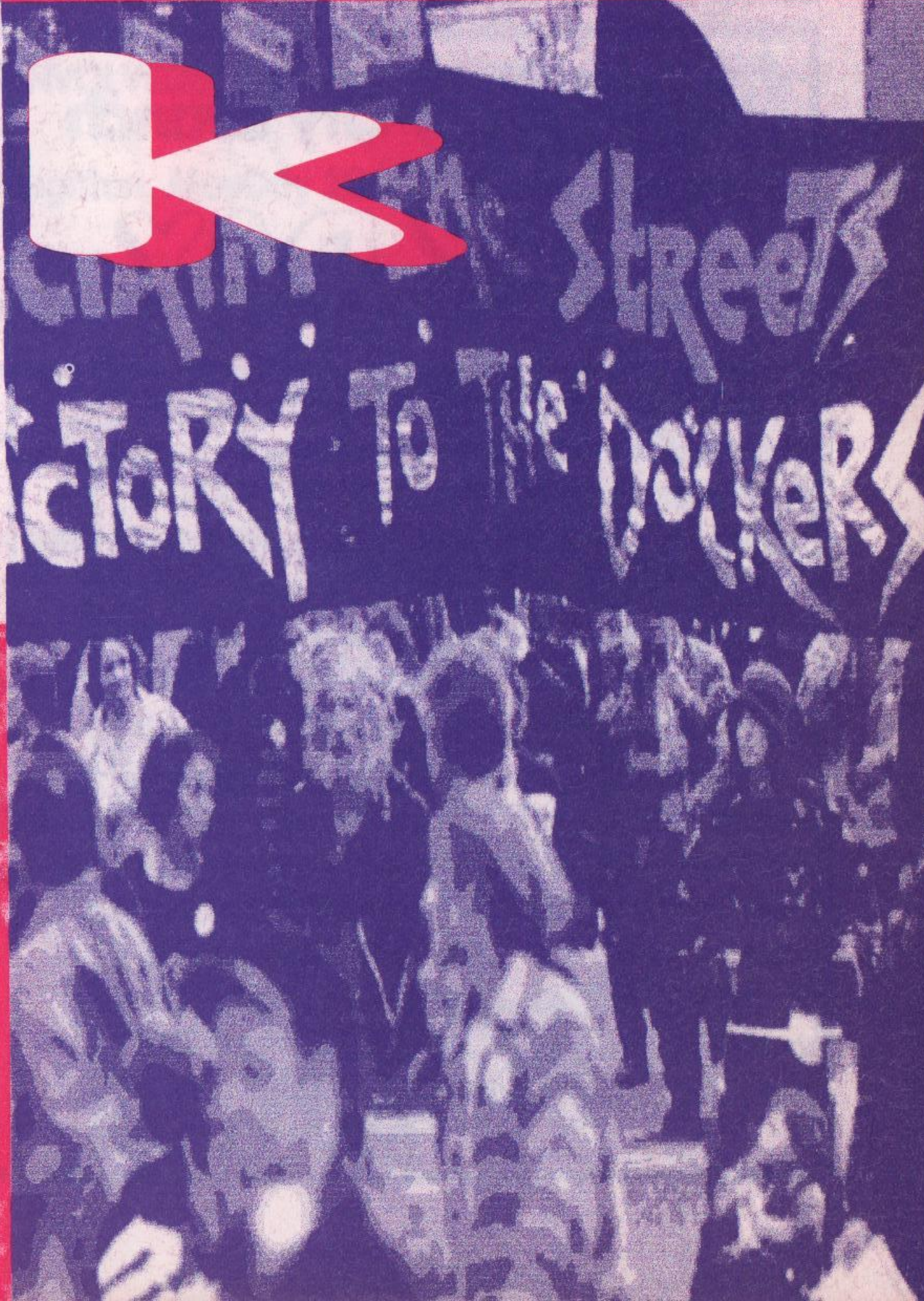
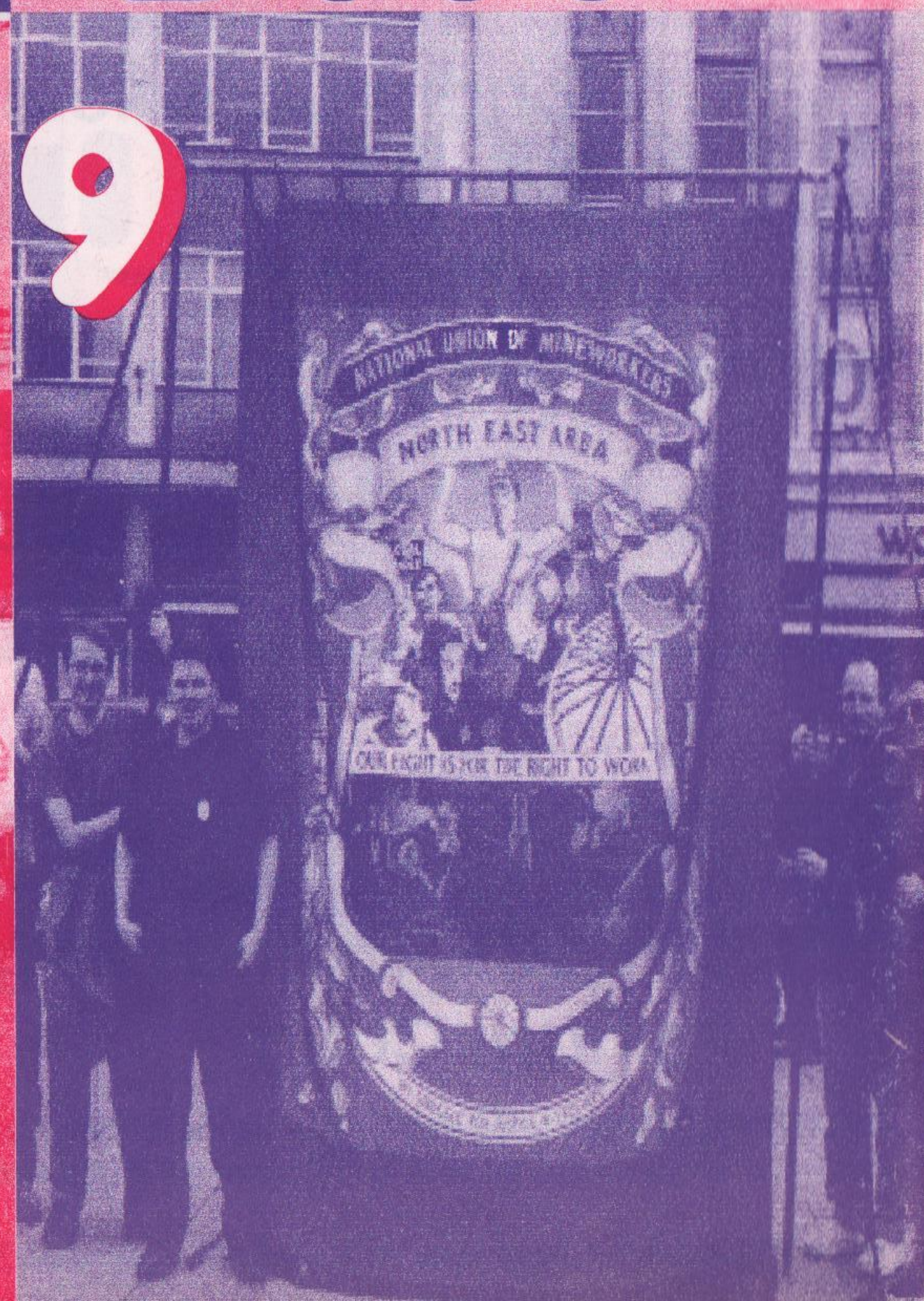


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Welcome to this years May Day brochure. Once again we have tried to present as diverse a range of articles as possible, everything from the struggle of the Zapatistas in Mexico to eco gardening in St Ann's. The point can't be made strongly enough - we are all fighting the same fight against the same system. It is in our interests to support all the varied campaigns mentioned in this brochure.

Whether fighting the City Council's shortsighted plans for Noel Street Baths or campaigning for human rights in Chile, the enemy remains the same. But May Day and this brochure is about more than that. It is also a celebration of our communities and our working class culture - our diversity, our enthusiasm and our hopes and aspirations.

With a Labour Party indistinguishable from the Tories, caring more about big business and profits than ordinary people, now more than ever we need to organise ourselves, wether that be in trade unions, anti-racism campaigns , ecological battles or any sort of direct action. We ARE the real alternative to all the nonsense in Westminster. We may now be in the 21st century but the ruling class would still like to see us back in the 19th century. We have always had to fight for our rights - they have never been freely given. We can achieve things only when we are organised enough and strong enough to take control of our lives. We are living in a capitalist madhouse where Labour & Conservative alike regard ordinary people like us as the enemy, not mass murderers like Pinochet or the bosses who throw thousands on the dole.

Let's treat the likes of Blair & Hague with the contempt they deserve & give all our respect and support to all those the world over who are fighting against the insanity of the system. Please support the campaigns in this brochure and GET INVOLVED!!!! Together we CAN make a difference.

Eric McNaughton, MayDay 2000 Brochure Co-ordinator

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THE IRISH IN MEXICO

"We like the Irish around here"
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It is now 6 years since the EZLN (Zapatista Army of National Liberation) came to the attention of the world when they seized five towns in Chiapas, Mexico on New Year's day in 1994. The years since have seen only a couple of weeks of actual warfare. However the uneasy cease-fire has seen hundreds of land occupations and several national and international gatherings. Thousands, if not tens of thousands, of people have travelled to Chiapas to see the rebellion with their own eyes. Hundreds have been deported by the Mexican government for doing so. Solidarity groups exist in most western countries, including Ireland. In 1993 Chiapas was as unknown backwater in Mexico. Now, in the eyes of many activists, it has moved to centre stage.

The Irish in Mexico have an honourable history. Their most celebrated intervention was that of the San Patricio Battalion, some 200 Irishmen who crossed to the Mexican side in 1848 during the war with the US. It's impossible to be sure what inspired their defection but it seems that reminders of a shared faith, offers of land, and large amounts of tequila all played their part! Kindly, the Mexicans today insist the Irish became convinced of the justice of the Mexican cause.

It is true that the San Patricio Battalion fought bravely and was decorated for its exploits in the Battle of Buena Vista before being overrun at Churubusco. Fifty of them were court martialed by the US army and sentenced to death. They were taken to where they could see the Mexican citadel, the Castillo de Chapultepec, and only when the last of its defenders, the 'child heroes', had hurled themselves from the battlements to avoid capture and the Stars and Stripes had been run up over the fortress were the Irish hanged.

Today, almost 150 years later, in the mountains of Southeastern Mexico, where the people, peacefully pursuing the age old demands of land and freedom, have suffered years of repression and deliberate marginalization, the Zapatistas have offered themselves as instruments of the Mexican people in their struggle for democracy. They have met with a ferocious and disproportionate military response. Chiapas is now occupied by 40,000 government troops, 1 for every man, woman and child, who threaten an all out offensive at any moment.

Writing to supporters of the Zapatistas around the world on March 17th of this year, Marcos invoked the spirit of the San Patricio Battalion. This is what he said: "When Mexico was fighting, in the last century, against the empire of the bars and crooked stars, there was a group of soldiers who fought on the side of the Mexicans and this group was called 'St. Patrick's Battalion'. And so I am writing you in the name of all of my companeros and companeras, because just as with the 'Saint Patrick's Battalion', we now see clearly that there are foreigners who love Mexico more than some natives who are now in the government. And we hear that there were marches and songs and movies and other events so that there would not be war in Chiapas, which is the part of Mexico where we live and die. When you are old, then you will be able to say to the children and young people of your country that, 'I struggled for Mexico at the end of the 20th century, and from over here I was there with them and I only know that they wanted what all human beings want, for it not to be forgotten that they are human beings and for it to be remembered what democracy, liberty and justice are, and I did not know their faces but I did know their hearts and they were the same as ours.' Good-bye.. Health and a promised flower: a green stem, a white flower, red leaves, and don't worry about the serpent, that flapping of wings is an eagle which will take care of it, you will see..."

We in Ireland have been slow to pick up the internationalist banner of our ancestors, but there is still time, perhaps we have just been shaking off the political lethargy that afflicts our generation. But now we must act. Once again there is an unjust war in Mexico, once again the Mexican people are being dispossessed, this time by their own government backed elite, in thrall to the US. Once again they need our help. The more international support the Zapatistas have the more likely it is that can open up space for a political solution to the conflict, and the less likely it is they will have to hurl themselves from the mountains in defence of their land, their people and their hopes. The Mexicans need another San Patricio Battalion; the cause is still as just, the shared faith in human dignity is still as strong, and the tequila is still good. Be a Zapatista wherever you are!

Contact Us Address: Irish Mexico Group,
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Contact us at MayDay 2000, BM MayDay, London. WC1N 3XX or phone =44 (0) 20 8374 5027. For more details email us at mayday2k@email.com. To be on the MayDay 2000 discussion list just email mayday2000-subscribe@egroups.com

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SAVE MUMIA ABU JAMAL

Mumia was a founding member of the Black Panthers in Philadelphia. The FBI have maintained a surveillance of him since he was 16. Mumia was convicted of first degree murder and given the death penalty for the alleged shooting & killing of a white police officer on December 9th 1981. He had no prior criminal record.



He has been on death row in Pennsylvania for 17 years awaiting execution - the only political prisoner on death row. Initially scheduled for execution on August 17 1995 the execution was stayed by a court order 10 days prior to being carried out.

Since his incarceration on death row Mumia has written 2 books, *Live from Death Row* & *Death Blossoms*. His first book has been translated into 7 languages and widely read in the US. A 3rd book, *Race for Justice*, has been written about his case by his attorneys. National Public Radio in the US agreed to air 12 of Mumia's commentaries taped while on death row. After presidential aspirant Robert Dole attacked the NPR for doing this on the floor of the Senate, the programmes were cancelled.

Mumia was awarded an honorary law degree from the New School of Law in San Francisco; was voted an honorary vice president by the 5000 member National Lawyers Guild, a progressive lawyers association in America; named an honorary citizen of the Central District of Copenhagen, as well as the city of Palermo in Italy.

An International Tribunal made up of outstanding personages from all over the world convened in Philadelphia on Dec 6 1997 and reviewed the circumstances of his case, voting unanimously to free Mumia, and calling for an investigation into the agencies responsible for his prosecution and imprisonment. After visiting Mumia the Secretary General of Amnesty International issued a statement expressing concern that the "original trial may have been contaminated by the deep-rooted racism that appears to taint the application of the death penalty in Pennsylvania".

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MAY DAY GREETINGS from the

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We take our name from Michael Woodward, an Anglo-Chilean worker priest, who was tortured to death in September 1973, weeks after Pinochet's coup. He was a member of the political alliance which formed Allende's government.

The Group has maintained contact with & supported financially people in Chile who:

- * provide legal support for political prisoners
- * developed self help groups
- * gave evidence about torture before the UN
- * are currently political prisoners
- * have developed training for working class women to become trade union activists

Currently we are asking for support for the release of Dante Ramirez, leader of a construction union, who was shot in the head while being arrested in 1996. The bullet remains lodged in his brain causing progressive damage. Along with other political prisoners he was brutally treated and tortured in the high security prison at the beginning of last year. We are asking people to campaign for medical treatment and his release.

For further info on all our work and campaigns please contact Konnie Lloyd on 0115 922 2019



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This is certainly the last time I shall speak to you. The air force has bombed all our radio stations.....Faced with all these events, there is only one thing I can say to the workers: I shall not surrender. History has given me a choice....Our enemies are strong; they can enslave the people.....Let me speak to the workers, peasants & intellectuals of Chile who will now suffer persecution. (We) will be silenced very soon too & my words will no longer reach you. Yet you will continue to hear them.....and at the very least I shall leave behind the memory of an honourable man, who kept faith with the working class.

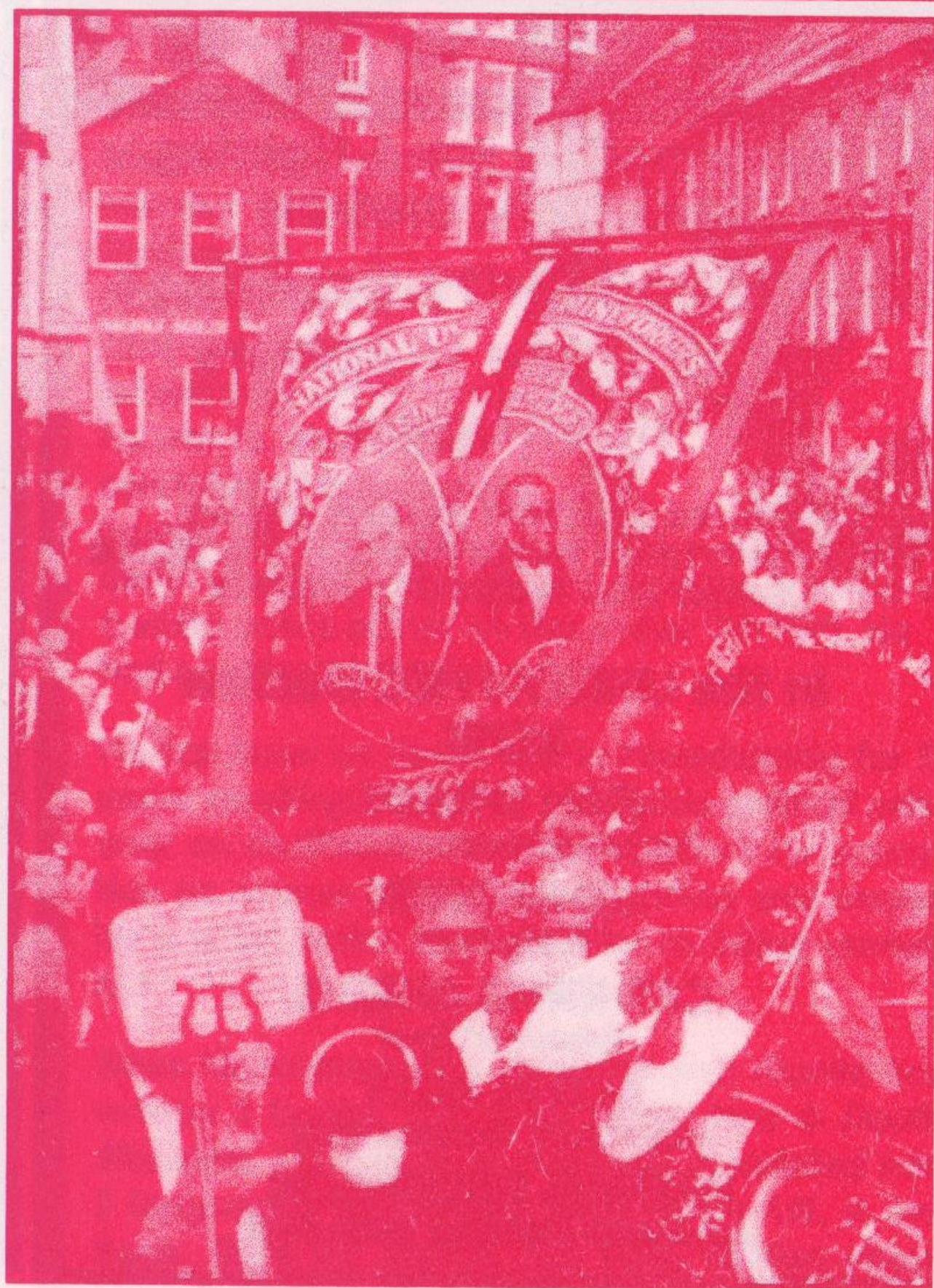
Workers of my country:

I have faith in Chile & its destiny. Other Chileans will come forward. In these dark & bitter days, when treachery seeks to impose its own order, you may be assured that much sooner than later, the great avenues toward a new society will open again, and the march along that road will continue. Long live Chile!

Long live the people! Long live the workers! These are my last words. I know my sacrifice has not been in vain. May it be a lesson for all those who hate disloyalty, cowardice & treachery
SALVADOR ALLENDE'S LAST SPEECH FROM THE MONEDA PALACE, SANTIAGO, 21 SEPTEMBER 1973

THE BIG MEETING

Durham's 129 year old Miners' Gala could be under threat unless sponsors come forward. The Durham NUM is appealing to councils, unions & businesses to help keep alive the traditional celebration of working class solidarity. The Big Meeting, as it's known is enjoying a revival with 25,000 at last years event. UNISON is already trying to increase its sponsorship in a bid to save the event. The Gala dates back to 1872 and once pit villages emptied as miners & their families paraded through Durham with banners and brass bands and listened to left wing speeches. The Gala is now a celebration of general trade unionism and working class community and solidarity and is vital that it survives. We can expect no help from New Labour who seem embarrassed by anything working class. If you or your organisation can help please contact the NUM @ 4 Red Hill Villas, Durham. Or call 0191 384 3515.



THE BATTLE OF CABLE STREET

By 1935 Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists had been reduced to a mainly London-based movement. Mosley decided to concentrate his forces on a "conquest of the streets" in the capital. Mussolini & Hitler had used this tactic & Mosley thought he could repeat their success by marching through the East End. Encouraged by initial success in whipping up hatred against the Jews, Mosley prepared for a great demonstration on 4th October 1936. Despite calls to ban the march from all of East London's Mayors, the Home Secretary & Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police deployed thousands of foot and mounted police to safeguard the Fascist's route. As 7000 blackshirts prepared to march, the police tried to clear their path. They had not reckoned on the determination of anti-fascists, workers & the Jewish population to stand their ground. Utilising the Spanish rallying cry "They Shall Not Pass!", 10,000 ex-servicemen blocked the main fascist route, forcing the police to move towards Cable Street.

At Cable Street the police found hostile crowds of 50,000. They had constructed a huge barricade and the roadway leading to it was strewn with broken glass as a defence against mounted police. More than a dozen baton charges were made by hundreds of police before the barricade was breached, but the resistance was not broken. The anti-fascists simply regrouped in their thousands and prepared new barricades behind the first. Unable to disperse the anti-fascists, the Commissioner told Mosley (who had bought a new uniform for the occasion) that it was all over and ordered him to stay away from the East End. The Battle of Cable Street was a historic victory for anti-fascism in England.

The following year, October 1937, Mosley targeted South London. This march ended in some of the worst street fighting the capital had seen. An eyewitness described how "mounted and foot police, with lashing batons, swept again and again into the crowds of anti-fascist demonstrators.....side streets were strewn with the injured, many of them women, struck down in these charges, and more than 100 anti-fascists were arrested". But the point had been made, and the Blackshirts were never again able to mount a large, provocative march through the streets of any British city.

Extract from IN EXCITED TIMES:THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE BLACKSHIRTS by Nigel Todd

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ETHIOPIA - TRADE UNIONIST UNDER ATTACK

President of the Ethiopian Teachers' Association (ETA), Dr Taye Woldeamayrat, was found guilty of conspiring to overthrow the state and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment. Dr Taye was arrested in May 1996 and was not charged until 3 months later. He was kept in solitary confinement for months and shackled 24 hours a day. After international pressure his conditions were improved for a time, but in February 1998 he was transferred to a "darkness cell". As leader of the ETA Dr Taye spoke critically against governmental education policies, including regional decentralisation and sought better conditions for teachers.

Amnesty International is concerned that his trial didn't meet international standards for fairness, especially after allegations that witnesses used against him were tortured. Amnesty International is also calling for an independent inquiry into the killing of the ETA General Secretary Assefa Maru on 8th May 1997.

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FREE SAPTAL RAM

Saptal Ram is serving a life sentence for defending himself against a racist attacker. On 16 November 1986 Saptal went for a meal in Birmingham. He was attacked by a group of 6 white people who threw plates & glasses at him. One of the men broke a glass & stabbed Saptal in the face. After being stabbed twice Saptal took out a small knife which he used at work to warn off his attackers. The racist continued to attack Saptal who bleeding & in fear for his life, fought back in self defence. In the struggle the attacker received 2 knife wounds. The attacker, who refused medical attention, later died. Saptal was later arrested on a charge of murder.

Saptal was given only one 40 minute consultation with his barrister shortly before the trial during which he was advised to change his plea from "self defence" to "provocation". He was also advised not to speak in his own defence. Most of the prosecution evidence came from the group that attacked Saptal. Because some of the defence witnesses spoke mainly Bengali an interpreter should have been provided. Saptal's defence did not insist on this & vital evidence was not understood. Due to the mistakes of the judge & Saptal's defence lawyer, he did not receive a fair trial. He was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life. It took almost 10 years to get an appeal which was lost. The appeal judges only took evidence from the group that attacked him!

Saptal Ram has consistently fought his conviction. As a result he has been labelled a 'disruptive prisoner'. He has suffered solitary confinement, beatings & has been moved from prison to prison. Saptal's spirit however is not broken. He has steadfastly supported other prisoners' campaigns including those of the Bridgewater 4, the Birmingham 6 and Winston Silcott. Saptal has had a rough ride at every stage. His case is another example of why black & Asian people have little confidence in the ability of the criminal justice system to deliver any actual justice. What has happened to him could happen to any of us. Saptal defended himself against a racist attack for which he was ultimately sentenced to life imprisonment. We say again: SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE.

For more info visit the Free Saptal Ram website or contact the campaign at BM Box 4661, London WC1N 3XX or Handsworth, Birmingham B19 1NH. Email: adf@easynet.co.uk

On the night of 14 October 1997 Ricky Reel & 3 Asian friends were racially abused & attacked in Kingston. Fearing for their lives they fled. That was the last time anyone saw Ricky. The racial incident was immediately reported to the police. In the first week of his disappearance the police took no action, leaving his family & friends to organise search parties & interview potential witnesses. Seven days later when the police searched the river Ricky's body was found. Unbelievably that same evening, even before the post mortem was completed, the police concluded that further investigation was not necessary. Initially the police refused to recognise the racial motive of the attack & treated the family & his friends as suspects. The police have maintained that Ricky died instantly by slipping over the river edge accidentally after urinating in the river. They refused to investigate other avenues. The pathologists & local people who know the location have discredited police theory.

Now after 2 years the police have been forced to admit that the initial attack was racially motivated. The inquest into Ricky's death was heard on 1st November 1999. Despite the police's attempt even at this point to push for an 'accidental death' verdict, the open verdict delivered served to vindicate the family's concern that Ricky was probably killed. Consequently had the police gathered more evidence the verdict might have been unlawful killing.

Ricky will never be replaced, but his death must not be in vain. We want you to join us in our struggle for justice and urge you to donate money to the campaign, making it possible for his family and friends to seek the truth.

For more info please phone Suresh Grover/Sukhdev Reel on 0181 843 2333/0956 410773. Write to: Justice to Ricky Reel, c/o SMG Unity, PO Box 304, Southall, Middlesex UB2 5YR. Fax: 0181 813 9734. Email: sukhdevreel@hotmail.com

JUSTICE FOR RICKY REEL

Web Sites

Anti Fascist Action

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Senate/5602/index2.html>

Asian Dub Foundation Satpal Ram page

<http://www.asiandubfoundation.com/satpal/>

CyberPicket Line

<http://www.cf.ac.uk/ccin/union/>

Earth First

<http://www.k2net.co.uk/ef/>

Labournet

<http://www.labournet.net/>

Liverpool Dockers

<http://www.gn.apc.org/initfactory>

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Undercurrents

<http://www.undercurrents.org/>

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<http://www.freespeech.org/mayday2k/>

Manchester May Day site

<http://www.mayday2000.fsnet.co.uk/>

Sheffield May Day site

<http://www.sheffieldmayday.ukf.net/may-day.htm>

Scottish Socialist Party

<http://www.scotsocialistparty.org/>

Searchlight

<http://www.s-light.demon.co.uk/>

Cambridge Two

<http://www.wintercomfort-justice.org/>

Burn

<http://burn.ucsd.edu:80/Welcome.html>

Schnews

<http://www.schnews.org.uk/>

Hunts Sabs

<http://www.enviroweb.org/HSA/hsa.shtml>

National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns

<http://www.ncadc.demon.co.uk/>

Simon Jones Memorial Campaign

Campaigns for justice for Simon Jones, killed on his first day as a casual worker on a Shoreham dock, and to expose the dangers of casualisation.

Web: <http://www.simonjones.org.uk/>

Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/index.html>

UNISON

<http://www.unison.org.uk/>

Reclaim the Streets

<http://www.gn.apc.org/rts/>

Greenpeace

<http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/>

Friends of the earth

<http://www.foe.co.uk/>

McLibel Support Campaign

<http://www.mcspotlight.org/>

Rainbow Centre

<http://innotts.co.uk/~rainbow/>

Veggies

<http://www.innotts.co.uk/~rainbow/veggies/index.htm>

Stephen Lawrence Campaign

<http://www.blink.org.uk/campaign/stevlaw/slmain.htm>

Cuba Solidarity Campaign

<http://www.poptel.org.uk/cuba-solidarity/>

Club Resistance

<http://www.resistance.org.uk>

Marxism made Simply

<http://www.msherrard.freemove.co.uk/index.html>

Safe free Education

<http://onward.to/sfe/>

MSF

<http://www.msf.org.uk/>

Derbyshire NASUWT

<http://derbyshire-nasuwt.org/>

Fire Brigades Union

<http://www.fbu-ho.org.uk>

The most serious challenge to the basic institutional structures of modern society flow from the emergence of computer linked, global social movements.
Harry Cleaver, US professor of Economic

SUPPORT MARK BARNSLEY AND RESIST THE PRISON STATE

Mark Barnsley is a working class Sheffield man who in 1994 was beaten up by students and then framed by the police for being an anarchist, and sentenced to 12 years. When out for a quiet afternoon drink with a family friend and his new born child, he was attacked by a gang of fifteen drunk students. They smashed something heavy over his head and chased him 150 yards, bringing him to the floor again and again. One of the students produced a knife, and in the protracted struggle several of them, and Mark himself, sustained knife injuries. Despite his serious injuries and every independent witness saying that Mark did not produce the knife or start the fight, guess who was the only one arrested.

As a long-standing anarchist who has always stood up for justice and against oppression, the police, prosecution and local paper made every move they could to frame him. In a trial characterised by lies, perjury, media hysteria, and withholding of evidence, Mark was convicted of "wounding with intent" and was sentenced to 12 years! More than a rapist would normally get. This is a necessarily brief summary of what happened to Mark to squeeze it into this short article. The more you read about it, the more horrific it seems - if you have been politically active, imagine that it could have been you.... They wanted to frame a working class anarchist and let the middle-class students off. On these Mayday celebrations, it is appropriate to remember that Mayday was made International Worker's Day in 1889 in remembrance of the Haymarket Martyrs, anarchists who were framed and executed for the violence that broke out during the mass strike of Mayday 1886. There is a campaign to get him out of prison and his conviction overturned, but as with every miscarriage of justice campaign we all need to make a lot of noise to force the state into releasing him. His case has just been referred to the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC), but if they can get away with it, they will do nothing for several years. We must pile up the pressure on them, and continue to support Mark, to ensure he is released. Please write to Mark (always enclose stamps when writing to prisoners): Mark Barnsley, WA 2897, HMP Long Lartin, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 5TZ. Write and send donations to his support campaign: JUSTICE FOR MARK BARNSLEY - SHEFFIELD SUPPORT GROUP, P.O. Box 282, Barnsley, S73 8YP. E-mail: barnsleycampaign@hotmail.com. Please help distribute information on the case. Locally we have flyposted, graffitied and occupied the local Crown Prosecution Service office. Whatever you do, please do something. Don't let Mark be forgotten.

The Nottingham Association of Subversive Activists is a friendly forum of non-hierarchical / libertarian activists. It's a way to exchange information about our activities and get to know each other better, and has built good links between diverse groups. NASA is not a campaign group itself, just a forum, and there are no sectarian debates or attempts to form "policy". We simply announce and explain the campaigns or issues which interest us, then chat informally afterwards. Occasionally we may have brief discussion on a particular issue. There are no membership requirements, but all those contributing to NASA are opposed to capitalism, sexism, racism and all forms of hierarchy and domination. Any groups or individuals sharing these values are very welcome to come along and find out more. We meet on the first Monday of every month at the Newcastle Arms pub, on North Sherwood Street at 7.30 pm. (Ask at the bar for "Notts Alliance"). We also have a website - <http://members.tripod.co.uk/NASA13/>

ECOWORKS

Ecoworks was set up in the early 90's. It came about as an alliance between a number of environmental activists & the mental health services users movement. In 1993 the activists took on a number of allotment gardens at Hungerhill in St Ann's & started developing activities based around recreation & mutual help. Step by step the number of people involved grew, as did the range of activities & the number of allotments.

Now, a few years later, Ecoworks is involved across the whole field of organic gardening, permaculture & permaculture design. It also has vibrant weekend activities including garden related small building & alternative technology as well as an arts stream. Further afield there are the ecological crafts & DIY in the home, home energy efficiency, the mobile cafe, the creation of a newsletter & a web site, trips & outings, as well as courses & training around sustainable living.

Everyone is welcome to visit our oasis in the midst of the city. Why not come up on a Sunday and see what's going on? Ring the office for details on 0115 9112522 or the weekend mobile on 07977 053250

NOTTINGHAM HUNT SABOTEURS

Nottingham Hunt Saboteurs are a group of like minded people who regularly take direct action against blood sports. We use a combination of voice and hunting horn to gain control of the hounds from the houndsman, these tactics save thousands of foxes every year. Most hunts go out at least twice weekly between early August & March. There are 12 mounted packs and 5 foot packs in the Nottm area alone, as well as a mink hunt from May to September. We also target shooting (people shoot grouse, pheasants and basically anything that moves!).

Direct action is the only way to tackle the hunters. The undemocratic "talking out" of the recent private members bill against hunting shows a Parliament dominated by the hunting fraternity.

Our tactics cause no harm to hounds, horses, or people. Hunters have made serious efforts to discredit us - this comes as no surprise as people who torment animals for fun are bound to be bullies and thugs.

If you are interested in coming sabbing or helping to raise money (for vehicles, fuel, equipment) then please give us a ring (0115 958 5666) or write Nottm Hunt Saboteurs, c/o The Rainbow Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham

MAYDAY GREETINGS FROM NOTTS SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

What do ALL of the following have in common? Jeremy Hardy, John Pilger, Michael Mansfield QC, Sukhdev Reel, Ricky Tomlinson, Paul Foot, Tariq Ali, Ken Loach, Delroy Lindo, Mark Steel, Socialist Workers Party, Socialist Party, International Socialist Group, Alliance for Workers Liberty, Communist Party of Great Britain, Workers Power, and thousands of individual & independent community, trades union & environmental activists in every sector of working life.

They ALL support the London Socialist Alliance. They ALL endorse the LSA's slate of candidates in the London Assembly elections & they ALL support Ken Livingstone for Mayor.

WHO SAYS THE LEFT CAN'T UNITE?

Both the Notts AND London Socialist Alliances are part of a national network of Alliances wishing to build a democratic alternative through unity in action.

For more info contact Stuart 0115 8440842/Clive 0115 9551124

Initiative Factory

Formed by 200 sacked dockworkers, the Initiative Factory is a rare example of solutions being proposed & carried through by those who need them, and not the creation of a 'task force' or 'zone'. The Factory has many initiatives - retraining in IT, multi-media & art based skills, a digifilm facility, a warehouse training & employment initiative & refurbishment of a listed building to develop construction skills and a purpose designed home for the various projects, including workspace & a co-op cafe.

The Initiative Factory is an excellent example of a DIY project, community led with a distinct focus. The drama *Dockers* shown on Channel 4 last year was the result of a collaborative workshop involving a group of dockers, the dockers support group 'Women of the Waterfront' and Liverpool playwright Jimmy McGovern.

Contact: www.gn.apc.org/initfactory

Email: dockers@gn.apc.org

Tel: 0151 709 2148 Mobile: 0403 259511/512/513

The Initiative Factory,
29 Hope Street, Liverpool. L1 9BQ

CAMBRIDGE TWO

In Dec 1999 Ruth Wyner, Director & John Brock, Daycare Manager of Wintercomfort, a charity for homeless in Cambridge, were sentenced to prison for 5 & 4 years respectively because some of the people using the day centre service had secretly been trading drugs on the charity premises. There was no suggestion that Ruth & John had been personally involved with drugs. Indeed Wintercomfort has a strong anti-drug policy & frequently banned clients suspected of using drugs.

After an undercover police operation the two were charged under the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act of "knowingly allowing or suffering to be permitted the sale of drugs on the premises". There are real fears that these convictions, marking the first use of the 30 year old law in this way, in combination with clandestine police operations might become a precedent for more draconian zero tolerance measures, within other public institutions such as schools & universities. The implications for any social workers as well as nurses & teachers are enormous. Please support the campaign & publicise the case. Donations to: Dr. George Reid, Senior Bursar St John's College, Cambridge. CB2 1TP (cheques to Overstream Support Fund). More info from Alexander Masters 01223 513033. 6 Hertford Street, Cambridge. CB4 3AG

ROBERT HAMILL WHY DID HE DIE?

In Portadown, in the early hours of April 27, 1997, Robert Hamill was kicked to death by a mob of 30 Loyalists in full view of an RUC Landrover, 200 yards from an RUC station. Four RUC officers, wearing body armour and armed with machine guns, remained in the Landrover until after the attack. They ignored warnings of a potential incident. They ignored pleas for them to intervene during the attack. They did not fire in the air or attempt to disperse the crowd. They did not administer first aid to Robert. They didn't declare a crime scene, collect forensic evidence or take statements. They only detained one suspect but released him after only a few minutes. No arrests were made for 2 weeks.

Robert's family want to know why.

"Every state has a duty to protect its citizens. In Robert Hamill's case, the state has failed and failed abysmally" Rosemary Nelson, Hamill family solicitor, murdered 15th March 1999.

More info & donations to BM Hamill Campaign, London. WCIN 3XX. Email: hamillcampaign@hotmail.com

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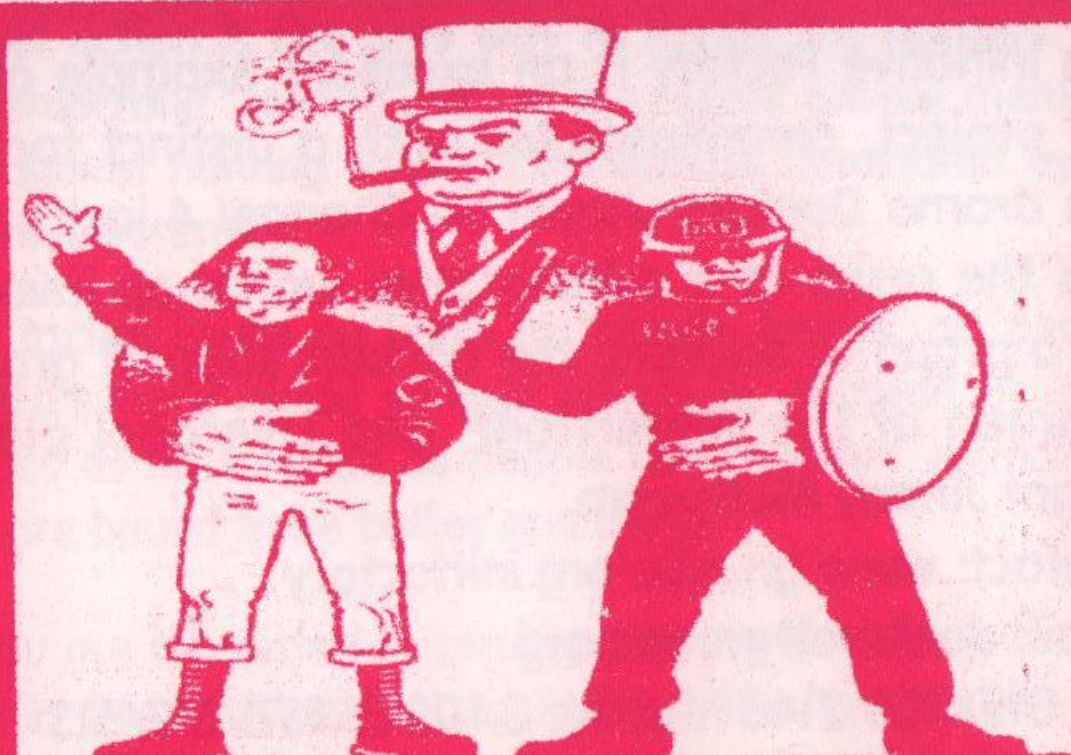
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Movement Against the Monarchy

Movement against the Monarchy assists & promotes autonomous, egalitarian anti-royalist activity. It helped to co-ordinate both national marches such as the largest anti-monarchy march for a century, in October 1998 as well as local interventions such as the harassment of the patronising Windsors in Nottingham in December 1999. If you too hate bigotry, privilege & hierarchy & enjoy a laugh get in touch with Movement Against the Monarchy @ PO Box 14672, London E9 5UQ. A local group operates in the East Midlands & can be contacted at nottsmam@hotmail.com



**EDUCATION NOW
IN VIETNAM**



Oxfam Vietnam has a per capita GNP of \$290 yet its foreign debt is equivalent to \$356. Despite this heavy burden the Vietnamese government is committed to bringing about 'education for all'. Oxfam is assisting in this task. Oxfam is funding the building and equipping of schools as well as supporting teacher training.

Oxfam's 'Education Now' campaign urges world leaders to fund their promise of 'Education For All' by 2015. There are still 125 million children around the world who do not go to school. It would only cost \$8 billion per year to get all these kids in school; this is equivalent to 4 days of the world's military spending (and less than we in Europe spend on computer games each year). Oxfam has developed a 'Global Action Plan', which identifies 3 ways to raise this money - increased aid, debt relief & private capital.

If you would like to hear more about Oxfam's work in Vietnam &/or the 'Education Now' campaign please call Clare Neill on 0115 942 4324

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SAY NO TO HOMOPHOBIA

Most lesbians & gay men have been victims of homophobic crime - from abuse to harassment to violence. Section 28, which swept onto the statute books on a tide of tabloid fiction, making tackling homophobia even harder. Past bad experiences with the police & fears about being "outed" stop many people from reporting incidents. Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Switchboard can provide of positive action for victims of homophobic incidents. We're also here to give info on groups, events, legal issues, TV/TS or just listen if you want to talk.

Phone 0115 934 8485 Mon - Fri 7-10pm
or write 7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham

FOREST FIELDS INDEPENDENT RESIDENTS GROUP

So far our focus has been the campaign against the closure of Noel Street Baths & Victoria Leisure Centre to make way for the proposed building of a new 'flagship' leisure centre on the Forest recreation ground. This has been an ongoing campaign for about the last 18 months helping to raise the profile of the group & demonstrate that the council is not to be trusted. We live in an area with very few leisure facilities; those that we have got are well used by local schools, sports clubs & residents. However the council claims that it's time Nottingham updated these services. We don't oppose the idea that a new leisure pool is a good idea but not at the expense of pools that with investment could be brought up to standard. We believe there is enough funding from places like the European Union to invest in local projects.

They claim the new centre will not take up much room on the Forest. However with the whole of Nottingham & surrounding towns & cities coming to use the pool there will soon be talk of expanding the car park & at the time of writing, work on the new tram is about to begin, resulting in more disruption for local people. This is not done for the benefit of local residents but for the corporate image of Nottingham that the council is pandering to. They don't care that people who live in St Anns & Sneinton will have to travel on 2 buses to get to a pool the council are calling local! They don't care about the loss of space & green area to residents of the surrounding areas. They don't care that local schools will have to travel further to a pool & they will have to compete with the rest of Nottingham for time & space.

We also propose that an alternative site be found for a new facility which would not build on the nicest bit of the Forest. We think the whole project is badly thought out & done without proper consultation with local residents & pool users. We think that Victoria Leisure Centre could be upgraded to a Leisure pool & Noel Street refurbished to fully functional. The council is run by the Labour Party who were supposed to act in the interests of the working class & the common good of the city. It seems business is calling the shots at the council chambers nowadays & those voted in by local residents soon forget about the support they received. We have never aligned ourselves to any political party. We think grass roots community action is the first step to progressing the community's views & aspirations. To find out how you can help contact us on 0115 8410457 or 206 Noel Street, Forest Fields, Nottm.

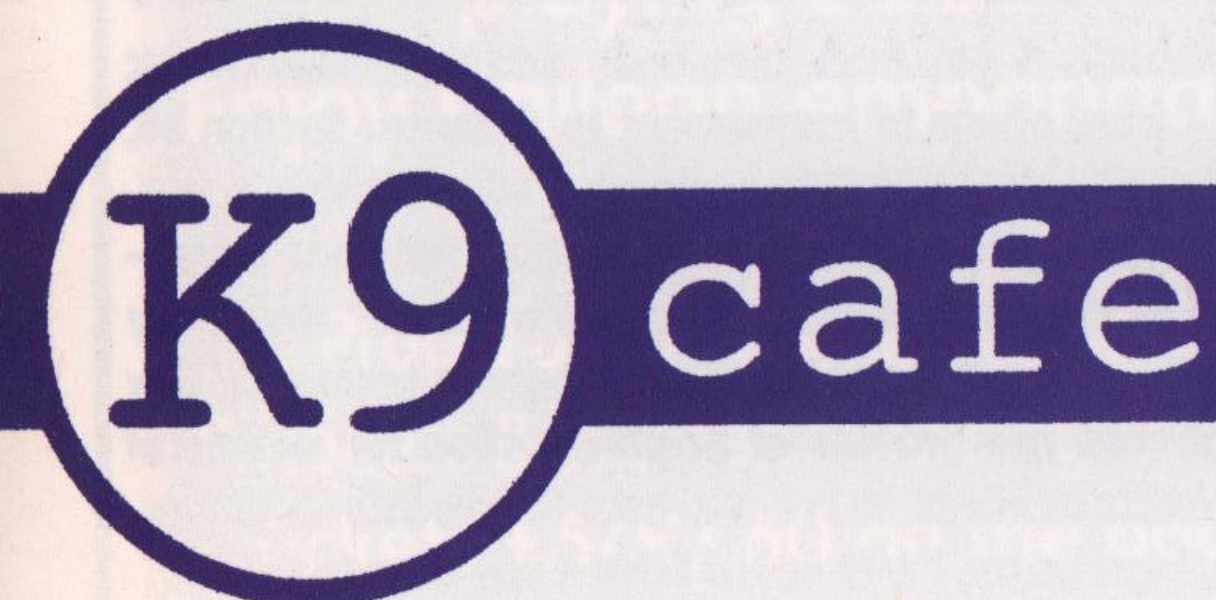
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