

KATE SHARPLEY LIBRARY and DOCUMENTATION CENTRE  
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It may come as a great surprise to many that the Kate Sharpley Library is still going and that despite the fact that we have been without a proper home for the Library since the 'socialist' council in Lambeth started court action against our good comrades at the 121 Anarchist Centre. We have tried to gain paid accommodation by contacting over a dozen Housing Co-op's throughout London, many of whom we are informed have office space which cannot be used for anything else, but it appears that very idea of helping to house an anarchist library and worse, the Self Help Housing Reference Library (whome we joined forces with in our search) was too much for these latter day proprietarians. Not one Housing Co-op replied to our appeal.

But we will survive, even if it means cutting back on some of the subject matter housed with the Library. This at first glance seems a drastic move but when duly considered it shall not really effect the working of the Library and in no way goes against the purpose for which the Library was founded in the first place, i.e. the collection and storage of material relating to the anarchist movement.

The KSL has adopted its own indexing system, with all anarchist material numbered under the one hundreds, socialism in the two hundreds, trade unionism in the three hundreds and general subject matter in the four hundreds. It has been in the general subject area that we have made cuts. Likewise our fiction and poetry section has been totally abolished, as a reference library which does not lend material we could see no good reason to hold on to works of fiction and poetry, even if they were the work of anarchists. Most fiction can be obtained through the state system, i.e. British Lending Library.

We still intend to maintain small reference sections on important subjects which in themselves are not directly connected with our movement but infringe upon our basic freedom's, i.e. fascism/racism, education, police/prisons, health/pollution etc. (see New Index). Other subject matters like feminism are now well catered for, having two feminist archives in London and Bath. (Fawcett Library, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House, Old Castle St. London E1. / The Feminist Archive, University

of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, Avon). State welfare/claimants/poverty etc. are now well researched by the charities around the country.

Unfortunately this cutting back has not gained us any real additional space and the majority of the KSL's books still have to be kept in storage, though at long last all with the exception of new additions have been numbered and catalogued. It may seem strange but the KSL needs very little outside help and has not appealed for money in the past year and half, we do not intend to appeal now, though we would never say no to the odd £5 note coming our way. What we do ask for is a never ending supply of foolscap size wallet folders, new or used, we do not mind.

## INDEX SUMMARY

- 100 Anarchism: theory, history, biographies, individualism, anarcho-syndicalism, revolutionary syndicalism, anarcho-feminism, utopians, anti-anarchism.
- 200 Socialism: theory, history, biographies, social-democracy, stalinism, trotskyism, councilism, situationism, independent socialism.
- 300 Trade Unionism: organisation, history, biographies, strikes/sabotage, work, rank & file movements, workers control, health & safety.
- 400 General Subjects: fascism/raceism, militarism/pacifism, capitalism/industrialism, media/state propaganda, ecology/technology, police/prisons, housing/squatting, atheism/religion, health/mental health, state control/resistance.
- 500 Europe: sections on each country with material relating to the anarchist movement as well as general information and counter information.
- 600 America: North and South
- 700 Asia: Middle East, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific area.

800 Africa.

Besides books and pamphlets the KSL collects all information relating to the world anarchist movement and though this Library is still in an early stage of development it has one of the largest collections of papers, documents relating to the history of the British anarchists.

The KSL also has collections of posters, leaflets, pictures, press cuttings and letters. Thanks to the assistance given to us by our sister library, Fanya Baron Library in Sydney, we now have an Esperanto section with over forty titles.

The KSL has also assisted overseas libraries by supplying them with anarchist material free of charge, especially libraries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. One such library is the Center for Education and Documentation in Bombay, India. We are pleased to have been able to supply them with a large selection of book and pamphlets on anarchism and syndicalism. Only lack of funds for postage prevent us from sending more material abroad.

On a sour note we have attempted to contact the F.I.C.E.D.L. (Federation Internationale des Centres d'Etudes et de Documentation Libertaires) but for reasons best known to themselves we have received no reply, which is not an encouraging sign for the development of international relations. Likewise attempts to contact those persons who claim to run similar libraries to our own in London and Utrecht have received no replies.

## TRADE UNIONS

During the past two years we have written to over fifty trade unions in Britain requesting general information about the union for the Library files. It appears that most British unions do not wish to be on file or provide the general public with information about their organisations. There are of course exceptions and the KSL is most grateful to the following unions for their help.

ASTMS	Technical/Management
AUEW	Engineering
BFAWU	Bakers

COHSE	Health
CPSA	Civil servants
CSU	Civil servants
DBTWNTG	Textiles
EMA	Engineering/Management
GMBATU	General
IFT	Transport
MU	Musicians
NAS/UWT	Teachers
NALGO	Public servants
NCU	Post Office
NLBD	Blind/Disabled
NUFLAT	Shoe/Leather
NULMW	Metal
NUPE	Public servants
NUR	Railways
NUTGW	Tailor/Garment
SNBRTU	Metal
SOGAT	Print
TGWUA	Agricultural
TSSA	Transport
UCATT	Building
UCW	Communications

HOW CAN YOU USE THE LIBRARY and  
HOW CAN YOU HELP US TO KEEP IT  
GOING ?

Anyone can use the KSL when we have found a new home for our collection, then hopefully it shall be open several days per week to the general public. At the present moment the majority of the Libraries collection must remain in storage otherwise it would be lost, but if you require information then write to us at our address in Brixton, enclosing a S.A.E. State the subject that you are interested in and any more detailed information that you have so as to help us narrow down the retrieval time to a minimum. We shall then contact you, relating details and photocopying costs etc.

If you are a member of a group that publish a paper or journal or if you have in the past published papers which you have spare copies of then please put us on your mailing list. Likewise if you publish books or pamphlets relating to anarchism or class struggle politics we would be grateful to be put on your list.

## 121 ANARCHIST CENTRE and BOOKSHOP

As many of you will already know and as already stated on page one the Lambeth council under the leadership of Ted Knight trotskyist militant (according to his followers), is attempting to close down the 121 Anarchist Centre and Bookshop. If this should come about then the KSL will lose the only source of up to date anarchist material it has.

Without the 121 Bookshop there would be large holes left in our paper and journal files, to give some examples Umanita Nova, Le Monde Libertaire, Direct Action, Freedom, Industrial Worker, Solidaridad Obrera, CNT, A Batalha, Open Road, Fifth Estate, Resistance, Processed World, Strike, Anarchismo, Revista Anarchica, Green Anarchist to name but a few are all titles supplied by the Bookshop. We think that this is a very good reason for writing a protest letter to the Lambeth Council, Brixton Town Hall, Brixton London making it clear that you are opposed to and aware of their plans to destroy the only anarchist centre and bookshop in South London.

## NEW TITLES IN THE KSL SUMMER '85

- Fighting the Revolution part 2  
Kropotkin/Michel Freedom Press 1985
- Anarchism and Feminism/Women Workers and Trade Unions DAM Publications 1985
- The IWA Today: Short account of the International Workers Association  
C. Longmore DAM Publications 1985
- Sabate: Guerilla Extraordinary  
Antonio Tellez Elephant Editions 1985
- E Noi Saremo Sempre Pronti a Impadronirci un'Altra Volta del Cielo  
Alfredo Bonanno Edizioni Anarchismo 1984
- A State of Siege: Policing the Coalfields in the first twelve weeks of the Miners Strike. Part 1 & 2  
Susan Miller & Martin Walker 1984

Dynamite: A Century of Class Violence in  
America 1830-1930  
Louis Adamic Rebel Press 1984

Anarchism and Ireland  
W.S.M. 1985

Anarchism in France: the case of Octave  
Mirbeau  
Reg Carr Manchester UP 1977

International Dockers Struggles in the  
Eighties no publisher, no date

Media Hits the Pits  
various writers C.P.B.F. 1985

A Woman Without a Country  
Emma Goldman Drowned Rat 1985

Whirlwind Before the Storm: South Africa  
June to December 1976  
Alan Brooks & Jeremy Brickhill  
I.D.A.F.S.A. 1980

Quello che i Russi gia fanno e gli  
Italiani non Devono Sapere  
Partito Radicale 1983

What the Russians know already and the  
Italians must not know (English translat-  
ion of the above)  
Partito Radical 1983

The Anarchists of Casas Viejas  
Jerome R. Mintz Chicago U.P. 1982

The Spanish Civil War  
Antony Beevor Orbis 1982

The Origins of Socialist Thought in  
Japan  
John Crump Croom Helm 1983

The 10th Month: Bombay's Historic Textile  
Strike  
Factsheet Collective CED undated

Land Degradation: India's Silent Crisis  
M. Bhagat CED

Operation Flood: Development or Dependence  
CED

Aspects of the Drug Industry in India  
M. Bhagat CED

Communalism: The Razor's Edge  
CED

## FUTURE PLANS

The KSL hope to bring out this Newsbulletin on a regular basis depending on reaction to this issue. If you would like to keep receiving the Bulletin then send us £2.00 (cheques made payable to C. Longmore) at 121 Railton Road, London SE 24.

In future issues we hope to inform our readers of all books in the KSL, title by title with update on new arrivals. Also we hope to be able to give a detailed list of all anarchist journals on file and to appeal for missing numbers to up date the files.

It is also hoped that from time to time we will be able to reprint some of the rare letters and documents that are held in the archives along with reviews of current anarchist publications. The KSL would also like to put on the road some exhibitions of its posters and pictures, but like everything this requires money and lots of spare time, but no doubt we shall manage it some how free of state and council grants in the real anarchist tradition.

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