

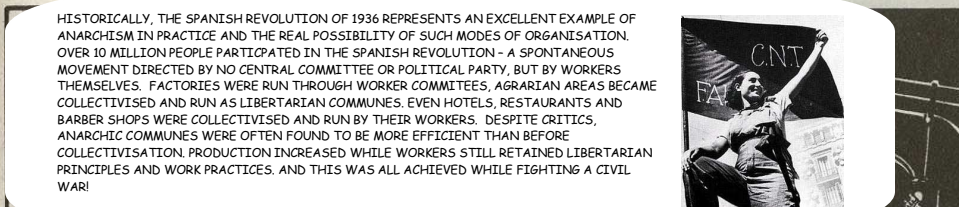


THERE ARE MANY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS THAT PROMOTE ANARCHIST AIMS AND PRINCIPLES.

THE ANARCHIST FEDERATION IN THE UK BEING ONE EXAMPLE.

MILITANT ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE IWW (ALTHOUGH HAVING NO OPEN POLITICAL PROGRAMME, BEYOND A COMMITMENT TO WORKER EMANCIPATION)

DO ESPOUSE THE BELIEF IN THE NEED FOR "ONE BIG UNION" AND HAVE BROADLY LIBERTARIAN VALUES.



HISTORICALLY, THE SPANISH REVOLUTION OF 1936 REPRESENTS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF ANARCHISM IN PRACTICE AND THE REAL POSSIBILITY OF SUCH MODES OF ORGANISATION. OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE SPANISH REVOLUTION - A SPONTANEOUS MOVEMENT DIRECTED BY NO CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR POLITICAL PARTY, BUT BY WORKERS THEMSELVES. FACTORIES WERE RUN THROUGH WORKER COMMITTEES, AGRARIAN AREAS BECAME COLLECTIVISED AND RUN AS LIBERTARIAN COMMUNES. EVEN HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND BARBER SHOPS WERE COLLECTIVISED AND RUN BY THEIR WORKERS. DESPITE CRITICS, ANARCHIC COMMUNES WERE OFTEN FOUND TO BE MORE EFFICIENT THAN BEFORE COLLECTIVISATION. PRODUCTION INCREASED WHILE WORKERS STILL RETAINED LIBERTARIAN PRINCIPLES AND WORK PRACTICES. AND THIS WAS ALL ACHIEVED WHILE FIGHTING A CIVIL WAR!



TODAY THERE ARE MANY EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS FOR ANARCHIST ACTIVISTS - THE GROWING NUMBER OF AUTONOMOUS SOCIAL CENTRES, THE FOOD NOT BOMBS MOVEMENT, RECLAIM THE FUTURE, DEFY-ID AND MANY MORE.

FOR MORE INFO, HERE ARE SOME USEFUL WEB SITES:
www.afed.org
www.iww.org
anarchosyndicalism.net
libcom.org

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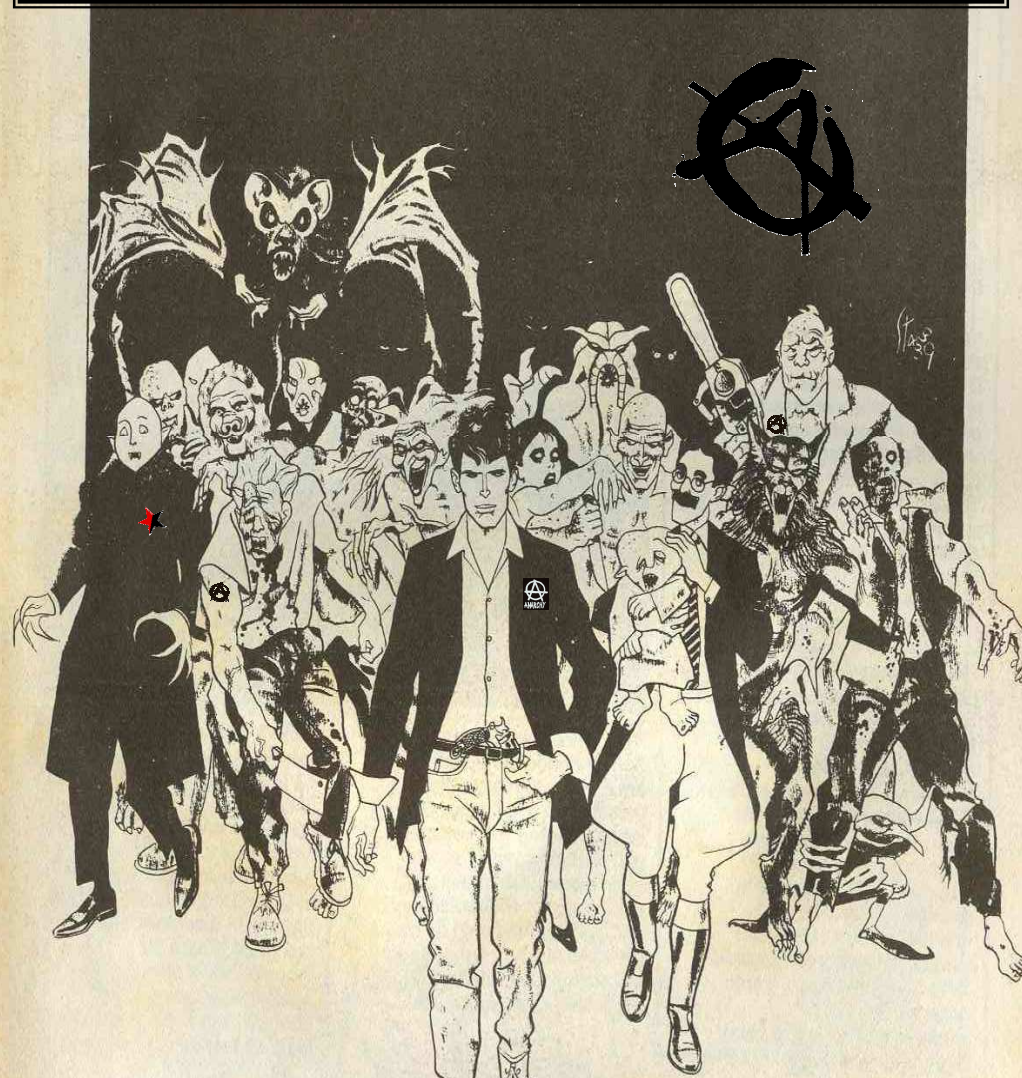
"RISE LIKE LIONS AFTER SLUMBER,
 IN UNVANQUISHED NUMBER,
 SHAKE YOUR CHAINS TO EARTH
 LIKE DEW,
 WHICH IN SLEEP HAD FALLEN
 YOU,
 YOU ARE MANY, THEY ARE FEW."
 P. SHELLEY



THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE OUT THERE, SO GO GET ORGANISED!!!



An INTRODUCTION TO ANARCHO SYNDICALISM



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CAPITALISM IS A SYSTEM BASED UPON EXPLOITATION, A SYSTEM THAT IS AUTHORITATIVE AND UNDEMOCRATIC

IT IS A SYSTEM THAT PUTS PROFIT BEFORE HUMAN NEEDS, IS INEFFICIENT AND WASTEFUL, AND IS DESTROYING OUR ENVIRONMENT.

OVER FOUR BILLION PEOPLE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY. 800 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE GO HUNGRY EVERYDAY. EVEN IN THE "AFFLUENT" WEST THE BEST WE ARE OFFERED IS THE DAILY DRUDGERY OF WAGE-SLAVERY. - A SYSTEM WHICH ALIENATES US FROM OUR CREATIVITY AND THE PRODUCT OF OUR HARD LABOUR.

WE CAN ESTABLISH A SYSTEM WHERE WORKERS MANAGE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS THROUGH GRASSROOTS, WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AND USE THESE RESOURCES TO PRODUCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. ANOTHER FUTURE IS POSSIBLE!!

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE POWER TO OVERTHROW THIS OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM ARE THOSE WITH NO INTEREST IN IT. ONLY A PRODUCTIVE CLASS CAN MAKE A FREE AND FAIR SOCIETY.

A SOCIALIST WORLD MUST NOT BE BASED UPON EXPLOITATION BY STATE OR SOCIETY

ONLY A UNITED WORKERS MOVEMENT BASED ON ANARCHIST IDEALS, SOLIDARITY AND DIRECT ACTION CAN CAST OFF THE SHACKLES OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM

THESE ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF ANARCHO SYNDICALISM

AND WHO AM I TALKING TO?

BUT HOW CAN THIS BE ACHIEVED?

CAPITALISM DIVIDES WORKERS INTO DIFFERENT TRADE UNIONS.

THIS FOSTERS A SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS ONE SET OF WORKERS TO BE PITTED AGAINST THE OTHER, AS THEY STRUGGLE FOR SECTIONAL INTERESTS.

ALL WORKERS HAVE THE SAME FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS: THEY ARE ALL EXPLOITED BY THE SAME SYSTEM.

WE NEED "ONE BIG UNION" THAT UNITES ALL WORKERS, NOT DIVIDES THEM. THIS PLACES UNION DEMOCRACY WHERE IT BELONGS - WITH THE WORKERS. IT IS ONLY THROUGH SOLIDARITY THAT THE SYSTEM CAN BE SMASHED.

INSTEAD OF THE MOTTO "A FAIR DAYS WAGE FOR A FAIR DAYS WORK", THE REVOLUTIONARY WATCHWORD MUST BE "ABOLISH THE WAGE SYSTEM!!"

FREEDOM THROUGH SOCIAL ECONOMIC ORDER CANNOT BE CREATED BY THE DECREES AND STATUTES OF GOVERNMENT.

HISTORY HAS CONSISTENTLY SHOWN THIS TO BE TRUE.

THE ORGANISATION OF THE UNION PREPARES WORKERS FOR THE DIRECT DEMOCRACY, SELF-ACTIVITY AND MUTUAL AID NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE SOCIETY!

IT IS ONLY AT THE GRASSROOTS, AT THE MEETING OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMUNAL THAT WE CAN EFFECT CHANGE.

LET THE DOOMED GENERATIONS OF THE WORLD UNITE - THE MISCREANTS, THE HOMELESS, THE EXPLOITED, THE DISAFFECTED, THE BEATEN, THE INJURED. THIS IS YOUR WORLD!! IT IS TIME TO TAKE IT!!!!

LENINISM IS MORALLY BANKRUPT, THE "DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT" IS AS REPUGNANT AS THE WORST BOURGEOIS DESPOTISM

THE OPPORTUNISTIC PARTIES OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY HAVE FAILED THE WORKER AGAIN AND AGAIN. CAPITAL CANNOT BE TAMED, IT MUST BE ABOLISHED!