He represented the sw ing of the pendulum an d was in some ways the most radical of his gen eration in that part of town. With increasing co nfidence he came to assum e the leadership on his c ouncil-estate of that anti -rational, ninilistic move ment of near-automatism tha t had its links with improv isations in the past and wi th parallel tendencies in t ypes of elephant trunk styl ings; but which also relate d to the innate romant icism of most Briti 11 art.