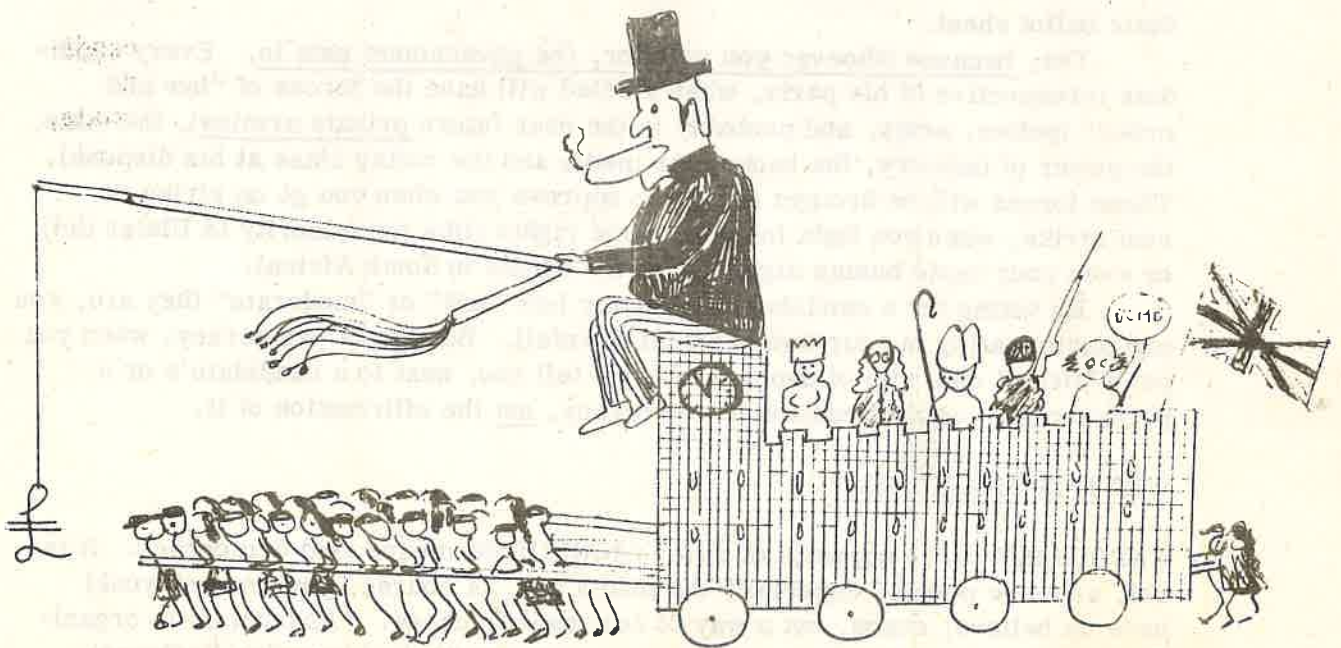


DON'T VOTE; ORGANIZE!



IS PARLIAMENT NECESSARY?

Once again a motley crew of careerist politicians will be telling you it is your duty to vote for them and we are expected to resign OUR future, OUR lives into their hands. What's the line-up in this rigged race of old hacks?

Conservative: represents big business, power, money, monarchy.

Liberal: identikit policies; if it fits, they'll wear it. They, in their opportunism, claim to represent the moderates, the middle of the road position. This is nonsense, for extremism can occur at the centre, just as easily as at the far right or far left.

Labour: specialists in selling out the working classes, ever since social democracy was invented 100 years ago.

National Front: they seek to divide the working class with racism, pitting black and white workers against each other. They claim to make Britain "great" again. When Britain was "great" life was even more miserable for the mass of the people than it is today.

The Communists: all they offer is state capitalism, watered down state capitalism at that.

All these politicians play on our fears, and attempt to distract us from our real problems: the existence of state government as such, and of the capitalist system.

DON'T VOTE.

People generally are fed up with government. Over the past 15 years, and some

would say throughout human history, **governments of all sorts** have failed to solve the problems they have been **entrusted with**. **There is, however, a theory of social organization that states that government of any kind is not only totally unnecessary but actually harmful: this theory or tendency is called ANARCHISM.** As anarchists, we recommend that all people should either not vote or spoil their ballot sheet.

Yes, because whoever you vote for, the government gets in. Every candidate irrespective of his party, when elected will have the forces of "law and order" (police, army, and probably in the near future private armies), the state, the power of industry, the banks, the media and the ruling class at his disposal. These forces will be brought to play to oppress you when you go on strike or rent strike, when you fight for your basic rights (like the minority in Ulster did), or even your basic human dignity (like the blacks in South Africa).

By voting for a candidate, no matter how "left" or "moderate" they are, you are participating in your own eventual downfall. Bourgeois democracy, when you put a little X on a slip of paper when they tell you, next to a candidate's or a party's name, is the negation of democracy, not the affirmation of it.

WHAT IS ANARCHISM?

ANARCHISM is the opposite of this. ANARCHISM means real democracy. It is not, as some people, especially the media and, of course, government would have us believe, chaos, but a way of dealing with chaos. "Anarchism is organization, more organization, and yet more organization" (Alexander Berkman). Government, the state with its unemployment, homelessness, inflation (money grubbing, huge profits, and luxurious living for the rich minority), while for the majority, poverty, boredom and totally meaningless existence, is chaos.

ANARCHISM means thinking for yourself, not in a mingeing individualist way, cutting yourself off from the rest of society. On the contrary, we believe that working class people, black and white, old and young, male and female, employed and unemployed, schoolkids and pensioners, should unite to struggle against the capitalist system.

ANARCHISM means mutual aid and a decentralizing of power, so that it actually is in the hands of all the people.

HOW DO WE ORGANIZE?

Soon, very soon, the western world will be in the grips of a major crisis (it has begun already). We believe that the present order (the state under capitalism) is a **DEATH CULTURE**; that it will lead eventually to the destruction of the planet, unless there is a revolution. We as Anarchists choose revolution. We urge you to do the same. It will take the good will and efforts of everybody to avert these dangers. We can no longer leave our affairs in the hands of a few specialists who instead of solving the problems only make them worse. We get experience of politics by involving ourselves: in direct action, in demonstrations, in pickets, in strikes, in occupations and in creating our own structures. These may include street councils, tenants' associations, school councils, workers' councils, sexual liberation groups, free schools: you must decide what is needed. Now, while you have time: organize! Educate yourselves! Come together!

SHOW THIS LEAFLET TO YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND TO PEOPLE WHERE YOU WORK. WHY NOT PASS IT AROUND AND DISCUSS IT.

(Read Freedom, Wildcat, Anarchy, Direct Action, Libertarian Struggle, or Black Flag, available at Compendium Bookshop in Camden High Street for further information about Anarchism.)