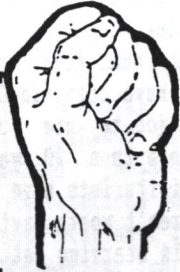


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KILL THE BILL



Picture this: a society where dog-walkers may be prosecuted, campers forcibly evicted from "common" land and protesters imprisoned for, well, protesting. No, not the Twilight Zone, we are entering the world of the Criminal Justice Bill. For ravers, travellers, squatters, caravan owners, rent paying tenants, strikers - indeed the majority of the population - proposed changes to existing laws and civil rights must shatter any illusions we may have about living in a free society.

By the end of October this year, the Criminal Justice Bill (or at least part of it) will almost certainly become law. Perhaps the sections that will effect most people are those dealing with trespass.

For over 800 years, trespass has been a civil offence, a dispute between two parties. Now, the criminalisation of trespass may not seem to be significant, until you realise that 75% of land in Britain is owned by just 1% of the population. That little bit of "wasteland" at the end of the street that everyone treats as common, will almost certainly belong to someone. So if you own a whippet, it could prove tricky trying to take it for a leak.

New laws proposed include:

■ Councils will no longer have a duty to provide sites for travellers. Finance for these sites will no longer be available, effectively forcing travellers to commit the (new!) crime of trespass.

■ A gathering of more than 6 vehicles can be forcefully removed from private land by the police, and impounded. The government reckon that establishing vehicle pounds will cost around half a million quid, this is to be financed out of reclamation fees.

■ Criminal damage to property is to include 'damage to the land itself' - so if your size 9's crush a blade of grass, you're nicked!

■ Squatters who fail to leave a building within 24 hours of the owners' applying to the courts will be committing a criminal offense. It will then be legal for any person (private security! gangsters! fascist thugs!) to 'use or threaten violence for the purpose of securing entry' to squatted premises. As if all this was not enough, "squatters" may include people who are legal tenants who fall a couple of weeks behind with rent.

■ 'Disruption' or 'prevention' of a lawful act will become a criminal offense, so goodbye hunt saboteurs and protests against environmental destruction.

If all of the above has boggled the mind, that aint the half of it! The Bill also contains provisions for setting up a new system of prisons for 12 to 14 year olds, extending powers to detain children, restricting the right to bail, abolishing the right of silence, increasing police powers to take body samples without consent, extending the law on obscenity and pornography, allowing the privatisation of prisons, increasing the maximum fine for possession of cannabis from £500 to £2500, and much, much more...

The only way to combat the Bill is to learn the lesson of history: that direct action gets results. Our inspiration should be the mass trespass of the moors by Kinder Scout in 1932, and before that the Commons Preservation Society who tore down fences enclosing forests and common land. As the Poll Tax has shown, the only way to break a Law is to break The Law. Groups helping to organise the fightback against the CJB include:

Anarchism

The philosophy of a new social order based on liberty unrestricted by human-made law; the theory that all forms of government rest on violence, and are therefore wrong and harmful, as well as unnecessary.

Anarchy

The absence of government; disbelief in, and disregard of, invasion and authority based on coercion and force; a condition of society regulated by voluntary agreement instead of government.

Anarchist

A believer in Anarchism; one opposed to all forms of coercive government and invasive authority; an advocate of the absence of government as the ideal of political liberty and social harmony.

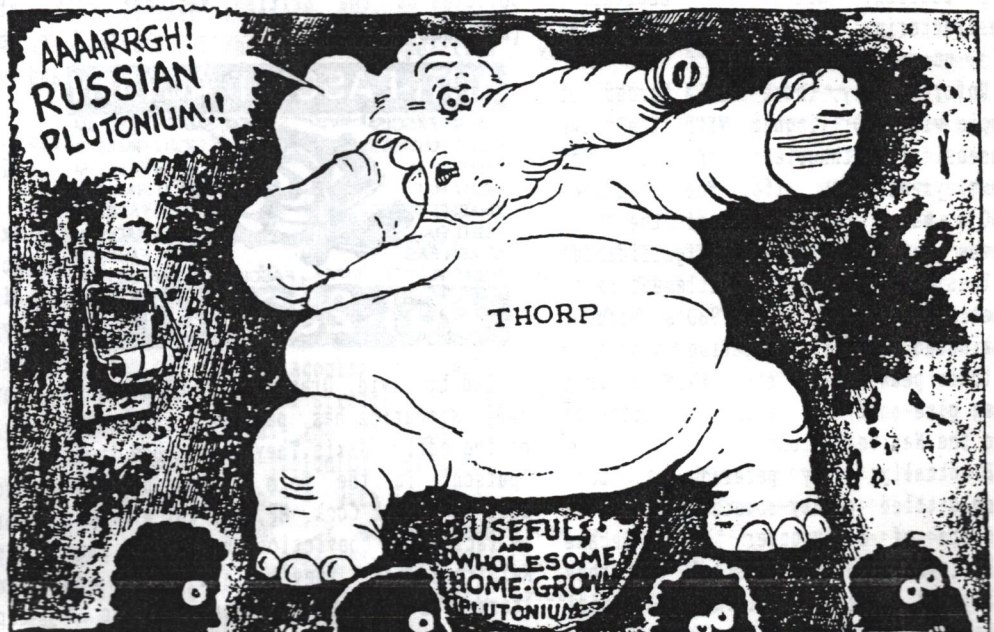
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DOLE OR WAGE- SLAVERY?



Alleycat Attacked

Alleycat Books, the only outlet in the North East for Anarchist books, magazines and papers, is coming under regular attack from fascist scum. Please send messages of support, or better again pay a visit (and buy a book!). Pogo on a Nazi! See article on the CJB for address.



Humanitarian Intervention

Notice how all the so-called 'peace-keeping' and 'humanitarian' military interventions invariably end with the 'peace-keepers' under fire from the people they're supposed to be helping?

When the US Marines stormed ashore in Somalia a few years ago under the gaze of the TV cameras, Operation Restore Hope was supposedly mounted to save the Somali people from hunger and murderous clan warfare. (As usual the commentators referred to this state of affairs as 'anarchy', despite the fact that politicians were behind the clan armies, and all the weapons were provided by States!). Ofcourse it all ended in tears, with the UN 'peace-keepers' firing on unarmed civilians.

Remember that one of the justifications for Operation Desert Storm (or rather Operation Double Standard) was Saddam Hussein's treatment of the Kurds? Who now invokes the rights of the Kurds when they're under constant attack from NATO member Turkey? No-one.

When the British Army went into northern Ireland 25 years ago it was sold

to the gullible as an exercise to re-establish communal peace and protect the Catholic minority. In fact the troops went in because the RUC had very definitely been sent packing in many working class areas. The troops were initially welcomed with cups of tea in the Catholic ghettos, until people saw they were there to do the RUC's job - repression. Then the cups of tea were replaced by bricks and bottles.

The point is that governments always seek to give a justification for their military interventions which hide their real, selfish motives.

When the French intervened in Rwanda, supposedly to create a safe-haven for refugees, but in reality to slow the RPF rebel advance, what they actually did was encourage (along with the fleeing Rwandan government) the mass exodus of Hutu refugees. The results are before us on our TV screens every night in the pictures from the camps in Zaire.

Unlike liberals who would support calls for UN, humanitarian, peace-keeping, etc. interventions in Bosnia,

Haiti, Rwanda, etc., anarchists do not call upon governments to clean up a mess caused by... governments!

Private Shaun Taylor (20), from Thornaby, was the sixth British 'peace-keeper' killed in Bosnia. The seventh to join the list on July 27th was another Teessider.

What the fuck business did Shaun Taylor have being in Bosnia? Maybe it was only a job to him (one of the few jobs available to a 20 year old Teessider). Anti-militarists have to say that some jobs aren't worth having. And if half the world is starving at least part of the reason is that the planet is saturated with the apparatus of war. We have to message home every time the Army sets up a tank at the Summer Fair for kids to clamber over, everytime we come across people who think it's 'normal' for their kids to want to join the Kadets, etc.

Whether it's Belfast or Bosnia, militarism is part of the problem, not the solution. Desert the State!

Nazis in Billingham

Teeside Anti-Fascist Action can be contacted at our PO Box

Billingham is a town of 30,000 people on the outskirts of Teeside and has seen better times, to say the least. Built on the fortunes of ICI, the town rapidly expanded during the 1930's. Everyone had a job for life and could get the youngsters in to take over from them when they retired. After the capitalist 'restructuring' of the late 70's and 80's, unemployment is rife.

Unfortunately, there is a group of people within Billingham with their own nonsensical 'theories' as to why unemployment is so rife. For them, the 1930's means the 'Night of the Long Knives', and Billingham's 'significance' as Teesides first Viking settlement is of unhealthy interest. The 1980's brought a skinhead revival, numbering around 30 in their peak, with their main interest being glue-sniffing - with a few drifting into the National Front (NF).

Eventually, they petered out, most being settled twenty-somethings. But a hardcore of 8 younger skins became 'embittered with the system' (so they claim) and formed the Billingham National Socialist Freikorps (BNSF). The original

Freikorps were Right-wing terrorists, infamous for organised scabbing and the murder of political opponents such as Rosa Luxemburg during the political turmoil of Germany in the 1920's. Putting it simply, the BNSF are Blood and Honour skins, unimpressed with the 'liberal' policies of the British National Party (BNP) and the NF!



Led by David Draper, the BNSF claim their situation has parallels with that of the early Nazis. They have had their 'putsch' in the form of sending hate-mail to Frank Cook MP, for which Draper is facing a conviction under the Race Relations Act. They claim they are 'targetted' by Labour. Their existence as a neo-Nazi group has been made bonafide

Dirtier than Jeffery Archer's back and a danger to themselves as well as their neighbours.

(in their eyes) by pieces in the Northern Echo and Searchlight.

Yet what we are actually dealing with is a bunch of political nobodys whose hypocrisy is staggering. The main focus of their lives is using LSD and Ecstasy, yet they are uncompromised in their stance against drug dealers. They moan on about Fenians and Papists yet have a high ranking member who is a Catholic. Their commitment to 'racial purity' is unaffected despite having a member who is half Vietnamese.

To sum up, the BNSF is a typical example of a Fascist grouplet; white working class youth motivated by a mixture of anger, ignorance and hypocritical, pseudo-radical politics and led into being street fighters for the bourgeoisie. Fascism must be, and is being, fought.

Physical confrontation however, whilst necessary, is not enough. The anti-working class nature of Fascism must be exposed. Anarchists must explain the real cause of working class misery - global capitalism - and offer a genuine means to create a better life for all.



Italy

On Thursday April 7th, a packed meeting took place in Rome at the Villaggio Globale on the current political situation and the future, called by the Cobas⁽¹⁾, the USI⁽²⁾, Radio Onda Rossa, Radio Citta Aperta, and some of the social centres⁽³⁾.

The meeting was presided over by Bernocchi (Schools Cobas National Executive), Roberto Martelli (USI National Executive), Miliucci (Energy Cobas Network), Babusci (Rome FLMU-CUB)⁽⁴⁾, and the representatives of the two Roman movement radio stations. In the presence of over 500 workers, comrades, students and of all the manifestations of the Roman self-organisation movement, for nearly four hours there took place a focused debate, with concrete and often unitary proposals on how to emerge 'winners' from the dead-end of the historic Left which paved the way for the Right-wing whirlwind sweep to power in Italy.

The Right today was examined - those who want to impose an oligarchical management of power, those who want to destroy public and social services - but also how there hadn't been a convincing response from the institutional Left. The ability of Berlusconi/telenovelas to give a new face to the centre-Right, using all the strengths of mass media, and to respond to the needs and demands of citizens (as with the promises to create a million jobs, to cut taxes...), was aided by the Left (unfortunately tied to the capitalist system) which called for more sacrifices from workers and proletarians for at least another two years. A spent Left (it was enough to see Occhetto⁽⁵⁾, on TV) saw only Bertinotti of the Communist Renewal⁽⁶⁾ launch the odd alternative proposal, such as that of a tax on Treasury Bonds, but wasn't able to give an answer to the unemployment crisis with the demand for the reduction of working hours. (After all, they couldn't upset the accords between the confederals⁽⁷⁾ and the bosses, and their 'consensus' against the workers as evidenced by the July accords⁽⁸⁾). Neither was the Left able to raise the issue of the use of free public and social spaces⁽⁹⁾, nor to defend the public from the private (let's not forget that after the students' street protest, the PDS voted for the Ciampi government's schools autonomy⁽¹⁰⁾ project, one of the signposts in the dismantlement of the public sector!).

There are, however, explosive contradictions within the Right also. Berlusconi laissez-faire liberalism clashes with the federalism of Bossi and the Statism of Fini⁽¹¹⁾. The movement of the self-organised and for self-management can and must intervene on these weaknesses as soon as possible.

It is necessary to reunify the 'anti-capitalist' camp, respecting its diversity (even in organisational terms), with clear proposals, with an all-encompassing and alternative political and union agenda which is able to 'reoccupy' that political, cultural and social space that the institutional Left has lost. We need 'big' ideas that can engender 'passion' and 'involvement' in that part of exploited Italian society, certainly amounting to over 30%, which is confused and disorientated and which often votes for the Right to 'protest'.

As members of the USI, we have denounced elsewhere the management mistakes of the progressive⁽¹²⁾ administrations, in Rome as in Palermo, which paved the way for the turn-around from the Local Elections⁽¹³⁾. (The situation has returned to 1992, with the names from the DC and the PSI finding a home in Forza Italia⁽¹⁴⁾, with the support of the Church and the old lobbies: mafia and P2). These mistaken policies today lead us to fight the Rome municipality in defence of the insecure workers⁽¹⁵⁾ of the municipal infants schools, some 3,000 workers, who after working for 10-12 years see their jobs and services being cut. (The union set up in this sector, the CISMA-USI, has recruited two hundred members in less than two weeks!). We've also pointed out the limits of a politics based on the delegated vote, and the need to relaunch direct democracy and self-management in the streets and in the workplaces.

The proposals which the movement for self-organisation and self-management took on board were to launch as soon as possible, after a NATIONAL MEETING to take place in Rome during May, a Convention of the antagonist movement, and a social Platform of struggle with as its main tenets: (a) the question of employment and work, including a proposal to reduce working hours with immediate effect; (b) the fight for a guaranteed income; (c) the strengthening and decasualisation of social and public services; (d) reclaiming the street, with political recognition of the occupied

social centres (without the need, in our view, for institutionalisation!); (e) direct democracy.

Lastly, as well as supporting the demonstration called by the Roman social centres, the meeting decided to call its own protest in the city, in the streets on May 1st in its own right.

-Lazio Region USI

NOTES

1. Cobas - acronym for "comitati di base", base committees, a grass roots workplace movement dating from the eighties outside the control of the official union Confederations.
2. Unione Sindacale Italiana (USI), the Italian syndicalist union and section of the International Workers Association (IWA).
3. Social centres - unused buildings occupied by Leftist youth as centres of creativity and self-management. Capital and heroin-free zones. A national phenomenon in recent years.
4. FLMU - United Metal Workers Union, affiliated to the CUB (United Base Confederation).
5. Occhetto was the leader of the Democratic Left Party (PDS), which evolved out of the old Communist Party. He resigned when the PDS lost further ground after the Euro Elections in June.
6. Communist Renewal - the minority of the old CP, who wanted to keep the name and split with the PDS.
7. The triple Confederation are the official unions in Italy. The largest of the three Confederations, the CGIL, is dominated by the PDS.
8. The employer-union-government accords of July 1992 and 1993.
9. Referring here to the phenomenon of the occupied social centres.
10. Here "autonomy" means deregulation, opening to market forces, etc.
11. Bossi is the leader of the separatist Lega Nord, Fini of the neo-fascist led Alleanza Nazionale, Berlusconi's partners in government.
12. The PDS, Communist Renewal, Greens, anti-mafia Network, Socialists, etc. in alliance are termed the "progressives".
13. Which the progressives won at the end of 1993.
14. 1992 was the year the Tangentopoli scandal broke, resulting in the demise of the ruling Christian Democrat (DC) and Socialist (PSI) Parties. Forza Italia is Berlusconi's party.
15. Workers without a permanent contract of employment.

We have received a news from a new revolutionary group in former Yugoslavia. It read as follows:

Revolutionary Group Torpedo

'January 10 is a important day for libertarian struggle. On that day we set up the first libertarian group in F.R. Yugoslavia (Serbia). After a hard struggle against rotten State, dictatorship of minority from ruling party and against a new bourgeoisie grown from the economic collapse, black market and a dirty war.

We will also try to set up new libertarian groups or organizations in any town where that is possible. The libertarian movement in F.R. Yugoslavia (Serbia) is just born and we have a lot of work to do.

But we desperately need your help, comrades. We know that nobody lives good and without problems in these days, but maybe you have something we really need. If we don't mention money which everybody need, we need envelopes; any kind of office supplies; libertarian books, pamphlets, leaflets, newspapers, fanzines or magazines; new experiences in struggle... If you don't have anything what you can send us, please just write us. We also need international support.

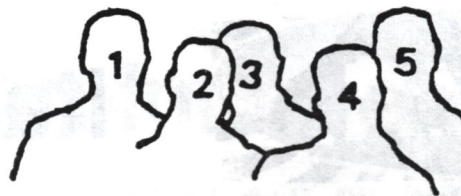
Remember: your help is also part of a revolutionary struggle. You help us to spread the word and educate people where the libertarian movement is just born." Send material to the Anarchy! PO Box for forwarding.

Anarchists - 1 Police - 0

The Anarchists won a thumping victory over the Police at the Hyde Park Stadium, in the second round of the Criminal Justice Bill Cup. This came after the Anarchists drew with the Pigs at the Downing Street Ground earlier this year, the defence seeming tougher than was expected. We look forward to the third leg!

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That's all for now folks! If you like what you read get in touch and we'll make sure you get a regular copy. Any comment or contributions are more than welcome, so don't delay, get writing!



The Beautiful Game

Football is the best spectator sport in the world - absolutely no doubt about it. The World Cup proved that, even if the final was a huge anti-climax, as it was four years ago. If you didn't find yourself struggling to keep your eyes open at 2.00am watching Bolivia v. South Korea, you deserve only pity.

It's the old strategy of bread and circuses of course. Italy's defeat in the final added to Berlusconi's difficulties (ha ha!). Brazil's victory seems to have turned the tide in the shanty-towns for the Establishment candidate in this Autumn's Presidential election, where he was previously staring defeat in the face. But the 'people's game' cliché does have some basis. It's hard to imagine Cricket or Tennis having quite the same pull in the Rio de Janeiro favelas.

However, if the 'beautiful game' (as everyone seems to call it these days) shone through in spite of the McDollars and some crazy scheduling and refereeing decisions, one thing spoilt it for me... the commentators, especially on ITV!

Did we really have to hear Alan Parry say that the South Koreans are a commentators nightmare because they're all called Sung, and they all 'look the same'? (They also provided some of the football highlights, you fuck!)

Did we have to endure the sight of Bob Wilson pontificating about Maradona (or rather Prima donna) the flawed genius, with a barely disguised sub-text of 'cheating dago' - remember the 'hand of god' etc. (English fans always seem to forget Maradona's other goal from the 1986 2-0 victory over England, which is strange, since it's much more memorable).

And did we really need to hear a desperate Brian Moore teeling us for the hundreth time that it was hot out there, which was why the players weren't going at 101% like at a Boro v. Newcastle match at Ayresome Park in January?

Let's face it, some people won't be happy until England win the World Cup, an unlikely event even if it were staged here again. The next footballing feast is in this country, the European Championship in 1996, followed by the World Cup in France in 1998. Can't wait.

Obituary

Vincente Blasco Carrillo, who died in North Tees Hospital on July 18th aged 77, was active in the Spanish anarchist movement in his youth.

Born in Barcelona, he was a militant in the 'Faro' group of the FIJL (Iberian Federation of Libertarian Youth). After the fascist military coup was defeated in Barcelona on July 19th 1936 by the armed working class, Blasco joined the militia of the anarcho-syndicalist union, the CNT, and fought at the Aragon front in the Duruti Column.

When the militias were militarised - partly due to counter-revolutionary elements in the Republican camp, partly to give a better impression to the outside world - Blasco was sent by the CNT to the military academy in Barcelona, where he was made a Lieutenant. (The CNT wanted to counter the influence of the Stalinists and their fellow travellers busy taking control of the Republic's army).

When the Republic was defeated in 1939, he joined the tide of refugees who escaped across the border to France. Like some of the others in refugee/concentration camps like Argeles-sur-Mer he joined the French Army (Foreign Legion) in order to escape the deplorable conditions (the French socialist Popular Front government didn't have much to learn from the nazis in this department...) - the French Army needed recruits because the Second World War was about to start.

When France fell to the nazis Blasco escaped from Lebanon (where he'd been posted) to Palestine. There he was amongst a group of 70 Spanish Civil War veterans (republicans, communists and anarchists) who having been recruited into the French Army and having fled with their arms to British-occupied Palestine on France's fall, were now recruited into the British Army Commandos! Captured during the British withdrawal from Crete, he was a prisoner of war in Germany for three and a half years.

After the war he settled in Stockton, working and bringing up a family. He never returned to Spain. With our comrade Juan, also a participant in the Spanish libertarian movement and the Revolution, and who later came to know Blasco in the Commandos, as a prisoner of war in Germany, and after settling on Teeside, we salute an anti-fascist fighter. Now as then, Muerte Al Fascismo!

-Teeside Anarchists