An INTRODUCTION TO
ANARCHO SYNDICALISM

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

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 COLLECTIVIZED AND RUN AS LIBERTARIAN COMMUNITIES. EVEN HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND BARBER SHOPS WERE COLLECTIVIZED AND RUN BY THEIR WORKERS. DESPITE CRITICS, ANARCHIC COMMUNITIES OFTEN FOUND TO BE MORE EFFICIENT THAN BEFORE COLLECTIVIZATION, 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

"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

SOLIDARITY FOREVER!!!
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. 600 million people worldwide go hungry every day. Even in the "affluent" West 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.

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. 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.

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Instead of the motto "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work", the revolutionary watchword must be "abolish the wage system!"

The organisation of the union prepares workers for the direct democracy, self-activity and mutual aid needed for the future society.

Freedom through social economic order cannot be created by the decrees and statutes of government.

History has consistently shown this to be true.

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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!!!!

It is only at the grassroots, at the meeting of the individual and the communal that we can effect change.

Only a united workers movement based on anarchist ideals, solidarity and direct action can cast off the shackles of the capitalist system.

But how can this be achieved?

And who am I talking to?