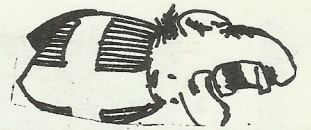


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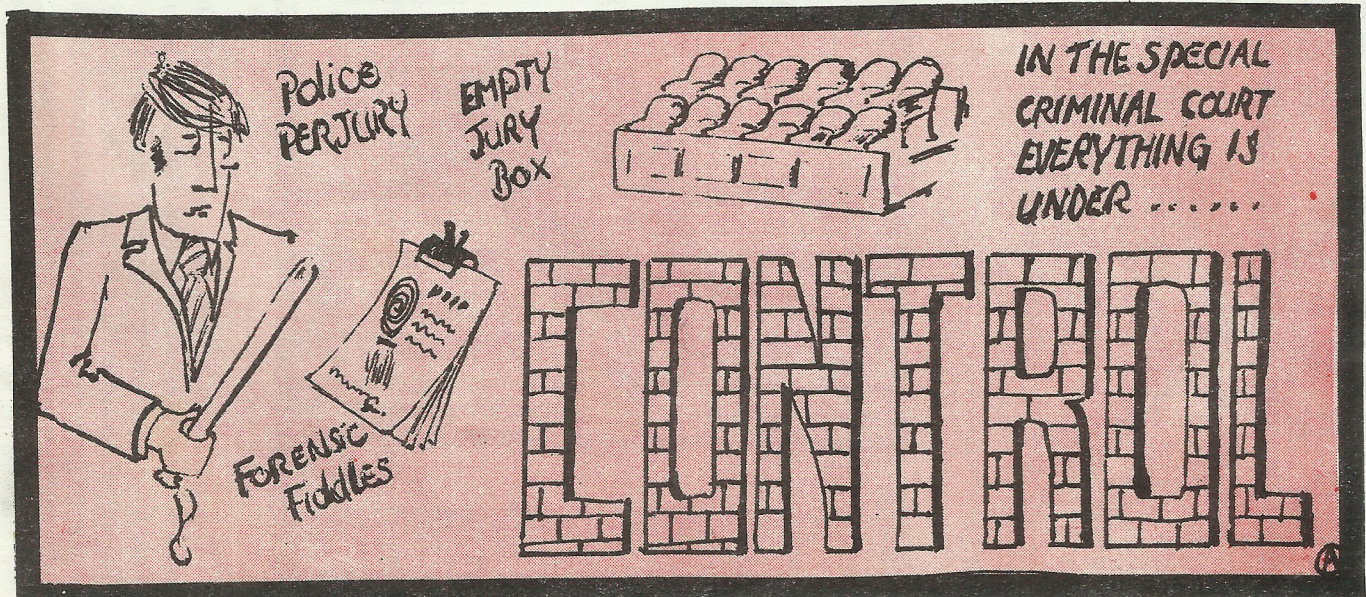
# resistance!

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The word ANARCHY does not mean chaos, it means without ruler, ANARCHISM then, is a social revolution where workers take control of their own lives in a free society based on mutual aid and voluntary organisation. Without compulsion and brainwashing. Without police, jails, bureaucracy and injustice. A federation of local communities holding their property in common. In an ANARCHIST SOCIETY all work would be shared production and all goods would be distributed according to need. No one is good enough to be someone else's master.

Thanks to all who helped and contributed to the first two issues of RESISTANCE. We are delighted with the response. Please send all letters, articles cartoons, ideas, criticism, to The Resistance Collective, c/o ABC Books, 7 Marlborough St., Dublin 1.



# STOP THE CLONDALKIN PRISONS!

The state has created a situation in which the protection of property is 'its' big hassle. Those who have no property have no respect for it. After all their housing and social fuck-ups, inner-cities, Ballymuns and Ballyfermots, they've realised the need to lock up more and yet more people who haven't complied with this respect because they are expected to live like battery hens in only half built communities.



The place they've picked now for their prison is on a 35 acre site, which Collins (Injustice), on the Frontline programme claimed was a half mile from the nearest people. He obviously didn't consider the travellers, who live on the 'settlement' (isolationist) site right beside it, to be people. Surrounding the site (all within 1/4 of a mile) is Ballyfermot, <sup>and</sup> Neilstown and Rolagh - new housing estates.

Between Ballyfermot and the prison site it is planned to build another 800 houses. The housing estates of the new Clondalkin satellite town are being thrown together all around this area. This particular site was originally zoned for educational and institutional purposes, but since both prisons and schools come into this category, they were able to purchase this site - and without planning permission. This land will be badly needed for leisure and educational facilities for the hundreds of young children in this new area, not for a place in which they will be locked up after they've become 'delinquent' through lack of these facilities.

This is one of the arguments used by the people opposing the prison 'in this particular area', (e.g. Palmerstown Shift the Prison Campaign). The main point for us in Ballyfermot is that these prisons shouldn't be built anywhere, either because there is no need for them or because they are only built to lock up people from areas like Ballyfermot anyway. They are not in our interests, they are somebody else's answer to their own problem -- the protection of Property.

The plan is to build two prisons, one to lock up 60 women and the other for 120 youths -- replacing the St. Pats and the Mountjoy womens prison. The state is spending £20 million on their plans, £3 million alone for the 25 ft. surrounding wall and to widen the adjoining road.

The plans include a swimming pool, recreational facilities etc. -- making the prison more acceptable, but yet includes a capacity for two to three times the number of women prisoners in Mountjoy (there were only two at one stage last summer!) The obvious danger then is that if the state spends £10 million on a prison for 60 women, an overcapacity, it isn't going to leave it lying idle. Court



sentences and police arrests will adapt to the capacity and facilities they have for 'punishing' women. The prison for youths is just another in a series of Loughan Houses -- but this one has five times its capacity. The more disregard the state has for people and community planning - as is witnessed with the new communities in this area, the more crime it will create and the more prisons it will build.

No more Prisons -- No prisons in principle, this should be the slogan for a broadly based campaign against the prison plans. What we are getting is a state solution to their problem, at our expense and to deal with us. Its hoped that all groups and individuals will fight these plans which will be begun to be implemented some time in June.

## NO MORE PRISONS

# SECRET URANIUM PROBE IN CARLOW



## ANTI-URANIUM GROUPS

Carlow Anti-Uranium Group...c/o 14 Riverside, Carlow, Co Carlow.  
Donegal Uranium Committee.....c/o Brian Flannery, Straboy, Glenties, Co Donegal.  
Thomastown Uranium Investigation Group, c/o Vocational School, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny.  
Belfast Anti-Nuclear Group...c/o Just Books, 7 Winetavern St, Belfast 1. (Publish booklet on Uranium Mining in Donegal 25p)  
Cork Anti Nuclear Group, c/o 40 Paul St, Cork (Publish The Uranium Grabbers, 20p about the prospecting in Cork).  
The Contaminated Crow...c/o 60 Marlborough Rd, Dublin 4. (Publish 'Uranium...the Threat to Carlow').

Mounting concern about Uranium Prospecting in Co Carlow has led to the formation of a local Anti-Uranium Group and the beginning of a campaign to highlight, and hopefully stop, the activities of the companies involved.

These companies are Irish Base Metals, who are already well known to anti-uranium activists for their prospecting in Donegal, have 6 licences for the area in Carlow, and Maugh Ltd have 13 licences. Altogether their licences cover about nine tenths of Co Carlow.

Maugh is a subsidiary of a company called Minatome, which is a French government controlled mining company. Minatome are involved in the illegal mining and exploiting of Uranium in the South African Government's satellite 'state' of Namibia. Their owners, the French Government, have not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which bans the sale of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear countries, and have, in fact, helped both Israel and South Africa to reach nuclear weapons capability.

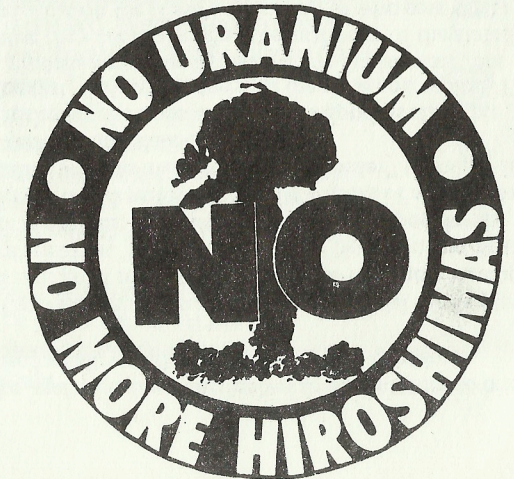
Maugh's operations in Carlow are controlled from an unmarked office in The Yellow Lion, Burren St, Carlow town. They started up with 9 licenced areas in October 76, and were obviously encouraged, as they took out 4 more licences in Nov '78. Their activities are made possible by EEC grants, from central funds, of £61,277 in 1977, £242,568 in 1978 and £314,000 which they had to share with Irish Base Metals and the Geological Survey, in 1976.

All uranium finds uncovered in the course of exploration must be registered with the Geological Survey of Ireland, but the information is confidential and not available to us. Unlike other companies involved in uranium exploration, Maugh is not a public company, since it's owned by the French Govt., and doesn't publish an Annual Report with drilling results. In other words it's impossible to

find out at present just what has been found in Carlow, even if it's your land they're exploring. It's interesting to note that the Geological Survey get a grant of 50,613 European Account Units, for administering the uranium exploration programme.

The Company has tried to reassure local people that if they find uranium, they can't mine it without the consent of the landowner. This is rubbish-- Under the provisions of the Minerals Development Act 1979, the Minister holds the right to mine minerals, regardless of the feelings of the landowner, and has the right to licence out this right to whoever he sees fit.

Resistance to the Carlow prospecting has been slow to surface, due mostly to the lack of public awareness, but now people have started to protest and the opposition is growing quickly. Already there have been a couple of public meetings and a successful benefit gig. The local group have now published a leaflet which they are distributing to make people aware of the dangers and what Maugh are up to. At least one farmer, when approached by the group, has thrown the prospectors off his land. And the group have linked up with the Donegal Uranium Committee, for help and information and will be in Carnsore in August.



# ARMAGH & H-BLOCK

For over four year now the blanket men have been protesting for political status, and for the last 2 they have been on the dirt protest. Despite the claims of the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) (and the media hacks who re-word their press statements in "acceptable language") they were forced onto this strike because of the beatings they received every time they went to the washroom.

There was no alternative but to refuse to leave their cells.

Similarly, on Feb. 7th of this year the 30 women protestors in Armagh jail became the victims of the State's provocations.

A squad of male screws were brought in from Long Kesh to attack, in full riot gear, the women. The reason given for the women's beatings was their illegal possession of uniforms - black clothing. But Margareta D'Arcy, recently imprisoned with Liz Lagruna for picketing the same prison, maintains that the authorities were aware of this clothing long before that.



governor's (Scott) refusal to open the washrooms (which were also locked on 'A' wing) unless the women made some concessions on their no-work protest, they decided to go on an official no-wash protest.

To describe this and the H-Block protest as "self inflicted" rings familiar. During Newman's reign as RUC chief, he frequently alluded to the devious plot by suspects, in custody to injure themselves in an effort to discredit the RUC's reputation. No doubt the villains will next go on hunger

strike, and even allow themselves to die. in order to bring the impartiality of the British State into question.

The role which the state and commercial media play here is of great importance because of their near monopoly of information. The challenge to the Northern and British State is obvious, and their defence and support by the Northern media varies only in the degrees of acceptable brutality used to maintain "law and order" i.e. ruling class law and working class order.

Although the mass media in the South is still a bit nationalist, their allegiance is to the state and capital. The dirt protests are primarily against the British state, but because they are challenging the authority of the state, (and by implication the State's definition of who gets what) the Southern ruling class has good reason to go along with the NIO propaganda. And anyway the political and economic links between the South and Britain and the EEC inevitably reinforces the State's repression of all opposition outside of parliament.

We are Anarchists, not Republicans, the main difference being the latter's Statist ambitions, in contrast to our Libertarian proposals.

But when opposition to the State's brutalities ends in imprisonment, we stand in solidarity with those inside.

The special police, interrogation centre's courts and laws are being challenged. Those imprisoned under this system reject the label 'criminal', and though their analysis of the nature of prison is not anarchist, we support them in their protest.

## REPLY.

The latest edition of the P.D. paper, Socialist Republic contains an attack on the Resistance column 'Review of the Right'.

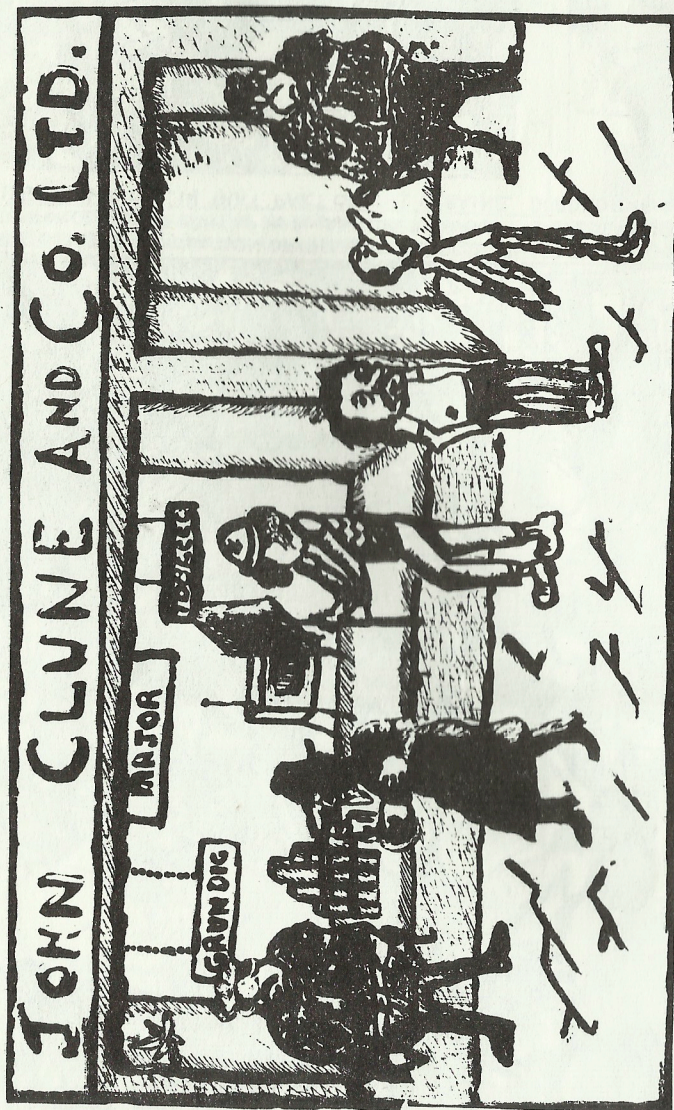
They attack us for confused thinking and misrepresenting their politics. We said two things about Trotskyists.

1. That they are 'pro-government'. Not pro this government, of course, but for a workers (trot) government. We are anti-authoritarian and therefore against all governments, whether Fianna Fail or Trotskyist. Power corrupt!

2. We said "The Trots on the pther hand say and do a lot of things, which ,on the whole, do give short term benefits in the workplace, to women etc. We don't see this as misrepresentation.

So who is confused 'comrades'? Who misrepresents Print our article and let your readers decide.

More relevant was the authorities' wish to squash the protest, and the screws own claim for more pay ( this latter has been achieved with "worse" "working conditions".) During the following week the washrooms were locked and the women were forced to slop out under their cell doors. They were then all moved from 'B' to 'A' wing. After the



In the continuing Saga of the Clune Six, a case taking place live in the Limerick City Court in almost monthly episodes over the past year, new developments have been taking place.

(The case arose, in case you don't remember, when six people were arrested for supporting a low pay picket).

The case against one of the defendants has been struck out of court, due to the continuing failure of the Pigs to produce the book of evidence. A minor victory though the state may re-charge him at a future date if it so desires (as happened with the Liffey Dockworkers).

The appeal of the others, who received 3 month suspended sentences and one who got a £50 fine is still going on with the next episode taking place in July. Support is being sought by the defendants. You can show your solidarity by coming to the Courthouse.

The Defence Collective has received news recently that Richard Hurley, managing director of Clunes, was seen tearing down the posters put up by the Collective. We were wondering who was doing it.

If you go to the courthouse looking for justice, that's what you find - JUST US.

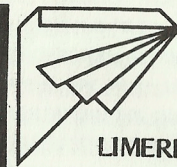
# JUST US!

A method found very useful recently in the fight against sexist advertising - the Pukey Pollys - is Egg & Paint bombs. These are simply made by blowing out the eggs and filling the eggshells with paint. They are easy to carry and very inconspicuous - a half dozen Egg Bombs in a carton is both light and discreet.

The eggs can be emptied by making a hole in each end of the egg and blowing out one end. One hole is then sealed with Isopon or plaster and the paint, suitably thinned down, is squirted in with a syringe. The remaining hole is then also sealed. The average egg holds 35mls of paint, care should be taken when filling, as too much paint too fast tends to splash out suddenly. The holes in the egg should be made with a needle and large enough for the spout of the syringe to fit in, as using the needle tends to slow things down and can clog easily.

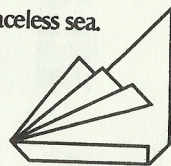
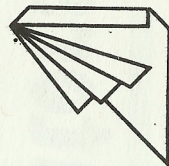
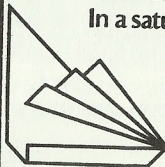
Oil based paints thinned with turps is best, as we found emulsion soaked into the poster and faded a bit.

Syringes should be cleaned immediately after use as the paint clogs them very easily.



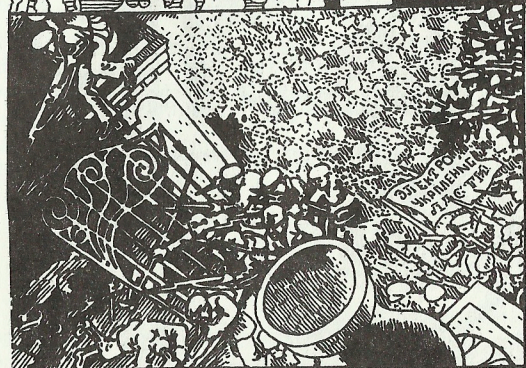
## LIMERICK

City of solitude  
Drowning my soul.  
Bound by chains of Conformity  
Chains which you ahve forged  
for me  
I am sinking  
Slowly  
Sinking  
Beneath the waves  
Faceless waves  
In a saturday afternoon faceless sea.



# FOUL PLAY!

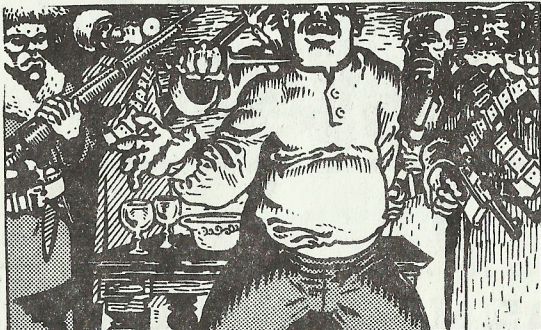
# NESTOR MAKHMO



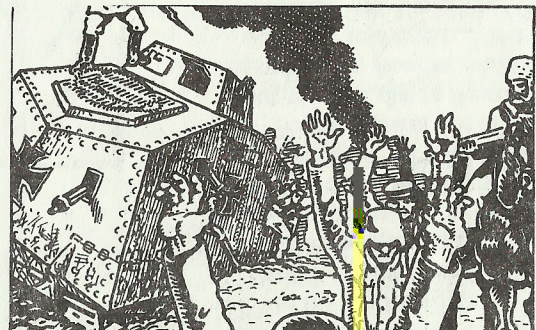
THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION OF 1917 GAVE EXPRESSION TO FORCES, LONG PENT UP IN RUSSIA OTHER THAN THE BOLSHEVIKS. IN THAT PART OF THE UKRAINE



CEDED BY THE BREST-LITOVSK TREATY, THE NABAT CONFEDERATION DECLARED ITS SELF-DETERMINATION AND DIVIDED THE LANDED ESTATES AMONG THE PEASANTS



ASSEMBLING A GUERRILLA ARMY, NESTOR MAKHMO, HARASSED GERMAN BACKED-LAND OWNERS, OFTEN USING ENEMY DISGUISES TO FIRST OBTAIN THEIR HOSPITALITY



FINALLY A GERMAN DIVISION SENT TO SUBDUE HIM WENT DOWN TO DEFEAT. HE THEN SWEEP NORTH REPLACING BOLSHEVIK COMMISSARS WITH LIBERTARIAN COMMUNES

# N.I.H.E.

On the outskirts of Limerick stands the newly built N.I.H.E. College, opened in 1972 with a student population of 2000.

This article takes a brief glimpse at the college, who it belongs to and what its function is.

The College is financed by World Bank, EEC and State grants to train people for a specific purpose: to train manipulators. Handouts are received regularly, just one example is the £400 award money handed out to people on the European Studies course, an award by the Bank of Ireland.

Take a look at the careers available to NIHE graduates as shown in their General Info brochure and you will see that it simply breaks down as follows....

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| BUSINESS                                 | GOVERNMENT   | EEC  |
| engineering, management & administration | central & regional administration, community development | administration European govt. bureaucrats. |

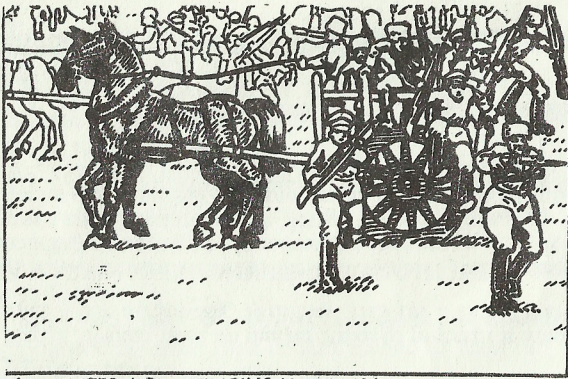
All of which steer students into jobs where they directly control workers.

It is also expensive to go to NIHE, is this an attempt to squeeze out working class students? (those who would be foolish enough to go there) The canteen is notoriously expensive & the food is terrible (or so we're told). Then there is the very high rent costs and the dire shortage of accommodation.

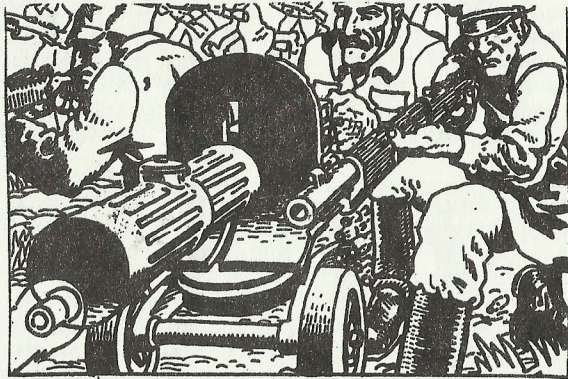
Note that in 1977 Mr Ed Walsh (Director of NIHE) said "If students can't afford to pay £21 a week for accommodation they shouldn't be seen attending NIHE" Mr Walsh himself is a Nuclear physicist and staunch pro-nuke & pro high technology industrialist. He is pictured honouring the vice-president of Analog devices, Mr Krabbe, in the Nov. edition of NIHE news.

Up to recently the college ran adult education classes in Nuclear Energy, but it seems too hot for them to handle at the moment. Another subtle link with multi national industry is the research project commissioned by the Aughinish Alumina company on the effects of the company on the area of West Limerick where it is. One wonders what the survey will find, considering that

training the manipulators



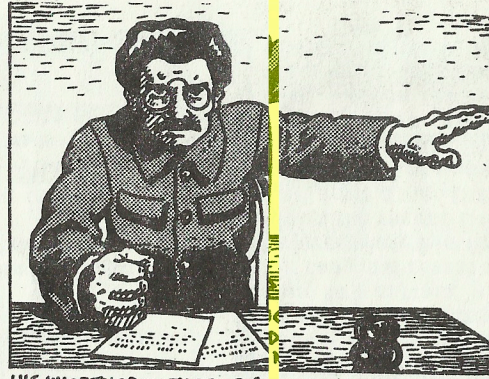
SOON AFTERWARD, UTILIZING MILITARY INNOVATIONS LIKE TRANSPORTING INFANTRY IN LIGHT PEASANT CARTS, HE STOPPED THE INVADING WHITE ARMIES OF DENIKIN



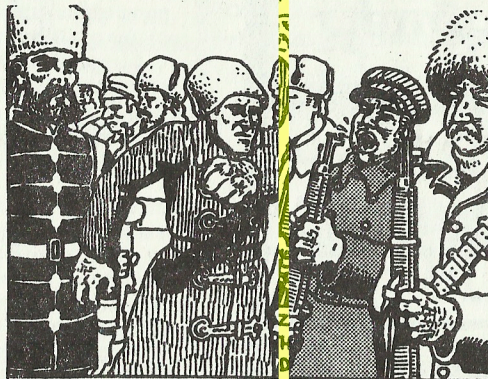
NINE MONTHS UNTIL THE INVASION OF WRANGEL. ON THE SOVIET PROMISE TO FREE ANARCHIST PRISONERS HE JOINED THEM TO SMASH THE LAST WHITE INVASION



AFTER VICTORY, MAKHNOIST LEADERS WERE INVITED TO A CONFERENCE IN CRIMEA WHERE ALL, EXCEPT AN ESCAPING CAVALRY UNIT, WERE ARRESTED OR SHOT. MAKHNO AND



HIS UNORTHODOX TACTICS SUCCEEDED IN DEFEATING DENIKIN BUT TROTSKY ORDERED THE IMPRISONMENT OF ANARCHIST ELEMENTS. MAKHNO HELD OUT FOR



WHILE IN THEORY ORGANIZED DEMOCRATICALLY THE ARMY WAS RUN WITH A TIGHT FISTED DISCIPLINE BY HIMSELF AND HIS INNER COMMAND.



HIS MEN FOUGHT ON FOR A FEW MONTHS. AT FIRST THEY SCORED VICTORIES, BUT FINALLY HE FLED TO PARIS, WHERE IN 1935, HE DIED OF CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM

Alumina is a prospective employer of NIHE graduates.

We believe that a college such as NIHE has no place in a free society, it exists as a training centre for bourgeois manipulators (the enemies of all free people). It has no links with progressive education & is a nerve centre for multi national capital.

# sinister anarchist plot

In a recent speech Mr O'Malley, minister for Industry and Commerce, blamed the current industrial unrest on sinister Anarchist plotters. We only wish it were true!

In fact, however, the Anarchist groups still have little influence in Industry, as we have only been going a few years and most of us are unemployed.

But we support all strikes, whether official or unofficial, and hope to build an Anarch-Syndicalist Union, which is run by the workers themselves from the bottom up, without bureaucracy or paid union officials, who nearly always sell out.

Our idea, which we achieved in large areas of Spain in 1936, is to stop the bosses and exploiters in their tracks, by sympathy and solidarity strikes, leading to a General Strike, and the armed takeover of the industry by the people. Each factory would be run by a council directly elected and re-callable by a general assembly of all the people in each particular area. Each area in turn would pool its resources with its neighbours.

That is Anarchy, and we know it works. There is no deception or sinister plot. We just don't believe anyone is good enough to rule somebody else. We resist all Authority and attempts to make us Scapegoats.



DON'T SIT BY AND LET H.M DIE.....

## MARTIN MEEHAN WAS FRAMED!

Martin Meehan has always been an active campaigner for civil rights in the six counties and has always been a thorn in the side of the R.U.C. and the Unionist controlled six counties.

Consequently they have always tried to put him 'away'. They attempted to frame him once before in 1972 and then their evidence was so obviously false that he had to be released. When they couldn't frame him they put another charge of membership on him and he was sentenced to three years of imprisonment. Afterwards he was interned on the basis of R.U.C. 'speculation'.

After his release Martin Meehan became the victim of extremely severe R.U.C. and Brit Army harrasment. Apart from the mythodical harrasment he suffered daily. He was also 'lifted' on numerous occasions and taken to the notorious Castlereagh. This happened no less than 12 different times. He was held on a 7 day detention order.

Obviously the Brits and the R.U.C. were out to get him and they didn't try to hide the fact, "We'll do it one way or the other", they told him. Eventually, last year, they organised one of the most cruel and blatant frame-ups in the disgraceful history of the courts. Solely on the evidence of a self confessed army informer, a man with a criminal record, Martin Meehan was convicted of conspiracy to kidnap and holding McWilliams against his will and sentenced to 12 years. Each sentence concurrent on each charge. The evidence of this dubious witness was no more than a so-called identification, made within a few seconds from a distance of 60 yards.

This army agent admitted in court that he had been shown photographs of Martin by his Brit Army and R.U.C. bosses, prior to the identification of him. Martin Meehan was also found guilty because he happens to be the owner of a red Cortina car with three stripes on it . . . the type said to be involved.

Yet another driver of a car with three stripes on it stood up in court to say that his car was involved and not Meehan's, and it was he who had driven his hired car on the night in question. This defence evidence by a man with no criminal record was entirely declined by the court!

The trial was a complete farce from beginning to end -- MARTIN MEEHAN WAS FRAMED .

Martin Meehan went on hunger strike to protest his innocence. He has not eaten since 8.00p.m. Sunday, 18th May. HIS LIFE IS NOW IN DANGER.

A MARTIN MEEHAN DEFENCE COMMITTEE has been formed to organise a solidarity campaign to broadcast his innocence. . . to demonstrate that his trial was a complete farce and a blatant act of victimization.

We intend to organise a campaign of disruption to demonstrate these points.  
WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT . . . BY HELPING US YOU HELP TO FREE MARTIN MEEHAN.

Issued by the Martin Meehan  
Defence Committee

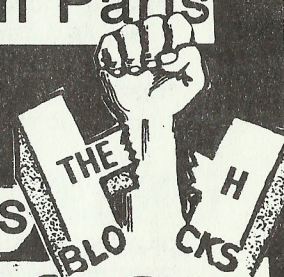
# SINN FEIN RAFFLE IN AID OF INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SMASH H-BLOCK

1st. prize: Weekend for 2 in Paris  
(&50.00 to spend)

2nd. prize: 50.00

3rd. prize: (2 X 25.00 prizes)

Tickets from S.F.44 Parnell Sq. Dub 1  
or A.B.C. Books



## Haughey: Shock Horror Drugs Probe

Last March Jim McCann was let off in the Central Criminal Court, in Dublin, with a charge of possessing 1/2 million pounds worth of Marijuana -- After threatening to make 'certain revelations' that would prove highly embarrassing to a certain 'highly placed politician'. We can now reveal some of that evidence, never before printed in the Republic. When the recent Drugs Bill went through the Dail, none other than Charles Haughey fought it tooth and nail, particularly the Clause which allows the Drugs Squad to search houses, cars, yachts, etc., on suspicion and without a warrant. Also, back in the early 70's a Sunday World reporter in Cork claimed that (you guessed it) Charles Haughey, was one of the main men

behind importing dope in and through Ireland. Suspicions gather, that reporter never filed the story, through fear of reprisals, but it is well known that many of Haughey's business deals have been rather shady, such as his purchase of N. Dublin land which was immediately re-zoned. No wonder he doesn't need a pay rise! On the drugs angle, remember the arms case? Was it not C.J. Haughey who could arrange for the Customs to ignore certain things? As recently as last week the Customs men complained they couldn't do their job, with all the exempt goods 'certain' politicians were bringing through.

Courtesy: Outta Control, Belfast/Liberation, Paris/  
Focailin, London.



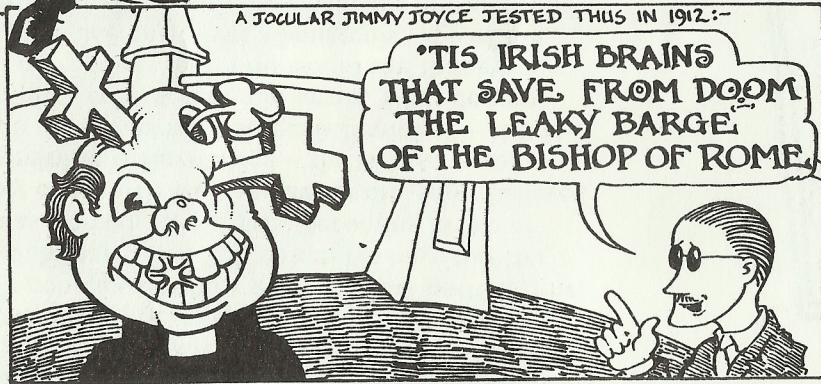
# Religious Affairs



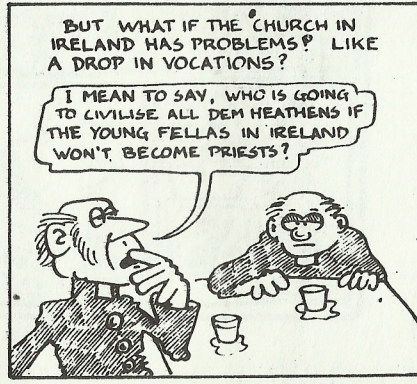
FAT PIG PRIEST  
SANCTIMONIOUS SMILES  
THEY TAKE THE MONEY  
YOU TAKE THE LIES

"There are some very vocal people in Ireland today who would like the people of Ireland to believe that in matters of morality, especially family and sexual morality, everyone is a law unto himself or herself. It is suggested to people that to be free means to decide for yourself what is right and wrong, without reference to the authority of God/or the Church. In the name of freedom too, people are told that the laws which uphold and support family values and family morality should be done away with."

A JOCLAR JIMMY JOYCE JESTED THIS IN 1912:-

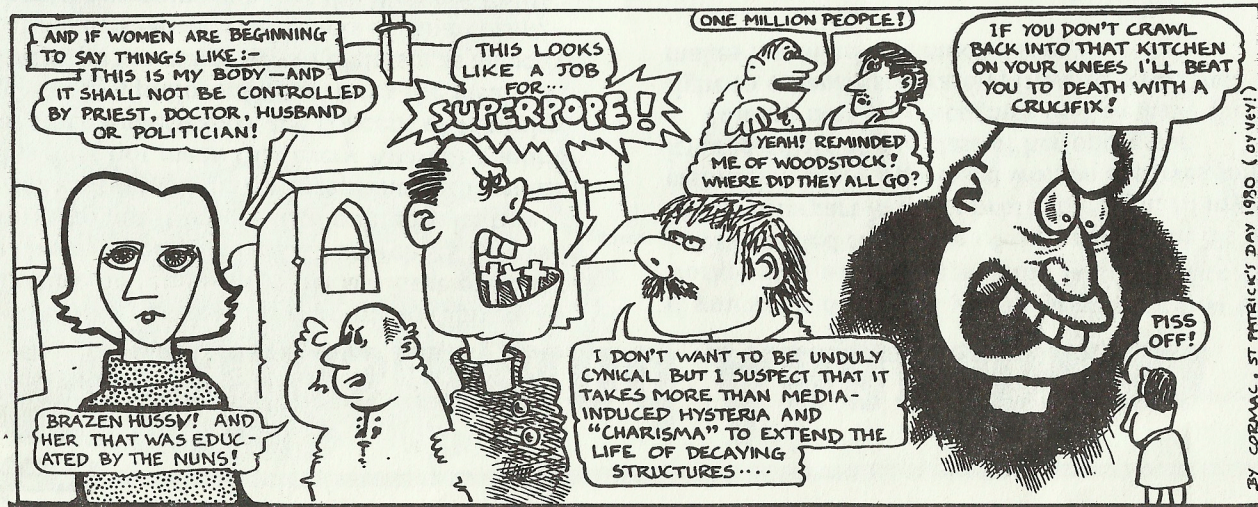


'TIS IRISH BRAINS  
THAT SAVE FROM DOOM  
THE LEAKY BARGE  
OF THE BISHOP OF ROME.



BUT WHAT IF THE CHURCH IN IRELAND HAS PROBLEMS? LIKE A DROP IN VOCATIONS?

I MEAN TO SAY, WHO IS GOING TO CIVILISE ALL DEM HEATHENS IF THE YOUNG FELLAS IN IRELAND WON'T BECOME PRIESTS?



AND IF WOMEN ARE BEGINNING TO SAY THINGS LIKE:- THIS IS MY BODY-AND IT SHALL NOT BE CONTROLLED BY PRIEST, DOCTOR, HUSBAND OR POLITICIAN!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR...  
**SUPERPOPE!**

ONE MILLION PEOPLE?

YEAH! REMINDED ME OF WOODSTOCK? WHERE DID THEY ALL GO?

IF YOU DON'T CRAWL BACK INTO THAT KITCHEN ON YOUR KNEES I'LL BEAT YOU TO DEATH WITH A CRUCIFIX!

PISS OFF!

I DON'T WANT TO BE UNDULY CYNICAL BUT I SUSPECT THAT IT TAKES MORE THAN MEDIA-INDUCED HYSTERIA AND "CHARISMA" TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF DECAYING STRUCTURES....

BRAZEN HUSSY! AND HER THAT WAS EDUCATED BY THE NUNS!

BISHOP TALKS CRAP

Bishop McNamara of Kerry has been covering pages of the bourgeois press recently in his attempts to stop the 'tides of immorality and lust'. The Bishop was at least in touch with popular opinion when he claimed people were starting to think for themselves & take responsibility for their own actions.

He condemned this as contrary to the will of God and the Church. But people all over the country are refusing to submit blindly to the authority, not only of the Church, but of all the State Institutions.

Bishop McNamara calls for a return to the past, on issues like infallibility, contraception, divorce, etc. He wants us to obey, be passive, and let him control us.

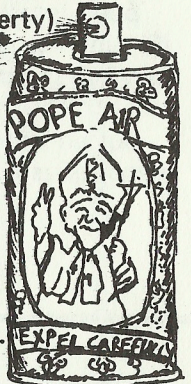
As Anarchists we reject all authority, throw off all mental chains, and treat each other as equals. You are free to do what you like.

We see the current religious decline as healthy and heartening. But the Irish Churches are still immensely strong, holding an estimated £5,000 million in assets, (so much for the virtues of poverty).

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controlling the vital area of 'education' (read 'indoctrination'). Most priests and nuns may be well intentioned, but the fact is that they are celebrities, and their suppressed frustrations, as well as their negative doctrines, are usually taken out on the children under their control.

In politics and business circles we note the strength of sinister organisations like Opus Dei and the Knights of St Columbanus. While in the North the Rev Ian Paisley marches on towards supreme power, with God, the British Army, and the truly fascist doctrine of Loyalism in his side.

We hope to attack the Church in more detail in future issues.

BY CORNAC, ST PATRICK'S DAY 1980 (or thereabouts)

# Feminism and Anarchism

I would like to make a few points in reply to your article on feminism in the last issue of your paper. In my experience not all anarchists believe in feminism, to put it mildly. Undoubtedly its true that Anarchism includes an acceptance of feminism, but this does not mean that every Anarchist supports, let alone understands, the concept of feminism. Anarchism as a philosophy embraces the ideals of Feminism, but in many ways Feminism as an active revolution goes beyond the tenets of Anarchism.

I should also point out that the Womens Political Association is not a feminist organisation, nor has ever claimed to be. As a womens organisation that is conscious of how little (or how nothing) the male dominated political structures have to offer them as women, it is at least becoming aware of the big con which women have at one stage believed in, Feminism is Revolution -- the W.P.A. is not.

You use the term "bourgeois feminist" -- this is a complete contradiction in terms. What do you mean by "bourgeois"? You would say that even though an anarchist lives a bourgeois type of life.. i.e. drives a vehicle, drinks wine, likes unusual food other than spuds and cabbage, s/he is still an anarchist. I say that the same applies to feminists.

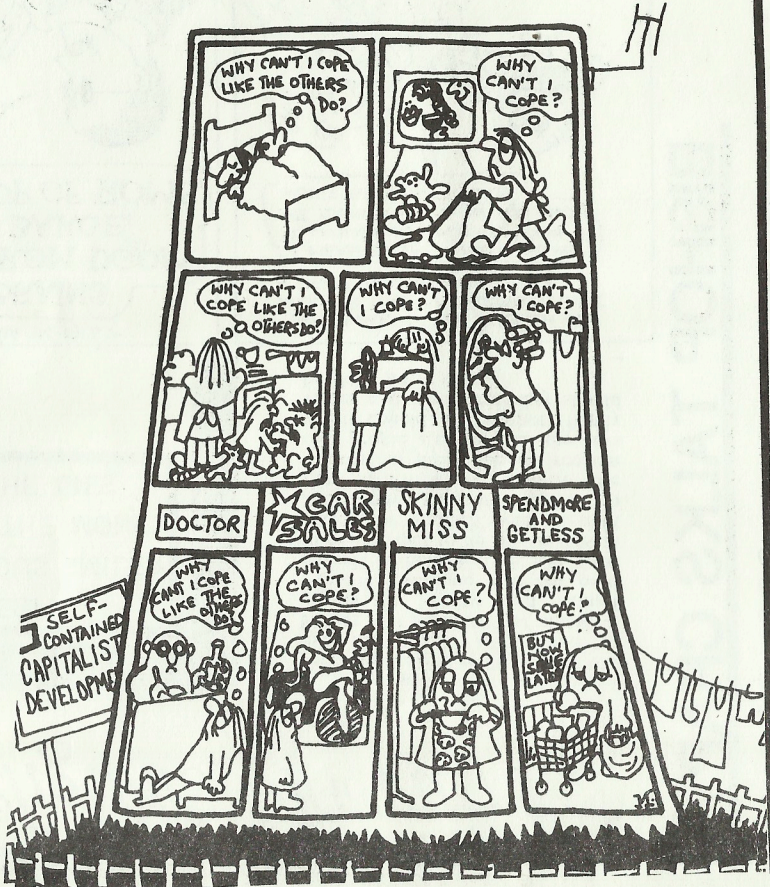
The only way that women will become conscious of their own oppression is through separate organisation. How could Anarchists possibly oppose the right or not understand the need for the oppressed majority to organise around the oppression that others may understand, but that only they feel, because only they experience it every waking hour of their day.

I agree that working class women suffer more than middle class women inpractical terms, but a slave is a slave, no matter what the master's household is like. Most so-called middle class women are thus classified because they are in bondage to middle class men. Does that make them any less slave?

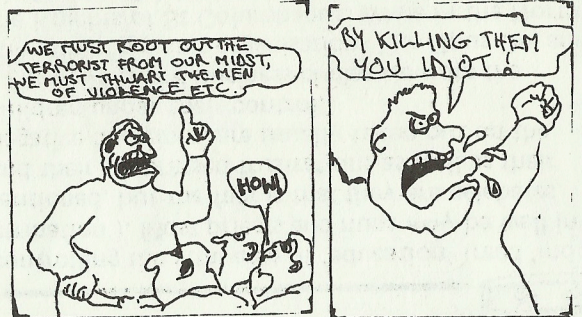
If you say it does then you must also say that the worker who works in a wealthy factory,office,etc., is less entitled to a share of the profit than his or her counterpart in a less profitable firm. In my estimation every oppressed woman deserves solidarity, regardless of the class of her oppressor.

You say that you recognise that we have the right to organise separately, if we so wish, that makes my mind rest much easier.

Evelyn Conlon.



## DEMOCRACY SPEAKS:



## Apology

Our humblest apologies to the pacifist christian from the PRO, whose nice letter got lost on the way to the printer's.

The letter, as we recollect it, accused us of gloating, in a small item in the last issue, at the burning down of a Garda and Army uniform factory, and several others in Crumlin and the Liberties. And the painting on surrounding walls of slogans opposing the military prison in the Curragh.

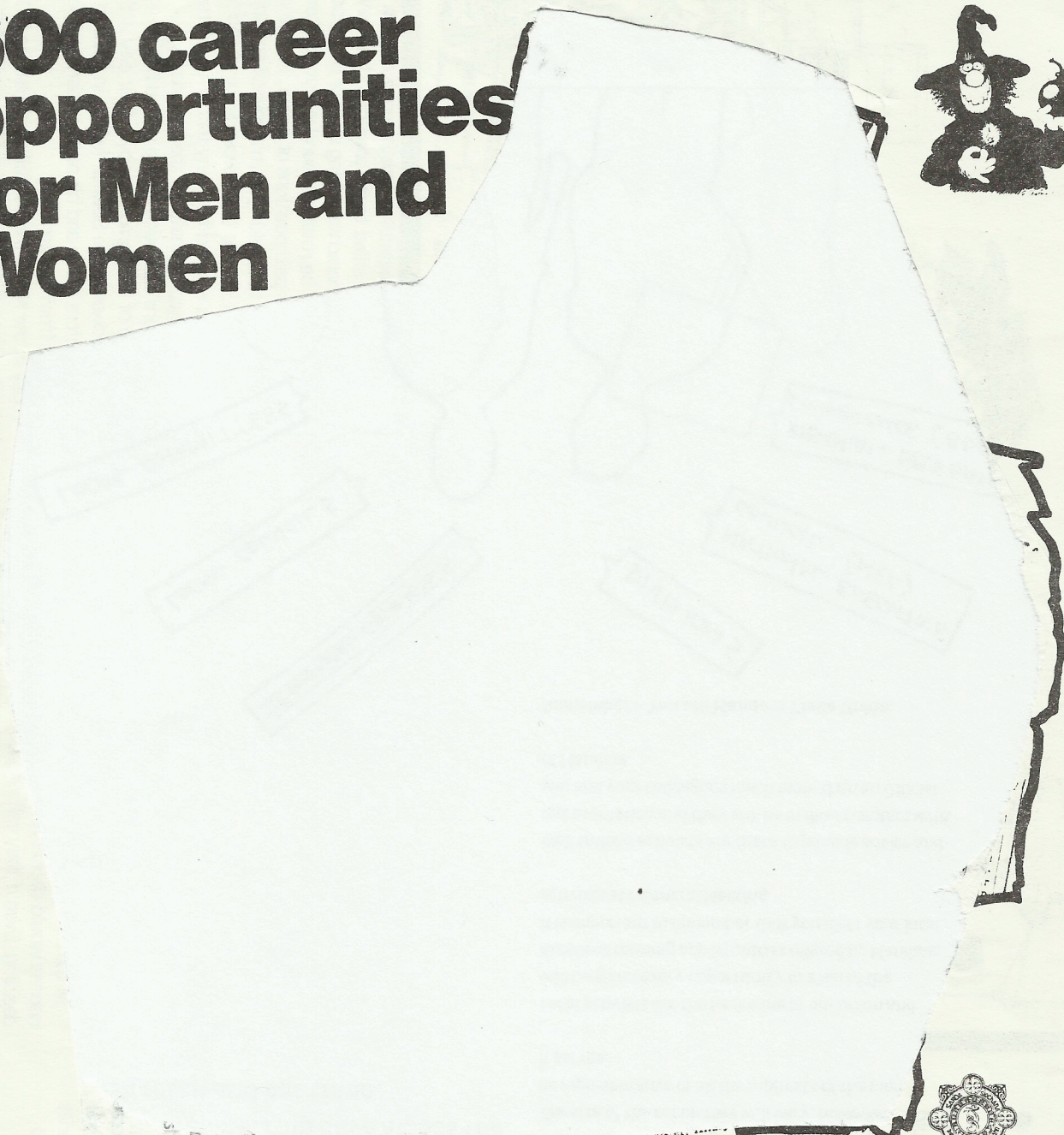
The reader asked us to consider the poor girls put out of employment. If you take that argument to its absurd extreme you would oppose closing down Auschwitz, because of the resulting unemployment of mass murderers.

Let it be known that we oppose all prisons, and fight for a society where they will be unnecessary. People are still being buried in the Curragh, under army guard, with fuck-all facilities, and beaten, abused and drugged up to their eyeballs.

While we respect the sincerity of pacifists, it is hard to see how their tactics can stop the program of new prisons, for women, men and children.

As for the loss of employment, the factory in the Liberties was a notorious sweatshop, where young women were stuck for long hours for tiny wages, to supplement family incomes.

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## GARDA SIOCHANA

### Chief superintendent fined over driving

...ing him to travel out on the main road, provided the road was clear. He agreed that he did not look very closely at the main road before driving, quit...  
Deputy... corporate... etc

... Nuala O'Boyle, her sister, and Miss Phyllis Sheridan. When the case opened last week, the court was told that on October 3-4 last, at their flat in Parkview Avenue, Harold's Cross, Sgt. McGovern had tried to remove them from the flat and had assaulted Miss Nuala O'Boyle.



# No Go Areas.

The NO-GO AREA is perhaps the most exciting thing to happen out of the troubles in the North. The whole idea is very close to the Anarchist conception of how areas should be run.

In the first place the people in the NO-GO AREA were united by a hatred of the police. Because the RUC and the Stormont Govt never did much good anyway in the Nationalist areas people didn't feel that their area depended on the police for order. Police order does not stop crime, (though social change can do that), it does not stop injustice, in fact it is all about protecting private Property, which is a wonderful injustice in poor or even middle class areas. (Besides the police are a cruel, criminal, unjust crowd of bastards anyway.) Faced with an absent police force, indeed getting the idea in their brains, meant that people in the ghettos began to look to themselves to solve their own problems.

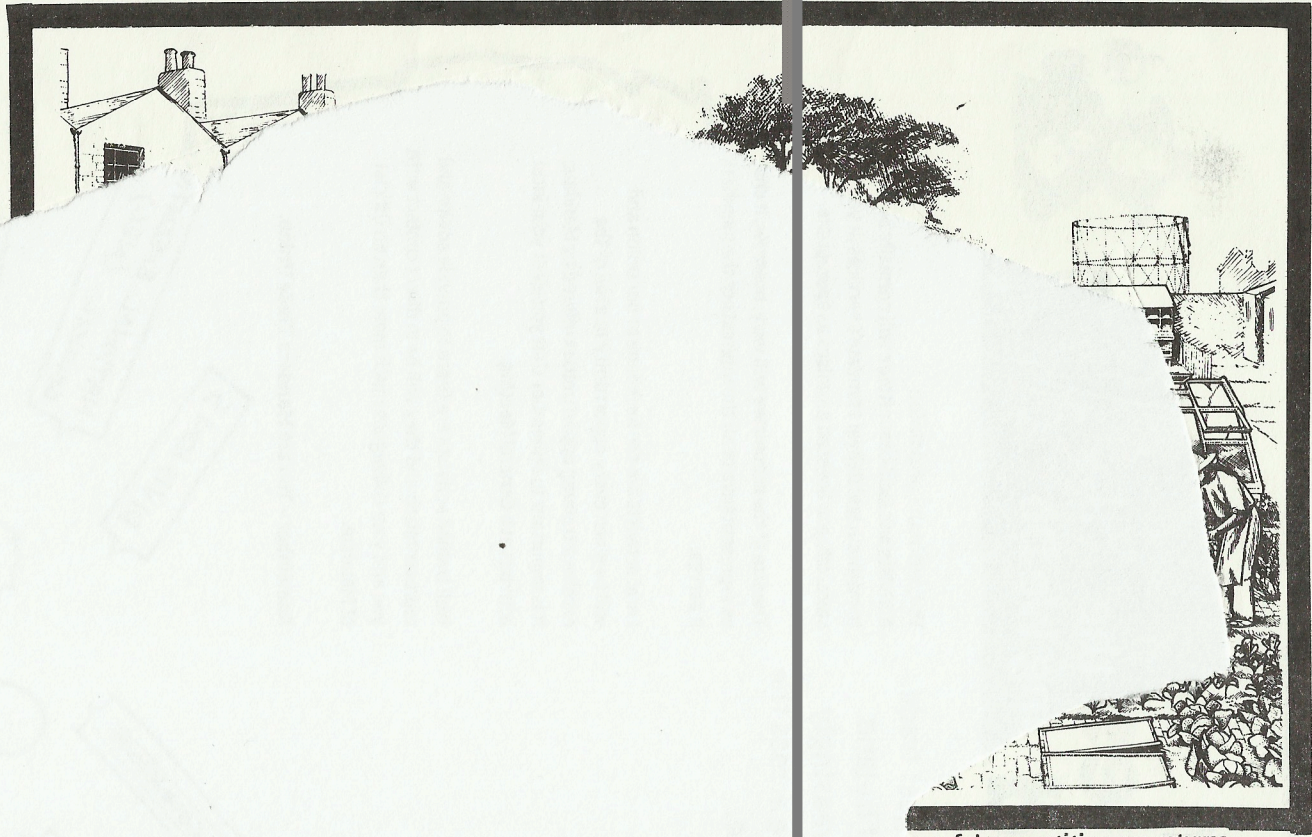
To solve such problems the anarchists have a whole philosophy and method of dealing with maintenance, food, etc. behind the barricades, as well as communication and solidarity with other areas.

The theory is called Mutual Aid, and was first put forward mainly by Kropotkin; who disagreed with the 'Survival of the Fittest' theory which was promoted by his generation of Capitalists and today's Technocrats alike. He saw in his travels that among 'primitive' societies the old were looked after by the young and the sick were not thrown aside but nursed back to health.

Kropotkin believed that humans always feel better and happier when they help each other, indeed because of this we're the most advanced and intelligent animals around. Anarchists we believe its crazy to compete against each other at work or be cooped up in a housing estate all day hardly knowing your neighbours.

Its Natural then that there was a great feeling of comradeship among people in the Bogside etc in 1969 and Natural too that people sorted out cleaning up and bread deliveries etc together. Indeed this feeling of comradeship should last as long as working together lasts.

This is the major problem about a liberated area —keeping the working together alive, and anarchists say that the answer is to keep power with the people. This sounds like a slogan that everyone shouts. In fact its not a slogan but



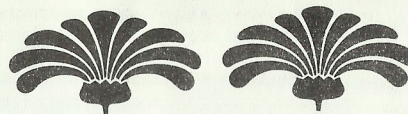
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from Switzerland.

...in the North the possibility of making NO GO  
AREAS might return. even in Dublin's inner city there is  
talk of making them happen.

This is the first of a series of articles on Communes,  
and Collectives, both urban and rural.

# Women And Drugs



The widespread use of chemicals by the State to control every aspect of our lives has now reached epidemic proportions, while the private and multi-national companies are reaping the profits. Population control and genetic manipulation based on economics is another aspect of Capital and State Capital.

Women, and their reproductive capabilities, get particularly inhuman treatment, from doctors trained to cater for an aseptic, unreal image of Woman.

Birth control is one of the freedoms we are beginning to experience, a great freedom for women and men, which should release us from a lot of the misery of unwanted and mistimed pregnancy.

But the Multi-Nationals and the Doctors are both promoting the use of chemical compounds which, though they usually succeed in stopping conception, at the same time harm women's bodies in a dangerous and even pathological way.

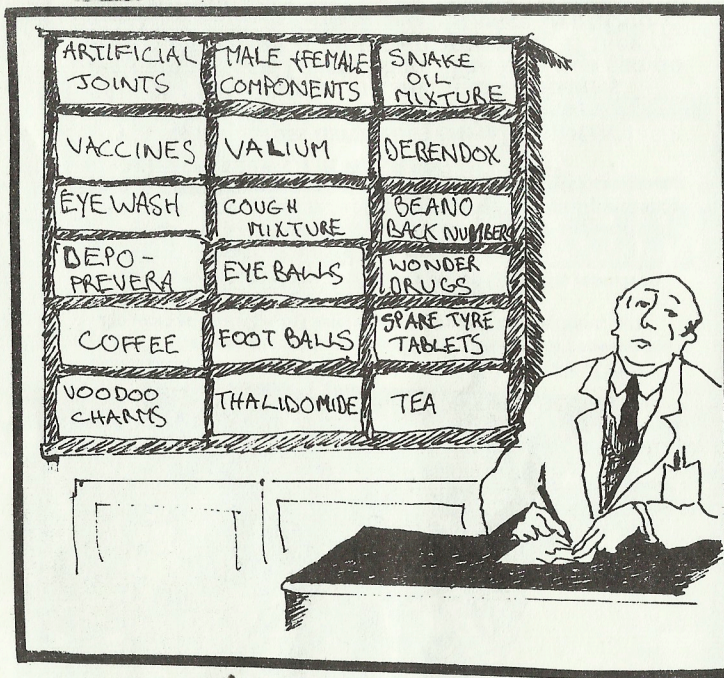
The prolonged use of the contraceptives available causes, in various degrees of severity, headaches, nausea, frigidity, infertility, hardening of the arteries, hypertension, blood clotting, cancers of the womb, cervix and breasts, and death.

The use of contraceptive pills can relieve a lot of temporary female conditions, i.e. for regulating and controlling periods and for correcting certain gynaecological abnormalities like Amenorrhoea, where periods cease completely.

The long term use of contraceptive pills should be avoided because of the inherent danger to our bodies and our selves.

Many women suffer badly with illness during pregnancy, the most common being a many sided malaise known as 'morning sickness', and a physical imbalance caused by the pituitary gland trying to adapt the hormonal balance to suit the condition of pregnancy and the growing foetus.

In this consumer orientated 'drugs for all occasions' society most women try to come to terms with sickness as 'unnatural', and so end up in the queue at the local maternity hospital where they are treated with the Conveyor belt practices of Capitalist medicine, and the products of the money grabbing, life destroying, Multi-National drug companies. The Thalidomide error was exposed in the early '60s, and the Distillers company is still trying to absolve itself of all responsibility. The tyranny of the drug



companies continues, and drugs which are tested on rats, rhesus monkeys and dogs are fed to women, who for the most part, are kept unaware of the possible short and long term effects on their bodies and their unborn children

The drugs used to cure 'morning sickness' have been proven to cause brain damage, genetic malformations, under developed limbs and amaturity in the babies of mothers using them.

At the moment the most common of these drugs is Debendox, which is made by Richardson-Merrell. There is now an international campaign to have it banned.

There are various companies which make similar drugs whose ingredients vary very little. Upjohn, Pfizer and Hoechst are among the others who exert high pressure sales techniques on doctors and hospitals to sell their poisons.



The problem does not, unfortunately stop there. Breast feeding is the natural way for us to feed our babies, but it is free and non-productive to Capital. Also in this country the Church conditions us to think our natural functions are somehow dirty and distasteful. So the Multi-nationals can dictate to us our children's nutrition from birth. All pre-prepared baby foods contain harmful chemical additives.

Also the normal adjustments of new babies to life, and the continuing development of a fragile nervous system, are treated with the same anti-spasmodic drug the pregnant woman takes for 'morning sickness'.

At present there is a worldwide campaign against the use of Depo-prevera, the injection of progesterone which acts as a long term contraceptive.

The manufacturer, Upjohn, is trying to have it proven safe, for use for population control in the 3rd World, where there is an ever expanding market for Capital.

Women using Depo-prevera have complained of the usual side effects of contraceptives. But Depo-prevera is a long slow acting agent, and the effects are more harmful as they are irreversible. Despite the campaign to ban it, it seems Upjohn will get the licence for mass production and mass injection into the bodies of unwary women in the 3rd world.

There are many natural methods and harmless contraceptives which we can use with a good degree of success, if we take the time to listen and learn from our own bodies and from each other. We've got the knowledge and resources, but we're often blinded by the desire to take the easy way out. Our male dominated society promotes inhuman and oppressive attitudes to women and their bodies, treats women as objects for male satisfaction, and even as guinea pigs for genetic experiment.

Doctors will not take the time to listen to women in their surgeries, and will prescribe drugs without any attention of the whole woman.

What we need is many more community family planning clinics, and realistic, non sexist, health education. We need to be aware of each other and the difficulties we face as we try to create a new world.

Conveyor belt medicine is the norm, and drugs which create more illness than they cure. We ourselves must educate each other, and pressurise Doctors and the State into returning to us the knowledge that we control our own bodies, our lives and our destinies.

# 2,4,5-T POISON FOR PROFIT

"I am not complaisant about 2,4,5-T but in not suspending ing its use I am acting on the best possible advice available to me". This was the reply of Mr Peter Walker, the British Minister of Agriculture, to David Thomas, farm worker on a large company-owned farm in Northants.

In the early 70's David and his fellow workers sprayed the Boots brand of 2,4,5-T, using backpack sprays which often leaked. During 1972 and 1973 his wife suffered two miscarriages. Her next pregnancy was full of problems, but her daughter Rebecca was born and seemed normal. At age 2 Rebecca was discovered to have a defective kidney and deformed urinary tract, both present since birth. Margaret Thomas is now pregnant again and her child is due this month. Again there have been signs of a threatened miscarriage.

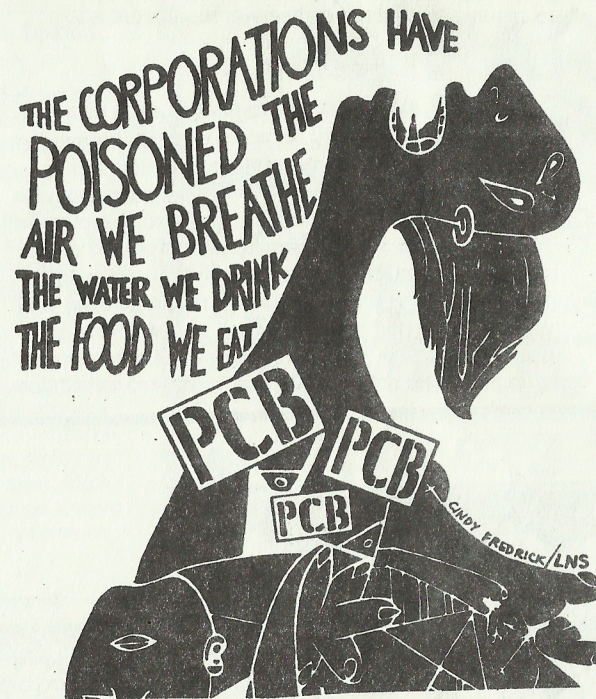
On Saturday 10th July 1976, a white cloud of toxic chemicals, containing at least 3kg of dioxin, some 100 kg trichlorophenol, plus an unknown quantity of intermediate products, escaped from the Hoffman La Roche plant at Seveso in Italy. The toxic cloud came from the part of the plant where trichlorophenol, the base for producing 2,4,5-T was produced. The whole area was evacuated on Monday 26th July. But on 23rd July the regional health counsellor had declared on television that 'evrything is under control'. Others new better. The Seveso plant was producing for NATO. On Tuesday 24th July a NATO document sent to the regional health counsellor from the US included the following, '50 microgrammes per 4000 sq metres is acceptable, the safe level is not known'.

In the US, Vietnam war veterans and women from Missoula, in Montana, are suing Dow chemicals Corporation. Both cases are based on the effects of 2,4,5-T on their health and lives. The Vietnam veterans came into contact with 2,4,5-T as half of the Agent Orange defoliant, which was a 1:1 mixture of 2,4-D (Dichlorophenoxide acid) and 2,4,5-T (Trichlorophenoxy acetic acid) which the Americans sprayed over Vietnam. The 10 women from Missoula believed that 2,4,5-T sprayed near their homes caused miscarriages over the last 10 years. The people of Vietnam who were sprayed with Agent Orange cannot sue Dow.

Dioxin (short for Tetrochlorodibenzoparadiioxin) is a contaminant of 2,4,5-T, a by product which can be located and eliminated from the product before it leaves the factory. But obviously it costs more to take dioxin out than to leave it in.

Exposure to Dioxin causes the skin disease chloracne, nausea, bleeding from the nose and gums, blood in the faeces, breathing difficulties, liver problems, weight loss and possible numbness of limbs. Tests on animals in the US have shown that dioxin is teratogenic (causes birth deformities) at levels of one part per million to the body weight

in rats mice and hamsters; at the level of 0.1 parts per billion to body weight in mice embryos and at the level of 0.5 parts per 1000 million million to body weight in rhesus monkeys. This has led the US governments National Institute for Occupational health and safety to say that dioxin is a suspect human teratogen.



would probably not be able to understand all the details of...the report". They say there are no 'significant' differences between those who worked with 2,4,5-T and those in the rest of the plant, but continue to refuse the HSE the reports. If results are so reassuring why are they still refusing the reports to the HSE?

The answer is provided by Dr Jenny Martin of the University of Manchester who conducted both studies. The findings of both show

## DISPOSING OF CHEMICALS.

**If you come across dangerous chemicals, DON't flush them down the sink. There is at present only one toxic dump, in Cork, and companies are dumping stuff everywhere. The best you can do is to isolate them from the environment. If they're really dangerous write to TCD Science Dept, Dub 2.**

that the workers have an increased rate of cardiovascular disease, liver and kidney complaints; the workers also show symptoms of the skin disease, chloracne. She published the results of the second study in the LANCET of February 1979; shortly after this her house was broken into and detailed medical reports of the 8 workers studied were stolen. (Guardian, 7/3/80, New Statesman 14/3/80.)

Much more evidence of the effects of 2,4,5-T is available: \*In North wales, the Adgar family walked into a cloud of it when on a

ent in Agent Orange. Since 2,4,5-T is not banned in Britain, it is freely available here.

Dow Chemicals fight against the EPA banning of 2,4,5-T in the US is a rearguard action. "Dow chemicals emphasise that the issue is not money -- in 1978, 2,4,5-T accounted for only 13.8 million dollars of the company's total sales of 6.9 Billion dollars -- but scientific principle... 'We think years and years of science have proved 2,4,5-T is safe', " (Business Week, 24/3/80). The Dow officials are of course lying. What is involved here is not the loss of a product which is no longer as profitable as it used to be when the US poured it over Vietnam: Dow's defence of 2,4,5-T, and its attack on the EPA's unfavourable findings will be of vital importance to Dow's defence against the cases being brought against it by the Vietnam veterans and women who have miscarried after exposure to it. Actions which, if successful could cost the company billions of dollars: there are more than 2000 other lawsuits waiting on the results of the first two test cases. The reasons large users of 2,4,5-T in the US are also backing it are also commercial: the users of 2,4,5-T are large cattle ranchers, electric utilities, and forest product companies. The largest spraying company in the US, Asplundh Environmental Services Inc., estimates that the loss of 2,4,5-T costs these industries 28.3 million dollars annually. These are of course false economies, Capitalist economies: dead forestry workers and miscarriages and deformed children have no place in the profit and loss accounts of Dow Chemical and the Capitalist users of 2,4,5-T.

Dioxin was first developed in the 2nd world war, (see Rebel, 29/3/80), and was used in the Vietnam war, in ecological warfare against the Vietnamese people, as well as the working class GI's who sprayed it. (It is worth noting here that the president of Hoffman La Roche, E. Bobst, was one of the most important advisers to Richard Nixon, especially in the period when the US developed its most aggressive policies of genocide and ecological warfare against the Vietnamese). The production at Seveso was closely related to the decision by NATO in July 75 to 'Reinsforce chemical defences in Europe'. It is used in the 'War against the land' which Capital engages in to squeeze more and yet more profit from the land, without considering the long term effects on the land and the environment. It is part of the War between Capital and workers being fought in the west.

2,4,5-T is only one of many ways developed by Capital in the last 50 years, for making money while killing workers. Nuclear Power, asbestos, dioxin, uranium mining, thalidomide, pesticides and herbicides, and War: all are highly 'profitable', capital intensive industries, which produce profit for Capital and dead bodies for workers.

These industries also have long term polluting effects on the world we live in. Toxic chemical dumps poison people long after the particular chemicals have stopped being produced. In the '40's and '50's the Hooker Chemical Corporation (who also produce dioxin) used a place called LOVE CANAL as a dump for the myriad toxic by-products of their wares, including residues of powerful pesticides. The leaking of these chemicals into the homes of people living nearby was finally noticed in 1978. Only two of the 8 women who gave birth in Love Canal in '78-'79 had normal babies. The miscarriage rate among women in the contaminated sector was 25.2 % compared with 8.5 % before the moved into the area. The place also has a much higher rate of serious disease, including cancer, than nearby areas. In 1978 New York State relocated 238 families whose homes were nearest to the dump, at a cost of 37 million dollars. A few weeks ago Peanuts Carter ordered a further

Proof that dioxin causes malformation of babies is readily available from the women of Vietnam. Between 1961 and 1970 the US sprayed 44 million gallons of Agent Orange over Vietnam-- 61 lbs per person. But that evidence is not acceptable to Western governments. A study carried out on women in Alsea, Oregon showed a disproportionate number of miscarriages among those women exposed to the herbicide 2,4,5-T. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has imposed an emergency ban on the use of 2,4,5-T in the US; Dow Chemicals are fighting this ban.

In England and Ireland, however, there is no ban to fight. Peter Walker relies solely on the advice of the Pesticides Advisory Committee (PAC) whose members he described as "world famous scientists" for advice relating to herbicides and pesticides. 15 of the committee's members are not scientists at all, but civil servants: four professors of agricultural biology and 6 other academics make up the committee: nine of them is an expert on the effect of 2,4,5-T on animal and human cells. Its statements are based on a 1972 report by the Food and Agricultural Organisation which sets a maximum limit for dioxin that is 10 times higher than the level allowed in the US before 2,4,5-T was banned there. The PAC claims that dioxin disperses within 24 hours of being exposed to sunlight, yet it was found in the ground in Vietnam 4 years after spraying stopped. The PAC has little time either for the evidence of David Thomas, farm worker.

Nor have they time for the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers (NAAAW) who have called for a ban on 2,4,5-T and presented Peter Walker with a dossier, "Not A Minute Longer" which details the damage done by dioxin...in Seveso, in Oregon, at the Coalite factory in Derbyshire, to Vietnam veterans and to agricultural workers in England who have come into contact with it. At a recent meeting with the NAAAW the PAC agreed that 2,4,5-T causes cancers, birth defects and gene breakdown, but refused to ban it. Last year the PAC claimed that only 3 tons of 2,4,5-T was used in England, but the Customs and Excise reports that 116 tons were imported in 1979, 40 times the amount PAC quoted.

Coalite, a North Derbyshire chemical company who manufactured 2,4,5-T are in no hurry to provide information on the health of their workers who were exposed to dioxin. In 1968 an explosion occurred at the plant, one man died and 79 others were exposed to dioxin. It was only in 1977, after the Seveso disaster and pressure from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), that Coalite commissioned 2 studies on its workers health. Since then production of 2,4,5-T has been stopped. Maintenance men have refused to work in the plant,

## TERRORISTS KILL DIRECTOR (6/2/80).

*Italian terrorists, three men and one woman, allegedly belonging to the Front Line group, yesterday shot and killed Mr Paolo Paoletti, the 39 yr old technical director of the Icmesa chemical plant at Seveso, a satellite town of Milan. The town of Seveso became famous on July 12, 1976, when an explosion released a four mile cloud of trichlorophenol and its more lethal by-product, dioxin.. The company is owned by La Roche of Switzerland, and the original licence was to make perfumes. (THE GUARDIAN).*

and Coalite are refusing to make the results of the studies available to the HSE. Only a summarised whitewashed version was made available to the local union officials: the company's reason, according to the director, Mr Ted Needham, was "We think local union officials

picnic. Over the next few months Peter Edgar developed breast cancer his son Adrian came out in boils and then developed the bone disease osteomyelitis, and Lyn Edgar, who had conceived her second child that week gave birth to a son with a hole in his heart and deformities of the leg bones and sex organs. (New Statesman, 11/4/80)

\*Mrs Gillian Scheltinga miscarried after the Forestry Commission used 2,4,5-T near her home in the Gwyder forest in Gwynedd. (Guardian 19/10/79).

\*In the village of OVER STOWEY in Somerset, Richard Chidgery has worked for the Forestry Commission for several years and frequently used 2,4,5-T. In 1977 his wife miscarried. Her first child Paula was born with "half a nose twisted sideways in her face, its single nostril at right angles to where it ought to have been. Underneath it, and down to the lower jaw, was just an enormous hole". Paula Chidgery will be having operations until she is 12. Her teeth are coming out all over the place and her speech is badly affected. When Richard heard of the possible effects of dioxin he queried the Forestry Commission: his immediate boss told him it was 'perfectly safe' and that perhaps smoking had caused the birth defect.

\*Eileen Chapman's husband was also spraying for the Forestry Commission in OVER STOWEY when she became pregnant. At 4½ months she miscarried. Her immediate neighbour Wendy Cobbletick had conceived her first child in 1973, when she went to see her husband at work. He was spraying 2,4,5-T. She miscarried after 4 months. James is 26 and worked since he was 16 for the Forestry Commission, using 2,4,5-T for 5 years. He has just discovered he is sterile and no one knows the cause. (New Statesman 11/4/80)

\*In August 1978 a group of young people camped at OVER STOWEY. They took their water from a stream which was later learnt to be contaminated with some unknown substance. Within days most of the 40 children were ill. Mrs Sylvia Grant's 12 year old daughter was never really well again after returning from the camp. In April '78 a rare form of cancer was diagnosed and she died in Dec 79. Another camper has been ill since with a totally undiagnosable wasting sickness which is sapping his energy and reducing his weight. (New Statesman, 2/5/80)

\*Mrs Irene Hogben who came into contact with 2,4,5-T while working for Burts and Harvey, a chemical distribution firm in Belvedere, Kent has given birth to a daughter with severe deformities. (Guardian 13/3/80).

\*David Thomas has given more information on 2,4,5-T to the scientists and civil servants of the PAC. His fellow worker, Edgar Trehern, was spraying with him back in 1971. His back pack leaked as well and once he was splashed on the neck with 2,4,5-T. Within a few weeks he developed a growth. Cancer was diagnosed. He died within a year.

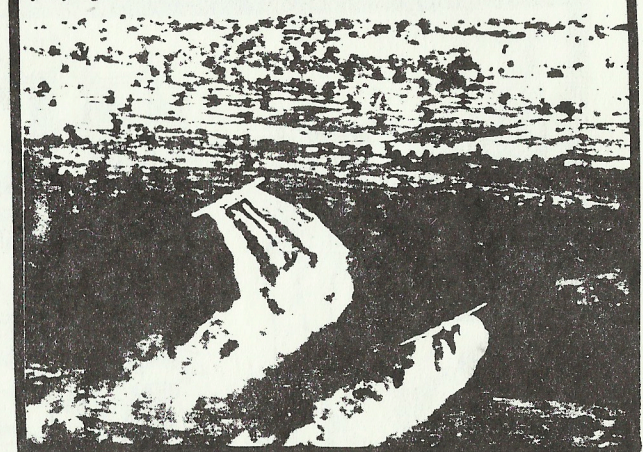
\*Ernie Hackney, East Midlands official of the NAAAW, has spent months collecting similar case histories. Two young men in their 20's who worked for a farm spraying contract company, died of cancer 4 months after being soaked with the spray. One of them, Neville's, wife was pregnant, and just before his death she gave birth to a baby with deformed legs.

In England the following brands of weedkiller contain 2,4,5-T: Boots Nettle Killer, Chipman Brushwood Killer (Chipmans), Phortox Scrub and Nettle killer (Fisons), Trioxone 50 (Plant Protection Ltd), Silvapron (BP). Other using added 2,4-D are Brushwood Emulsion (Diamond Shamrock), Farmon Brushwood Killer (Farm Protection), Spontox (May & Baker), Stancide BWK 75 (Stanhope), Synchemicals Weed and Brushwood Killer (Synchemicals).

SBK Brushwood Killer, on sale in Ireland, produced by Synchemicals Ltd, and distributed in Ireland by Spread (Ireland), Stevens Lne, near Kingsbridge, contains both 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D, the extra ingred-

evacuation of the area: the local people had held 2 EPA officials hostage for 6 hours before Carter made his decision. The birth defects, illnesses and forced evacuations at Love Canal have drawn attention to numerous other leaking dumps in New York, Kentucky, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and elsewhere. The US chemical industry is getting so desperate to find somewhere to dump its chemical poisons that the Nedlog Technology Group of Colorado recently offered Sierra Leone President Siaka Stevens an annual licence fee of 25 million dollars if he would allow them to dump US toxic waste in Sierra Leone. The plan fell through, but Nedlog still plan to ship one million tons of toxic waste to the Third World each year. Local opposition in the US has made it impossible to develop any new toxic waste dumps, so the US plans to export its poison; just as it exports factories which use hazardous chemicals at levels it can't get away with at home to 3rd World countries.

Spraying defoliants in Vietnam: Veterans claim contamination.



The structure of the US chemical industry under the control of capital is such that death and disease are bound to result from many of its products.

"The (US) chemical industry, particularly the manufacturers of synthetic organic chemicals, during the 1946-66 period recorded a unusually high rate of profit. During that period, when the average return on net worth for all manufacturing industries averaged 13.1

## DEFORMED BABIES' (Irish Times, 3/2/79).

Fifty three deformed babies were born last year in the district around Seveso near Milan which was polluted by a toxic gas leak, the Milan gynaecological clinic reported yesterday. This is worse than the previous year, when 38 deformed infants were born following the leak at a chemicals factory in July 1976.

%, the chemical industry averaged 14.7%. The MCA volume offers an explanation for this exceptionally high rate of profit " (MCA = Manufacturing Chemists Assoc. (US)).

It goes on to explain that the high profit rate is due to a continuous supply of new synthetic products, where profits are double in

# The Spanish Collectives

Its difficult, in a series of newspaper articles to give more than a brief impression of the amazing achievements of the working people of Spain during the Revolution in 1936.

There were at least 1600 rural 'collectives' set up, in Aragon, levante and the Castile -- all individual and unique, yet all united in universal soillidarity. Our main base in Andalusia (in southern Spain) was immediately overrun by the fascists, and the people there are still awaiting a first chance to overthrow their oppressors.

In addition to the rural Collectives, virtually the whole of industrial Catalonia was collectivised, along with 70% of the Levante -- a movement led by the anarcho-syndicalist C.N.T., a union which is run by the workers themselves, without a bureaucracy or full time officials. In the industrial sphere we had to cope with the opposition of the factory owners, the socialist U G. T. union, which moved quickly to the right, and the opposition of the Republican Government and the police, as well as the Communists, who took over the secret police and infiltrated the UGT, as well as fighting and supplying a terrible war with the German and Italian backed fascists. Despite all this we were very successful in industry. No one can better organise production than the workers themselves.

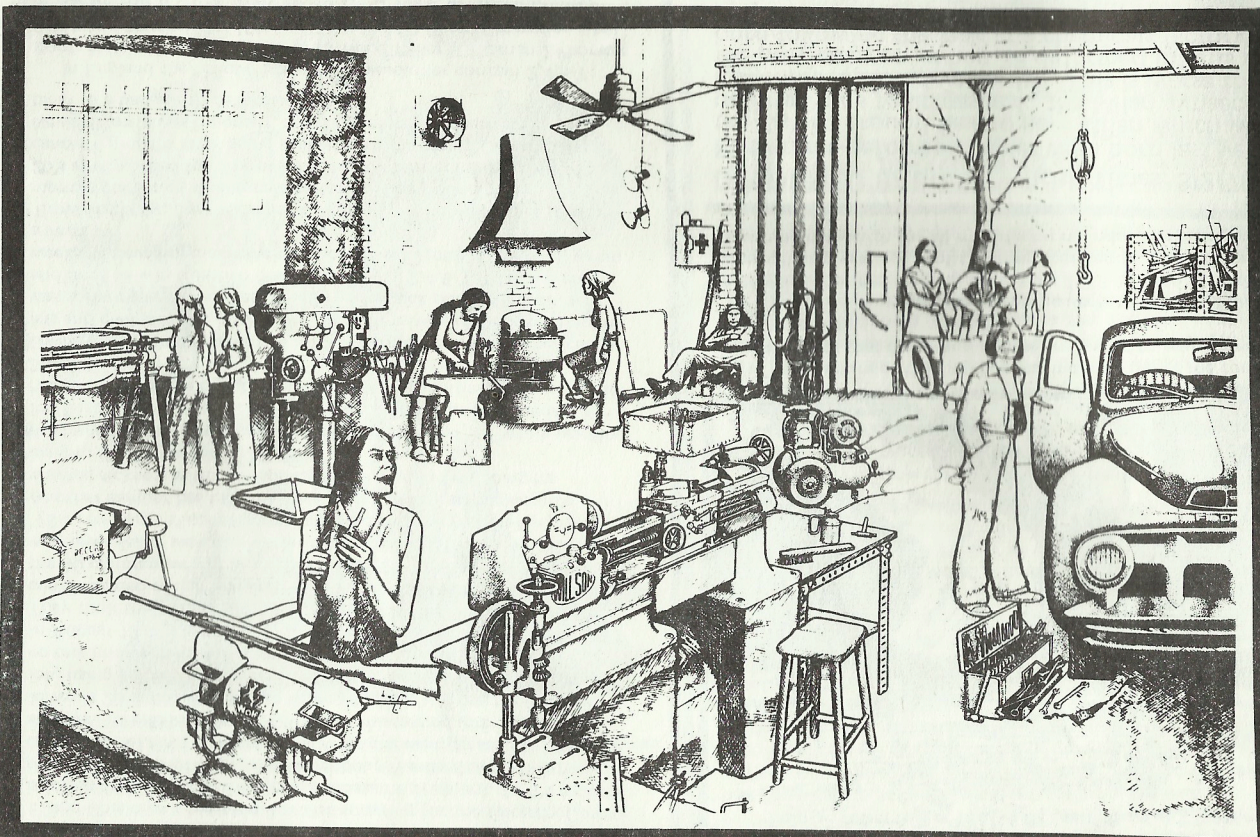
## 1. Historical Summary

The background to the revolution and the civil war is a long and heroic one. The Anarchist philosophy, rejecting all authority and political power, spread quickly in Spain from the time of its introduction in 1868.

In 1871 the International split between the Anarchists and the authoritarian Marxists, and at a conference in Barcelona in 1872 (which was attended by delegates from 752 local unions and federations) it was decided to organise on the basis of "sovereignly independent sections" and the central council was turned into a "bureau of correspondence and statistics" without fulltime staff. For the Anarchists this was a total victory.

By this time, in Spain, the church had already been discredited, by siding always with the aristocracy against the mass of landless farm labourers. The repressive social structure was reflected in the slave conditions of the new industrial workers.

The Anarchist idea spread like wildfire, especially in Andalusia, and there were a long series of insurrections, always accompanied by attempted collectivisation of farms and



CNT syndicate (a 'syndicate' is a local section of the union) was formed and in 1932 on 8th Dec, Mas de las Matas joined in a general uprising all over Aragon and much of Catalonia, the movement was crushed by the Civil Guard, the CNT was closed down til the elections of feb 36, when it was set up again.

Five months later the local fascists were defeated without a fight, and in Sept our comrades launched the idea of an agrarian Collective. The Syndicate agreed at a general meeting, a list of those who had joined was circulated, when I was there 550 out of 600 families had joined, the other 50 were in the UGT and followed orders.

Throughout the canton the same principle was applied, the various stages of socialisation show that the choice was free. The villages were run by monthly General Assemblies which elected delegates and a commission. In Mas de las Matas there were 32 groups of workers in the agricultural

For instance when clothing was rationed it wasn't because there wasn't the resources to get them, by barter, but because there was a general shortage, due to the war effort. Furthermore huge quantities of corn, meat, vegetables and oil from the area were being sent free to support those at the fighting front. Free supplies were also being sent to Madrid which was besieged by the Francist armies.

Medical care and medicines were supplied free to all. A new school had been opened and two new classes added to the one in Mas de las Matas. Public entertainments were free to all.

On the basis of agreements made throughout Aragon, as well as in Castile and Levante, no Collective could conduct business on its own account. In this way there was no speculation, which could have arisen in the war circumstances, or the kind of competition which

often happened in the collectivised factories of Barcelona, especially in the textile industry.

These measures of a moral nature ran parallel with the sense of organisation in most of the collectives. Each village sent to the regional Comite a list of its surplus goods and of those it needed. Thus each



factories. This was the time of the Fenian uprisings in Ireland, under similar rural conditions. The first really big strike happened in Barcelona in 1902, and this was followed in 1910 by the creation of the CNT, the anarcho-syndicalist union, run by the workers, which aimed to take over industry after a General Strike.

After the Russian Revolution in 1917 there were a series of general strikes and uprisings all over Spain, which were viciously suppressed by the army.

In 1919 we carried out another General Strike, in Barcelona, with perfect order and solidarity, but after that the military resorted to a terror and murder campaign.

Things had gone badly wrong in Russia, and the 1922 Congress in Saragossa condemned the Marxist International and the Marxist degeneration of the Russian Revolution, the Lenin dictatorship and the mass murder of our comrades.

In 1924 the CNT was suppressed and went underground. The libertarian press was smashed and all Anarchist centres destroyed.

Yet in 1931 the CNT re-emerged, stronger than ever, and in 1936, when the fascist military, under Franco, tried to take over again, it was the CNT and the Anarchist militia's who led the General Strike and insurrection. And began the revolution.

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## 2. The Countryside

Rather than attempt to include all the rural Collectives we include here extracts from an account of one, taken at random from Gaston Leval's book, 'Collectives in the Spanish Revolution'. (Available in ABC Books).  
(This is a shortened version)

To the north of the province of Teruel, Mas de las Matas is the chief village of the canton bearing its name, and comprises 19 villages. It had 2300 inhabitants (and the other villages were smaller). By May 1937 6 villages were entirely collectivised, 4 others almost completely, 5 were about ½ collectivised and the others were about to do so, with only one hesitating. Here the libertarian movement preceded the syndicalist one, the area was mostly small holdings. Mas de las Matas was the richest, because it had some irrigation.

The other villages were more or less without water and life was hard, libertarian ideas took root from about 1900, not so much on class lines but for reasons of conscience, humanity and opposition to exploitation of man by man. It was the latest generation of these who led the collectivist organisation of the canton.

The 1931 Republic brought few changes, in '32 the first

section, each farmed some dry and some irrigated land, to divide up the heavy work.

Large quantities of fruit and veg were grown, each group chose their own delegates who met weekly to coordinate the work.

When I visited all irrigated lands were in use, dry lands were being prepared for sowing and the herds had been greatly increased and a large number of piglets from Catalonia distributed among the people, until a collective piggery could be built.

Mas de las Matas was the chief village of the canton, and many small industries sprang up, building, boots & shoes, clothing, slippers, meat processing etc, as sections of the general Collective.

If, then an agrarian section needed, say, special tools, they got a voucher from the administering commission and took it to the metal workers, with furniture or anything else the same procedure.

Neither official currency (pesetas) nor local money was used in any of the villages of this Canton.

It's hard to describe in words the extent of agrarian socialisation. Everywhere red & black signs proclaimed workshops, communal stores, hotels, and cantonal warehouses: for chemicals, cement, raw materials, etc, where the collectivists from other cantonal villages came to replenish their stocks, as agreed by their delegates at fraternal meetings.

In the former shop of a rich fascist I saw stacks of clothing intended for the other villages. At the general supplies section vouchers were given to individualists (who weren't in the Collective). Requests from each family were entered on a card index.

In the tailor's shop, men and women workers were cutting and making suits for comrades who had ordered them. Bread was being kneaded and baked in collective bakehouses.

At the cafe everyone was entitled to two cups of roasted chicory (that was all their was), or two lemonades daily.

Outside the town a family who had formerly prospered as a business had a nursery where vegetable seedlings were being raised in huge quantities for planting throughout the canton. They had joined the Collective right from the beginning.

The dressmaking workshop made up women's clothes and took in young women to learn the skills.

A placard attracts one's attention. It reads 'Popular Bookshop' it is in fact a library. On its shelves were 6 to 10 copies of different works of sociology, literature, culture, science etc., and text books of all kinds.

Though their was general solidarity each family was allocated a small plot of land where they grew fruit & veg & raised rabbits, this supplemented food supply and gave a choice. And so rationing (which in any case was not rigid) was not the same as bureaucratic conformity.

The scale for consumption of various goods had previously been marked on a family 'carnet'. But following the Congress of Caspe, it was thought preferable to use the standard booklet produced by the Regional Federation of Collectives in all the local Collectives. This was to avoid excessive differences between richer and poorer villages and areas.

village in the canton of Mas de las Matas had a current account in the books kept at the chief village in which was entered what it supplied and what it got.

Through the intermediary of the general Warehouse, barter within and outside each village was possible at all times. This system of compensation was carried out without any reticence, for the spirit of speculation had disappeared. Any village going thru particular difficulties and had nothing to barter was not thereby condemned to poverty or to having to raise loans on which the interest would strangle them for years to come.

In the interdependent cantons the problem did not present itself in these terms. Thus, for instance in Mas de las Matas the main resources of Seno and of La Ginebrosa had, that year, been destroyed by hailstones. Under a Capitalist system it would have caused great hardship and emigration for years. Loans secured would be a permanent millstone.

Under the regime of libertarian solidarity the difficulty was shared among all the canton. Food, vegetable, seeds etc were supplied in a fraternal manner, without mortgages or debts.

Mas de las Matas was, in my memory, a happy place. You could see it in the faces and behaviour of the people, the attitude of the women seated on the thresholds of their homes, or sitting and talking and knitting outside. The Revolution had created a new civilization.

## 3. Destruction

By late July 1937, with the forces of counter-revolution gathering, and the fascist armies advancing, the situation was grim. In that month a renegade Communist officer, Enrique Lister, led regular army and police units against the Aragon Collectives.

It was harvest time, and the Anarchist Militia's were away fighting at the Front. Mas de las Matas was attacked, along with many others. There were wholesale arrests, warehouses, stores, markets and transport were pillaged or wrecked.

Former owners were re-instated and the harvest, livestock and seeds were seized.

The Collectives had to be allowed to re-form -- due to the threat of starvation. Only to be finally annihilated by the victory of the Nazi and Italian backed fascist armies. Over 2 million people died in the war and the terrible repression that followed.

The Fascists were allowed to win and remain in Spain because the western countries ultimately preferred Fascism to Revolution. The Stalinists, as always, tried to destroy everything they could not control.

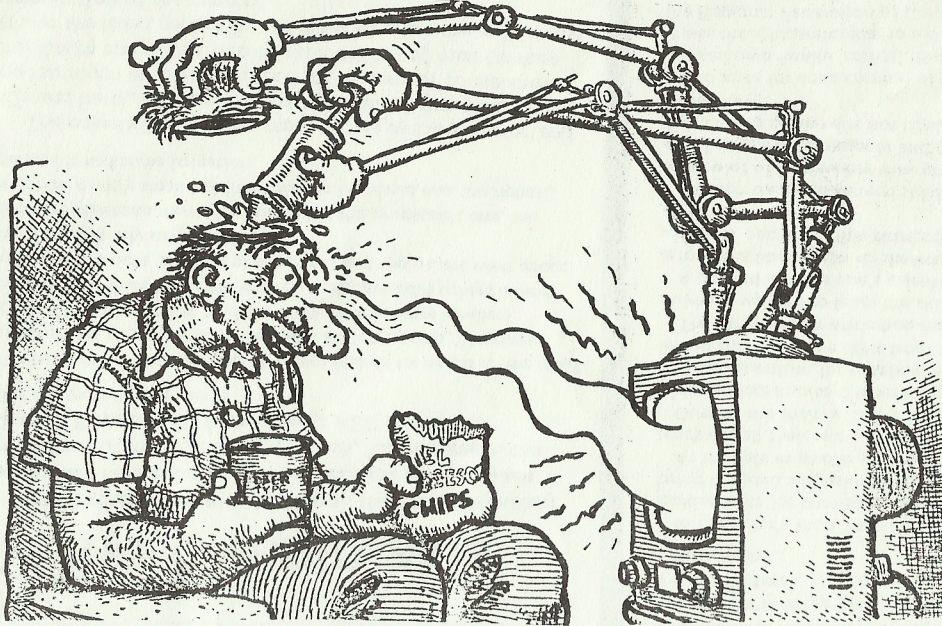
The defeat was followed by 40 years of total repression. Yet by Jan 1980 the CNT Congress met again, in Madrid, for the first time since 1936. They may kill every man woman and child, but the Revolution lives!

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# Advertising Rots Yer



What is the purpose of advertising? To sell products. Every other aspect of the industry is secondary to this. Through the mediums of television, radio, newspapers, hoardings, etc., there is a never ending barrage of ideas being pushed at people. The whole idea of this is firstly to make people aware of the product and then to make them desire or want it. It is necessary to be able to tell the difference between wants and needs. Needs are essential for living, food, clothes, houses, etc., wants are really false needs. Advertising creates false needs. Because the presentation of the goods is attractive it stimulates a want to buy goods which are not necessary for living.

That is the general idea behind advertising, but what about the methods which are used? The industry will stop at nothing, it rips off ideas from everywhere. Take punk for example, it started out as Do It Yourself, but very soon it was being used to advertise jeans on television. In the printed word comic strips are used to push the benefits of build-

ing societies, the list is endless. Advertising gives people a look at the so-called "better life", you can become the trendy person of your dreams, but most people, especially at the bottom of the shitpile have no hope of getting such a lifestyle. Take subliminal advertising, - it is directed at the unconscious and the person is not even aware of it, a split second image is flashed across the screen, the unconscious picks it up and at a later stage the person becomes aware of the message.

The advertising industry preys on the urge of people to acquire goods and property. It uses women as objects to sell everything from cars to drink. The industry is defended by the old cliché that adverts give the public information on products. That is a half truth, it is also pushing useless goods which have a very short lifespan --when they break. Buy more--. There are advertising breaks about every 7 minutes on American television. This speaks volumes for the state of the society, all quantity, very little quality, all bullshit -- no substance.

Consume.....Consume.....Consume

# B R A I N

the 'monopoly' situation til competitors catch up.

Barry Commoner says, in his book, 'The Closing Circle' pp259-260 that this situation is an ecological nightmare, as it takes at least 5 yrs to analyse the impact of the new products, by which time they are firmly established and packed. This partly explains the environmental disasters.

Since 1966 the profit position has fallen sharply. The industry itself admits it could only keep up its profits while 'social costs' (in workers deaths, destruction of the environment, waste disposal etc.,) were ignored or borne by the state. Profits have declined because of the resistance of the people.

The present situation is that the health & environmental effects of only about 10% of about 4 million chemicals which produce profit for capital are known and determined.: of those investigated poisonous effects have been documented for about 100,000, around 1/4 of all those tested.

There has been a recent upsurge in chemical profits. But this may not last long as workers begin to call in the debts...the uncounted social costs. In Seveso the La Roche company offered 66 million dollars. In the US the Vietnam case could cost billions. But already Dow are trying to shift the cost by suing the federal government, saying it should pay back the companies if the courts uphold the Veterans case, "We were only producing (Agent Orange) by and for the Govt, according to Govt specifications & we had no control over how they used it" says a Monsanto official in Business Week, 24/3/80. Thus echoing Nazi claims to innocence, and trying to make the world proletariat pay for the production by the companies of this poison.. This is similar to the US govt. picking up the production costs of Hooker in the Love Canal case.

The need to fight toxic industries such as Nuclear Power, dioxin, etc arises from many considerations. Here the barbarism of capital is shown in the clearest light: production of poison for profit. (An analysis, which we don't have space for here, would also show that the majority of these chemicals are unnecessary, if not actually harmful). What is involved here is a clear cut struggle for survival... to make the capitalists pay the full costs of production, making production and use safe, or ceasing production. Included here must be the fight against the military might of capital, and the ever more detailed plans to make us disappear in a nuclear holocaust. Other considerations which might be advanced are the recognition of the importance of bourgeois science and technology in production of profit for capital (as well as for continuing political and military capitalist domination) and the need to fight capital at its most concentrated point...i.e. where it has most to lose.

The struggle against nuclear power is an example here. The original dreams of capital of huge profits from nuclear power have been shattered by the resistance of the people: even with huge state subsidies for research, etc., the nuclear power industry has not succeeded in making profits (see Business Week, 25/12/78, and 19/11/79 and 18/2/80 etc.)

The generally accepted reason for this is the continuing insistence on safety improvements and pressure from the anti nuclear and environmental movements. As a result of the anti nuclear movement worldwide, the nuclear power industry is in crisis.

The same possibilities occur in the fight against toxic chemicals, noxious industries, herbicides, fertilizers etc. Under the capitalist system Seveso is not an exception, neither is Vietnam, neither is Over Stowey. The common factor which underlines them is capital's interest in producing profit, whatever the cost for workers and the environment. At the present time Ireland is beginning to become a centre for all kinds of noxious industries.

The fight against them must be begun now, before another seveso, or another whiddy happens.

# EVERYBODY must get

# BOMBED!

For those who swallowed the 'atoms for Peace' program. For those who think Nuclear power is safe. For those who think the Government has said NO to Nuclear.... This story is for you.

A company called Maugh Ltd has been prospecting in Carlow since 1976 (see article). It is owned by the French Government, which has successfully mined Uranium in occupied Namibia, as well as in Niger, on the edge of the Sahara.

The French Govt are already notorious, at least to anti-nukes, for selling technology to both Israel and South Africa which helped them develop their own Nuclear Bombs.

But if the Israelis have the bomb, then the Arabs will do anything to get it too. And now it has come out that the French Govt have diverted Uranium supplies from Niger to Libya, and thence to Pakistan, where development of Hiroshima type bombs are now in an advanced stage.

It seems that Col. Ghaddafi, the marxist Libyan dictator, has largely financed the Pakistani bomb, and will no doubt get a few for his own arsenal. The prospects are terrifying.

Modern technology has brought us several new and simpler methods of enriching uranium to make bombs, all of which are available, it seems, at the right price. But the simplest way is still to buy a Nuclear Power Station, which provides enriched Uranium and Plutonium as by-products. That's how India got its first bomb, and that's how Brazil and Argentina are trying to get theirs, with the kind help, for a price, of the West Germans. There are at least a dozen other countries who could easily get Nuclear weapons by this method over the next 10 to fifteen years.

The fact is that the Nuclear Industry, from Uranium Prospecting to the mass production of Thermonuclear Missiles is the one industry, and always has been.

With recession, overproduction and isolationism growing in the capitalist West, the new answer is to put military production into top gear, and to foster paranoia and rumours of war.

The Soviet and Chinese 'State Capitalist' war industries are, if anything, more centralised, more secretive, and more caught up in their own power mania.

People seem to be entranced by the spectacle, like hypnotised consumer dummies, waiting to watch the end of the world on television!

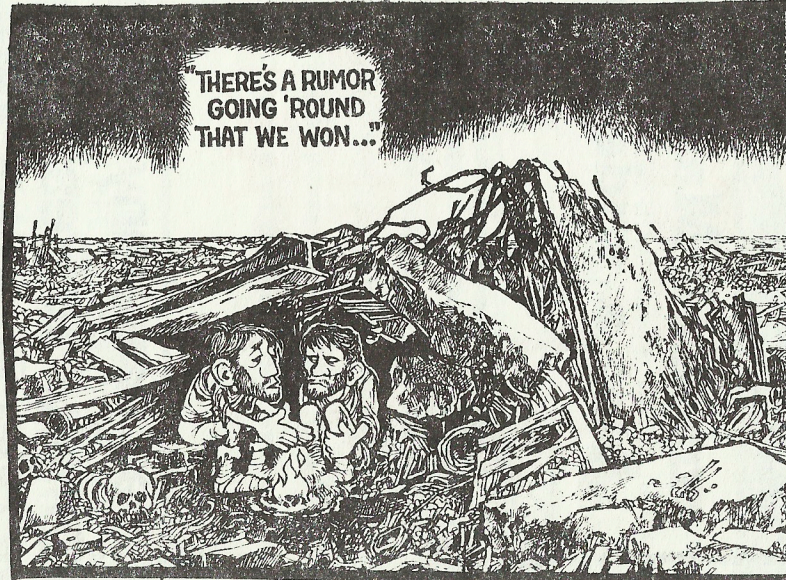
What we must do, as always is to fight for the end of all States and centralised power. (Backing down of the state when charged for protesting doesn't help!) The only thing now hampering the spread of Nuclear weapons is the shortage of Uranium and Enrichment facilities. We can help by building the worldwide movement to block all attempts at new uranium mines, and in this way force the postponement and the ultimate collapse of the "peaceful" Nuclear Power Industry, as well as exposing those who (like Maugh Ltd of Carlow) are connected with selling the materials and technology for making Nuclear weapons.

## CRUISING TO DISASTER

At present sites are being chosen, all over Europe for the new CRUISE missiles. The latest from the great Amerikan war machine. And the Russians have, reportedly begun deploying their latest little toy.

The CRUISE missiles are fired from the back of trucks, have a range of 2000 miles, an accuracy to the nearest 30 feet, and each have ten times the power of the bomb that massacred half the people of Hiroshima, and left the rest to a slow and horrible fate from cancers and mutations.

August 6th is Hiroshima day, and people all over the world will be protesting.



## THE ANTI NUCLEAR NINE

THE CASE AGAINST 7 OF THE 9 ANTI NUKES ARRESTED LAST NOVEMBER HAS AT LAST BEEN FINISHED'. THEY AGREED TO A DEAL AND PLEADED GUILTY TO THE FORCIBLE ENTRY CHARGE SO THAT THE MALICIOUS DAMAGE CHARGE ( £1100) WOULD BE DROPPED'

THEY RECEIVED 12 MONTH SENTENCES, SUSPENDED FOR 2 YEARS.

WLADIC GAJ'S CASE IS DUE AGAIN ON JULY 27th IN THE HIGH COURT, AND HE WILL NEED SUPPORT, BUT HE WILL PROBABLY BE PUT BACK, WITH EDDIE CONLON TILL THE AUTUMN.

FOR THE 7 THE RESULT WAS HARDLY A VICTORY, BUT WE'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE DELAYING AND DIVISIVE TACTICS OF THE STATE, AND HOW NOT TO RUN A DEFENCE COLLECTIVE!

WE STILL THINK THE OCCUPATION OF THE EEC OFFICES WAS WELL WORTH IT, AND SUSPENDED SENTENCES WILL NOT STOP ANY OF US FOR ONE MINUTE

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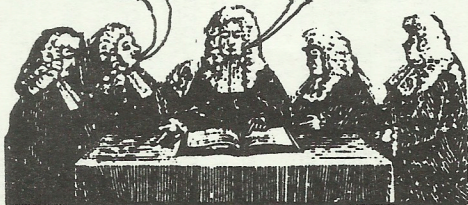
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