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Dear Comrades,

Greetings from South Africa. Recently we set in motion actions which will hopefully result in the formation of the Anarchist Revolutionary Movement which, to our knowledge, will be South Africa's first anarchist organization to operate in the open.

Due to our severe lack of experience, we are sending out a plea for any form of aid we can receive. We urgently need advice, literature, and if possible, funds. We hope that you will be able to assist us or to put us in contact with someone who can.

We apologize for the impersonality of this letter, yet we feel that in order to obtain a reasonable response, it is best for us to contact as many groups as possible.

Thanking you in advance, yours in solidarity,
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Following are our thoughts on South Africa:

Perhaps the most influential of these developments has been the unbanning of certain political parties, among whom can be found movements as infamous as the African National Congress (A.N.C.).

Essentially the concept of free speech is relatively new in South Africa. The last 40 years have been dictated to us by the National Party. Everything from their Christian National Education policy to their secret police has been designed to suppress and oppress. It is only recently the cracks have begun to appear in their Armor. In all honesty they have at most another three or four years of power before disappearing like so many of their enemies mysteriously did.

As Anarchists they pose us little threat as we should in fact be looking ahead to the inevitable dictatorship which is to be constructed by the African National Congress.

Right from the beginning the A.N.C. has made it crystal clear they will sell out both their

ideals and supporters to obtain power. When the A.N.C. first re-entered the political arena they openly allied themselves with the South African Communist Party. Once threatened with losing the support of big business they quickly embraced capitalist ideals.

Today, while Mandela sits inside his \$250,000 house and reminisces over his daughters recent \$10,000 wedding, his "brothers" sleep in tin shacks. While they catch buses or walk 25 miles to work, he rides in one of his two Mercedes Benz's...but that's politicians for you. And that is truly who the A.N.C. is there for, money-grabbing megalomaniacs like Mandela.

Oddly enough recent revelations of A.N.C. torture camps have done little to tarnish their image. In all honesty they are the lesser of two evils but surely we deserve better.

So now the question arises, who else is there to represent the South African people in this farce some would call a democracy?

Surely not the ineffective stagnant liberal Democratic Party who represent the free market

ideals of the rich. If shove comes to shooting let's hope we don't have to turn to the extreme right Afrikaaner Weerstand Beweeging or their black counterparts the Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army.

If ever there has been a need for an anarchist solution it is here in South Africa. However, massive problems face our movement. How do we break through to people of color who tend to distrust us? The National Party has ensured that this will be no easy task. Unfortunately in the current political climate it is not possible for us to take our message onto the streets without facing prison terms on charges as ridiculous as treason. And then of course there are the problems of funding and our lack of knowledge. Even with all this against us we are hopeful that we will overcome in the long-run. If not, South Africa is destined to remain a puppet of the first world as conditions steadily deteriorate.

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

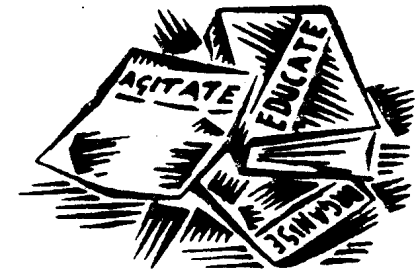
THIS IS CLASS WAR: An Introduction to the Class War Federation; Jura Books \$2.

The paper "Class War" and its associated grouplets emerged in the early 1980's in Britain and represents another manifestation of "spontaneism". This "spontaneism" entails the group's cheerleading/support of various expressions of working class resistance to capitalism, particularly in the non-industrial sphere such as riots, without reference to the formation of workers' economic combative organisations in existing capitalist society such as anarcho-syndicalist unions.

Unlike other spontaneist groupings such as the councilist groups, associated with the theorists, Anton Pannekoek and Herman Gorter,

which emerged in Germany/Holland in the wake of revolutionary upsurges which occurred at the end of WWI and were characterised by the appearance of workers' councils, and Paul Cardan associated with the Socialism or Barbarism group in France in the 60's, the Solidarity Group in Britain, during the 60's, 70's, and the Self Management Group in Brisbane during the early 1970's, Class War according to the pamphlet under review has virtually no industrial/workplace emphasis.

The earlier councilists advocated the formation of workers councils-meetings of strictly mandated



delegates which can be instantly recalled from workplace/community assemblies, particularly in the industrial sphere as the means to realise a self-managed - anarchist society. In the writings of Paul Cardan, such as "Modern