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Educating who about what?

THE CIRCLED 'A' AND ITS PARASITES

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1 an organism living in or on another organism for its own benefit

2 something or somebody depending on something or somebody else for existence or support without making a useful or adequate return.

90% of the anarchist movement is a joke.

Anarchism has come to be used to describe anything but anarchism.

Anarchism, as a movement in Britain, is just about nonexistent. Anarchists have no influence whatsoever within the working class. Although we see anarchist principles at work all the time throughout our class.

The best parts of our life normally exist outside of anybody's control.

Human nature is good, the conditions most of us grow up in are bad.

"Anarchists" get a buzz out of feeling part of some anarchist tradition and romantically look to Spain as proof that anarchist society is workable and desirable by a mass of people.

Yet for some strange reason these people appear to be completely detached from the mass of people who would make anarchism a reality.

Maybe it is fear of being pushed out of the way by real people, making real change, that keeps the supposed anarchists to their weird little worlds. Jealous of their specialised subject being taken from them by those it's really from and for.

People appear unwilling to face up to the realities of our present society, wishing instead to bury themselves in empty rhetoric and totally empty and useless supposed anarchist organisations that struggle like fuck to sustain themselves.

Anarchist groups today appear to be social clubs for society's misfits, where all manners of weirdos discuss matters they have no connection to, in the grand name of anarchy.

University educated politicians, with absolutely no valid experience of a working class existence, talk emptily about capitalism and class from a position of privileged detachment and every other load of bullshit imaginable except for anything of value such as

1. The middle class's involvement in politics, its contradictions, the damage done by revolutionaries and radicals, their insincerity ...

2. How come the anarchist (?) groups who profess to have right lines, have everything but members? Are people thick or is their method of working wrong?

(How come very little anarchist propaganda strikes a chord in people?)

People do not want to look at the obstacles that need considering.

To look at society and to realise the reality of the situation that we live in is something very unpalatable for most supposed anarchists. Most supposed anarchists haven't the bottle or the desire. Until discussion begins, that is not hindered by privileged idiots and boring politicians we haven't a hope in hell of getting anywhere.

We know in anarchist politics that most people give up at the first hurdle out of frustration and defensiveness. People dig themselves into a corner – staying put in their road to nowhere; groups producing crap papers that no one seems to want to buy or read.

Most political shit that gets produced bears no relation to people's lives. Most of what is produced assumes the reader is a political bore with plenty of knowledge of irrelevant and pathetic political language. Half of which comes from another class's view of things. The middle class are very inarticulate, they try to hide this by their use of words. When we understand the words the

academics use, the fuckers have no hiding place. They have nothing to say and no reason to say anything 'political'.

The academics (bored people who sit on the sidelines of any class conflict), who profess to be revolutionaries, main priorities seem to be making almost but not quite, stimulating books and mags for very unstimulating people – kind of like pseudo intellectual shit to have on your coffee table to impress impressionable fools with and to help the purchaser to feel that they are concerning themselves with the world's ills, when really they are not. (There's actually comfort in such 'politics' for some people.)

Turning a blind eye to unsightly reality will not further anarchism in any way.

The anarchists exist in irrelevant groups as a shield to protect them from reality. It's avoidance of accepting that they're ignored and powerless ... and realistically, up to nothing of any value.

Is it Trumpton we live in, or England?

One anarchist (?) from the Solidarity Federation said at a recent meeting of the Northern Anarchist Network, "I'm sick of hearing about the middle class – there's only bosses and workers." In the cartoon world of his organisation this is maybe the case. A very simple and romanticised view of things.

A very, very inadequate view of society, outdated by maybe 70 or 80 years or so. We know this view is the basis of all anarchist groups – out of date left wing rubbish.

Everyone else knows society has changed and does change, but not the politicians. Concrete realities that clash with their views, they choose to ignore.

Millions of us are on the dole and don't have bosses as such, yet we do have middle class people affecting our lives, breathing down our necks, held up to us as successful people and role models. Our managers and controllers – but not necessarily our bosses.

What world do some people inhabit in order to come up with such a line?

Some people's vision of society is basically addled by their involvement in 'politics'.

The critical lack of class analysis that exists within supposed class politics enables ex-public school boys and all other shades of liberals to stand alongside working class revolutionaries without it seeming peculiar. Questions are not asked, which spares the imposters embarrassment and creates a weak and bastardised movement. We don't speak up 'cause usually we don't want to make fools of these clowns who are supposedly on our side. This should end though.

Politeness is the art of non communication.

Middle class people elbow their way in wherever there's room. Their behaviour is selfish, causing the people who really do give a fuck to move away to look for something more real. If you're sick of the bastards who we are up against as a class, and you try to do something about it, you end up finding the bastards exist in the same role in politics as they do outside politics – controlling and dominant. Middle class behaviour in politics is disgusting and it's no wonder people move away from it. Their involvement is an embarrassment. Our class is blessed with common sense and can usually suss out bullshitters a mile off and stay away as a result.

Some people start fires or cut themselves up to get attention while other people join bands.

"The revolutionary and social goals of anarchism are suffering far-reaching erosion to a point where the word anarchy will become part of the chic bourgeois vocabulary of the coming century – naughty, rebellious, but deliciously safe."

Murray Bookchin in "Social Anarchism or Lifestyle Anarchism" (AK Press)

Talking about fighting back today is like talking about rope in the house of a hanged man.

Thanks to the wonderful politicians – everything they touch turns to shit.

For some anarchy is about social change, for others it is about social status.

Anarchism has its subculture figure heads, who tell us from stages and with lights shining on them that hierarchy, rock 'n' roll, and the status it gives to pop idiots is wrong (what needs to be said about that?) They sing the praises of people involved in struggle and yet maintain a comfortable and

well maintained distance themselves because, what they are, and what they would like us to believe they are, are two entirely different things. It's only that the audience isn't meant to discuss or see that bit.

Go on, you've achieved your five seconds to say something pretentious, stupid and embarrassing and pretend it's somehow related to anarchism.

Chumawamba ride on the courage and strength of other people's endeavours. Hoping it'll put a bit of credibility their way. They need a liberal audience to appear radical. It's funny how such parasitic behaviour gets applauded – but then look at who applauds it and it does not matter. Some people did a bookstall at a Chumawamba gig – it was on their 'Anarchy' tour. The stall took five quid (or thereabouts). Everyone had their "anarchy" shirts on but didn't give a fuck for anarchism.

Pulp in their song "Common People" deal with class politics in more depth than our right on heroes Chumawamba do in maybe 7 albums.

Anarchism is 100% about class.

Chumbawamba are 100% about bullshit.

People ape other people's experience and language when they know their own has no value.

Mumbojumbo's "Baader Meinhof" chic graphic design from unchic flopstars.

Chumawamba's white rapper, Grand Master Knobhead! He raps to us he's "close to the edge."

Close to what edge? Chumawamba are ponces who tried to ride on the back of young black rappers "Credit to the Nation." If Credit to the Nation were white, Chumawamba would have ignored them.

Hey look our support band is black, that means we're cool.

Chumbawamba hoped to get some mileage out of other people's skin colour. Ebony and ivory living together in perfect harmony.

People's need to be on stage and in the limelight all the time, seems to suggest deep underlying personal problems rather than anything else. Insecurity gone mad. As the peak of their success slowly disappears these individuals are left scared, scrambling for credibility, losing ground on a lot of fronts.

Anarchy for who? The pathetic and cultureless offspring of white middle class bores.

Chumbawamba sponge off anarchism and anarchists. If we're going to talk about anarchism let's get it right because petty childish rebellion is one thing, anarchism is another.

While some members of Chumbawamba claim to be confused about their sexuality (apparently it's hip to be bisexual in some circles). To us Chumbawamba appear to be confused about everything.

Too much coke maybe.

Chumbawamba praise the word anarchism. It has served them well. It helps them get their dicks sucked and their arses licked by all kinds of liberal clowns. Their use of a word helps them be the centre of attention in a world and social scene built on insecurity and hierarchy. Hey I'm an anarchist, baby, suck my dick.

Naughty? Rebellious? But definitely lame ...

Homophobia is the worst disease, according to that super street wise anarchist band Chumbawamba.

Politeness is the art of non communication.

You've achieved your five seconds.

" 'I' – Portraits of Anarchists" by band member's girlfriend Casey Orr (the Linda McCartney of the anarchist movement) should be called "Portraits of our wankey mates and people we'd like to be respected by."

The intro to this book is serious sad shit. The book is pretentious rubbish. Chumbawamba's breed of "anarchism" is about legitimising their own position. There is no mention of anarchism being working class revolutionary tradition. What we really see is self obsession and pretentious indulgent shit by people needing to find a way of dealing with and justifying a lifestyle and behaviour that's in conflict with an idea they claim to hold dear. 'I' (as in individual) Portraits of Anarchists was published by One Little Indian (One Little Rich Kid) ex-flux of pink indians – now millionaire business man, but old mate of the anarchist supergroup. Apparently Chumbawamba are blameless and above criticism. Blameless? Or clueless!

Thus they end up not only proclaiming the worst authoritarian lies about anarchism (that it consists of unbridled egoism and rejection of organisation), but they also end up adopting the philosophical foundation of the capitalist society they profess to hate so much ...”

Chaz Bufe, “Listen Anarchist!”

What Chumbawamba participate in is hierarchical youth subculture – a thing based on fashion, money and a lot of insecurity. They are no more anarchists than they are a credible indie band.

Anarchy as a gimmick.

Pictures of Circled a’s help sell dull records.

Margaret Thatcher would be proud of this ‘individualism’ that Chumbawamba try to tell us is anarchist. Margaret Thatcher called it Conservatism.

Chumbawamba have started taking drugs and they’re gonna let the world know about it. Fetching their lame politics into this too. They’ve done a leaflet claiming ecstasy represents rebellion – maybe for the middle class, who have a totally different relationship to drug-taking than most of the working class do.

1 Drugs as a bohemian trip.

2 Drugs as a way of escaping surroundings.

Chumbawamba are irresponsible idiots. Opening their little mouths all the time on subjects they don’t even have the decency to look into in any depth. We hope Chumbawamba’s drug-taking takes them to the place it’s taken some of our mates.

Educating who about what?

This is not an attempt to offer yet another inadequate analysis of society. This is highlighting the rubbish and this is a criticism of the people who attach themselves to anarchism for the wrong reasons – their own reasons. And not for the good of people.

By understanding class we understand the nature of the state. The state is the machinery necessary to keep rich people’s society running smoothly. Its schools gear us to obedience, we own nothing but our bodies and they’re bought from us for fuck all. (A job centre has just got away with and had relies for a job offering £1.48 an hour).

The back page of Class War’s paper (Sept/Oct 95, issue 69) has got an article about the theft of land off the working class. The article was about golf courses! Where is it that the working class own land? Mars, Jupiter, the moon?

Some people are so divorced from the real world and its workings it’s almost like they’re stoned. The supposed political circle they move in is the cushion from this. They top the bullshit up in each other. Patting each other on the back. “Hey, we’re at the forefront of radical politics, we’re really something.”

The Diversionary Politics of Irrelevance

When they’ve had enough of game playing, the idiot liberals tend to disappear into “equal opportunities” jobs, falling back on the privileged education that they told us didn’t account for much at last week’s boring political meeting.

“Equal opportunities.” For who? Working class is about denial of opportunity.

How many middle class bastards do you get in prison?

Politics for a lot of people serves the purpose of socialising and ladder climbing (as in hierarchy). The downside for these people is that the politics side of it becomes a pain in the arse. The political activity is dropped when their personal goals are met.

All good ideas used by the middle class are stolen ones, begged and borrowed as a result of lack of culture, insight and experience.

We applaud the excessive use of drugs in some quarters of the anarchist movement.

We are not interested or concerned with any aspect of middle class people's lives. We're sick and tired of them in our faces patronising us then they are not trying to suck up to us. The 'political' scene is the world in miniature, it is a marvellous place to view absurdity, stupidity etc.

"The anarchist movement reflects society, the privileged elite playing power games."
Irate Press.

There are some people who, while denouncing society etc. would hate to be without a cosy place at the top of the ghetto's ladder.

They like the sound of their own voices – they need their audience as there's no place for them as an 'ordinary' person – this would finish them off.

The bosses need the workers – the pop stars and celebrity anarchists need the weak and gullible admirers.

Absence of sincerity

A lot of people are involved in politics for their own agendas. This is the part of the conflict we come up against time and time again, where a lot of time is wasted as these agendas are revealed. You can waste a lot of time and energy having to listen to some fruitcakes's ridiculous opinions.

For those who attach themselves to anarchism without actually being anarchist, just what is it they are about?

You're a fucking pain in the arse, and we're not a charity with the time or desire to get to the root of your problems.

People's common sense can become dulled when they associate with political knobheads.

Some people's uncomfortableness with other people's race, colour, sexuality comes out in bizarre anti-racist, pro-gay phoney lip-service bullshit. Compensatory behaviour.

University challenged

Out of a scene I know there's only a few of us who've never been to polytechnics or universities. Half the bastards who have been, denounce it, and at the same time are stuck with its cabbaged outlook.

These people, to my mind, have severe learning difficulties. "Educational" establishments seem to manage to strip people of intelligence.

The law of this world is to show no emotions, just logic. ("Do they possess emotion?") It is an approach passed on into politics from the influence of their backgrounds, from their homes, from the 'education' they received at university. It can be seen in all the empty and cold political shit the middle class and Uncle Toms produce.

They have loved the university and polytechnics – the sad bastards still wish they were there. Their bullshit writings are proof of this rubbish. They've got nothing to say, that's why they use words that don't mean anything. In the same way, some anarchists denounce Marxist-Leninist shit, but still talk of it and adopt the same empty, cold and invalid approach to 'politics'.

The bastardisation of politics by middle class filth. Denouncing something on one hand, supporting and continuing it on the other.

They top the bullshit up in each other.

"Once again we see the middle class doing what it does best – finding something good and fucking it up for everybody else. They like everything to be in their own image – sterile, prissy, an empty shell. If the bastards can infect the likes of the Stretford End and skinheads, it's hardly surprising that the anarchist movement is riddled with these vermin too."

Tom Louch

Class War caught a form of V.D. from the loud mouthed middle class bastards who've elbowed their way in. Their immune system is about as low as it can go, soon to die of an "aids" related illness – helped along by Ian (friend of the middle class) Bone. "Class War is full of ex-public schoolboys." Bone wanted to give the impression he was Mr. Class Politics. It's funny, though, because Ian Bone was one of the individuals who used his influence to put down a proposal by a Bristol Class War group to make Class War working class only. This was around 87/88. The idea made sense but it was laughed at. Ian Bone didn't want to lose all his middle class bum chum mates. The group who fetched up this idea were expelled, the middle class clowns breathed a sigh of relief.

Hatred and anger can only ever be by the liberal middle class as negative and destructive. Middle class etiquette exists within anarchist politics.

As a whole the middle class are passionless, cultureless, pathetic bastards.

From our backgrounds hatred and anger is a way of survival.

We don't give a fuck if this is all some people see of us or want to see of us. We don't live in a world of happy families. We'd be fools to play all nicey, nicey in the present bastardised environment of politics.

Society is unlikely to simplify its complex nature to help the politicians' inadequate conclusions to appear correct. We may be wrong of course!

A lot of people's ideas of class doesn't even begin to scratch the surface. The privileged idiots could be seen to be there as a purposeful diversion for those of our class a little bit too innocent to know any better. We've learnt from our mistakes and that class separation however daft it sounds is pretty necessary to create anything of any value that may lead to a change in the structure of society. Class mixing is a bad idea. We don't do it. No more diversions for us, comrades.

A lot about class is uncharted territory.

It is time, as it always has been, to stand up for our class, the working class, the skiving class, the resentful class.

Feminists without a class analysis, fuck off.

Anti-racist politicians without a class analysis, fuck off.

Gay and lesbian politicians without a class analysis, fuck off.

The more anarchists get their heads stuck up their arses, the less appealing and palatable their ideas are.

The liberal single-issue brigade, i.e. hunt sabotage, eco-activism, anti-nuke, acid rain, HIV/Aids bullshit are if anything examples of people's insincerity in these issues, as their involvement stops at the issue rather than looking further as to why the issue/problem exists. All the single-issue idiots prove is their insincerity.

The only conclusion you can come up with, to explain the minute anarchist presence in Britain, is people are stupid and unable to digest anarchists' wonderful ideas or ... the anarchists are stupid, unable and/or unwilling to look at the complexities of society, class and control. The anarchist approach to politics is absolutely flawed, irrelevant and of no value to most people's lives (by people we mean working class people) and that the anarchists' approach to politics is as outdated and invalid as all the Trot rubbish there is around.

Academics are the ones with the genuine learning difficulties.

As anarchists we need to police our movement and to be hostile and uncompromising in dealing with the idiots who attach themselves to it. We're always taught to be nice to the people who treat us like shit. If the middle class want to contribute to a classless society, how come they don't go home and take the matter up with their own kind. Instead they come into areas alien to them and to a culture alien to them, trying to educate people who they believe have everything to gain from their enlightened vision. What bullshit.

To all animal righters who consider themselves anarchist:

You are so wrong, you're an embarrassment. You try to attach yourselves to anarchism to lend some credibility to your very weak and unthought-out ideas. You're reformist idiots and in no way anarchists. Vegan capitalism – no thanks.

It's shocking to see people with such a minute grudge against capitalism, yet at the same time claiming to be anarchist, that's definitely not right.

The subculture of anarchism creates a bizarre environment.

Working class anarchists seem easily to forget the environment they've come from. They look upon their own past as not typical so their families aren't the people that we would one day want to be alongside them as fellow anarchists.

When people forget their own backgrounds this is when we fail. We need to be realistic when we look at society and take it upon ourselves to try and change it.

As was said in Merseyside Anarchist "If you want to change the world you have to see it how it is ... without illusions."

Some anarchists are so coated in the shit of left wing politics that they feel they're only credible as 'politicos' when their groups adopt a comparable approach and stance. These people are idiots.

Lack of class consciousness allows middle class people an opening in class politics.

It's comical that some people call themselves anarchist yet hold key, almost authoritarian, positions in organisations, becoming dominant figures. Rather than for it, this seems to be against encouraging anarchism.

We've all seen the comedy sketch where one person plays loads of different roles by just putting on different hats and moustaches etc.

Professional revolutionaries act out that one all the time. The sketch in the first place is a really poor joke.

For some older anarchists, they'd be surrounded by ten or so hangers on and they're happy as a pig in shit. Power is appealing to those who don't possess it.

Query everything

There should be no class mixing.

Politicos more often than not exist as a totally separate entity. They need to create a 'political scene' to validate their own rubbish. They exist purposely outside of reality. Their inability to relate to people outside of politics is a hilarious illustration of the crisis, the bankruptcy of their class.

Irrevolutionaries, irrelevance is best irrelevant – an audience which would show it up would embarrass the fools behind it.

Politicos are the least 'political' people we've had the misfortune to come across. Their lack of understanding leaves us speechless. Full of great words but not an ounce of suss.

It's upsetting when you see working class people swallowing academic political dogshit, listening to fools as if they've something credible to say. We've done that ourselves. When you feel your experience and view of things is of no value you'll listen politely to all kinds of clowns.

A lot of sound people are scared off as a result of alienating language in supposed radical politics. Language is used to deter the involvement of 'ordinary people'. The politicos fear being scrutinised by the class they always harp on about. So they make sure enough is put in the way to keep working class people out and like minded "politicised" imbeciles in.

Unfortunately in England what's on offer as regards a radical alternative is middle class dominated irrelevant rubbish.

The things that work against our class are enormous. The middle class pick up their "politics" from the inadequate little punch lines in adequate little papers and then think they're fit to comment on the state of things.

Present anarchist politics are woefully inadequate in 1996.

Anarchism (as in revolutionary class politics) should not be an open house for every casualty and idiot. They should be kicked out.

If the role of the anarchist group is to absorb class anger then it does its job well. As working class anarchists we should not piss about within liberal circles. Unless it's to goad 'em.

It would appear that there's nothing of value to be found in books, judging by a lot of what such well read idiots are about.

'Politics' is a sanctuary for some pretty boring people.

The part of it that does anything for us comes from those people fresh from reality, estates, dole queues.

As kids you go into schools to have the impurities knocked out of you. You could say the same about politics. You go in fresh and come out exhausted battling against such clowns and tired and irrelevant ideas.

The alternative isn't an alternative. Not when it possesses all the same rubbish as the shit you're against. Politics as it stands is like a Venus Fly Trap. It's a serious distraction to keep working class people from fighting back.

Reds really are living in the past – it's a seriously bleak outlook for them. No one takes them seriously, and through their eyes, people aren't capable of creating anything better. That's bleak. Red bosses! Some people are in a bad way to be reduced to pursuing this as a goal and as supposedly revolutionary politics.

The left has deterred more people away from 'politics' than it has encouraged. And the idiots who attach themselves to anarchism couldn't be worse adverts for the credibility of anarchism.

So for a moment never mind the right being a threat. What about the left? Wankey politics for wankey people.

Yet many anarchists socialise with and feel they are somehow lefty.

Left of what?

Academics' politics have the same relationship to the working class as pimps do to prostitutes. One is a parasite to the other. Just like bosses but without the power.

One working class anarchist is worth 500 middle class people when it comes to class and agitating. One encourages, the other deters. The situation of anarchism in Britain is in need of serious attention. But how many people have got the courage and conviction to put aside present bullshit in favour of looking at the obstacles to class freedom in our neck of the woods?

If you were to take a comb through the 'anarchist' scene and combed out the students, liberals and those who enjoy the 'cloak and dagger' side to anarchism, or the idiot academics who hide out in groups like Diversion and others, you would be left with a small minority. This the anarchist movement of value to Anarchism in England today. We're part of it.

We should never allow ourselves to be suckered by the middle class. It's no surprise that individuals consider themselves reds rather than anarchists. It would seem as though the reds are more concerned with whole hearted adoption of middle class shit than with working class freedom.

There are some middle class individuals who have the dignity to understand their class positions and the complexity of society and as a result choose relevant and valid areas to work in. These people are few and far between. They do not pretend to be anything other than what they are. It is unfortunate they are a minority. The majority continue to be clueless fucking idiots, with big mouths and small brains.

Middle class politics – a refuge for guilt ridden idiots.

There are people who are anarchists and people who want to be anarchists.

The anarchist movement has been bled dry by parasites who think it's chic and cool to call yourself an anarchist. Why don't some people call themselves knobheads instead – it is more accurate.

A good percentage of the people in politics are basically a form of tourist – only around for a short time and there only to use, rather than contribute.

There is an aspect of humanity that lives way beyond and completely outside of economics and class.

How can you give a state of being a term? I had a great "libertarian communist" time the other night!

Politicos are fucked really – why pretend it's any other way?

Although attempts have been made, anarchists in Britain have no bottle to look at reality and seem even incapable of addressing the sad bullshit that exists within their own, divorced from reality, bullshit ghetto.

So, don't be expecting too much from most anarchists. They couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery.

There's no rebellion in adhering to the past.

People try to fit yesterday's analysis to today's situation.

So many supposed anarchists knock the Irish nationalists – which is fair enough when you're one hundred miles and one class away. Some of the arseholes who knock the struggle in Ireland are such innocent liberals – getting arrested would scare the shit out of them, never mind any other form of grief. Their frontline is in the debating rooms of universities.

Never mind how things should be, what about how things are.

Politicos can dream up any smart theory they want. Most liberal politicians are out and out boring bastards. No wonder no one will listen to their sad unpalatable shit.

Britain is Britain.

It's not Germany with its autonomists.

It's not Spain with its CNT.

It's not France in 1968.

The political situation in England is hard, and much of that has to do with people being tired of deceit in alternatives to the mainstream – Derek Hattons, ACF, etc. Total cynicism born of experience – people are mistrustful of hidden agendas and being used. The anarchists haven't helped that.

Yet how come people want to change a country to fit politics rather than change views to fit the country.

“Oh, you just romanticise the working class.” Who's romanticising the working class? ACF, CW, DAM (or whatever they're called now).

You smelt it here first

The AWG were 20 or so political idiots who were platformists. They wore big shoes, followed Slade and the Glitter Band. Well the WSM (Workers Solidarity Movement) in Ireland are platformists too (although, some credit to them, they favour a modest 4 inch stack to the AWG's 6 inch). What will become of them – a different shade of the same shit? We'll see about that. They appear embarrassed somewhat when admitting their politics are the same as the AWG.

I read their paper and couldn't fault it – that was cause they'd put fuck all of their crap to it, just written good critical articles. SWP do the same thing in their piece of shit – get people interested (lay the bait) then reveal the hidden side of it all later (reel 'em in, or at least attempt to).

Some “anarchists” are in awe of the trots and copy their approach, even in the same way the tiny little trot clowns split. Shades of the same left wing shit.

Unspectacular Times

We've got to mention the situationists – criticising society in the language of privilege. It wouldn't matter if 99% of situationists were wiped out by AIDS tomorrow.

If it wasn't for Larry Law no one would have a clue what situationism is (although who does now really). He had to be the only situationist who attempted to try and make some interesting ideas accessible, probably because he cared about people and wanted to spread ideas rather than be an irrelevant idiot “supposedly” sat on decent ideas. Decent ideas are worth spreading about. Respect to the memory of Larry Law. (Larry Law wrote the series of small pamphlets called ‘Spectacular Times’, available AK).

Academic shit such as Here and Now is an attempt to create a feeling of well being to the academic sat safely away from struggle.

What passes as anarchist politics seems very inadequate ... but 100% adequate for some. We can't quite believe the individuals who appear happy with the state of things. It just seems more proof of the idea that political involvement is rarely about changing anything.

Everyone with an agenda, pretending they haven't got one.

Winter '94, we went up to Scotland to show some solidarity at the attempted eviction of a squatted unemployed centre, we thought it'd be cool. When we got there it was full of punks and druggies.

We were embarrassed to be there. The demo to stop the eviction looked more like a scene from a hippy festival. We were embarrassed to be seen to be involved with this “tribe” of soap dodgers. It looked more like a scene from the apocalypse than an attempt to give people faith in fighting for something important.

To our knowledge, walking round looking like a bonfire does not fetch about social change.

The greens and the road protesters are the peace movement of the nineties. The peace movement achieved nothing. We’ve still got nuclear weapons. There’s too many diversions promoted by middle class idiots wanting something to get upset about, roads, calves, the trees, cfc’s, food additives, etc. Capitalism will throw a many causes as the liberals and middle class will consume. We are not meant to suss this, or argue this. How many have heard of classism?

Green Anarchist have recently reviewed a fascist publication. Any old “mentally ill idiot” is able to use their publication to air their paranoid rubbish. We hope the Green Anarchist mud people are practising plenty of unsafe sex, but it would seem unlikely anyone would want to shag the care in the community wing of anarchism (no disrespect to people with mental health problems). For giving a platform to fascists, Green Anarchist, you twisted idiots: watch your backs, you fucking space cadets.

We can’t blame people for discounting anarchism, as it stands. Until a few more of us stand up and cause some grief, it will stay this way. It’s quite likely if a movement does grow, seeing itself as autonomous/revolutionary-anarchist, it’s likely to have fuck all to do with the anarchist groups, ad at the moment that ain’t a bad thing.

When we see black politics run by whites we know it’s bullshit. Liberal do-gooders.

The middle class regardless of sex or race always continue their shitty roles in “radical” politics as they do anywhere. It’s a habit they don’t drop and unfortunately it’s down to us to stop it.

History shows how the liberal will help dilute and distract movements that have potential to bring about radical social change.

The middle class get fucking everywhere.

Standing up for your class, you can be accused of romanticising the working class. That is comical when it comes from the mouths of those with some fairy tale and simplistic view of class politics and revolution. The last thing we hold is a rose-tinted view of anything. The only thing we romanticise is violence, when it’s used appropriately.

It’s funny how people who talk of the class war do their utmost to calm down class conflict at political meetings. “Keep it theoretical, comrade.”

You can’t pretend to understand class if you’re not working class.

There’s more than enough people within anarchism who are the offspring of the privileged.

There’s a rough area near where I’ve lived over 8 years. I watch all these liberals rough it for a while there, then fuck off to somewhere safer, eventually buying houses.

The song ‘common people’ by Pulp is spot on in describing the kind of people we see in anarchist circles.

I recently tried to address what I thought was a bizarre situation: a local Class War group that was predominately middle class. Most working class people had left the group and given up trying to get anywhere in that environment.

In response to my observation I was told by a member of that group that there’s “do-ers in this world and knockers” and that I was a knocker – someone who criticised (what a poor term). Obviously this person didn’t think there was anything to be addressed, or more correctly didn’t want anything to be addressed. What can you say when you come up against such vision as that? Point blank refusal to look at class politics at play! By someone who takes themselves seriously as being supposedly into class politics.

Punk rock politics or what.

Don't rock the boat you working class bastard. We were having a nice time before you came with your irritating observations. People who play at being clued up do not take kindly to having their fellow bullshitters' hypocritical actions being pointed out to them by those not professing to be professional revolutionaries.

The middle class move the goal posts when it suits them, especially when they want to include themselves as 'workers'. Controllers more like.

You get tired of being dismissed by middle class idiots, who want to be all nicey, nicey and civil. And who don't want their hobby that is politics to be disturbed by angry fuckers, intolerant of bullshit.

No middle class people want to give up their class position. This is as evident in politics as it is anywhere.

The Anarchist Black Cross is an anarchist prisoners' support group. Yet how come animal rights people are on their books? What is the connection of animal rights activists to anarchism? How long will we give credibility to animal righters' supposed anarchist politics? The shit that animal rights people come out with knows no bounds.

Anarchists seem to take any old idiots in. Anarchists are a soft touch too often.

Working class people have an understanding of class that is way beyond any imagined bullshit in politics. It may not have the favoured language of the political idiots but it's a 100 times more real. Politicos are unable to see the level of "decency" within the working class not because it doesn't exist, but because political idiots are detached, blind and stupid. Some people would benefit from life outside the "cult-like" situation of politics.

What, really, have the politicos to say to people outside of their irrelevant social clubs?

"Hey, you're being oppressed!"

To think we can stand alongside the middle class. on the same side, and fight a common enemy is ridiculous.

I innocently thought that if someone was an anarchist that's cool. I didn't understand people's reasons for saying they were, I would respect their integrity and sincerity. Someone's read a lot of books, oh yeah, they're clever, I should listen to them. This is what our class is taught all our lives. You can only listen to bullshit for so long then it normally reveals itself. Innocence is not a crime but innocence is not what we are against here.

It's not that giving middle class politicos the benefit of the doubt should end – it should never have begun.

The middle class contribute nothing but take loads – valuable time at meetings, limelight positions of power, respect they don't deserve. They take energy, demand attention etc., elbow their way in, shout their mouths off and then fuck off.

The middle class are full to the brim with confidence, it's a shame. It's the wrong people in our society who have it beaten out of them. We have earned our confidence – it was not given to us – we make no apologies.

Some of us would love to take the escape routes the privileged in politics have tucked in their back pockets. They play at being oppressed for as long as it's comfortable to be, then they step back into the world they're from – with the audacity to think they were out there and that they've done their bit. They sit back feeling qualified to be cynical when really they've done fuck all other than take from something, creating cynicism in the process. They use their past involvement like a little medal to pin on their chests.

Our culture will never be theirs.

Where we come from, people try so hard to get out. It's an insult when you get all these goons trying to "get in", pretending to be footy fans etc. etc. How sad are they?

Little boys' fantasies lived out when they're older through politics.

Infiltrators, spies, going under cover to expose dastardly goings on. Enid Blyton would be proud of some of the cloak and dagger brigade.

People who are attracted to the 'cloak and dagger' aspect of anarchism are like children. They've probably never done a naughty thing in their life. It's romantic rubbish.

Some people want to believe they're a threat when the reality is they're a fucking joke.
What does 'active' mean? That how busy I look may convince someone of my radical credibility?
People who live by conspiracy theory ...
Paranoid people creating paranoia to intrigue innocents. Creating amusement for us.
There was even a bloke wearing a cape in one group – what a clown!
Naughty people woowow.

The Angry Brigade were good. Unfortunately their message was overshadowed by the actions. The message was fuckin' cool and we have people taking actions out of the context of the situation (the political climate of the time) and the glamorisation of the action, rather than respecting the reason for the action.

Why do people have an obsession with the past, when the present is what matters?

People who exist in the real world could never allow themselves to get into all the academic shit. If it can't be said, what the fuck is it about?

If your reference to academia isn't real life and the improvement of it, it's worth giving up pretending you give a fuck and it's worth accepting the love of academia over people and their well being. Be what you are – don't bore us pretending it's about revolution when you make a joke about the idea and possibility of change.

This wasn't written to please anybody in the anarchist movement. It's pointless beginning discussion with the majority of anarchists. We've spent years trying and watching as the oh-so-correct groups disintegrate.

At a sad-as-fuck meeting of the Northern Anarchist Network (summer 95) one guy (A. C.F. – abstract comedians federation) wanted to organise a demo to reclaim the skirt, to challenge opinions about gender. The meeting stunned me as people who'd been around 10 years or more sat by and listened to this rubbish.

The Northern Anarchist Network is like the House of Lords. It's full of boring bastards who enjoy the idea they're 'out there, man'. Card carrying anarchists. Real radicals. The fact is a good number of them are anything but radical – threatened by opinions that go further than where the lightweights dare to tread. Never mind taking on the government, some people are scared of taking on board simple ideas. Aren't the "anarchists" brave.

This is an attempt to get things on course and to step up and create the necessary hostile movement to all the idiots, posers, academic pricks fuck off and play some other game. The "anarchist" movement should be hostile to the bullshit that's now at the heart of anarchism in Britain.

People can go into politics as innocent as children going into school, coming out regurgitating someone else's shit and ignorance, knowing no better of course. It's only healthy that people question things. Be prepared to deal with the defence mechanisms of some sad idiots if you do that.

A lot of individuals are threatened by criticism. They are threatened so much by criticism that they develop a condition called selective hearing, where only parts of what's being said will be heard.

We learnt of this condition through our dealings with the posing idiots who want to be seen as anarchists.

If the organised anarchist approach to politics what the fuck happened to the masses? How come the masses have ignored such enlightenment?

Where's all your members?

People cling to politics out of desperation.

Politics for some is basically another crutch.

All conversation among politicians helps them to ignore their irrelevance. As long as they're bumming each other nothing matters to them.

Academia – the last hidey hole for the hopeless.

Point scoring idiot academics playing playing at giving a fuck when everything points to the fact that they don't.

The less time I've spent amongst the anarchist movement the less credible and relevant I see it as being. There's a lot of us who consider ourselves "anarchists" who find ourselves on the outside of what's supposedly the "anarchist" movement. We may be anarchists but the word becomes a joke.

The anarchist movement is so way off the mark and contains all the ugly aspects of the left people claim to despise.

We believe anarchism is valid and desirable but that's not the case with the "movement".

10 days that amused the bosses. 10 days that massaged the egos of the sad fucks who crawl out of the woodwork to try to pretend they're the old guard of anarchism in Britain.

A lifestyle convention.

To call ourselves anarchists is comical – most of the time it means nothing. The rubbish that exists in anarchism is so ridiculously obvious, it's there to be attacked. For some of us, it's a price to pay to be outcast within the anarchist crap. Fortunately we are not the social inadequates who need anarchist subculture for our needs, identity, sexual partners, etc.

We are anarchists, it's not a debate. There's no point in entering into a dialogue with 90% of the people attracted to anarchism though because they are not anarchists.

There is no bridge and there never should be a bridge between those who understand anarchism and desire it as a result of our class and the people who drop down into our world from places of privilege. Genuine people looking for genuine change on one hand and clowns with too much time on their hands on the other hand.

Why should we be polite to idiots? Are we mugs?

Middle class do a lot of talking. Working class do a lot of listening.

All the bullshit anarchists who read all the bullshit anarchist history – then act horrified when we are openly hostile to lefty idiots. The authoritarian politics of the left is ignored by liberals along with all the dirty tricks and the disillusion they create.

A lot of the supposed anarchist politics mean absolutely nothing in real life. The one or two of us who put our money where our mouths are end up standing out like sore thumbs and patronised for having bottle. The bottle we see most of in anarchist political circles belongs to the pissheads and alchi's.

If the left is so invalid, irrelevant etc., how come all the anarchists can't be like them enough?

We should be hostile to all that exists as a parasite to anarchism.

Politicos with anarchist sympathies is a more correct way of describing the people who make up the majority of the anarchists. I've met anarchists who say the fascists aren't a threat and that anti-fascism is as valid as hunt sabotage. They appreciate the space created by the removal of fascists and their ability to organise, then say the fascists aren't a threat.

For now, it doesn't matter if you're anarcho-syndicalist? libertarian communist? platformist? anarchist communist? council communist? anarcho-feminist? Blah di blah. For now politics is so bastardised by middle class influence and interference. Our class is distrustful of hidden agendas and rightly so.

Socialism From Below was the AWG's paper. Socialism From Beyond was what it got called.

The fact that people are 'participating in politics' for bizarre reasons shows itself when you get supposed anarchists joining Trot groups and Trots joining anarchist groups (yes it does happen). How do such situations come about? People swapping opposing views. The AWG 'anarchists' (WSM's cousins) are now RCP – from anarchist to state communist!

Class War is dominated by the middle class with the occasional working class lapdog who comes to their sick defence.

Class structure perfectly intact and unquestioned by those who'd like us to think that they're on the ball and sussed about class.

"When the middle class follow the working class, it is because they think their own ideas are empty, and they're right."

Eric Cantona (Man. U. Anti-fascist)

Some people are in denial of their class backgrounds. Unfortunately we see this from working class supposed A's too. We reckon they should be fucking ashamed of themselves.

Those of us who can not ignore the reality of our working class experience should step aside from the fuckin' idiots who are playing at it and swamp politics, and stand separate and outside this farce. What passes as anarchism is a disgusting travesty.

People learn from their experience. Our experience has been: you can't have working class and middle class together in politics. Two different experiences that translate poorly as regards coherent class politics – they don't gel together at all.

So much time and energy is swallowed up listening to liberals' opinions and middle class drivel.

Every institution of our day, the church, the family, the state, oh, and boring political knobheads, sees in every beautiful, strong, uncompromising individual a deadly enemy.

The middle class are in the business of controlling things, so are their children who involve themselves in other people's business.

For some people 'political involvement' is their identity. It's everything they've been looking for. "Hey, I'm an anarchist. I'm really something special." They can find themselves a little place in its little world. They can shelter from the experiences of reality that dissolve their bullshit into nothing. To question their supposed ideals threatens the environment they want to exist in.

Emperor's new clothes

The academics' influence is like the emperor's new clothes. Academics think they stand clothed when in reality they haven't a stitch on – they possess not one ounce of suss.

Noting can cover up their nakedness, only their reliance on the naivete of other people not to notice their complete stupid irrelevance. We're mugs, those of us who are working class who take the idiots in politics seriously.

To criticise academia is not to dismiss thought and analysis – it is to draw a line at self-indulgent politicians' bizarre and decadent outpourings and to try and put a stop to the incredible amount of bullshit that attempts to pass itself off as revolutionary.

At ground level most politicians haven't got a clue.

Some people adhere to strands of past anarchist organisation. Clinging onto a fading reality for dear life.

The defensiveness of some people regarding their views is comical because for most people it is all they are – ideas and nothing else.

Chomsky has some fair enough views but he is absolutely "marginalised" (existing on the edge of something) and appears to just lend credibility to academia rather than encourage revolt.

The boys' club, private members only – academics are 99% normally boring lifeless idiots.

We've nothing against intelligence. We possess enough of it to see the lack of it coming from the 'oh-so-educated' radicals in the name of it.

We aren't against the use of brains – we are against people hiding behind academic rubbish, being absolute dicks in the guise of being revolutionaries.

What's clever about being irrelevant? Is there something we've missed about that one?

Maybe some people produce academic rubbish just to help to comfort one another.

To criticise what exists here we recommend you read what's written here.

You'll never know who you're stood beside in anarchist circles as a lot of middle class goons have taken to altering their language to help mask their class identity.

Anything to pretend they're something other than what they are.

Full time activists/part time revolutionaries. Yawn, it's a politico.

When people set themselves up as full time activists they seem to discourage participation. They become a bad advertisement of what being involved is about. They become caricatures. Viz comic would have a field day if they met the knobheads there are floating about.

No wonder people stay away, they're scared of what they'll turn into.

Activists moan like fuck when they choose to take on work. Martyrdom. If I do more it will make me more credible.

It's funny how religion is denounced by politicians when they act like the worst kind of religious nutters there are around.

We hope Homocult has a very “positive” effect on some individuals. Art can never mean anything to the middle class as they have nothing to express. Middle class art is lame indulgent shit. So is most, if not all, of what the middle class are and stand for.

It’s remarkable how people who mummies ’n’ daddies place, go to college like good little girls and boys and overnight suddenly become so worldly wise. So worldly wise that they’ve got something to tell everyone. Isn’t that remarkable. Isn’t that an unfortunate part of politics at the moment.

You may learn things through reading, but you know things through experience. We know most people who say they’re anarchists don’t kid us, they just kid themselves. They aren’t fooling any fucker but unfortunately it doesn’t stop them being an irritant.

Britain, the island we live on, is made up of thousands of different cultures. People in their own lives have so many obstacles to overcome and battles to fight. It’s the most ridiculous conclusion to come to, to think “the working class don’t fight back”. This is definitely a strong theme of the idiot anarchists. Either people are very ignorant or very stupid to arrive at that conclusion. There are some seriously detached people on the left and within anarchism.

The De-industrial Revolution

The words ‘working class’ have just about been removed from the English language. This is part of the attempt to stop us identifying with the reality of our lives and position in the great scheme of things. Fight backs are viewed only in terms of industrial action and the absence of this as a result of de-industrialisation is used in an attempt to make our class believe we don’t exist anymore. The Spanish anarchists of yesterday would probably laugh at the glorification of their attempts by the supposed anarchists of today. They would probably laugh even harder if they were to have to listen to the lifeless shit and shits that try to pass themselves off as anarchists in England in 1996.

As regards Spain and the Spanish civil war, anarchists in Britain seem to miss the point 100%. Appropriate “politics” for appropriate situations.

Middle class idiots in politics have the audacity to think they know us and dismiss us accordingly. Ways are found by these individuals to sidestep any ideas and information that they don’t want to have to take on board.

A lot of politico idiot revolutionaries would like to get away with the idea that they are knowledgeable. They use the endless irrelevant books they read as some kind of sad proof of how authoritative they are on a subject, dropping book references and historical dates into conversations. Competing for recognition among similarly minded and similarly pathetic clowns.

You can not argue with common-sense and reality unless of course you’re a boring lifeless politico – then of course such geniuses can and do – with which ever sad bastards will listen to them.

The middle class will always try to con the gullible into accepting middle class ideas and views. Our argument is against class integration in class politics. We know this principle is unpalatable but it is necessary for us if we want to get anywhere without hindrance. But of course if social change is not our goal let’s continue being diverted by the present set of idiots who play at being radical and who need working class participation in order to help legitimise their rubbish.

They want us on board – as long as we’re docile.

Some people are going to need more than badges if ever they are going to convince us of their sincerity.

The middle class in politics come across as reasonable, where we come across as very unreasonable – when their role and behaviour is anything but reasonable or credible.

Blind activism is a cop out and it only serves people’s belief that they are doing something. This idea is a lot of things but it ain’t revolutionary.

Petty rebellion is one thing, anarchism is another.

What is it the middle class are rebelling against? Good housing? Good opportunities? Good health? Good outlook?

Maybe they rebel because they know they haven’t a patch on us. Our humour, “art”, music, culture etc. shows up their class as really being poverty stricken and bankrupt.

This is class war?

The bastardisation of class politics by middle class filth.

One individual in an un-named Class War group began a new job. He is from a middle class background. Management took a shine to him. After being in this new work place for around 14 weeks, management encouraged him to go for promotion. He went for the job, he got the job. This arsehole got the promotion ahead of workers who went for the same job and had been there up to 3 years, they had way more experience and were well capable of doing the job. The people who didn't get the job were stunned and angry as were other onlooking workers when they found out who'd got the job. The situation was ridiculous and created some serious frustration among the workers. It came to our attention only when someone was laughing at the idea of class politics, citing this guy as an example of supposed radical class politics in action.

* He is now above those he went for the job with.

* He's argued against criticisms of management at work meetings.

* He is treating people like shit and telling those on half his income to work harder.

* He has argued that some job cuts by management were necessary, knowing damn well his job was secure and that the job losses would affect the lowest paid staff.

* He has never once spoken out against management.

* He does work outside of his contract that should be done by outside people (different departments). This was beneficial to himself the bosses and got other people's backs up.

Given his position people are over a barrel in having a go back.

People around him at work think he's a fucking prick and the class war bullshit cracks 'em up. A few of us eventually found out what was going on. Then a letter was written to the Class War group in question after the situation was looked at by talking to those directly involved to make sure that what was being said against this bloke was true. We did our homework. Our first letter briefly outlined the situation. Their reply to our first letter was this:

"Got your letter. The only part we thought was political was concerning the accusation of **** siding with management. As far as we're concerned as a group, we don't want anything to do with the internal politics of ****. We don't believe **** is up management's arse."

We wrote again. This is from their second reply (9/11/95).

"To 'our group' you sound like a purist who's making a scapegoat of ****, but persecuting an individual is no substitute for political activity. Trying to hang politics onto this situation is ridiculous."

Their stupid replies were meant to deal with our allegations! What world do some idiots live in and what kind of people are they meant to dismiss with shit like this? These quotes are the crux of the letter and have not been taken out of context to bolster a weak argument on our part. These quotes were from the second letter Class War sent. Their first one came on headed notepaper with "class pride and class unity" on it. When we wrote again we asked them whose class were they referring to? We've made no secret to this Class War group or anyone else that we have our sharply trained eye on the bastard in question. This Class War group have attempted to ignore this situation no doubt because it embarrasses the fuck out of them.

They are a very clear and disgusting example of people's involvement in class politics having no connection to class politics whatsoever.

Their personal needs are met playing their pathetic game of politics while contributing to other people's despair.

Working class people in Class War and other organisations should take a look at their class mixing and see where it's getting them and their supposed politics. Class War are a fucking joke. We would like these sad bastards to be aware that they are seen by people around them as being nothing but embarrassing idiots. The individual in question's behaviour has not gone unnoticed.

Being in an environment where you go against the grain as a result of your class is exhausting. This happens to working class people in politics. It becomes easier to shut your mouth than to take on a room full of idiots who talk shit.

Middle class people “rubbish” what bothers their egos and dismiss the clever fuckers who upset the apple cart and rock the boat. Middle class politicians hate those of us with brains – our presence is a bastard to them in politics, and just a bastard to them generally. We are an unwanted presence that threatens them and their bullshit completely.

The “political” environments will always be uncomfortable environments for people who seek a better society.

Working class intelligence is feared.

Middle class intelligence is a myth.

The middle class stand by the term ruling class, no doubt to avoid their class’s cosy deal receiving attention. People who apologise for the middle class in politics are bad news. They try to keep the peace ’cause they want to be in both camps. This is nothing to do with whether they agree or disagree – it’s just that “some individuals have so much at stake socially, in politics, and that is the thing they work to defend at all costs”.

There’s a need for hostility and a need to encourage all of us who give enough of a fuck to step away from the irrelevance that masquerades as anarchism.

Hating the middle class is not about us being petty, uneducated or ignorant, it is about understanding their role in our control and government.

The depth of class is of no concern to those whose minimal agendas are met by their involvement in politics.

“No comment”

Class War

“I’ve seen for myself most of the things discussed in this booklet. It’s all too accurate,”

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Homocult

“If anarchism is to have any relevance or future in this country and others, these are the issues and this is a serious part of the debate.”

R.A.

“You’ve hit the nail on the head with this one ... Good on yer.”

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