

If we are not working towards the destruction of capital, we are working towards the destruction of humanity!

THAT IS WHY we will CONSCIOUSLY sabotage *every* capitalist enterprise, we will be a burden to each and every boss. Where we, rebellious youth, *have to* work, materials, machines and products *have to* be made unusable. Again and again the gears will jump out of the wheels, the pieces will fly from knives and chisels, the tools most necessary will be nowhere to find – we will tell each other recipes and means.

We do not want to be destroyed by capitalism, so capitalism will have to be destroyed by us.

We want to create as free people, not work as slaves; therefore we will destroy the system of slavery. Capitalism only exists because of the work of the workers, *thus* we don't want to be workers and will sabotage the work.



Herman J. Schuurman (1897-1991), the author of 'Work is a crime', was one of the founders of the *Mokergroep*, a group of young proletarians that was eager for revolution and gathered around the magazine *De Moker!*, with the subtitle *Opruiend blad voor jonge arbeiders* (The Moker. Agitating magazine for young workers). For more than four years, starting at the end of 1923 until the summer of 1928, they tried to shake up the, in their eyes, too indolent libertarian and worker's movement:

**SABOTAGE, AFFINITY GROUPS,
LET'S DESTROY THE SYSTEM OF SLAVERY NOW,
WITHOUT DELAY!**

Let's destroy work, let's destroy the economy!

We are not concerned with the political problems of those who see unemployment as a danger to democracy and order.

We do not feel any nostalgia for lost professionalism.

We don't want better wages or the continuation of subsidies.

Nor are we for the abolition of work, the discovery of alternative ways of life, or the reduction to the minimum in order to live happily.

We want the destruction of a system that makes us beg for the minimum necessary so as not to starve to death.

We want the de-struction of work and this society, of what we do during the day and its continuation that extends until night, a perpetual circle that never seems to end.



We refuse to remain prisoners in this prison without bars or walls, but whose objective is exactly the same: resignation to what they tell us to accept, to the bosses' orders and to the police that protect them and protect what we need to destroy.

We want the destruction of the rule that makes us continue like this, prisoners of a job that takes all: our time, our energy, our creativity.

The destruction of work is above all the destruction of survival, a step into the unknown.

Destroying work means attacking, attacking that on which work is based and that which it produces.

The attack does not affect profit indirectly, as a strike does, but hits the structure directly, either the means of production or the end product.

And the object to be destroyed, although it is property, is also work, because it is something that results from work.

Work is a crime

In the usage of language some words and expressions exist that we should abolish, because they give name to certain concepts that form the disastrous and condemning content of the capitalist system.

In the first place there is the word “*work*” and every concept that has something to do with this – workman or worker – worktime – work wages – work strike – workless – unemployed.

To work is the greatest insult and humiliation that humanity gave to itself. This social system, capitalism, is based on the act of work; it formed a class of people, that *have to work* – and a class of people, that *don't work*. The *workers are forced to work*, because if not, they will have to starve. “*Because,*” the owners teach *will not eat,*” and they and gathering of profit is There are workless and pocket dictionary I find *working*” and *unemployed* means “*without work outside your own fault*”. that live off the work that them. Unemployed are *allowed to work*, because them. The owners of the time, in which the workers have to work, and they have made workplaces, and they order *what* and *how* the workers have to work. The workers get a specific amount of wages, that enables them to not die from hunger, and only just enables them to take care of their children in the first few years. After that, the children have learned enough in school to be able to work too. The owners let their children learn as much as they need in order to know how to command the workers also. Work is the greatest doom. Working makes mindless and soulless.

In order to have someone work for you, you have to possess a lack of character, and in order to work you *also* have to possess a lack of character; you have to crawl and swindle, betray, cheat and fake.

For the rich unemployed, work (of the workers) is their means of getting themselves an easy life. For the workers it is a miserable burden, as some kind of ill-fated destiny they received at birth, that prevents the workers from living a reasonable life.



us, “*he who doesn't work,* claim that their calculating *also work.* unemployed. In the Van Dale that *workless* means “*not employed* means “*without work* Workless are the exploiters, the workers perform for the workpeople, who are not no profit can be made from worktool have determined a

Only when we will not work again, life will start.

Work is the arch-enemy of life. The good worker is a work-animal with work-claws and a numb lifeless expression on the face. When a human becomes conscious of life, he will never work again. *I am not stating* that anyone should just walk away from his boss tomorrow, and has to see if he'll manage to survive without work, and then can be convinced that he is ready for life. If someone is without work because there's no other option, this is bad enough in itself; but not working now usually turns into parasiting on those comrades who do work. If you are able to survive through – as the decent people call it – robbing and stealing, without being exploited by a boss, good – do it; but do not believe, that this solves the big problem. Working is a social evil. This society is life's arch-enemy and only through the destruction of the current and future communities of work animals – i.e. through revolution after revolution – work



will disappear. First, Life will come – the everyone will be brought to drift of life. Then every human because of inner impulses, *beautiful and the good,* Subsequently there won't be a *workman* or worker anymore; everyone will be a human, and from human necessity of life, from inner need, he will inexhaustibly create that which fulfills these life necessities under reasonable relations. There won't be a work-time and work-place, neither workless nor unemployed. There will only be Life – great pure cosmic life, and the drift to create will be human's biggest life joy, not forced and bounded because of hunger, wages, time and place, and not exploited by parasites. Creating is the intense joy of life, working is the intense suffering of life.

full, rich life – and then *create,* because of their pure man being will be a creator and will create only *the which is the necessary.*

Under these criminal social relations creating is impossible.

All work is a crime.

The act of working is to assist in making profit and exploiting; to assist falsification, betrayal, poisoning; to assist preparation of war; to assist the killing of the whole of humankind.

Work is life-destroying.

When we *understand this very well,* our life will get a completely different meaning. If we, in ourselves, feel the living drift of creation, this will express itself through the destruction of this system of criminality and lack of character. And when we are forced to work in order not to starve, we should take care that this working contributes to the downfall of capitalism.