

# DANGER!

## *Politicians at Work!*

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**X**

MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THEY BURY THE TREASURE  
WHICH IS YOU

**X**

CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED WHERE AN 'H' WOULD  
BE MORE APPROPRIATE

**X**

IS THE SIGN OF THE POLITICAL TREBLE CHANCE,  
BUT YOU GIVE THE THREE POINTS INSTEAD OF  
RECEIVING THEM. ALSO IN THIS POOL THERE IS  
NO DRAW—YOU ALWAYS LOSE!

**X**

IS THE CROSS YOU WILL CARRY FOR GIVING UP  
YOUR SELF-RESPONSIBILITY INSTEAD OF THINKING  
AND ACTING FOR YOURSELF.

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DO NOT DWELL TOO MUCH ON ONE LETTER OF THE  
ALPHABET. A KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE FROM A TO Z  
MEANS THAT YOU WILL

***Refuse to Vote!***

## Vote What For?

**I**f we were politicians intent on getting power; if we wanted you to mistake the shadow for the substance or the gravy for the meat; if we wanted you to think that by voting for a change of masters you thereby freed yourself from masters; if we hoped you would believe these things . . . then we would promise you more houses, better living standards, peace, security and so on and so forth BUT we Anarchists do not want power, we do not wish to become M.P.s or even 'socialist' delegates to parliament as the S.P.G.B. wish to become—we want you to see things as they really are. So we say to you DON'T VOTE, stop being the dupes of political racketeers, and think and act for yourselves.

By voting you throw your initiative and power into the gutter. You authorise a set of men to decide your lives for you and become your masters. The business of the politician is to lull your discontent with lying promises and empty reforms. Whatever label they may attach to themselves the result is always the same. If they win they are at the top and you are at the bottom. You do the working, the fighting and the dying, and they get the glory and the privileges.

By voting you sanction your own subjection to the tyranny of authority, and hand to your rulers the whip with which to lash you into obedience. You say that you

are not capable of running your own lives; that you are content to be wage-slaves exploited by a privileged class and that you are prepared to see this world of insecurity, war and poverty, continue. No government, be it conservative, liberal, labour or communist can give the people freedom. No government has ever succeeded in solving any of the fundamental social problems of the world. All that government can do is to keep the common people in subjection and guard the interest of the privileged and exploiting class.

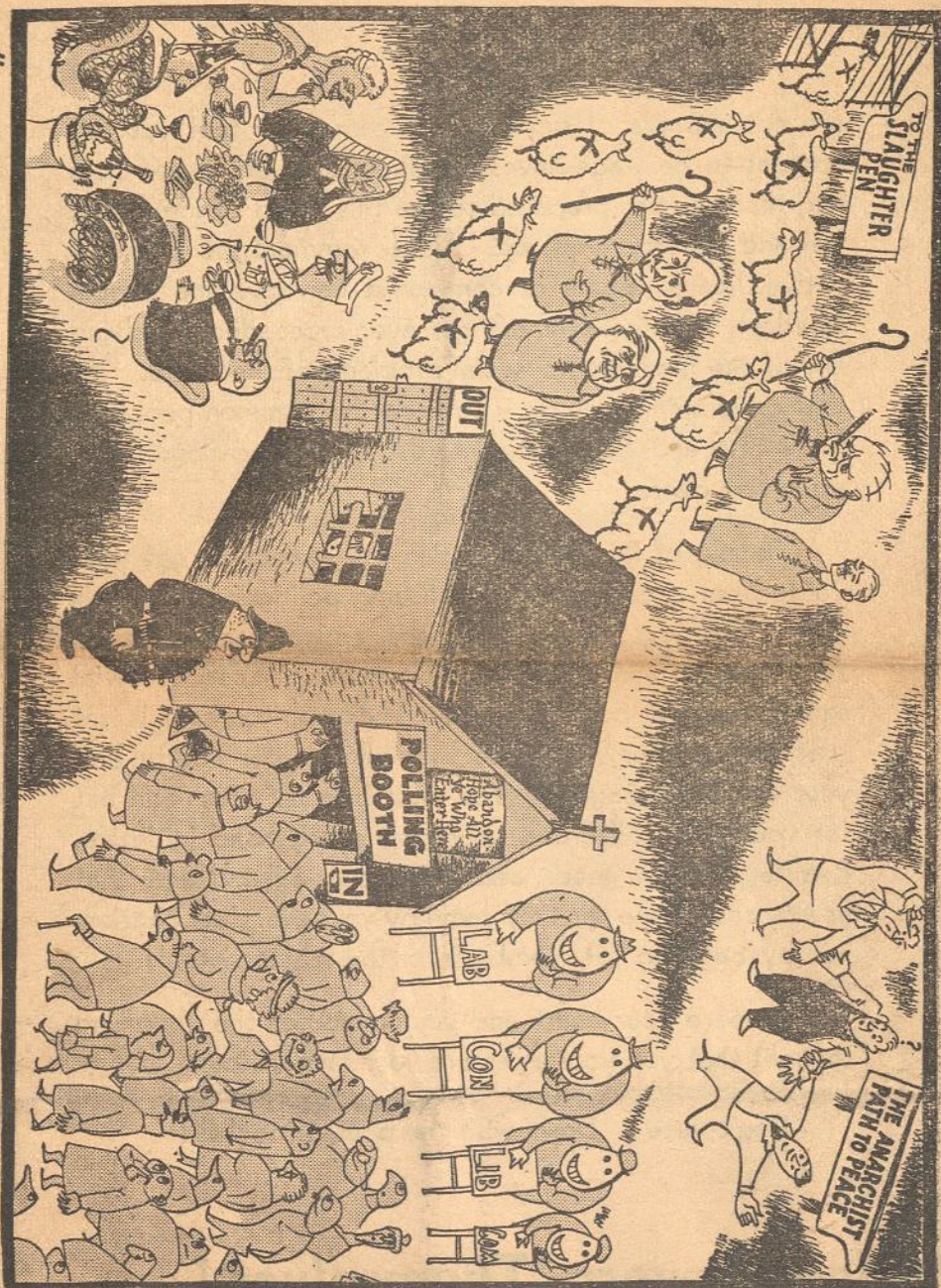
People of Paddington! Do not expect to get your rights from a gang of vote-catching politicians. They will never free you. Give them the answer they deserve. Tell them you are tired of paper promises, tired of trivial squabbling over political claptrap, because you have learnt that they are only a noose with which your liberty and your will are strangled. You must help ourselves and act for ourselves. Exercise your own energy and initiative. Realize your own needs, assert your own will and learn that liberty and justice can only come by your own direct action, not by begging for crumbs from the masters' table.

Prepare your heart and your mind for the liberating thought that you yourselves are your own saviours.

Don't vote! Down with the political racket!

## **Government is for Slaves, Free Men Govern Themselves!**

"MUTTON WILL BE PLENTIFUL" — *Ministry of Food.*



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