



Fear of the swamp

Never has capital been so apparently strong, yet so vulnerable. Information technology, lasers and optic fibres have allowed it to go beyond old industrial-age dreams of dominating human beings and nature to actually penetrating and altering their genetic structure, while human language and culture is being tapered down to that of the computer. Genetic modification of crops and animals is coming out of the laboratories into the world, not to appease famine—which along with war is an essential arm of demographic control—but to extend domination and profit, with consequences that could turn out to be devastating.

On the other hand, these technologies are visible in the cables that link it and the laboratories that produce it, and depend on a whole army of operators hastily trained to worship the new god, many of whom are already beginning to have doubts. What if instead of being accomplices to this project of death they were to turn their skills against it?

The new technologies have transformed the traditional workplace and dismembered the old industrial working class. It has also rendered the traditional structures of resistance, the parties of the left and the unions, obsolete not only as organs of struggle, but also in their role as the containment of discontent.

In this scenario, sabotage has become the main weapon of the exploited in their struggle,

To complete the picture, with the disappearance of the old enemy the eastern bloc the Leninist ideological formations have found themselves with no future and have practically disappeared from the map of anti-capitalist struggle along with their organisational charts and ideology. Anarchists, on the other hand, with their unequivocal destructive critique of the present, seem to be multiplying visibly all over the world. Their critique is not ideological, it does not make false distinctions between theory and action. This they carry out in small groups, combining their uniqueness and their differences, not trooping into dull organisations forever in waiting for numerical growth before they can move. Against the prevailing fear of the future that holds the great masses together, they joyously oppose the destructive, utopian vision of a *different* world which they have already begun to create from the wreckage of the present.

This is what really scares capital. This is what it is mobilising to combat on all fronts. The anarchists and their ideas must be isolated, become further elements of fear to add to the rest. The media are called to perform their democratic task of opinion-making through the use of the old clichés: anarchists mean danger (yes, but only for power and profit); they must have leaders organising them behind the scenes (to foster the myth that in order to rebel you must be led by others). In this way *opinion* paves the way to the next stage in the repressive project, that of legal prosecution and imprisonment.

By criminalising anarchists they intend to separate them from mass rebellion. By inventing phantom clandestine structures they instil fear of occult organisations.

This is the logic of the Anti-terrorism Bill. It is the logic of a 7-year sentence for an anarchist in Seattle for participating in a demonstration against world capital. It is the logic of a fifteen-year sentence for an anarchist in Greece for an unexploded bomb against the multinational TVX's plan to dig gold mines which people don't want and are acting against with sabotage. It is the logic of sentencing an anarchist in Turin to seven years without any evidence, accused of 'terrorism' linked to the struggle against the high speed railway in Val di Susa. The other two anarchists accused, Eduoardo and Soledad, were found hanged in their cells. It is the logic of the frame-up against 60 or so anarchists in Italy accused on the basis of the confused babbling of a little girl turned police collaborator, of belonging to a phantom clandestine organisation complete with leader and organisation chart. In a secret memo of the R.O.S. military police special operations that reached an autonomous radio station in Turin, the anti-anarchist operation is mapped out as an attempt to put a halt to acts of sabotage that are taking place in 'the swamp of anonymity'.

These are but a few of the most absurd manifestations of how capital is expressing its fear.

Our solidarity expresses itself in the ongoing struggle against a project of death. Hurling ourselves against it with all our might and with the necessary means, we will doggedly continue to commit our only crime: freedom!

From the swamp of anonymity