At a supermarket checkout looking through a window on May Day.

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A. So I missed the May Day parade again.

B is posh town parking lot.

C. I don't know.

A. The working class usually stops right outside to sing "The Internationale".

B is Alex and his droogs: Alex sports American-flag shorts and a white polo shirt; they all wear red hats and run-walk past like dancers, cocaine-not-knowing what to do with their hands, talking and laughing but no sound passes through the window.

C: I'm not from here I don't know what they do but it wouldn't surprise me.

A: Well, it would surprise me.

B is a cloudy afternoon.