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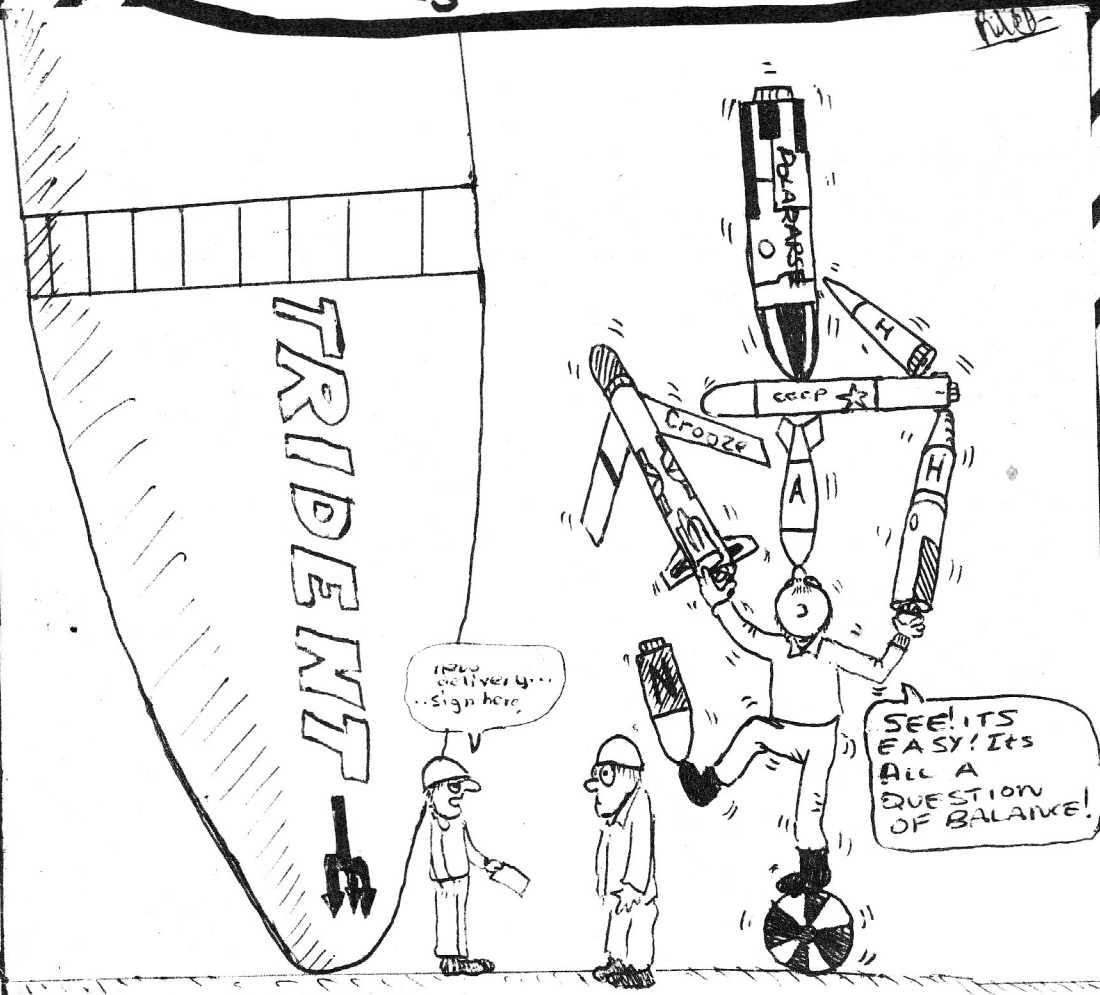
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The way to free yourself from The State is to talk a language it can't understand. If you lash back with violence, you grant them justification for their existence - you try to confront them on THEIR terms and not your own, and you've already lost. However many noble macho rebels you throw at them they'll come back with more troops, better rifles, bigger bombs. BUT, if you start by building on something you've created; some trust and reliance in yourself, and try to share that in links with those around you, you've created something they can't latch onto, they can't exploit and they can't 'defend' themselves from. Now that could be a real threat, because it would start out as a representation of what is was going to be. DON'T SMASH YOUR HEAD AGAINST THE BRICK WALL OF THE STATE... - JUST TAKE A FEW OF THE BOTTOM BRICKS OUT -

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# ANARCHY PEACE + FREEDOM

COPIES OF THE FIRST ISSUE  
of Catalyst are available  
from us for 20p + sae.  
This has stuff on:-

ANARCHIST PUBLICATIONS!  
NUKES!!  
- violence  
- Patriotism -  
FLOATING  
ANARCHY  
sexism in the  
women's movement.  
**MARX**  
+ meat eating

"FOOD IS THE FIRST THING,  
MORALS FOLLOW ON" -  
B. BRECHT.

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For lots of reasons it's easier to  
make Catalyst this size rather than  
the A5 shape we had before. We'll keep on  
experimenting + next edition will probably  
be a different form again. Any preferences??

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE  
REACTION TO CATALYST  
IS REALLY ENCOURAGING,  
AND MUCH THANKS ARE SENT  
TO POISON GIRLS, FREEDOM PRESS  
AND 'KIND GIRLS' FOR THEIR  
SUPPORT.

LOCAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN POOR  
OUTSIDE THE EXPECTED MANIC  
INDIGNATION FROM SOME  
MEAT EATING QUARTERS.

ALSO ON THE POSITIVE SIDE  
THIS ISSUE HAS MANY MORE  
CONTRIBUTORS THAN THE  
LAST. THANKS GO TO ALL OF THEM

OUR PRINTING QUALITY IS  
ALSO GRADUALLY IMPROVING.

- THANKS FOR TAKING AN INTEREST

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CATALYST COLLECTIVE

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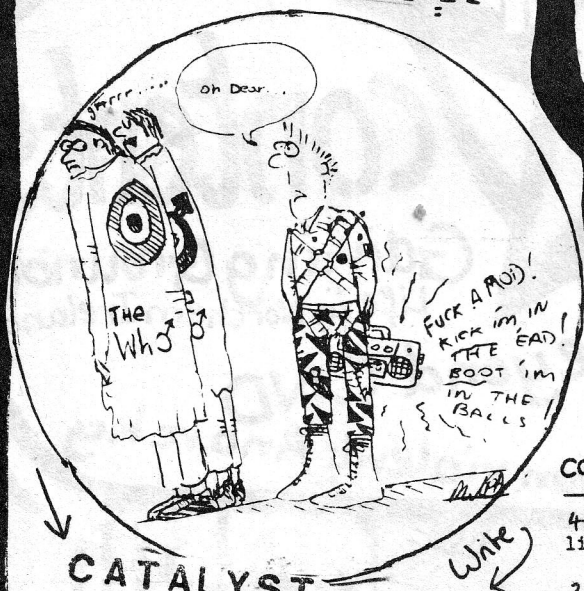
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EXETER DEVON

Change ?

Violence as change

Is the acceptance of violence

To stop the bloodshed

You are willing to

Kill.

For your war is just.

No leader in any war has ever thought different.

Surrounded by pain, misery and mistrust, you grab

at solutions. And the pain is absorbed and becomes

a permanent throb becomes normal becomes how we, as

humans, live and so becomes "humane" because it is

how humanity acts.

And so to stop the  
killing

You get a gun

And point

And the revolution comes

And is history.

Violence as -

Change ?

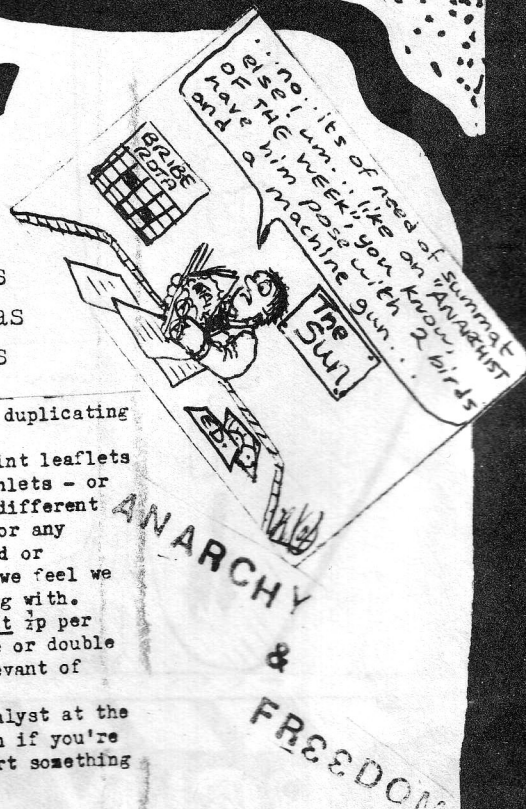
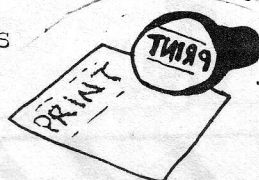
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amount.

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address given if you're

interested and we will try to sort something  
out.





# ◀ HAPPY ▶

**F**rom an early age we are told that the family is the right way to live, our future lives. Relationships within the family are continually romanticised, the 'ideal life' - man and wife and kids -. Sexual stereotypes also feature heavily in early socialization to prepare people for their roles in society and the family. i.e. boy plays with toys that reflect his future superovaination whilst girls help their mothers and play with dolls - subordination.

**R**omanticism of family life serves as a smoke screen to sheild the real purpose of the family: that is, the system needs the family to maintain itself. Within the family new members are produced to work the system, whilst women who do unpaid work are totally reliant on the man, who in turn has to work in the system in order to support 'his' family.

**W**omen are often confined to housework, a role that is regarded by society as non-work ?? - it is estimated that the 'average' housewife works 70hrs a week at a monetary value of

over 300 pounds. Such a situation merely reflects the attitude of society in every sphere that women are involved. YET FEW STOP TO QUESTION WHY ?

**B**efore being totally submerged in the 'ideal' life with a wife or husband, kids and a house of your very own... Stop to consider why.

Is it what you want or what the system tells you you must have!

- "Take out the ring - two fates sealed - negotiated a business deal"-

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
This obviously leads to looking at different sorts of living unit - the extended family and so on. In opposing the family unit we're not suggesting that everyone should fend for themselves from birth, or anything. What we are saying is that there are alternatives. Perhaps the cliched commune approach leaves a lot to be desired, and its pollution and distortion has not helped this - it always implies the image of weak, insecure people having very shallow (and always physical) relationships with one another and acting in a cheap and selfish way-

# ◀ DARLING? ▶



living solely for self  
your stereotyped  
"dope smoking/lazy/slow  
witted/happy" (yawn yawn)  
Never is it seen as a catalyst  
for compatible, lasting relationships  
with members of a household sharing in  
the roles of house keeping and maintenance....

And for the moment  
any sort of 'communal'  
living seems to be  
reserved for those who  
can afford  
to buy it.

But unfortunately  
this is mostly talking  
in abstraction - it's  
impossible to envisage  
any large scale revolt  
from hubby/wife/3 would  
involved etc.

FAMILY/ DOMESTIC/ DOMESTICATED/ BELOVED??

One recurring fact of history  
is, that religion is a very  
influential force, and  
that people accept &  
believe in it through  
the fear of sin and  
the feel of guilt.

The church has always  
been one of the founders  
of our oppression,  
thus it is  
a part of the State.

People used to  
considered that be  
strange if they didn't go to  
church and were

crumbles

usually believed to be  
witness. Thus, this is a  
where the fear of church  
and god and still exist  
today but in other  
shapes and forms.  
Religion is a very easy  
way out for many people  
because of the pressure  
that goes with it: the  
other day I was handed  
a leaflet which said  
that in the event of  
"Fallout" you will be  
totally alright as long  
as you have strength in  
god...I don't quite be-  
lieve that.  
Prayer is also an easy  
way out for dismissing  
the guilt that they gave  
you. All you have to do  
is ask God to forgive  
you and then carry on  
shitting on others, the  
same as you always have  
and always will.

PERFECT/COUPLE/MODEL/FAMILY/DOMESTIC/BATTERED//

Stop Press Stop Press --

THE WORKERS AT THE NEWLYBUILT CRUISE MISSILE BASE,  
WILL HAVE A CHOICE OF UNIONS. The two main choices  
are the NMGW (Nass Murderers and General Workers  
Union,) and NALTA (National And Local Total Des-  
truction Association). General opinion states that  
most of the employees will be in favor of joining  
NALTA because of its reputation for Swift Indust-  
rial Action. In other words it has --

FIRST STRIKE

CAPABILITIES



Religion → ITSELF ALSO teaches you to be dependant on some form of security; it will not allow you independence or the chance to think for yourself, as that would wipe out it's influence - 'The Bible sets out the example and you carry it out'.

Religion has a lot of hypocrisy within it today. You will find the contradictions in Northern Ireland,

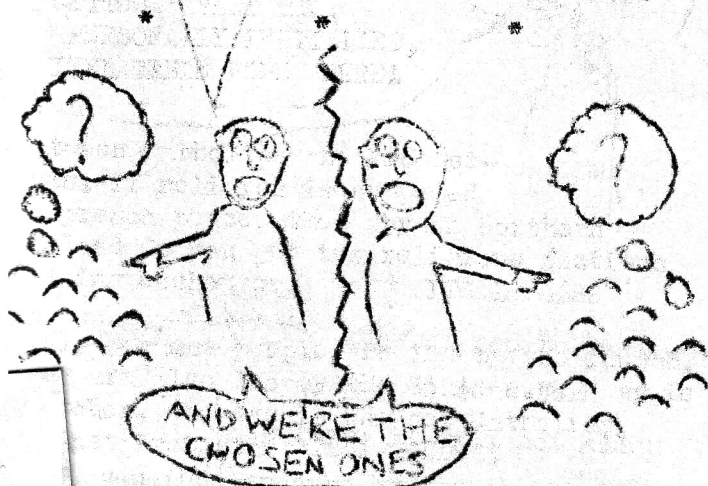
ROLL UP ! ROLL UP!!  
CELEBRATE THE HOLY VISIT-  
GETCHA' VERY OWN,  
PERSONALLY INITIALED,  
INFLATABLE POPE HERE!

between Catholics and Protestants. If religion is supposed to preach peace, then why in Northern Ireland do you get two religious factions killing each other.

Well, because people are led by the Church, they are also led by the State e.g. Marggie Thatcher. Who was it who set Catholics against Protestants?? I WONDER!

If people who claim to be true Christians don't believe that Catholics and Protestants are, why don't they speak out against them more often??

The Pacifist side of religion and the 'Love thy neighbour' side are good, but if you just accept every blow and don't speak out against anyone, or try and think for yourself you won't get anywhere accept in principle - it's all in the mind.



— i get really tired of the cheap jibes made at religion in song lyrics + in collages and photomontages in the fanzine world. You know just linking 'Christ' with various assorted 'swear words' & pretending it's some sort of profound statement. Or stuff like the Dead Kennedys - "Religious Vomit....all religions make me want to throw up..." - It doesn't seem to offer anything or help the situation at all.

There's enough bigotry, intolerance, sexism, hypocrisy and blinkered morality in religion without resorting to such pointless generalisations that just detract from the argument.

But a lot of criticisms that could of been made of religion before, are now not as valid - because, where homage used to be paid to god now the Bomb that acts as the ultimate sanction. Historically, those that stood against the system ('witches' - healers?) were portrayed as aides to the devil. Nowadays, sub-

versives are portrayed as agents of Russia and of Communism.

As times go on the System is having to dodge more and more - becoming more devious.

Imagine if the First World War propaganda was used

today - 'Your Country Needs You' - it would get laughed out - The message is still the same as it was then, but the packaging is more insidious.

THAT'S WHY IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO SPOUT A STREAM OF OBSCENITIES AT RELIGION IF IT WAS THAT SIMPLE THE PROBLEM WOULD HAVE CEASED TO BE A PROBLEM LONG AGO.

STATE RELIGION - WHETHER ITS CHRIST OR MISSILE - IS JUST ONE WEAPON IN A MASSIVE ARSENAL.





JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T  
CALL  
YOURSELF -

# A REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

- DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T ACT EXACTLY LIKE ONE. -

Leading any revolt through violence requires strict regulation and control. Whether you're a group of Leninists taking the word of Marx to the people or a group of anarchists selling 'Xtra!' on street corners, you're talking the same language;

WE'RE going to liberate YOU !!!!!/

Both jump on national events to prove their philosophy; the last instance being 'The Riots' - Can anyone really say that the riots brought anything really constructive ?? The guardians of the State are now better equipped and the whole incident has whipped up enough moral fever to give them even more backing to crush rebellion.

Aside from that distinct step backwards we also managed to wake up a Lord long enough to produce a report that contains such earth-shattering revelations as the fact that...

" SOME POLICEMEN AREN'T REALLY TERRIBLY NICE TO SOME BLACK PEOPLE, SOMETIMES, REALLY."

- Obviously the riots were the result of the rapid inflaming of discontent through constant prejudice and it's easy to judge them in the calm of hindsight. (i.e. - i feel they acheived nothing but they were a very understandable reaction). But anyway - the advocacy of the violent destruction of the entire international capitalist conspiracy tends to cut you off the practicalities of situations around you.

Faced with a problem or a reaction to a situation, it's all too easy to say, "But, if we had an anarchist society, things would be....." - WHICH IS SO TOTALLY UNHELPFUL.

A non-violent approach tends to be a little more relevant, hopefully & far from being out of touch + out of line with a violent world, it seems to offer at least a start towards sanity.

CONT.





Violent Anarchy joins in with the bloodshed. Anarcho-pacifism stands aside and says: NO!

i feel a violent anarchist has not rejected all of his stereotyping. (i say 'his' because its almost certain that a Violent Anarchist will be male) - he seems to have retained the acceptance of violence - the same decadence in which we allow bloodshed in El Salvador, internment and dictatorship in Turkey and Repression in Poland! They would argue that "the oppressors do it to the oppressed - so in liberating the oppressed it's reasonable that we should do it back to them". But, personally, i can't see how an anarchist can be anything other than a pacifist. (i'm not saying 'if you're an anarchist you MUST think like this', but to me it seems obvious). Anarchists are supposed to be taking a stand against the failure of politics to offer any lasting change. In doing this, anarchists supposedly reject Marxism - its violent revolution and subsequent Dictatorship OF the proletariat. Some anarchists do this but still argue that THEY can use violence without becoming oppressive. With the Dictatorship of the Prole., those holding the guns, i.e. the liberators of the people are very loathed to put their guns down - Leninism leads to Stalinism. Most anarchists would agree, but, what then is the difference between that and a violent anarchists viewpoint???

To me, violent anarchism offers nothing new to marxism; Marxist groups tend to hate all other marxist groups except their own, labelling them as 'middle class' and claim that they 'patronise the Proletariat'. Violent anarchists tend to follow exactly the same lines.

No, violence has been tried again and again resulting in misery, deprivation and continued oppression and authority.

The end doesn't justify the means.

IWP  
members?  
card?

- that'll do nicely, sir.

#### MAKING NON - VIOLENT REVOLUTION

"Non-violent anarchism isn't a policy where you simply stop short of violence. It demands a different sort of revolution made in a different style..."

Continued  
inside



LETTERS

Dear catalyst,

Thanks for your letter and the copy of your mag the "Catalyst". There are a few points I disagree with especially your emphasis on non-violence which may confuse people into thinking those of us who aren't pacifists are the opposite i.e. soldiers or boxer boys, also for taking a censorial attitude to @ periodicals such as 'Xtra' and for the article on vegetarianism, which may sound cranky at best, but my main objection is its non clarity and overall authoritarian attitude to the subject of meat and veg V veg if it is a battle. I liked the article pointing out that there are dangers with feminists becoming just as sexist as men. Anyway I've argued all these subjects out so often in a serious way so I'll present my critique of your mag in the form of satire in the hope you can glean the relevant criticisms without taking offence. Our basic philosophy is that life is so oppressive that we should liberate ourselves by dying. I'm an existential homicidal maniac - "I think therefore I must eat sausages". The feminists told us that eating sausages is sexist because sausages are phallic symbols. "What about cucumbers?", I asked, "You've got a dirty mind" came the reply. That's all for now, you comrade personages, may the micro becoming macro within your floating anarchy riverboat. I hope you take this in jest - of course it oversteps the mark but so did Germany before Hitler took over and made the mark worth something again. If you take offence - then up yours.

PLYMOUTH ANARCHISTS.

?... NO, WE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT EITHER!!!

Dear Catalyst,

Thanks for your letter and the mag - it's good to read a "fanzine" (strange word) that is trying to actually say something real. I liked the content of the mag. At the moment we

\* MEANS LETTER HAS BEEN CUT =

THE LOCAL RESPOSE TO CATALYST HAS BEEN PRATICALLY NON-EXISTANT. ANY LETTER IS APPRECIATED. PLEASE WRITE TO US AT THE ADDRESS AT THE FRONT. ANYTHING WE PRINT WILL BE ANONOMO: US UNLESS YOU CLEARLY ASK OTHERWISE

Look forward to your reactions. hard on new

are rehearsing ~~material~~ material an album, hopefully to be recorded in March and out in early summer (on KNTRIX records of course). It will consist of the new material that we played on the CND tour - Soft Touch, Ric Disco Stink, Fear of Freedom, Cry, What's The Pleasure and a bunch of new songs. I think it's going to be really good!!

As well as this we have just recorded a version of the 'Statement' (which came out with Chappaquiddick Bridge as a flexi) to go on an anti-war compilation album called "war-gum" - out on Pax records. I hope the track will suprise a lot of people - we used a classical orchestra!!

The last gigs that we have done were in Belfast - and they were amongst the best that we have done. We played at the Belfast @ centre and the gigs were

organised by Belfast anarchists. I think the anarchists in Ireland are the only people that can get out of the sectarian double bind over there. As KNTRIX we have just finished getting the "Rubella Ballet" tape out called "Ballet Bag" - 1/2 hour studio recordings with badge poster lyric book and assorted bits and pieces. It costs £2 from us (c/o Rough Trade)

I hope you do keep working at the music as well as writing. I think there is an immediacy about music that is quite unique.

Anyway looking forward to "Obnoxious" and to reread our babblings. I enjoyed the Exeter gig (though it was on the verge of being just another big hall & big audience that you can't relate to.)

See you - keep in touch

POISON GIRLS.

RESPONSES -







AT THE MOMENT D.I.Y. PRINTING IS COMING VERY MUCH  
ALIVE IN AND AROUND EXETER. WE FELT THIS LOCAL LITERATURE  
DESERVED COVERAGE. SO, LEAVING THE NATIONAL STUFF  
UNTIL NEXT TIME, HERE'S WHAT WE FOUND.....

#### NEXUS

25p

Produced by a collective in Barnstaple and designed specifically for the South West. Nexus has a really friendly positive feel. It gives regular rundowns on CNP activities in the locality, but aims itself at as varied an audience as possible and seems largely to avoid the insular feeling of some similar magazines. Also has the most complete directory and coverage of local campaigns that we have found.

Turns up in Exeter pretty regularly...otherwise available from:-  
NEXUS, 6 LETHABY ROAD, BARNSTAPLE, NORTH DEVON.

#### NEVER SURRENDER

22p

A new punk based fanzine hailing from Bideford, with much varied coverage of both local + national. Concentrates solely on music with loads of gig reviews. Very, very good for a no. 1. The whole thing is sincere and well written and deserves decent support. Should have worked its way into Exeter by the time you read these scrawlings. No date for a number 2 as yet, but should be worth the wait.

SAE to: 12, ROCKMOUNT TERRACE, PINTLANE, BIDEFORD, NORTH DEVON.

#### OBNOXIOUS

35p

As you probably know some of the people involved in Catalyst also write/type/print/staple Obnoxious fanzine, so passing comment would be pointless really.

Suffice to say no. 3 contains extensive interview with Poison Girls + bits on Conflict, Anne's Anxiety and The Mob, amongst others and local coverage of The Gift and Metro Youth.

SAE to: Glen, 17, SOUTH AVENUE, HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.

#### EXETER CND NEWSLETTER

10p (free to members)

Is reliable and regular and has all information of possible interest to local peace mongers. Factual and informative rather than inspiring, designed to communicate more than campaign. News is that a local CND magazine is planned which is really encouraging. Hopefully will be a bit more dynamic than this. Still the local coverage is comprehensive.

#### EXETER WOMEN'S GROUP NEWSLETTER

10p (free to members)

Only one produced to date as far as we know, (September 84) Comprehensive run-down of events; courses, conferences and letters to press and parliament with a poem thrown in for good measure. The newsletter seems to be a forum for ideas, "can we form a small group to discuss this..." etc but, unfortunately, no address for the group is given. Polite and tentative - but good for a no. 1. What happened to number 2?

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"...to resist

and undermine  
authority; to  
undo and outgrow  
authority relat-  
ionships; to take  
authority for our  
own actions in  
co-operation with  
others."

- taken from  
'making non-violent  
revolution', a pamphlet  
available for 90p from-  
Peace News, 8, Elm Avenue,  
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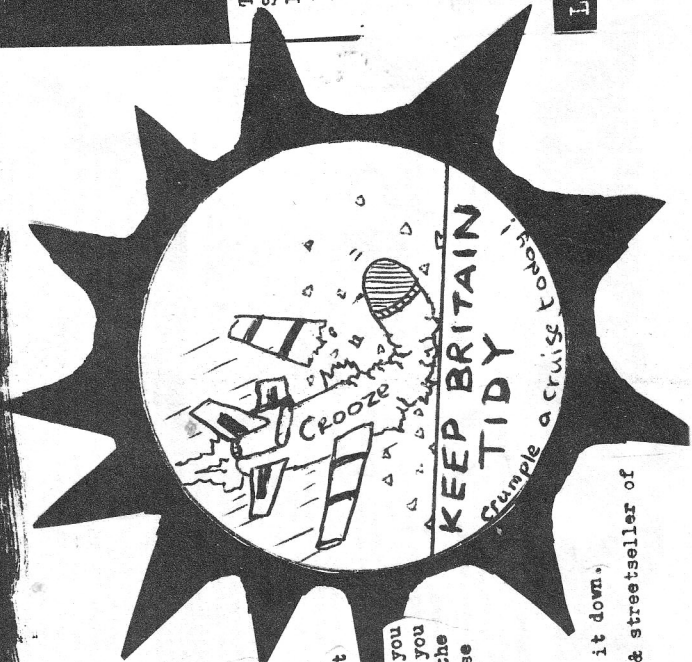
HE WILL COME  
WHEN HE KNOWS THE TIME IS RIGHT  
TO BREAK ALL YOUR CHAINS FOR YOU  
TO TELL YOU - YOU ARE NOW FREE  
YOU WILL GRIN  
AND WALK NAKED INTO THE SPOTLIGHT  
HE WILL WATCH  
HEAR YOUR WORDS  
AND DECIDE WHETHER YOU ARE YET ABLE  
TO APPRECIATE YOUR LIBERATION  
IF NOT  
HE WILL GUIDE YOU FOR A  
SHORT  
WHILE  
FOR HE UNDERSTANDS THESE THINGS  
AND HE IS GOING TO LEAD YOUR REVOLUTION  
FOR YOU.

#### ClassRoom Child

'She writes exactly as she speaks'  
she can't even spell four-letter words.

Yes, I keep very quiet in class  
I will not open my mouth for you  
Yes, I think my own thoughts alright  
I will not open my heart to you.  
Yes, I don't know how to spell like you  
Or to speak like you; or to think like you  
But I've my own proud language of the  
Streets; my own proud feelings for those  
I love and meet.

So fuck the fancy spelling  
I'll write it like it sounds  
Fuck the only way to speak and spell  
I'll write. Rite. Right. Rite it down.  
- by Dennis Gould "Streetpoet & streetsetter of  
Freedom & Peace News".



Everywhere we turn there's a system, a state, an oppressor.  
Is escapism a real answer? Can you hide behind that  
plastic mask forever.

Escapism isn't freedom. It's just escaping from reality;  
What reality? Whose reality?  
Reality is purely a figment of our conditioned horror,  
paranoia.

To achieve self-liberation and freedom isn't to escape,  
it's to face it, understand and change life for  
yourself and others around you.  
There aren't any easy answers, just alternatives.

But there are many means of escape: Drugs, manipulation  
- creating freedom for yourself at other people's loss.  
I'd like to take, for example, Drugs. I am not slugging  
them off because if you're in control they can be  
quite enjoyable, but many drugs get out of hand,  
e.g. LSD, smack + TUNIAL, to name a few.

Tunial was a drug introduced into the punk market in  
London a few years back - it's cheap and very effective;  
This is a very 'effective' way to advocate escapism.  
IS WALKING AROUND IN A DREAM WORLD, CUT-OFF FROM REALITY  
A REAL CURE OR ANSWER?

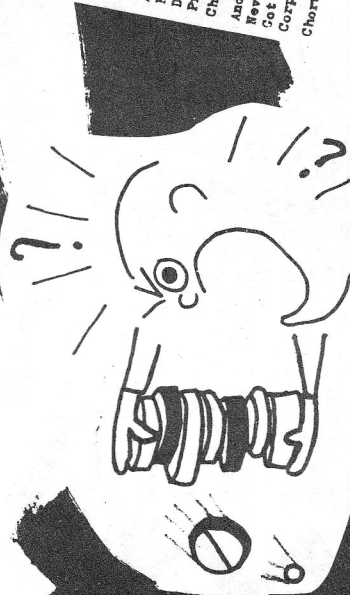
#### ADDICTS

So what if one more kid C.O.D.'s  
That's it to them?  
One less problem  
Chorus:-

Don't take any more of that  
With all that crap  
And it's another way of keeping you in line  
Fucks up your brain  
Dealers think the system's fine -  
Profits from pain  
Chorus

And when your finished they'll hardly know you've gone  
Never notice when you die  
Get you now where they think you belong  
Corpses can't ask why?  
Chorus

- METRO YOUTH. 1979.

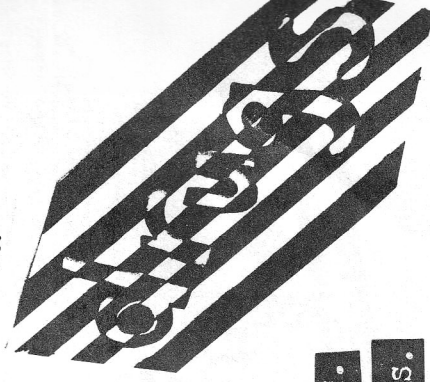


This is another cause of apathy, 'HEY I'D RATHER GET  
SMASHED, THAN DO ANYTHING POSITIVE, OR CHANGE WHAT I CAN.'  
It may seem I'm slugging off drugs, but what I am trying  
to say is the way they're used gets out of hand.  
While we're in our paralytic states of unawareness, we're  
totally blind to anything opposing or threatening us.  
So, if life's really so bad, why don't more people start  
doing something about it instead of just moaning from  
their safe states of unawareness and dream like worlds.

"OH FUCK IT PASS ME ANOTHER TAB"

LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT/WASTE IT/CREATE IT.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS.





which has happened over the past years in women's Prisons in N. Ireland - hopefully we'll include a full article on this in the next issue.

(Lorraine, Mountjoy)

... but books guide to information on N. Ireland

neither good  
nor master