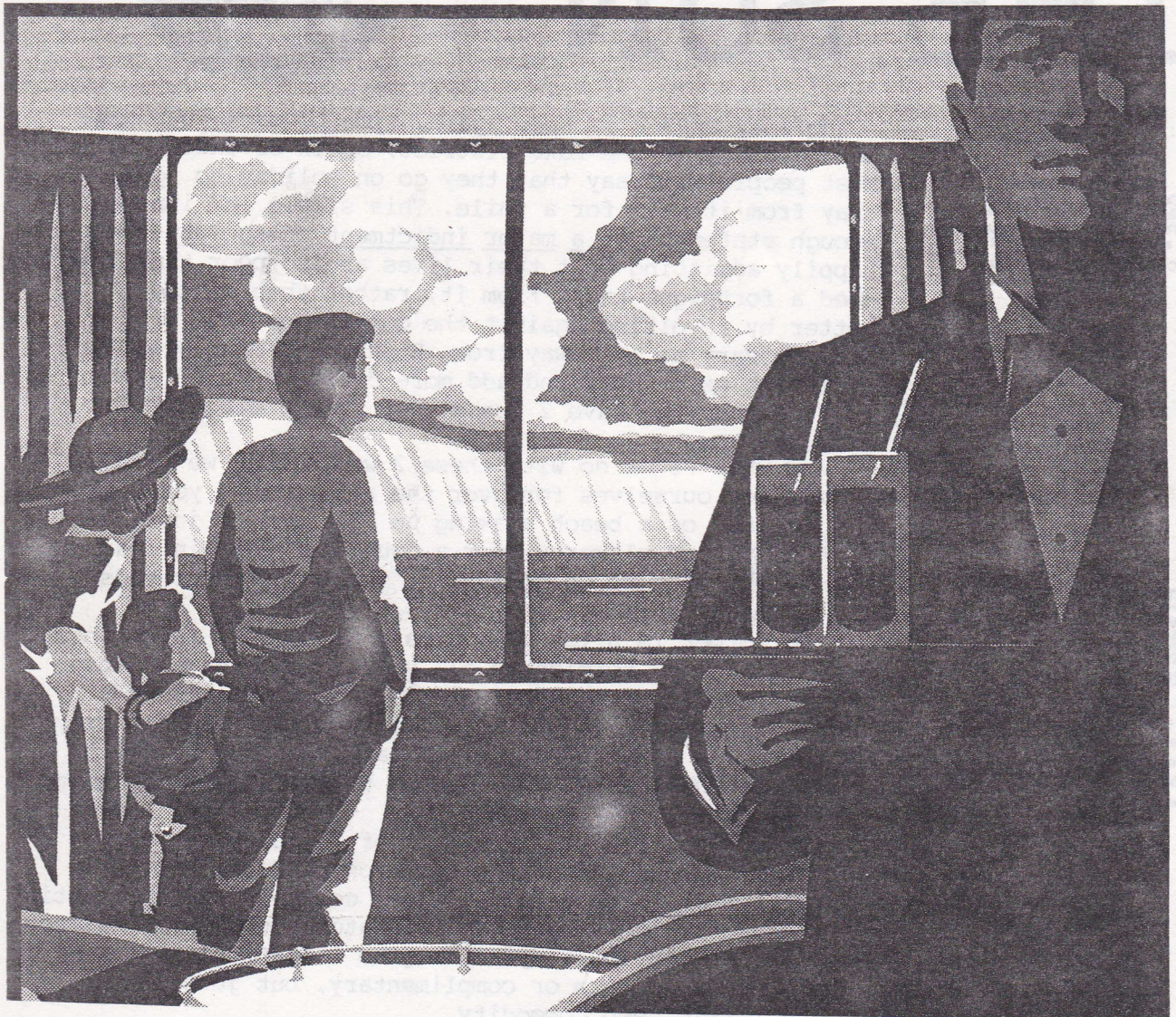


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Holiday season is here again, time to pack your bags and head off to the Lake District, Spain or India etc. Most people will say that they go on holiday to "get away from it all" for a while. This simple and innocent enough statement is a major indictment of society. People happily admitting that their lives are so poor that they need a fortnight break from it, rather than making it better by revolting against the conditions that make it necessary to get away from. Bizarrely, many people will work extra hard and add more drudgery to 50 weeks, just so they can have 2 weeks away from their everyday surroundings.

And what do we do with these 2 weeks that we have sacrificed ourselves for over the rest of the year? Either we just sit on a beach soaking up the cancer, just to look brown and glamorous for a couple of days in dear old Blighty, or we go to gawp at some other poor sods in a far away place.

The former is slightly the more obnoxious. Xenophobic cretins lambast foreigners all year round and then spend their 'free' time on foreign soil. The modern package holiday is simply another commodity and a tool to pacify restless and frustrated proletariats, to give us fools a goal, something to look forward to instead of striving to MAKE EVERY DAY A HOLIDAY.

Glamour has created the image of the bronzed god or goddess, we envy the the golden brown returned tripper as particularly beautiful. But, of course, it is a fleeting vanity as the tan vanishes - Ha! Watch your year's savings pale before your very eyes! Imagine the effect if we were neither jealous or complimentary, but just apathetic to their skin deep commodity.

Thousands of people packed like sardines on golden beaches, exactly the same as they are on their way to work and shopping, but the weather is a bit better. The really hip pay a bit extra for quieter beaches in more exclusive places to do exactly the same thing ...

... except that there are not as many people to cop off with. Desperate people desperately doing desperate things in a desperate desperation to get pissed, laid and broke. Why do we have to frantically cram pleasurable things into a frenzied 14 days, when there is all the time in the world to have fun.

The more 'refined' get to more 'exotic' locations to soak up the culture and different lifestyles. In Europe

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and increasingly beyond this, there is no difference in lifestyles, a grim semblance of uniformity is gripping Europe. My god, even the commies get the vote and have MacDonaldis now. All these jaunts are mere trips by alienated souls staring at other alienated souls, reflecting each other's total submission to the totality of sameness and the dominant, global culture.

The constant and frantic need for something new drives more people further afield for a holiday 'away from it all'. Societies with a bit more spirit and life than ours are turned into spectacles by the all-consuming system of TOURISM. Tourism has the entire world and everything in it's scope, the gift of choice of which part we want to see makes it seem attractive, when it is a mere subsidiary of the supermarket of ideologies. One travel agent proudly states, "WHEREVER YOU'RE BOUND, WE'RE BOUND TO HAVE BEEN" ... whoopee!

Holidays for the proletariat are generally a product of the industrial and post-industrial eras. They are one justification for the continuance of wage slavery. These justifications are now so subtle, charming and all embracing that few question their role and even fewer do anything about it. The easy and more attractive option is to take the bribes, ignore the contradiction and keep your head down.

A rather strange phenomenon is how the majority of trippers return to the safety of their everyday routine with "It was nice to go away, but it's nicer to come home" as if we are afraid of having a good time and breaking the very routine we got away from in the first place for too long.

The anarchists, to their credit, say that they do not spend time lecturing the working classes about how wronged they are because the proletariat already know that things are bad. However, I am increasingly sceptical of this because the dominant society has hypnotised people with satellite T.V., mass culture (or high culture for the more 'enlightened'), higher material standards of living, the right to buy your own council house, more and more useless accessible commodities and the reward of a holiday from your hard earned wages.

And if you rebel or step out of line? Well, there's another trip 'away from it all' ... to prison.

So, this year, another cheap holiday in other people's misery? Probably, but send me a postcard anyway!

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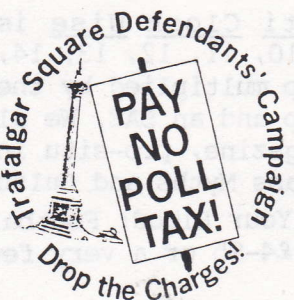
Too often the innocent have been imprisoned in an attempt to claim that a crime has been solved; scapegoats in a corrupt web of conspiracy and deceit woven by authority, some members of which would even have these people hung on the strength of 'evidence' which it appears can be falsely constructed by members of the police force to gain convictions

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Judge (who was Jewish) stated in her summing up that "of the two extremes, the political stance of the anti-fascist defen-



dants did most damage to the rule of law and was consequently a greater potential threat to the Status Quo."!

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It is PRISON that is the ultimate expression of this. In prison, the walls that divide us are concrete, and the punishment is bloody and physical. Prisons aren't for 'abnormal' people. They're for the likes of you and me, for people who have broken society's barriers. People who wanted money or food. People who openly expressed their anger at the shit around them, people looking for adventure. The 'freedom' that we constantly hear about is just another word for "DO AS YOU'RE TOLD, OR WE'LL LOCK YOU UP".

But it's the fear of prison that is one of the biggest barriers of all. When you follow their rules it's because we are frightened of the unknown consequences. WE hardly ever hear, read or see what life in prison is actually like, until we go there ourselves. This is no accident. There is a deliberate conspiracy of silence, to keep us in the dark about prisons and prisoners, and to keep our imagination running wild. So we stay frightened, and we stop thinking about prisoners. When we cut through the lies and through our own fears, the truth is very different. Prison IS survivable. It is not fun and might be fucking horrible, but it is survivable.

It's survivable partly because life and all its struggles DON'T stop at the prison gates. Prisoners are NOT passive victims and don't always sit back and simply accept their fate. In the face of overwhelming odds, they fight back again, and again, and again... and in prison it is easy to pick out the 'troublemakers' for there is rarely any escape. Like the rest of society, prison operates on a basis of punishment and reward. Remission, parole, association, visits, education and all other 'privileges' are the carrots dangled in front of those inside. Most prisoners keep their heads down, bide their time and look after number one: usually they get given some of the carrots. Others will raise hell ... and get a lot of stick. And sometimes hundreds of prisoners will get together and start to take apart the whole stinking place: arson, barricades, riots, hostage-taking, mass break-outs and pure joy. As in the prison uprisings during 1990 in Britain,

Even if we're not inside, prison and what goes on in there affects us all. Prisons are the ultimate punishment, the final weapon to keep us all in line. They need to be pulled down brick by brick, like the rest of this society. But in the mean time, small reforms can help to make prison life that much easier to bear - things like longer visits, more association, better food and less over-

crowding. The more we support prisoners' demands like these, the more we'll know about prisons. Prison life will become more tolerable, we will get less scared and things might really start to happen.

While we live in a world built on discipline, walls and punishment, we are all prisoners. We are living under the threat of prison. If we put a foot out of line, they can pick us up and send us down. As the whole system continues to disintegrate, blatant repression will become more and more common.

And all the time we're living in the biggest prison - a world of capitalism and hierarchy. If we're doing a stretch in Strangeways or Holloway, there is always some sort of parole date, even if it's years away. But while we're imprisoned in poverty, in shitty housing, in dead end jobs, in crappy relationships, in Britain or Brazil, the only way out is to DESTROY ALL PRISONS - inside, outside and everywhere.

# REVIEWS

HERE AND NOW ≠ 11. £1.

About bloody time too. It is a year since the last issue of Here and Now hit the streets, although the people involved have been busy with other things, including the West Yorkshire Discussion Group. I cannot get 100% to grips with H & N, easy reading it ain't, but the material it contains is certainly challenging. H & N seems to stand outside mainstream politics and look in with a cynical probing eye. Issue 11 includes a report on the way East Germany was absorbed into the new greater Germany, the best part of which is the pointing out of the positive things the East Germans had to sacrificed for unity and the notion of queueing for shops as bad in the East but good in the capitalist West's sales; another excellent piece is a critique of the Glasgow European Culture Capital year and its legacy for the administration of Glasgow; discussions on the Art Strike; technology and computer hacking; the Satanic abuse controversy and the N.H.S. reforms. Here and Now is the flagship of the 'cultural underground', in the theoretical sphere anyway .... as such it can tend to become a little boring at times. It is really a discussion journal of certain topics, presumably those that appeal to the collective and contributors. It is hard to discern any linkage between the issues under review, but perhaps the point is to raise the subject or ideas on a subject and then to let people do what they want with it, which is fair enough.

DE BELLO CIVILI Write for details to The Northwest Passage Club, P.O. 50884, 54014, Thessaloniki 22, Greece.

I tried hard to resist the temptation of saying "This is all Greek to me", even though this glossy book is actually written in Greek. I think, from the covering note in English and the pro-situ graphic style, that this is a situationist text called 'Civil War'. If you have any Greek pals or are Greek or can read Greek, I guess it is worth dropping them a line, otherwise it's one for those people who collect situationist stuff.

GENERATION X 75p from 1, South View, Main Street, Mexborough, South Yorks, s64 9NE.

A nice glossy covered punk(y) fanzine, subtitled "The mother of all fanzines". Fortunately, there isn't just music here, in fact Generation X is a bit of a weird sackfull of oddities. There are articles on Betty Page (a U.S. pin-up in the Fifties), Traci Lords (a porn star), Japanese hardcore music and reviews aplenty. Well worth the 75p even if you don't like the music taste. A cut above the usual music zines.

OUR DAY WILL COME A Celtic - Man. Utd. fanzine. ≠ 9 30p from P.O.Box 158, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN1 2RS.

I wouldn't usually impose football fanzine reviews on you, but this one is certainly different. First of all, I'm staggered to be even looking at a zine that purports to support Manchester United. This zine, though, is funny irreverent, dead cheap and has other stuff apart from football ... it is also supporting Republican football

teams, is anti fascist and includes anti Poll Tax slogans. Its targets are Gazza, Emyln Hughes, Loyalists, satellite TVs influence on football fixtures (yes, it's true, BSB tells clubs what days to play the games it is broadcasting!) and Tony Adams. A left wing, lighthearted football fanzine? Yep, seeing is believing so send 30p and an SAE to the above.

COMMENTS ON THE SOCIETY OF THE SPECTACLE by Guy Debord. Verso £8-95

Oh shit, the old bastard's back! It is over 20 years since Debord wrote the Society of the Spectacle, a scathing attack on society in its totality. I would question the amount of credit given to that book for the events of May 1968, but it's influence on thousands of individuals is beyond doubt. I quite happily admit that the Society of the Spectacle is one of the most influential books I have ever read. The Comments are a review of the 20 years since the Society of the Spectacle was published. Nothing much has changed, things are, if anything, even more daunting now. Debord argues that the capitalist and communist spectacles have merged into a global 'integrated' spectacle of domination. Even debate about the Spectacle is organised by the Spectacle. I am not quite sure that dominant society has such an all embracing grip as Debord's theory suggests and the Comments is an ultimately depressing work. It seems that Debord has to maintain the allure of his status as ultra ultra left. The Comments are not worth £8-95 ... but beg, steal or borrow a copy. The anecdotes and modern day examples of the Spectacle at work are good, but I think that the Comments add little to present theories of spectacular oppression. Guy Debord is almost a hero to me, but the Comments on the Society of the Spectacle seem to be little more than a self-justification exercise for Debord. He is still a genius though!

LOOMPANICS' GREATEST HITS: Articles and features from the best book catalog in the world. £12.95 plus £2.00 P+P from Counter Productions, P.O.Box 556, London, SE5 ORL.

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INDECENT ACTS IN A PUBLIC PLACE: Sport, insolence and sedition by Rod Dubens. £4-95 plus 50p P+P from Counter Productions (see above)

Indecent acts is a book of four essays, which discuss the various ways that sports fans refuse to be mere passive spectators or even passive players, despite both the Right and Left being disgusted at the proletariat enjoying themselves in physical sport. The book also contains a text supporting football hooliganism, which as a football fan who has seen hooliganism nearly ruin my pastime, I have little sympathy for ... even though it is quite an amusing piece of rabble rousing writing. Funny anecdotes link the whole book together. This is a must for those who are into the cultural aspects of sport and the working classes who just refuse to accept everything that they are told to do. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and read it in one sitting. Great stuff.

FOURTH DIVISION PROMOTION RACE 1990/1991 SEASON: "Stockport are up, Stockport are up, 'ello, 'ello".

You will have to excuse this little bit of gratuitous self-indulgence, but after 21 years of languishing in the Fourth Division, Stockport County finally got their act together and got promoted to the Third Division ... which just goes to show that however hopeless the cause, miracles really do happen! Well done lads, you made one Stockport exile very chuffed. Yo!

# OH NO, A RANT

It always amuses me when individuals adopt the label "nihilist" and insist that they are totally against all forms of ideology and say they reject all politics. Of course, this is just a contradiction. Being rigidly against all forms of ideology is itself an ideology and being consciously against all politics is itself a political stance. Claiming to "reject politics" is dishonest as everybody has politics of one sort or another, whether or not they care to admit it. Even if it is just mindlessly sitting in front of the telly and not giving a damn about anything, that is a form of political response. Nobody is above politics or can reject politics or wash their hands of it. Whether bourgeois or proletarian, everybody lives in, or under, the domination of the capitalist political economy.

When the situationists said "Nihilists, one more effort if we are to be revolutionaries" they were not praising nihilism but criticizing it. Nihilism and cynicism in themselves are inadequate as a response to alienation, they lead to a dead end, or even worse cause further alienation. Cynicism is very easily recuperated and turned into a weapon of the system. If everyday life is a miserable competitive rat race, well "That's life" and "Nothing can be done about it". We have to go beyond just a nihilist disillusionment with this present society and move towards a positive revolutionary alternative instead.

Everyday life is based on a consumerist illusion of individual free choice under the rule of the market. This manipulates us into seeing any problems we have as simply individual problems and it encourages us to struggle only individually in isolation. But there can be no isolated individual struggle against the misery of everyday life. There are no individual solutions to the problem of capitalist loneliness. Why? ... because individual solutions are lonely solutions. So-called "everyday life" is not something freely chosen and reproduced just by individuals. "Everyday life" is a product of the capitalist system and it is organised and reproduced by capitalist society as a whole, not at random by individuals. Therefore it needs an organised and collective response by us in order to change it. Individuality certainly exists and is very important, but collective action is also essential.

Now, I'm not trying to be a miserable lefty killjoy and say we should all go and join some party or support the trade unions or "Kick the Tories out!". I wouldn't insult anyone by asking them to waste their time doing such rubbish. But rejecting organised political responses means dropping out. Or rather, it means dropping in ... to the market: going wherever the market forces you while deluding yourself you are "making up your own mind" and "doing your own thing". Proletarians have to come together and organise politically with a set of ideas if they are to effect any real change.

Nihilists are like the monster with the big suction nose in the film 'Yellow Submarine'. They go round sucking everything up into nothing but eventually they go too far and suck themselves up. The problem with nihilism is that it just leads to a negative nothing when what we need is a positive something.

Paul.

# AGAINST NIHILISM

## ANTI CLOCK WISE

Hello, welcome to Anti Clock Wise 16. Thanks to everyone who has written in with comments, abuse and totally illegible handwriting ... it is hugely appreciated as ever. Graphics for this issue are courtesy of Andy C., the Anarchist Black Cross, the Temple Ov Psychick Youth, Graham Harwood, the Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign (send 'em yer dosh!) and various Sunday newspapers. Articles are by Paul from Reading, the Northern Anarchist Black Cross and the rest is my fault. The back cover is a sampler for IF COMIX 3 due out in the next few months, review to appear in a future ACW. Thanks again and take care. Wackiest postcard from your hols gets a package of goodies. Ta-ra, Rick.





# Temple Ov Psychick Youth



The following interview between Anti Clock Wise and Thee Temple Ov Psychick Youth London Access Point was conducted by mail. It is meant to give a general picture of T.O.P.Y., for more specific information contact T.O.P.Y.. It should also be pointed out that the subject of this piece is NOT the band Psychic TV (see Vague 16/17 for an in-depth interview with Psychic TV).

A.C.W.: Can you explain the influences on and the foundation of T.O.P.Y.?

T.O.P.Y.: Thee Temple Ov Psychick Youth is a worldwide nett-work ov Individuals founded in 1981 (although our roots go back much further). We are attempting to bring about a radical improvement in the quality of everyday life (one way of putting it). Most people pursuing this aim (political parties, performance artists, psychoanalysts, writers, painters, occult orders etc.) limit themselves to certain areas of activity. The Temple is designed to be active in any area, to free our minds by any means necessary. We are ready to use (and abuse!) or ignore any concept from culture. For instance, in T.O.P.Y. London, we recognise influences from the following: William S. Burroughs, Dr. Timothy Leary, Robert Anton Wilson, Aleister Crowley, Austin Osman Spare, the Situationist International, the Church of Satan, Dada, Surrealism, Chaos theory, Deconstructionism, Paganism, The Church of the Subgenius, Nietzsche, Native American Culture, J.G. Ballard, Frank Miller, Sesame Street etc. etc. Every individual involved brings a new set of experiences and influences.



A.C.W.: How many members do you have and what is the structure of T.O.P.Y.?

T.O.P.Y.: The basic structure of T.O.P.Y. is a non-hierarchical network. In principle, every Individual in the Temple is of equal status. For administration and organisation, however, a two tier system exists. There are currently three STATIONS (Europe, UK and USA). There are also many ACCESS POINTS, the main centres for local organisation. Access Points and Stations are run by the most committed and active Individuals, who choose themselves to take responsibility. Our influence is extremely widespread and for this reason we have no way of knowing exactly how many people use our ideas or are associated with the network. However, we do know that there are hundreds of people actively involved worldwide. We don't like to use the word member, too many connotations, O.K.?

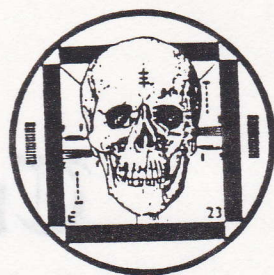
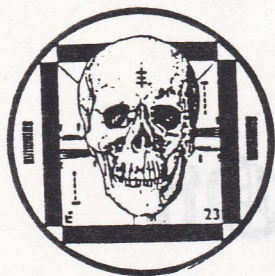


A.C.W.: I've been reading Eileen Barker's "New Religious Movements" which mentions T.O.P.Y. on a number of occasions. Is T.O.P.Y. a N.R.M.? If so, what is your definition of religion?

T.O.P.Y.: We haven't read this book, so any comments must be indirect.

i) Cults and religions offer little except domination, dogmas and imprisonment of the human spirit. In these terms T.O.P.Y. is an anti-cult. We offer no grand solutions to your problems, in fact NO easy answers to anything. We seek no followers and have no gurus. We can show by example how we





choose to live our lives and what works for US, but whether people get involved or not is entirely their own affair. It is more use to us to know one person who means it and wants to become active and AWAKE than 100 sheep who just use T.O.P.Y. as a fashion accessory.

ii) According to the Collins English Dictionary, the root of the word religion is the Latin religio meaning fear of the supernatural, probably from religare to tie up, from ligare to bind. The Temple embraces the supernatural and wishes to set people free - it is an anti-religion. People have always asked questions like "Where do we come from", "Why do we die?" and "Why do bad things happen?". Most religions seem to be about selling people easy, and incorrect, answers to these questions, usually involving the word "GOD" in some form. The Temple encourages people to investigate all answers to these questions and pick their favourites, or make up their own. Or, for those with courage, to face this life which has no reasons.

A.C.W.: What is your relationship and reaction to cults such as the Unification Church?

T.O.P.Y.: In a word, "enemy". We have no relationship whatsoever with mindfuck cults like the Moonies, Christianity etc. Following gurus like the Rev, Sun Moon, the Pope or "God" is a pointless, tragic exercise. Cults are like religions, only they want total control and usually permit no conflicting opinions. We have studied their methods of control because they provide an insight into the human condition and hopefully a way to fight back against the Control Process.

A.C.W.: T.O.P.Y. is still most famous for Psychic TV. Has this hindered your other work and what is your relationship with PTV?

T.O.P.Y.: Psychic TV provides a very useful outlet for T.O.P.Y. ideas. Some members of the bands are very active within the Temple, others not. If PTV were to cease to exist, T.O.P.Y. would be in no way diminished - and they've never held us back from doing anything as far as we know!

A.C.W.: Magick seems to be an important part of T.O.P.Y., you seem to mention Crowley a lot. Yet magick has sinister or anachronistic meanings to many people. Can you explain the type, role and importance of magick for T.O.P.Y.?

T.O.P.Y.: We are interested in magick because it works (for us). Magick, like sexuality, has been the subject of a great deal of hysteria and control. Both are sources of a great deal of power/energy and this is precisely why people have been blackmailed into not exploring them.

Again, we offer no quick solutions. People must find their own methods and design their own rituals. We can recommend writers or systems that we've used as a base, but these must be mutated by the Individual into a personal, functional system of realising their desires. We are dedicated towards the establishment of a functional system of magick and a modern pagan philosophy without recourse to mystification, gods or demons; but recognising the implicit powers of the human brain (neuromancy) linked with guiltless sexuality focused through will structure (sigils). Magick empowers the Individual to embrace and realise their dreams and maximise their natural potential. It is for those with the power to touch themselves. It integrates all levels of thought in the first steps towards final negation of control and fear.

A.C.W.: Manson and Jim Jones imagery has appeared in your literature. Why? Do you admire extreme cultists?

T.O.P.Y.: Lots of imagery has appeared in our literature, why pick on these ones? We have often been accused of glamourising these people, but this simply isn't

the case. The Jonestown incident indicates quite clearly the dangers of following leaders without questioning their authority. Manson is really rather tedious - a willing scapegoat for the moral backlash of the '60s. There is a great deal to be learnt from the media taboos surrounding these people, but our lives are interesting enough already without any titilating or 'shocking' imagery. Serious research has and is being done into these and other cults.

A.C.W.: Is T.O.P.Y. a whole lifestyle? What are your views on sexuality, race, speciesism, gender?

T.O.P.Y.: YES! T.O.P.Y. is a Way of Life (a 'lifestyle' sounds like another bland commodity) not a hobby. It is hypocritical not to attempt to live out your beliefs and desires 24 hours a day. The Temple seeks to end personal laziness and engender discipline: Our aim is Wakefulness, our enemy is Dreamless Sleep. It is now one of our primary concerns to develop T.O.P.Y. into a way of life in every way shape and form.

Single issues are dodgy, but on a total level we embrace freedom of sexuality (and have helped allies on trial under the antiquated S&M laws of this repressed country); we are opposed to fascism of any kind, be it political, interpersonal or social. T.O.P.Y. individuals have been active in the closing of the Brighton Dolphinarium, Anti-Fascist Action, Anti Poll Tax, Animal Rights, the Peace movement, the Right To Party, and many other issues too numerous to mention here. We attempt to put our words into action in every situation. Anything less is death.

A.C.W.: What are your views on technology, automation and things such as Artificial Intelligence?

T.O.P.Y.: New technology creates new opportunities for human experience, and raises mankind's limits generally. Unfortunately, technology is just as susceptible to becoming a control tool as anything else (religion, sport etc.). Whilst T.O.P.Y. supports the use of technology to obviate the need for sentient drudgery, we also recognise that technology is usually just harnessed to profit (making people more 'productive') and keeping people amused outside their jobs. As an aside, from the T.O.P.Y. viewpoint magick and technology are compatible. There are numerous texts available that integrate current technology with ritual magick.

A.C.W.: I am particularly interested in what T.O.P.Y. is doing now. Could you explain the activities and aims of T.O.P.Y. for the 1990s?

T.O.P.Y.: The '90s are going to be a very chaotic time for everyone, especially us. On the one hand, the nett-work is becoming more focused with the publication of books and magazines, more events and more input from each individual involved. On the other hand we are in the midst of a backlash against sexuality, the occult, drug use and non-conformity. We intend to fight all constraint in any way possible.

One of our long term aims is the setting up of a T.O.P.Y. tribal research centre, "The Big House". We also have a number of events planned for 1991 - gigs, lectures, film showings, an exhibition, and group rituals.

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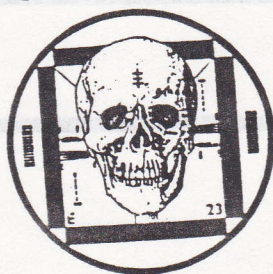
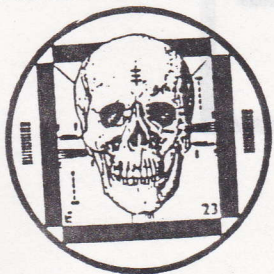
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## INTRODUCTION

Culture offers us the tools with which to understand and interact with our environment. Technologies have made the consumption of this culture easily accessible and profitable. The ideological bias of the dominant culture and the subsequent bias of technology has served the interests of the dominating culture well and has been rewarded with the status of *THE FUTURE*. Technology has made it possible to:



**"BUY YOUR OWN CULTURAL DISINTEGRATION."**

or

**CONFIRM YOUR STATUS  
NEW IS BEST GET AHEAD OF THE REST  
REASSURE YOUR ALIENATION**