

SOLIDARITY FEDERATION

BRITISH SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the first SolFed Circular. The purpose of the circular is to let you know what we are up to, both as the SolFed and as part of the International Workers Association.

DIRECT ACTION

At our last conference in April we decided to relaunch our paper, Direct Action, in a magazine format and with the intention of being quarterly. A collective has been set up based in Sheffield and are putting ideas together and raising money. We are asking people to donate £10 as a supporting sub to get it off the ground.

They say "we see DA as helping to shape the SolFed's emerging identity and the development of a new dynamic. It will assist in building and shaping ideas and will be aimed at a much wider readership than just SolFed. It will not be dogmatic, sloganistic, joky, flippant, hypercritical or contain endless swearing and slagging. It will be direct, simple, open and hopefully have a breadth and originality of content not seen elsewhere."

To do this they need assistance from as many people as possible. They are starting to get graphics together. and need lots of original, 'modern' and thought-provoking graphics. They also welcome any articles, long or short - or even ideas for articles or regular feature you would like to see. As they say "If you don't tell us, it probably won't happen."

Write to them at: Sheffield SF/DA Collective:
PO Box 1095, Sheffield S2 4YR.

WHITE ARROW WORKERS FIGHT

Members of the Transport Workers Network-Solidarity Federation have been active in the

fight against victimisation of 17 drivers at White Arrow's Liverpool depot. Workers there have seen the nationally agreed sick pay scheme torn up by bosses eager to screw yet more profits from their parcel delivery business. The TWN has produced a leaflet aimed at White Arrow workers asking for their support for their victimised colleagues.

Copies are available from the TWN, PO Box 73, Norwich NR3 1QD
or telephone 01603-611072.

If there is a White Arrow depot near you you could help us build solidarity for this dispute.

SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN MINERS

Comrades in Concepcion, members of the pro-IWA groups in Chile, are actively supporting the coal miners in LOTA and CORONEL in their struggle. The mines and the offices of the company have been occupied in protest against a series of dismissals and the possible closing down of the mines. The company is owned by the state. A short while ago, the same locality was the scene of a communal strike that was very successful. The town was closed with barricades and the community held an assembly in the "pique" of the mines.

Right now, the Communal Comando is trying to negotiate with the government, while the workers and the Union Coordination of Concepcion - where the pro-IWA group is active - are against any negotiations that don't include as a priority the re-instatement of the workers who were sacked, presently on hunger strike in the town. The Government's aim - besides privatising - is to smash the last remnants of union independence.

WE ASK FOR URGENT SUPPORT
ACTIONS, SUCH AS DEMONSTRATIONS

**IN FRONT OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY
AND NOTES OF PROTEST.**

The Chilean Embassy is at: 12 Devonshire St
LONDON W1, telephone 0171-580 6392.

**ANARCHIST STUDENT
MURDERED IN COLOMBIA**

In May 1995, law student Humberto Peña Taylor was murdered in the Campus of the National University of Bogota. He was a member of the Libertarian Collective which has always fought against privatisation and Neo-Liberalism. More than 200 students and teachers have been

murdered for their opposition to the civil dictatorship running the country, a situation continuing now.

Comrades in Colombia have asked the IWA to mount a campaign on the first anniversary of his murder. Protests are requested to the Colombian authorities about the murders and disappearances in general and libertarian ones in particular. State security agents are believed to have played a part in these actions, yet no one has been charged.

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