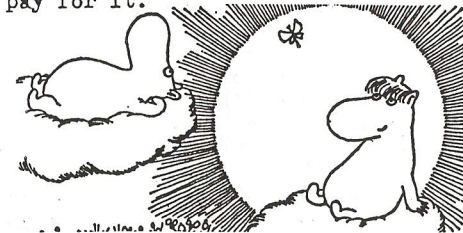
The current politico-economic strategic game plan we are following at ARMCHAIR involves helping set up a FREE mutual aid scheme locally as part of a movement of such schemes (see "The Free Box"), a consumer strike (buy as little as possible and throw away the telly!), and holding on until the last giro ever. We are also contributing to the spreading of revolutionary propaganda by helping to run bookstalls at gigs and events and such like, with other comrades, and joining in with class struggle prisoner support efforts.

Erik '94

I've been getting some serious hassle signing on at the dole office in recent weeks, the cheeky bastards. Every time for the last few times I've signed on they have tried to set up an instant job interview and push me into a job on the spot! Some of the jobs they have tried to push me into applying for have wanted younger people and, as we are now fast approaching a slightly more mature age here at ARMCHAIR, age discrimination has worked in our favour. The last time I went in they made me fill in an application form for a job at the DSS in a nearby town! They want to give me experience of life on both sides of the counter. They are putting in a heavy effort to push the longterm unemployed off the register and into any convenient dump or corner. It is terror tactics all the way from now on. It is fast approaching crunch time in the armchair anti work strike. However there are indications that the short term skilled unemployed may actually become more pampered in the future to keep them more mobile, versatile and attractive in the skilled jobs market.

We are still computer illiterate here at ARMCHAIR. If we are going to learn skills to be exploited by future employers then we insist they pay for it.

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COMMUNIST CRAP



Major thrrrp! of the week must go to those paranoid-miserabloid-leninoid persons in the International Communist Current and their snooty pompous rag "world ablutition". They have been having a go at our good chums from PROLETARIAN GOB (free from BM MAKEHO, LONDON WC1N 3XX) who dared to suggest that orthodox marxist "decadence theory" was itself in a state of decay as it is basically a load of old bilge. Decadence theory claims that capitalism, imperialism and war were basically progressive and really in our interests up to 1914 and workers shouldn't have complained or revolted against them. Then all of a sudden, in a flash, capitalism became reactionary and has been in a state of "inevitable" decay ever since (despite the fact that it is bigger and stronger today than ever before!).

We at ARMCHAIR suggest the likes of the I.C.C. SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED if encountered in the street as they are likely to bore you to death with their "no pictures please, we're all serious theoretical text" APPROACH to life. Their amazing shit hot political-economic theory amounts to nothing more than just a rewrite of the guardian in a bizarre zombie marxist doomsday speak. Like a cult language it has a certain hypnotic quality that even we at ARMCHAIR have been attracted to on occasions. But really half of it is just meaningless jargon, the other half just tells us more or less what we already know. Their own participation in struggle amounts to very little and they just sneer at outbreaks of class struggle when they happen in reality. For instance their attitude towards the large scale proletarian revolt and mass strike in Los Angeles was simply to repeat capitalist media lies about it all just being mindless hooliganism and criminality by a few kids in street gangs, lumpens etc... They think proletarians are all just stupid ants waiting to be educated about their true pre-ordained inevitable mission to create utopia when the time is right. This mission will be revealed by god, who of course just happens to be represented on earth by the infallible gurus and clergy of the I.C.C. More conventional leninist outfits like the s.w.p. and militant are easily exposed as petty state capitalist rip-off business outfits, willingly functioning as parallel arms of social democracy, and subjecting their recruits to a misery more humiliating than workfare. A group like the I.C.C. on the other hand can pose as being "ultra-left" and, although a lot smaller, can in some situations prove to be more of a nuisance.

ANARCHISM: A POOR EXCUSE FOR SELLING RECORDS.

This anarchism lark is getting too popular these days. Everybody is in to anarchy; computer software producers, rock stars, art students, artists, business gurus, capitalists, politicians!... Just look at the pile of celebrities at the "Anarchy in the UK" bonestock festival, and I thought these were the people we were supposed to be getting rid of.

I sometimes used to wonder why the state never outlawed or clamped down on the anarchist movement in this country over the years. In cynical moments I have come to realise it is because the anarcho market place does such a wonderful job generating millions of pounds of business for the british economy, acting as a source of new ideas and material for the fashion, design and music industries. Not to mention, of course, the armies of sociology lecturers, academics and the like who



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wouldn't be where they are today if anarchism hadn't provided them with miles and miles of anarcho-trivia essay writing material. The anarchist scene has been a convenient alternative career springboard for those unable to fit into a more conventional career structure. It makes me annoyed to see so much energy put into the anarchist movement by sincere comrades which is so easily ripped off by the entrepreneurs and spivs lurking around the place, leaving comrades burnt out and demoralised. Has anarchism become the avante guard of capitalism? Indeed is Anarcho-democracy even becoming an official ideology of the system as disillusionment with formal parliamentary democracy spreads? Will Anarchist-capitalism be overtly trumpeted as the next stage in privatisation?

"Recuperation!" some may cry, but maybe anarchism only has itself to blame as it has always been a muddled and weak philosophy. It begins on a negative demand for "no government" or "no authority". This in itself doesn't actually mean much, nor does it necessarily contain any positive material programme. In particular it does not really contain any clear critique of capitalist economics. This has always been one of anarchism's main weaknesses. Anarchism always left the back door open for the market pestilence to sneak in and do its mischief. Today it is the economic force which is in control and governs our daily lives in the form of market capitalism, jobs, money, rent, commodities and so on. Traditional political government and authority are increasingly redundant. The free market capitalist economy is now trashing and dismantling the old institutions of state and bureaucracy that it had once heavily depended on for protection from revolution or chaos. This has left yesterdays anarchism a bit dumbstruck with very little to say except to mumble "er...this isn't quite what we meant by smash the state". Goodbye to the philosophical anarchist wordgames about "no authority". It is time to physically assert a programme of "no economy" and to organise free communism amongst ourselves instead.

GREEN BOLLOX



Eco-fascist and general twat richard hunt, editor of "alternative green" magazine says the population of the british isles should be reduced to 15 million. We think he should make a contribution to population control himself by jumping off the nearest cliff. We also note that the government is sticking up the price of petrol in the name of protecting the environment. Greenery is just turning into an excuse for austerity and social control. Anyway I like litter and I'm just not into all this environmental/social cleansing.

DEMOCRATORSHIP OF THE BOURGEOITARIAT

DEMOCRACY OUTVOTED 2 TO 1

October 1994:

In 1990 77% per cent of east germans believed in the benefits of a capitalist market economy, while 90 per cent supported democratic pluralism. But today, according to a made up opinion poll by some bored research assistant, only one third of east germans now feel that democracy is the best form of government. Only two-fifths support the concept of a free market economy and 17 per cent would vote communist at the next election. While two thirds of west germans believe that the existing social system is worth fighting for, only one third of east germans agree. I just thought you might like to know that.

Primitive Communism Versus Integral Communism

Many different, competing, radical groups and tendencies, identify different incompatible societies as 'communist'. I don't want here to identify any 'need' or 'reasons' for forming a communist society. This article is merely an attempt to describe what communism must be.

Communism is the name given for a society based on a thoroughgoing community and a communal existence for its members. It is now possible, and has always been, to create small separate communities of a small number of people, which live in a communistic way. For instance it is possible to obtain a farm in rural Britain and work the land collectively, producing food, and perhaps wool and wood for the use of the members of the collective (in fact this is what some 'hippy' communes actually do). This way of life is certainly a form of communism, but an extremely limited and impoverished form. For a start, the more the collective rejects the products of capitalist society (eg machinery, metal tools, bricks, piping ...) the more time they must give over to labour necessary for mere survival. The commune would also no doubt suffer from the personalities of its members, which would have been formed under capitalist conditions, but not altered in a communistic manner by collective class struggle. Worst of all in some ways, it is extremely unlikely that the community would last for any length of time, probably not more than a generation or so. The community would constantly be surrounded by a hostile society, which would encroach directly in the form of tax collectors, police, social workers and teachers. In addition it is almost inevitable that the commune would be at least peripherally involved in commodity production and trade with the outside world, perhaps selling eggs to raise money for taxes or tools. Nonetheless, this hypothetical community would be a form of communism.

As I said before this form of society was always possible. In fact the earliest forms of society were similar to this separatist commune. Of course the first societies were nomadic but this is in fact a relatively insignificant difference. What is determinant about a society is not its location but its social relations. That is why both early nomadic societies and the first sedentary societies are now termed primitive communist. Primitive societies obviously had the advantage that their members had communistic personalities, having known no other form of society. However the primitive communist societies had a similar problem to the modern commune in that they were surrounded by other human societies, which were regularly, if not always hostile. Take note that even Fredy Perlman who idealised primitive societies admitted that they at times traded and warred between each other. Marxists, following Engels, generally argue that the trading between societies gradually encroached on the social life of primitive community so that members traded amongst themselves. Wilhelm Reich argued instead that the physical conflicts between different societies resulted in the amalgamation of victor and vanquished in clan societies (thus destroying their unitary character). Fredy Perlman improbably assumed that primitive societies could withstand any amount of trading and warring between each other but were destroyed by the trade and warfare between them and civilisation. Of course any particular theory of history only interprets the world in one way or another. We now live in a world dominated and transformed by advanced capitalism. We need to work out what kind of society a revolution can now create which will permanently displace capitalism.

The rural commune is obviously a non starter. It can only be short lived and does not displace capitalism but coexists with it. What about a return to primitive society? I believe that any new

primitive communism is also doomed. In a world of 5 billion people it is likely that a return to primitive communism would result in between 10 million and 100 million different societies (guessing at about 100 members in each). As primitive societies have no forms of very long distance communication or travel, each of these societies must be ignorant of almost all the others. As civilisation has vastly increased the human population, it is extremely likely that competition between neighbouring societies would be fiercer than in prehistoric times. In other words a return to primitive communism would result in much more trading and warfare than previously, and to make matters worse, this would be in the aftermath of civilisation, perhaps with many people still with largely capitalistic personalities, not to mention the legacy of weaponry and military technologies. It seems to me that it would be impossible that primitive communism could survive under these conditions. Most marxists would argue that the trade between societies would destroy them, Reichians would argue that the feuding between them would destroy them. Fredy Perlman believed that neither of these factors would be problems. However in his 'vision' of history he argues that primitive societies that had lasted for thousands of generations were relatively rapidly destroyed by the creation in just one place of just one civilised (ie hierarchical, mercantile, class) society. In a world of perhaps 100 000 000 societies, mostly warring and trading, how long would it take a post-civilised society to recreate the essentials of civilisation? Certainly not longer than a generation, probably less than a week.

Capitalist society is based on the division of humanity. The division into opposing classes, opposing genders, states, nations, competing enterprises and industries, competing sectors of the economy. Individuals are also divided against themselves in terms of alienation and the schizophrenic roles we must assume in modern society. Communism, the self-reproducing, post-capitalist society must destroy these divisions; this is why revolution aims to abolish classes and property, why it immediately destroys all existing states and the state as a social relation. It is why communists reject the aim of workers taking over enterprises for themselves and running them for their own benefit (an action which would end in worker managed capitalism). It is why revolutionaries reject as a model a federation of self-sufficient communes (which would hold a particular territory as property, denying it to others). Finally it is why revolutionaries must reject the aim of a return to primitive communism. Primitive communism is certainly the only form of communism which has lasted any length of time. It was in ancient times the best form of society that a revolution could have created (just as the federation of communes model was probably the best possibility before large scale industrialisation). But in modern times, perhaps for a century or so, it has been possible to create a global community, which uses some of the products of civilisation, in transport, communications and production, to unify humanity on a world scale. Such a society is the only way to destroy wage labour, commodity production and the state **once and for all**.

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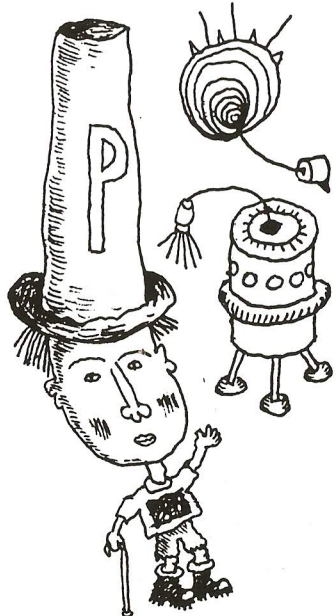


AND NOW ANOTHER CRAP STORY FROM ARMCHAIR

Despite the fact that the unemployment rate had just jumped over the seven million mark Max had somehow managed to land himself a job at the tallest office building in Croydon. It was the first job he'd had in two years and he was working as a temporary assistant in the photocopying room on the top floor of the Musty Fusty and Dusty corporation building.

Max had only been working there for a few days but he already felt bored and hated the job. The work was mind-numbing and he was at the bottom of the pecking order, just a dogsbody on lousy pay. To make things worse the boss of the firm, Sir Henry Brampton Realestate Bealknap Grumpy, was a total miserable git and he was making Max work all sorts of rotten hours. This particular evening Sir Henry ordered Max to stay behind after five o'clock, after he and everyone else had gone home, and do three hours compulsory overtime. What a bastard!

Well Max was really pissed off and he felt he couldn't let this pass without putting up some kind of token protest. For each one of the three hours he was going to be imprisoned at the top of this depressing office building he swore to commit one act of defiance to get revenge on Sir Henry and the Musty Fusty and Dusty corporation. For the first hour's protest he had the brilliant idea of dropping his pants and doing a moony out of the window!! This would be a great way of ruining the company's corporate image, he thought, as this architectural monstrosity of a building also served as a



It's a farce!

grand advertising symbol, expressing the prestige of the corporation. The people of Croydon would be outraged at the sight of his backside staring at them out of the office windows and they wouldn't buy the company's products anymore. Who knows maybe a crowd would gather, cause a rumpus and the police would arrest him. For the price of a small fine he could denounce the company in court. "Just imagine the scandal!" Max thought. Max turned his back to the window, bent over, lowered his trousers so all the world could see, and then waited.

Unfortunately Max had got it wrong. There was still plenty of hustle and bustle in the centre of Croydon, workers on their way home, late shoppers, people just hanging around, loads of traffic, but nobody could see what Max was doing. Being at the top of the tallest building in Croydon meant that from the street Max's posterior looked no bigger than the rear of an ant! And anyway people in Croydon are a moody lot and they tend to walk round staring at the pavement so nobody could see. Nobody noticed the full moon shining out of the Musty Fusty and Dusty building, nobody at all. Nobody that is. except for one individual.

Five miles away on the top of the hill in Brockwell Park stood Bartholomew Copernicus Galileo Name That Constellation Tresillion, a keen active member of the South Brixton and Herne Hill Amateur Astronomy Society. He was testing out the lenses on his brand new high powered telescope and he set up the apparatus pointing south. . . straight in the direction of Croydon.

"By Jupiter, that's amazing, how incredible!" Bartholomew exclaimed as the full cheeky display came into his view. As it was winter it had already grown dark, and all the lights in the office buildings had been switched off apart from the one in the photocopying room where Max was. As a result all that Bartholomew could see was an illuminated pair of buttocks suspended in the sky just above the horizon. "I know what that is," said Bartholomew, "it's the Great Arsehole's comet. It has finally returned after four hundred years. What a discovery! I must tell the rest of the society at once." And he rushed off to the nearest public phone box to reveal his discovery to the astronomy society president. Abigail Gemima Stardust Stockwell Electricriddle.

Now Abigail had her own theory about the sighting of this celestial behind. She thought it might be some sort of spacecraft from another planet. In order to get to the bottom of things she consulted with her friends in the East Clapham Paranoid Backstabbers Debating Society (of which she was also a member). They were quite disturbed by the news and they were convinced it was the mother ship for an invasion fleet from Neptune. Next Bartholomew phoned the astronomy society treasurer Beverley Galaxy Tesco-Superstore Dispenser and told her of what he had seen. She immediately told all the people she knew in the Fatuous Dinosaur Spotters Club. Brixton branch (of which she was also a member) and they were convinced it was the lost planet of the dinosaurs. Then Bartholomew phoned the astronomy society publicity officer Arthur Asteroid Heavenly Body Duxford Bacon and told him all about the cosmic bum he had spotted. Arthur discussed the matter with his comrades in the Marinus Van der Lubbe Young Hegelian Firebombing Society (of which he denied he was a member). They reckoned it was some sort of secret weapon being used by Lambeth Council to zap the brains of poll tax refusers and rent strikers with microwave beams.

Within fifteen minutes a mass of frenzied rumours were circulating throughout the whole of Brixton and

the surrounding area. They soon coalesced into a sort of "There's a huge comet in the shape of a gigantic pair of buttocks populated by dinosaurs hurtling through space towards Earth and it's being directed by radio signals from the council." An angry crowd started to gather in the centre of Brixton and they began to besiege Lambeth Town Hall demanding answers to their perfectly reasonable questions. Seeing that something akin to a public disorder situation might be developing, the chief constable, John "I'm not political but I like my waffles buttered on the fascist side" Smithson, decided to experiment with his latest counter insurgency techniques. He ordered his riot officers to line up at the top of Brixton Road and move on the crowd with their new issue cotton wool truncheons and feather duster tickling sticks. This only made people more angry and a full blown riot broke out. The crowd headed off south picking up momentum as it went.

Meanwhile back in the photocopying room Max had finished his mooning and he was a bit disappointed that no-one outside appeared to have noticed. It was now past six o'clock and Max was into the second hour of his overtime. He decided for this hour his protest would be more practical, he would throw all the company's fax paper out of the window. Max reckoned this would cause some real disruption as no modern office could operate properly without a fax. The following day the company might lose some important orders and lose profits. They might even make him redundant as a result, so he could sign on again in comfort without losing money!! So Max went round the office, collected all the slippery fax paper in a big pile and threw the lot out of the window.

By that time a very strong wind had started blowing and as soon as the fax paper emerged from the top of the building it was picked up by a powerful gust that lifted it and carried it for several miles. The fax paper came down all over the railway tracks at Clapham Junction! Now we all know that southern region trains can't run when the wrong kind of leaves are on the tracks. So when the wrong kind of paper is on the tracks the southern region network is very rapidly brought to a complete halt and the trains all came to a stop.

On the station platforms mean minded bourgeois suburban commuters (precisely the sort of miseraboids the "citizens charter" was invented for) started to blame porters and other station staff for the delays and began attacking them with their umbrellas. Likewise, on the trains, the drivers and guards started coming under attack. This was more than they could take and at Clapham Junction and stations all down the line railworkers staged an instant walkout. They had put up with too much already and now they were on wildcat strike against harassment, against privatization and worsening conditions, against Lloyd Grossman and Cilla Black! In fact against everything and anything. They coordinated their action using their telephones and radios and straight away organised a strike meeting outside Clapham Junction station. They knew that if the strike was to be a success they had to immediately spread it to other workers in other sectors, but to which workers? and in what sectors?

"How about sending a delegation to the nearest art college to win the support of all the deconstructionist art students?" suggested Cyril Botlacker Kropotkin Lighthouse Brightidea, a track cleaner. You could hear a cricket chirping in the background. "I know," said Dulcie Astrid Boudicca Sinead O'Connor, the station announcer "let's send a flying picket to Croydon bus depot and call a general strike." Now this sounded like a better idea, so they commandeered a fleet of vehicles and set off in a



convoy singing The Internationale and headed in the direction of Croydon.

Meanwhile again, back in the photocopying room Max was feeling mildly pleased with himself for his rationa

headed piece of economic sabotage. It was now passed seven o'clock and for his third hour's protest Max wanted to make a symbolic iconoclastic statement. Down below he could see the boss's spare limousine had been left parked in the small parking space just beside the entrance. He got the hot drinks machine and pushed it up to the open window. He angled the nozzle of the machine aiming at the limousine below. Then, using a screwdriver to jam the control mechanism in an 'on' position, he pushed the 'tea' button and waited for two buckets worth of tea to pour all over the boss's car.

But hadn't Max forgotten something? Since when did drinks machines ever do what you want them to do? Have you ever worked in an office where the drinks machine worked properly? If you point the nozzle straight down and put your cup directly underneath where does the drink normally go? . . . Yes that's right, it comes out at 45° and splashes all over the floor! So when Max pointed the drinks machine nozzle at the boss's car where do you think the tea went? . . . can you guess? . . . It poured straight into a cup being held in the hand of a certain Lancelot Icarus Handyman Barrabus Quail, a vagrant extraordinaire, who just happened to be sitting on a bench on the other side of the street.

Lancelot had just finished drinking a cup of tea he had purchased for thirty pence (inflation) when he was surprised to find the cup all of a sudden filling up again. But he wasn't going to complain, particularly when the cup began overflowing and the fresh tea still kept pouring down as a free gift from heaven. Now Lancelot was one of those street-persons who, when he finds



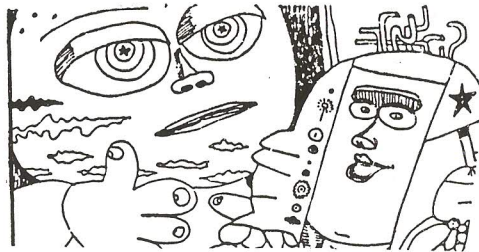
something in a rubbish bin never throws it away because he knows it will one day be useful. Lancelot remembered that somewhere in the numerous carrier bags he pushed round with him in his shopping trolley with a broken wheel (an essential accessory for modern living) he had

numerous cups and containers. He quickly rummaged around in the plastic bags and pulled out an old plastic cup, filled it up and then pulled out another... and another. Within three minutes he was surrounded by one hundred plastic cups, three cracked teapots, several mugs and an old urn containing the ashes of his late grandmother, now all containing fresh hot sweet tea. Like honey is an instant magnet for bees so free cups of tea are an instant magnet for every street-person, beggar, dossier, busker and self respecting drifter who happens to be passing.

A crowd of tea connoisseurs quickly gathered to sample the free cuppas. "What lovely tasting tea," said Marjorie Starre Demo Chant Leader Dorothy Barbecuerelish, a visiting traveller from Teddington as she drank from one of the plastic cups. "Ugh! what disgusting tasting tea," said Wat Tyler Freeman Squatterlot Landofplenty, a village idiot from Somerset who had come to Croydon to seek work, as he drank from the urn. Just then Croydon's public health officer, Herbert Ethelred No 11 Bus Zebedee Grindecob, pulled up in his car. "We can't have this, you don't know where that tea has been, it might be full of germs. I'm banning all these cups of tea!"

"Oh! You can't ban my cup of tea, I know my rights." retorted John Ball Bubonic Plague Lendustwentypence Calcot Tilehurst, a stropky itinerant from Ipswich. The crowd began chanting "free cups of tea!... free cups of tea!..." It looked like another of those public disorder situations was breaking out.

.....Talking of which, the riot that had begun in Brixton had made its way down from Brixton Hill, passed through Streatham, Thornton Heath and Broad Green and was now spilling into the centre of Croydon. At the same time, approaching from a side road was a huge convoy of vehicles full of railworkers, some carrying red



and black banners and many with a hoarse voice as by now they had reached the hundred and eighth verse of The Internationale. A host of struggles were simultaneously converging at one critical point. An historic triple alliance of the intelligentsia, the lumpen proletariat and the aristocracy of labour was spontaneously forming in the centre of Croydon. A general strike was declared and a mass assembly filled the street demanding the end of work, the end of shopping and free cups of tea for all. The crowd celebrated as they declared the creation of the Croydon Commune. So happy was everyone that one of the normally dozy inhabitants of Croydon (whose name is too long to list here) looked up from the pavement and looked skyward. "They what's that light on up there in that building?" he shouted, and the crowd looked up. "There's somebody up there and he's.... he's.... it's disgusting. ... he's WORKING! Shame on him."

Meanwhile yet again, back in the photocopying room Max was totally oblivious to what had been going on below. He thought the tea had just blown away in the wind. It was now five minutes to eight. Max tidied up, clocked off and switched off the light. He came down in the lift and walked to the front entrance. He came through the door and stood at the top of the steps, in front of him he saw a tumultuous throng, a huge assembly, a revolutionary soviet! For a fraction of a second the crowd fell totally silent as if expecting a speech from their revolutionary leader. Then all at once they began shouting: "S - C - A - A - B!"....

Erik.T.V.

Umbrella Anarchy

Umbrellas are becoming a form of public wealth: you find one and then you lose it, then you find another one!

Seeing as the weather in this part of the world keeps changing so quickly and most umbrellas are cheap, shoddy and a bit of a nuisance to carry round all the time, loads of them keep getting thrown away and it is too much of a cost for the system to "recycle" them. After a decent day's downpour you can be guaranteed to find loads of discarded umbrellas protruding from litter bins and dumped on rubbish piles round town. Some of them just need a little bit of repair. Some of them work perfectly and have just been thrown away by lazy yuppies who are just too lazy to carry them home, they just buy another one the next time it starts raining! I am regularly finding good umbrellas, at least one a week, and being a bit of a siv brain forgetful person I am regularly leaving them behind in places where somebody else will find them and use them. Built-in obsolescence and the throwaway society have created a small underground anti-economy of accidental free distribution in umbrellas.

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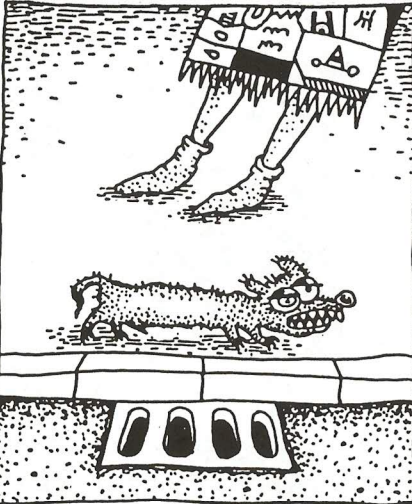
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