

Leaflets Critiquing Green Anarchist

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If Paul Rogers of Oxford Green Anarchist has broken with Richard Hunt why does he still use Hunt's ideas? (1997?)

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All true anarchists agree that Richard Hunt is a racist scumbag and want nothing to do with him. The problem with Paul Rogers & Co. at Oxford Green Anarchist is that while they've ended their association with Richard Hunt, they are still using a good number of his fascist ideas. This is most obvious in Green Anarchist merchandise such as T-shirts and posters, many of which were designed by Hunt and are now mainly sold through the Nazi *Alternative Green* magazine. To take just one example, Green Anarchist still sell Hunt's poster featuring the slogan *Tax Is Theft*. Anarchists quite rightly leave anti-tax agitation to the far-Right who try to use it as a way of tricking people into thinking fascism is radical. The Nazis might promise to get rid of tax to win votes (these slimebags lie even more than ordinary politicians) but they won't get rid of the state! Anti-tax agitation is a big issue in America and its leading exponents such as Posse Comitatus have close ties with the Ku Klux Klan. Anarchists want to abolish government, to campaign against tax waters down this position and simultaneously leads people to associate the anarchist movement with the far-Right.

Syndicalism shows that it is possible to have a complex industrial society without hierarchies. Oxford Green Anarchist deny this in their platform. Worse still, they don't explain how they plan to move from a complex mass society that can support a large population, to a world of small agricultural communities where there is less technology. Nazi scumbag Richard Hunt, who invented Oxford Green Anarchist's ideology, says in the fascist *Alternative Green* that for this to happen there will have to be a 75% reduction in the population. Do Oxford Green Anarchist plan to set up death camps? Even if they simply want to leave the bulk of the working class to starve to death this is still fascist! Oxford Green Anarchist have a lot of explaining to do. However, anarchists are not sectarian like dogmatic marxists, now that the Green Anarchist Network has broken with Richard Hunt, it only has to break with his ideas and stop selling his posters to become an integral part of the anarchist movement. There are good people in the Green Anarchist Network whose energetic activism is an inspiration to others,

it is a shame their excellent work is devalued by their association with Paul Rogers, who has not only worked politically in the past with Nazi scumbag Richard Hunt, but continues to use Green Anarchist as a vehicle for Hunt's ideas. Real anarchists who are involved with GA should either force Oxford Green Anarchist to drop its genocidal platform, or if they are unable to do this leave Green Anarchist and join revolutionary groups that fight against all fascist ideologies.

ANARCHISM IS FREEDOM! SMASH THE STATE!

One Green Anarchist, One Bullet, Finger on the Trigger & Pull It! (1996)

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Green Anarchist Throw Off the Mask of Liberalism! by Unpopular Books

In *Green Anarchist* No.39 (Autumn '95, page 24) Green Anarchist ran a proposal to set up a Green Colony in Southern Africa: *"I propose the primitivist anarchist community gets off its arse to build and maintain a village as an example to not only the fanatical, class structured, Kropotkin toting anarchists but society in general. It'd be a nice to get away from it all. One can purchase 600 acres in Zimbabwe or Mozambique for US\$66,000. This includes a double storey house with electricity and water. There's cheaper land available. I know someone who for US\$2,100 purchased 1,550 square metres of undeveloped coastal land. In the next four years I hope to contact and enlist the support of 100-500 primitivist anarchists. These people should not only have the necessary finance but also the required able bodies and mental capabilities to establish a settlement."*

The author Renato (or should that be Renamo) Quaroni goes on to sketch out building up a mailing list, developing guidelines and arranging access to the InterNet. GA respond to this proposal to set up a Green-ustan with the following note: *"GA notes: Treat this project with caution. Given GA's security warning, you'd be mad to want your names posted in the InterNet! Renato is appealing for money because he hasn't got any. Enthusiasm is fine but get assurances about quality of land and political stability of the country it's in before committing yourself."*

This is nothing short of the Nazi policy of Lebensraum or 'living space'. Whereas Nazi Germany wanted to colonise Eastern Europe, Green Anarchist is publishing proposals to do just the same in Southern Africa, although the scale of this proposal is more akin to the proto-Nazi Aryan communes set up in South America by Nietzsche's sister and others of her ilk in the 1890s. Land is cheap in Mozambique because years of war, sponsored by the South African Apartheid regime have left the country ravaged. Some of the inhabitants are so poor they arrive at the Zimbabwe border and try to sell their shoes in order to get a meal to eat. War and land mines have left many inhabitants badly injured with missing limbs. Renamo's plan excludes such people as

untermensch (the Nazi term for sub-human). It is for wealthy westerners with access to substantial dollar funds.

GA publish this essentially fascist proposal as part of their "no censorship, no endorsement" policy. Aside from their usual paranoid remark about security, concern for Renamo's finances and the quality of the land, they advise the reader to "get assurances about the political stability of the country". These scum are one moment revelling in the reflected glory of the Tahitian uprising, and the next moment worrying about whether their colonists might wind up in a country where the state is insufficiently strong to suppress revolts against the property laws which allow the wealthy to exclude the poor and disabled from the land.

The Neoist Alliance issued a leaflet six months ago (*Green Anarchism Exposed*) pointing out the fascistic basis of GA's philosophy. Many people ignored this, dismissing it as a joke or a sectarian wrangle, as if opposing fascism is sectarianism. Just because Nazis replace swastikas with encircled As, does not make their ideas any more acceptable. Following a number of police raids on GA the Anarchist 'movement' has decomposed to such an extent that many other Anarchist groups have responded positively to GA's requests for solidarity. We say no solidarity with fascists.

Unpopular Books has published a pamphlet called *Green Apocalypse*. This contains two essays showing how GA's bizarre mix of fascism and anti-fascism has its roots in Bakuninism, how the GA lie machine smears those who dare criticise them, and is backed up by documentation of exchanges between the Neoist Alliance and others with GA.

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Red Alert by Unpopular Books (1997)

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World Revolution (WR) prides itself on a series of articles where it has subjected Bakunin the nineteenth century anarchist to an avalanche of criticism. But Bakunin is dead. But in response to well-founded criticism from the London Psychogeographical Association and Unpopular Books, the *WR* springs to the defence of Green Anarchist (GA), a right-wing anarchist group which has consistently dismissed the notion of class struggle as outdated, and has instead promoted a pseudo-existentialist notion of the revolutionary which draws its inspiration from the Oklahoma bombing in the USA and the Aum cults sarin poison attack on the Japanese underground system:

"Over all areas; animal rights, the environment, roads, the anti-JSA protests, we are going to see an increase in militancy, why? Because the ossified political structures are wholly unresponsive to peoples' needs and aspirations. The Unabomber, the ALF, Justice Department and ARM, the Oklahoma bombers and the Japanese Aum cult all show the direction it is going in. Outside of Middle Eastern Terrorism, events like the Oklahoma bomb would have been unthinkable 15 years ago. Such developments are inspirational and open up wide ranges of new possibilities. As far as I know, Britain has yet to develop some equivalent of the armed militia groups, but given the moronic totalitarianism of British politics, this can only be a matter of time." *Into the 1990's with Green Anarchist* (Green Anarchist Books, 1996)

Unpopular Books recently published *Militias: Rooted in White Supremacy* featuring two articles discussing the militia movement in the USA and a further essay on *Anarchism and the Militias* exposing GA's championing of the US militia movement and linking in the fascist apologetics of Nigel Pennick published in 1979 by the Cienfuegos Press *Anarchist Review*. *WR* makes no mention of this, but pretends that our activity revolves around denouncing the International Communist Current of which they are the section in Britain. While it is true that we have spent a certain amount of energy exposing their clumsy attempts to present themselves as "the only organisation at present prepared to defend the revolutionary milieu" (*WR* No.190, Dec 1995). In fact, their energy goes into defending themselves from any criticism, denouncing anyone who dares breath a word against them as 'parasites'. In fact on two occasions (*Is Subversion Sane?* and *Green Parasites*) we have defended the ICC from unjustified allegations of Stalinism. This is because our goal is not a blind attack on the ICC

out of petty jealousy, pique or some sort of stunt, but because we want to expose the Leninism which lays at the root of their behaviour.

Before looking deeper at the degeneracy of the ICC, it is necessary to clarify beyond doubt how Green Anarchist reject any sort of working class politics, and in fact despise the working class, seeing themselves as part of a 5% moral elite. Back in Spring 1994, *Green Anarchist* N0.34 devoted 5 pages to the class question. A few quotes:

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Red Alert Earlier Draft

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World Revolution abandon the communist movement to back right-wing Green Anarchist

RED ALERT

“While the inhabitants of the libertarian swamp reject centralised revolutionary organisation, the activity of these elements, to the extent that they haven’t been sucked into leftism, is nevertheless directed against the ruling class. That of the LPA [London 0 01 Psychogeographical Association] is directed against proletarian political organisations. ^{Mc} This only highlights the difference between political parasitism and the swamp, even 3558 though they seem to express similar attitudes.

The elements of the swamp are generally contemptuous of political organisations because they see them as being irrelevant to the working class, but this can still be the confused expression of an effort to relate to the class struggle. On the other hand, the LPA with dibits sophisticated knowledge of history, has no interest in providing a coherent perspective for the working class. The activity of the LPA is devoted to creating notoriety 3 -for its presiding genius as a ‘revolutionary’ master based on all sorts of publicity stunts preach onejmore dubious than the other: provocations against the anarchist milieu, in particular Green Anarchist and Class War. .

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Leutha Blissett, 1st May 1997

Texts available: The following leaflets are available: *In Defence of Revolutionary Organisation, Is Subversion Sane?*, *Green Parasite*, *Swamp Thing* No.s 1 &2, *Sucked*. Please send SAE and a few stamps to help cover the cost of photocopying.

Pamphlets available: *Green Apocalypse* — £3.50

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Green Parasite by Unpopular Books (1996)

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I don't suppose I was the only one to get quite cross about *Green Anarchist's* latest smear. On page 27 of issue 43/44 (Autumn 96) in a review of Autonomedia's recent publication of *This World We Must Leave and Other Essays by Jacques Camatte*, they sneakily denounce Jacques Camatte as a former Stalinist. And here they aren't just using the epithet as a term of abuse. They categorically state that "Camatte's journal, *Invariance*, started out as a split from the Italian Communist Party (PCI)". Of course, it should come as no surprise that *Green Anarchist* are lying through their teeth, their ludicrous attacks on Stewart Home have shown truth to be the first casualty of their agenda. They now regularly declare that anyone who doesn't go along with their analysis is either a state asset or being manipulated by a state asset.

Nevertheless it is hard to see why they would want to smear Camatte, after all they hold him up as one of fountain heads of primitivism, even going so far as to suggest that the Unabomber's 'critique' of leftism "fits with a US anti-ideological current originating with Camatte and the SI [Situationist Internationale]" (Same page, response to a letter). Of course, the Unabomber's sub-Nietzschean twitterings bear no relationship with any of the theories developed by *Invariance* or any other communist groups.

The smear, conflating communists with the Communist Party is an old anarchist trick. At the same time however, they continually need to borrow from Communist theoretical work, thus many pro-situs believe that the Situationist International was anarchist, when it very clearly had nothing to do with the anarchist movement. Now they want to 'assimilate' Camatte. This process of 'assimilation' has been amply illustrated in my text 'The Sucking Pit', to be found in *Green Apocalypse*.

However, there still remains the puzzle of why should GA smear Camatte when they also want to pillage his contribution to the communist movement? The clue is perhaps to be found latter on in the same piece. After extolling the "richness of Camatte's thought" they then say "If further recommendation is needed 'Camatte is a bete noire' to the International Communist Current (ICC), a hilarious account of whom can be found in a recent *Subversion*." Here they quote the Autonomedia introduction where the ICC is held up as an equivalent of the International Communist Party, from which the *Invariance* group emerged. Whilst in GA's eyes Camatte is 'reformed Stalinist' who has seen the light, they are clearly implying that the ICC are still Stalinist.

Of course, many people will claim that this implies too much subtlety to GA, concurring with my description of Paul Rogers as being "intellectually inert". However, as Rogers has been seen cheek by jowl with a certain Michel Prigent, whose leaflets attacking Unpopular Books have even accused us of being Bordigo-Nashists, Rogers cannot pretend to be ignorant of the 'Italian Communist Left', of whom Bordiga and the International Communist Party constituted a major part. (In fact the ICC have produced the most useful English language book *The Italian Communist Left 1926-45*, available for £12 including p&p from World Revolution, BM Box 869, London WC1N 3XX. Also see *Internationalists in France during the Second World War* by Pierre Lanerret, available for £3 from Phoenix Press, P.O. Box 824, London N1 9DL). Prigent of course warbled to the tune of top French newspapers *Le Monde*, *Liberation* and *Figaro*, in denouncing Bordiga for his pamphlet *Auschwitz, ou le grand alibi*. He has yet to explain why he hasn't included Camatte's 'Evanescence du mythe antifasciste' on the same basis!

And here we have to turn to the ICC themselves, who have spent a great deal of space discussing the campaign against an 'ultra-left revisionism' by some of the French press, as well as parasitism. In my text *In Defence of Revolutionary Organisation*, I have already exposed their weaknesses. Suffice it to say they have dismissed the call to dissolve, and refuse to accept that their self-obsession has obscured their sense of judgement. Compared to war of lies mounted by the GA/Larry O'Hara/Michel Prigent contingent against the Neoist Alliance, the 'Manchester Altercation' seems a trivial affair. They have studiously avoided mentioning our publication of *Green Apocalypse* in order to foster the pretence that they were "the only organisation to defend the revolutionary milieu" (*World Revolution* No. 190). Did these fools not realise that it was only a matter of time before GA turned their lie machine upon them?

"Political currents are defined by their social function and parasitism is clearly counter-revolutionary" *Its groups and individuals come from different political origins: some are renegades like the C[ommunist] B[ulletin] G[roup] and the FECCI [ICC External Faction], others are leftists like Hilo Rojo in Spain, or the Iranian SUCM [????]. Nevertheless parasitism has a common purpose and is clearly co-ordinated at some level, probably by state infiltration: in the present period the simultaneous emergence of groups in different countries singing the same tune about the madness and Stalinism of the ICC is remarkable.*" (*World Revolution* No.198, October 1996)

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Luther Blissett, 'The Sucking Pit' in *Green Apocalypse*, available from:

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I don't suppose I was the only one to get quite cross about *Green Anarchist's* latest smear. On page 27 of issue 43/44 (Autumn 96) in a review of Autonomedia's recent

publication of *This World We Must Leave and Other Essays* by Jacques Camatte, they sneakily denounce Jacques Camatte as a former Stalinist. And here they aren't just using the epithet as a term of abuse. They categorically state that "Camatte's journal, *Invariance*, started out as a split from the Italian Communist Party (PCI)". Of course, it should come as no surprise that *Green Anarchist* are lying through their teeth — their ludicrous attacks on Stewart Home have shown truth to be the first casualty of their agenda. They now regularly declare that anyone who doesn't go along with their analysis is either a state asset or being manipulated by a state asset.

Nevertheless it is hard to see why they would want to smear Camatte — after all they hold him up as one of fountain heads of primitivism even going so far as to suggest that the Unabomber's 'critique' of leftism "fits with a US anti- ideological current originating with Camatte and the SI [Situationist Internationale]" (Same page, response to a letter). Of course, the Unabomber's sub-Nietzschean twitterings bear no relationship with any of the theories developed by *Invariance* or any other communist groups.

The smear, conflating communists with the Communist Party is an old anarchist trick. At the same time however, they continually need to borrow from Communist theoretical work — thus many pro-situs believe that the Situationist International was anarchist, when it very clearly had nothing to do with the anarchist movement. Now they want to 'assimilate' Camatte. This process of 'assimilation' has been amply illustrated in my text 'The Sucking Pit', to be found in *Green Apocalypse*,

However, there still remains the puzzle of why should *GA* smear Camatte when they also want to pillage his contribution to the communist movement? The clue is perhaps to be found latter on in the same piece. After extolling the "richness of Camatte's thought" they then say "If further recommendation is needed 'Camatte is a *bete noire*'" to the International Communist Current (ICC), a hilarious account of whom can be found in a recent *Subversion*"" Here they quote the Autonomedia introduction where the ICC is held up as an equivalent of the International Communist Party, from which the *Invariance* group emerged. Whilst in *GA*'s eyes Camatte is 'reformed Stalinist' who has seen the light, they are clearly implying that the ICC are still Stalinist

Of course, many people will claim that this implies too much subtlety to *GA*, concurring with my description of Paul logers as being "intellectually inert". However, as Rogers has been seen cheek by jowl with a certain Michel Prigent, whose

Communist Left', of whom Bordiga and the International Communist Party constituted a major part (In fact it is the ICC who have produced the useful English language book *The Italian Communist Left 1926-45*, available for £12 including p&p from World Revolution, BM Box 869, London WC1N 3XX. Also see *Internationalists in France during the Second World War* by Pierre Lanneret, available for £3 from Phoenix Press, P.O. Box 824, London N1 9DL). Prigent, of course, warbled to the tune of top French newspapers *Le Monde*, *Libération* and *Figaro*, in denouncing J Bordiga for his pamphlet *Auschwitz, ou le grand alibi*. He has yet to explain why he hasn't mentioned Camatte's 'Evanescence du mythe antifasciste' on the same basis!

And now we have to turn to the ICC themselves, who have spent a great deal of space discussing the campaign against an ‘ultra-left revisionism’ by some of the French press, as well as what they term ‘parasitism’. In my text *In Defence of Revolutionary Organisation*, I have already exposed their weaknesses. Suffice it to say they have dismissed the call to dissolve, and refuse to accept that their self-obsession has obscured their sense of judgement. Compared to war of lies mounted by the GA/Larry O’Hara/Michel Prigent contingent against the Neoist Alliance and Unpopular Books, the ‘Manchester Altercation’ seems a trivial affair. They have studiously avoided mentioning our publication of *Green Apocalypse* in order to foster the pretence that they were “the only organisation to defend the revolutionary milieu” {*World Revolution* No. 190}. Did these fools not realise that it was only a matter of time before GA turned their lie machine upon them?

“Political currents are defined by their social function and parasitism is clearly counter-revolutionary” Its groups and individuals come from different political origins: some are renegades like the C[ommunist] B[ullied] G[roup] and the FECCI [ICC External Faction], others are leftists like Hilo Rojo in Spain, or the Iranian SUCM [????]. Nevertheless parasitism has a common purpose and is clearly co-ordinated at some level, probably by state infiltration: in the present period the simultaneous emergence of groups in different countries singing the same tune about the madness and Stalinism of the ICC is remarkable.” {*World Revolution* No.198, October 1996)

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