# Practical Anarchy

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# CORTONWOOD MINERS SOUP KITCHEN

IT'S TIME TO LINK UP EVERY STRUGGLE

**"WHAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE IS THE UNEMPLOYED COMING DOWN AND SUPPORTING PICKETLINES".** 

These were the words of a miner early on in the strike, at the picket line outside Ravenscraig. Mass Action of this kind would not only increase the miners chances of victory but would be a major breakthrough for the working class as a whole. have also been actions by unemployed activists and anarchists.

JUNE – The windows of the Polish Consulate were smashed with coal in protest at the Polish government scabbing on the miners strike. With every action and every day that the miners strike continues one rallying call cries out loud and clear: CLASS SOLIDARITY.

NEIL KINNOCK HAS A MESSAGE FOR STRIKING MINERS : Don't

Solidarity between workers directly and not through Union hacks and mediators is vital if we are determined to turn the tables on past defeats and sell-outs.

Direct links between workers in other sections and areas and with the unemployed are essential.

Over the past few months some unemployed people have been active in collecting for the miners in various areas in Glasgow. There LAST WEEK the offices of the accountants PRICE WATERHOUSE (who sequestered the South Wales N.U.M. funds as well as money collected for food) were occupied for several hours – an action which led to 13 arrests.

The longer a dispute goes on the more we need to use our imagination, just as the 'hit squads' in England have shown.

We got news recently that Scottish miners were taking similar actions: in August the Weighbridge and several scab lorries at Hunterston were damaged. We urge the miners to go THEM-SELVES to workplaces and speak directly to the workforce in order to get support.

We urge ALL people who see the miners fight for what it is — the fight of the whole working class to organise their own collections, blacking, picketing and strike action to support the miners.

We urge the unemployed to take active support in this struggle and for people to encourage them in this.

We have seen the way the ruling class acts in solidarity in order to defeat us. If we are to have any chance of victory we have to counter their lies and tactics through the strength of a UNITED CLASS STRUGGLE.



If you do you give the impression that you are trying to win this dispute without relying on the 'proper procedures' i.e. the TUC and parliament.

The people who believe in parliamentary democracy however don't tell you that this means certain defeat.

However the other side of the argument means that if you want to win this or any other dispute then you do not rely on leaders, bureaucrats or any other selfseeking ladder climbers.

The direct action of mining communities making decisions at a local grassroots level and carrying out these decisions, whether it is organising picketing, food/ money collections, soup kitchens or sabotage is the best answer to Kinnock.

We don't need him or his pathetic attempts at gaining favour with the capitalist press and therefore getting votes.



OCCUPIED ! The Price Waterhouse premises at 141 West Nile Street.

We know Kinnock supports the 'impartial police'. Look at the pictures on the back and front of this leaflet. WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON ?

(Direct Action Movement)



## THE CLASS STRUGGLE IS ENTERING A DECISIVE PHASE.

For twenty years both Labour and Tory Governments have tried to solve Capital's economic problems at working class expense. Health, Education and Welfare, to say nothing about working class housing have been sacrificed on the altar of monetarism. Five million people out of work testify to the Government's viciousness.



# **GETTING YOUNGER...**

SO THIS BASTARD GEORGE YOUNGER (Secretary of State for Scotland and arse licker to Thatcher) has condemned the dockers strike as a threat to jobs.

What does he fucking care about peoples jobs; he is responsible for some of the worst social conditions Scottish people have ever had to put up with.

The fightback has been bitter. Railmen, water workers, car and health workers have all been condemned to fight back in isolation against the State, and the consequences have been a series of defeats.

Now we must make sure th the miners do not go the s. way.

### UNITY IS STRENGTH.

In the struggle against economic and social barbarism, both the Labour Party and the TUC have shown themselves to be little more than Government fronts; we must not give them a chance to sell out the miners the way they sold out the N.G.A.

While every attempt must be made to commit the T.U.C. to action on behalf of the miners, it should be made clear that a levy or the odd Day of Action is not enough. To combat the inroads of the Government's economic disaster the



When we get this it is imperative that the organisation of the struggle is not left in the hands of those people who left the miners abandoned for six months. The struggle must be put into the hands of the people who are involved, i.e.: the shopfloor workers and the unemployed.

We call for the setting up of Factory Committees in every work" place, for the management of the

everyday struggle, and for the future expropriation of industry so that we as a class can control industry.

We call for the setting up of Community Councils in all areas to coordinate the struggle in each community.

WE ASK YOU TO WORK TOWARDS A SOCIAL GENERAL STRIKE, run not by the T.U.C. but by the workers own organisations, Factory Committees and Community Councils.

(Direct Action Movement)

He has made massive cutbacks in Council spending and is proposing more so that things will get worse for US.

Maybe it's because the dockers have defied the Steel Unions ( who the govemment are relying not to come out on strike) that he is so upset.

Don't be fooled into thinking this guy is worried about the state of the Scottish people.

He is worried about the state of the Scottish economy for the sake of his own pocket: HE'S A MILLIONAIRE AND HE'D LIKE TO STAY THAT WAY !

### LIFE UNDER THE LAST LABOUR GOVERNMENT...

\*Coal Board chief Sir Derek Ezra ollapsed from heat during a visit to a kent pit yesterday. When he recovered, he delivered a speech criticising Kent miners for their low productivity' (Daily Mirror '78) from 'Miner Contradictions'

#### ANARCHIST NEWS

Gross Poluters PUBLIC INQUIRY FARCE...

**CONCERN OVER POLLUTION** LEVELS HAS FORCED THE **GOVERNMENT TO HOLD AN INQUIRY INTO THE RE-CHEM** WASTE DISPOSAL FACTORY AT BONNYBRIDGE.

The inquiry may well hammer Re-Chem, as the evidence that it is a major polluter of the surrounding area is pretty clear. If it does, the State gains a subtle bonus. The public inquiry system will gain some badly-needed credibility, as a defender of the environment. Public inquiries will then be able to carry on whitewashing really gross polluters, like multinational chemical firms and the nuclear power industry.

power stations during the miners strike. Normally dormant, these stations, like Inverkip on the Clyde, are running night and day to try and beat the miners. At the best of times, an oil-fired\_station causes a fair amount of pollution, mainly by the sulphur content of the oil it burns. This forms sulphur dioxide which goes up the chimney and into the atmosphere, where it comes down again as 'acid rain'.

Because of the miners strike, the Electricity Boards have been burning any old oil they could lay hands on - some with abnormally high sulphur content.

What could a 'public inquiry' do about this ? Report in a year's

jections. For example, an inquiry into a nuclear base extension may only be allowed to consider the environmental impact the extra buildings have on the landscape, not why we should have nuclear weapons in the first place.

Cash weighs heavily with the establishment figures who sit on these inquiries. If a chemical firm can convince the inquiry board that it would cost too much to eliminate pollution, they can often get away with making trifling changes to their process.

Direct action is the only way to stop polluters, A load of chemicals dumped in the garden of an offending firm is a lot more effective

**\* COME TO THE ANARCHIST STREET** MEETINGS, every Saturday 1pm in Argyle Street Pedestrian Precinct.

\* OVER £2,100 RAISED FOR MINERS FAMILIES by the Clydeside Anarchists Mutual Aid Fund... and special fund raising events are being planned for the near future.

**\* FREE PRINTING FOR STRIKE COMMITTEES and cheap rates for all** anti-authoritarian groups. Contact the Clydeside Anarchists at Autonomy Press, 64 Queen Street ( Top Floor office 1) Glasgow



In reality, despite apparent 'concern', the State doesn't give a monkey's about the environment, and public inquiries are rarely anything but well-managed, costly farces.

Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the activities of oil-fired

time that the Electricity Boards had been naughty, and they should not do it again ? - In the meantime plants die, lochs grow more acid, and our air is made filthier.

The subjects discussed at a public inquiry are often carefully tailored to exclude genuine ob-

than the verbiage of a public inquiry.

There's a line in the IWW song, 'Solidarity Forever' which says "We're going to build a new world from the ashes of the old."

If we're not careful, that's exactly what we will have to do.