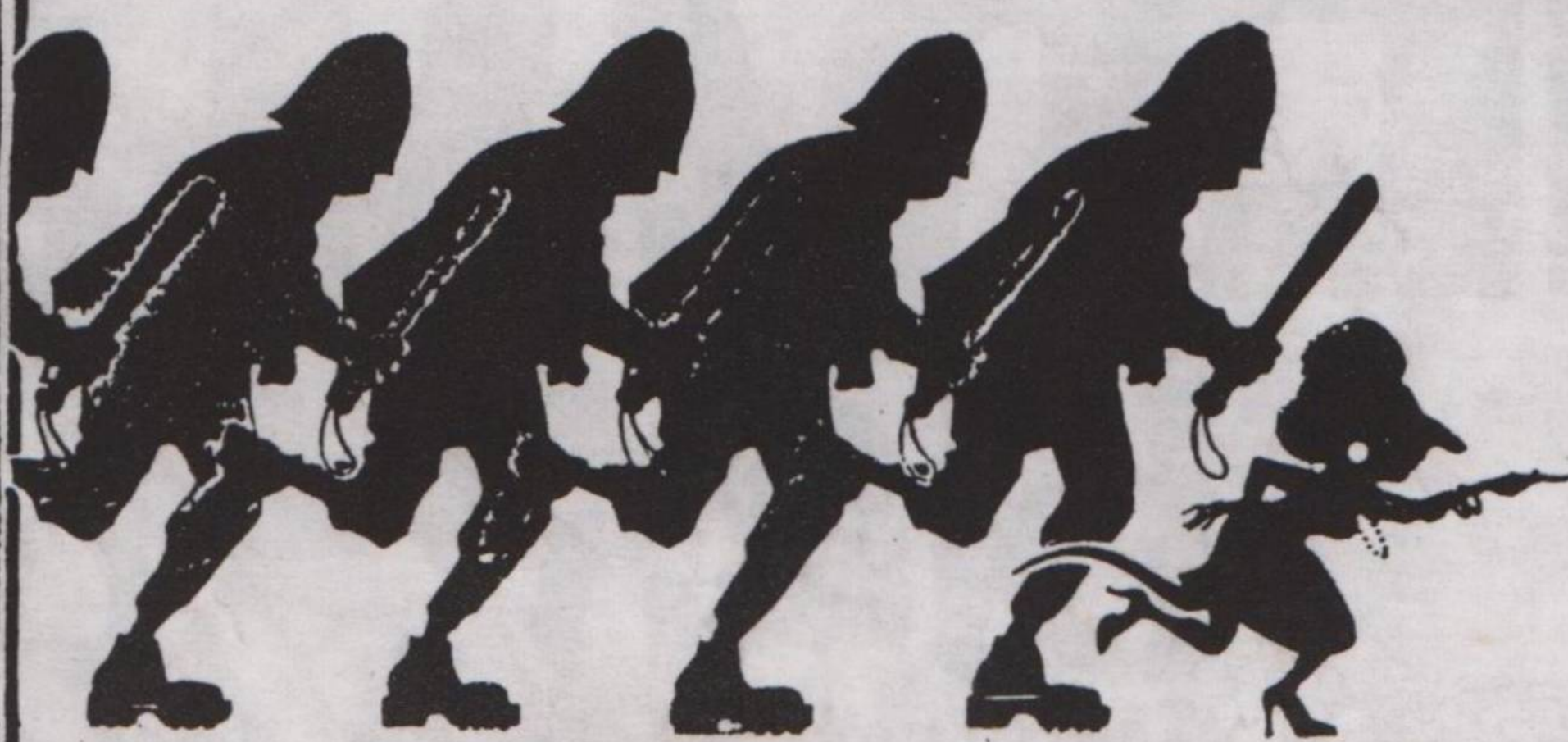


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IN A SINISTER NEW DEVELOPMENT, GANGS OF HIGHLY TRAINED PARA-MILITARY THUGS HAVE BEEN SEEN COMMITTING GRAVE ACTS OF VIOLENCE, LED BY A MYSTERIOUS THIN NOSED WOMAN... WHELIE NEIL PILLLOCK CONDEMNS MINERS



PARA-MILITARY THUG about.

DIRECT ACTION
movement

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT

- (1) The Direct Action Movement is a working class organisation.
- (2) Our aim is the creation of a free and classless society.
- (3) We are fighting to abolish the state, capitalism and wage slavery in all their forms and replace them by self-managed production for need not profit.
- (4) In order to bring about the new social order, the workers must take over the means of production and distribution. We are the sworn enemies of those who would take over on behalf of the workers.
- (5) We believe that the only way for the working class to achieve this is for independent organisation in the workplace and community and federation with others in the same industry and locality, independent of, and opposed to all political parties and trade union bureaucracies. All such workers organisations must be controlled by workers themselves and must unite rather than divide the workers movement. Any and all delegates of such workers organisations must be subject to immediate recall by the workers.
- (6) We are opposed to all States and State institutions. The working class has no country. The class struggle is worldwide and recognises no artificial boundaries. The armies and police of all States do not exist to protect the workers of those States, they exist only as the repressive arm of the ruling class.
- (7) We oppose racism, sexism, militarism and all attitudes and institutions that stand in the way of equality and the right of all people everywhere to control their own lives and the environment.
- (8) The Direct Action Movement is a federation of groups and individuals who believe in the principles of anarcho-syndicalism; a system where the workers alone control industry and the community without the dictates of politicians, bureaucrats, bosses and so-called experts.

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The next issue of the agitator will be out on sept. 28th, this issue will only have print on one side, this will happen every now and then to help save some cash*.....

..... News views letters comment are most welcome write to: Derby A, 39 Denbigh st; Chaddesden, Derby.....

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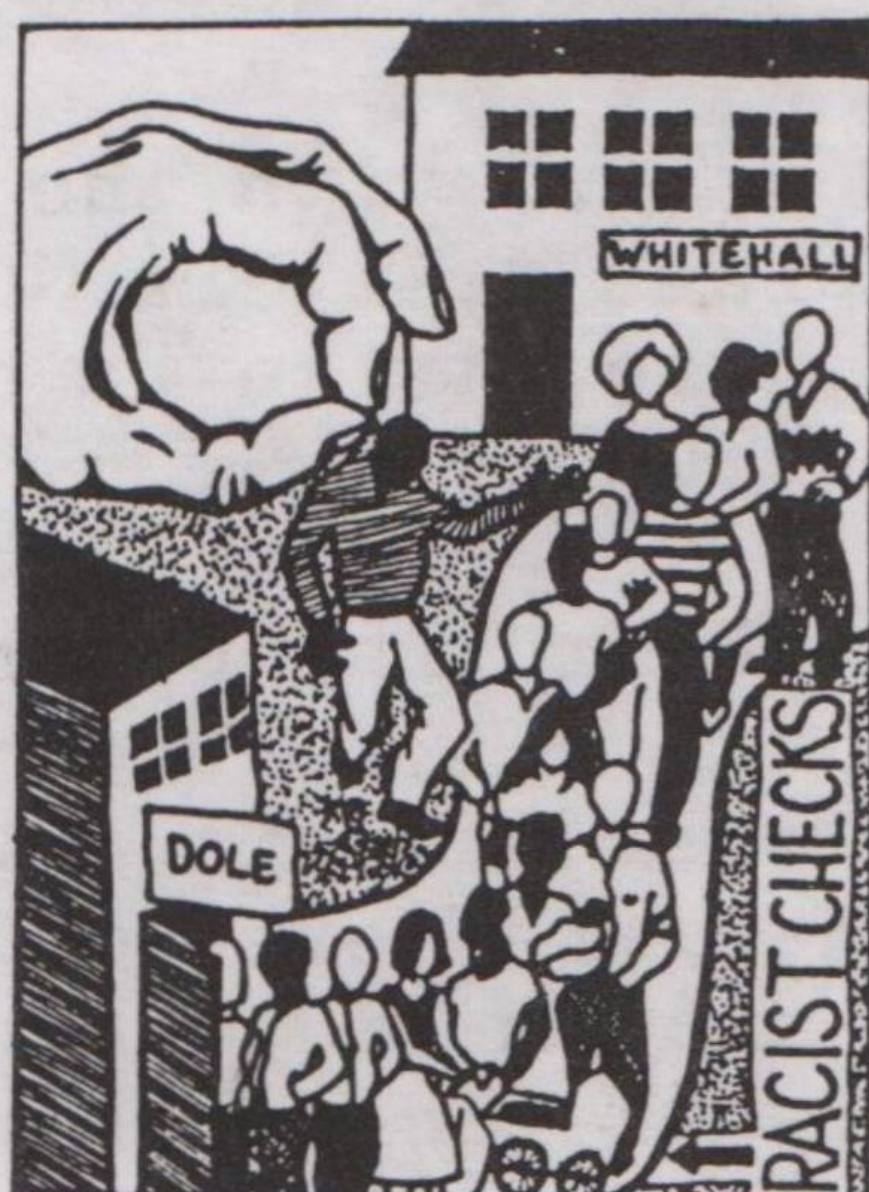
..... Direct Action, sept. issue 20p includes, miners strike, USI - revolutionary unionism in Italy, Phillips Rubber dispute, class struggle in U.S.S.R., South Londons womens hospital occupation, plus more, Available from Derby Agitator address.....

..... Black Flag - fortnightly anarchist newsbulleten/paper 25p available from Derby Agitator.....

..... both Direct Action and Black Flag are available from Derby Agitator address from now on.....

..... Class War, monthly paper produced by a London anarchist group, articles on victory to the hit squads & fuck the G.L.C. price 10p. available from: c/o Box C W, 36 Albany st; London N 1. (subscription rates are £3 per 12 issues.).....

LONDON CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACIST CHECKS



NO RACIST CHECKS IN DOLE OFFICES!!

WHAT THEY'RE GONNA DO TO US:
The Government is going to introduce a system of racist checks, which they call 'ethnic monitoring', in all dole offices in September. Under this scheme, counter clerks will be ordered to visually assess all claimants according to the categories:

- 1. Africans/West Indians;
- 2. Asians;
- 3. Europeans, Chinese, Arabs and all others not in groups 1. and 2.;
- 4. Refusals.

This information along with the claimants name, National Insurance number, address and the date of her or his first claim will be put on the Unemployment Benefit computer. It will then be transferred to the central Government Statistical computer at Runcorn. Anyone who is classified as 'European, Chinese, Arabs and others' will not be put on the computer, but all refusals will go on the computer. In this way the Government will have a list of black claimants - there is no way a black claimant will be able to escape going on the computer.

The scheme is supposed to be voluntary. However, to be recorded as a Refusal, claimants will have to know about the scheme and tell the clerk that they don't want to be monitored. Of course, even if a claimant refuses, she or he will still go on the computer. The clerk will be under orders not to tell the claimant. The only notification will be one small poster hidden somewhere in the dole office. The Government has made 'assurances' that the information will be 'entirely confidential', and that illegal access to the computer will be impossible. However, it will be legally available to claimant harassment units, the police, the Home Office, immigration officials and other authorised groups.

For more info. contact.

London Campaign Against Racist Checks, 83, Peckham High Street, SE15

WISE UP!
ORGANISE
MUTUAL AID

GREENHAM TEST CASE

Gloria and Jill were arrested and charged with causing £25.00 of criminal damage to the nine-mile perimeter fence at USAF Greenham Common in a major demonstration by 2,000 women on October 29, 1983. Only when they presented themselves in Newbury Magistrates Court on March 15, 1984 to face trial were they and their lawyers informed that the charge had been changed to £5,397.65 criminal damage in joint enterprise with persons unknown to 81 sections of the perimeter fence. Rather than proceed with the unexpected charge, their only option was to take their case to Crown Court, hoping for a fairer trial by jury.

The 185 other women arrested on that day have already been tried in Magistrates Court. Most of their charges were amended, and in many cases dropped, to deny them the opportunity to elect for trial by jury in Crown Court. Now, Gloria and Jill, the last two women to be processed by the courts, are being used as a test case against peace activists. This amended charge is not only intimidatory, but will set a dangerous precedent if given credibility in court. By bringing a charge that can hold individuals responsible for collective action, it threatens all activists. It could have been you instead of Gloria and Jill, and if the charge goes through, it could be you or anyone you know in the future. Gloria and Jill are experiencing the current police powers before they are extended by the Police Bill.

for more info contact:

OCTOBER 29 SCAPEGOATS, c/o The London Greenham Office, 144 Caledonian Road, London N1.

Goon Squad Raid

On Tues aug 14th, the anarchist bookshop in Brixton was raided by the anti terrorist (sic) goon squad and local boys in blue, some of the cops were armed the raid was under the pretence of looking for arms & explosives, they lay seig to the place and gave it a good going over, also houses next door which are squated by comrades were raided, comrades were led away for questioning in one case an address book was taken and also papers from the shop have gone missing. AS well as being a fishing trip this is a case of state intimidation..... We Shall Resist! Local labour politician red Ted (sic) Knight condemned the raid, this is just sheer hypocrisy as the local Labour council is trying to evict the bookshop which is the base of south London DAM and has been squated for over 3 1/2 years. Letters of protest against the eviction can still be sent to: Labour Group, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London SW2.

what the scum think

"PICKETS, thugs and agitators" in the miners' strike should be rounded up and put in detention camps, says Erewash Conservative MP Peter Rost in a strong call for the Government to take a much tougher line on the picketing.

Mr Rost estimates it would involve rounding up about 20,000 "Marxist, deliberate agitators."

He said, in an interview while attending a civic reception at Ilkeston yesterday "I think we can find adequate detention camps in defence establishments where they could be detained until the dispute is over."

"If it needs emergency powers to do it, then let's have them," said Mr Rost.



Plastic bullets available to police

Derbyshire police bought 50 round of plastic bullets in October 1981 for training purposes following the Foxeth riots, but chief constable, Mr Alf Parrieh disposed of them after a motion put forward by county council leader, Councillor David Bookbinder, was passed 10 votes to nine by the police committee.

Hooray for Democracy (sic) Wot! no plastic bullets..... **...BULLSHIT... forces that did not get rid of their killer bullets now stock extra supplies and can deliver them to those forces that did get rid of them, the forces that didn't get rid of them are dotted around the country in central positions so that supplies of the bullet can easily be delivered.** If the cops do use this weapon in the miners strike workers will have to respond with new tactics.



DAM-IWA

is the British section of the International Workers Association which held its first congress in 1922 as a genuine revolutionary working class alternative to the centralised red international.

Today it has sections in W.Germany (FAU), Denmark (ASU), Norway (NSF), Sweden (ASF), France (CMTF), Japan (WSM), Spain (CNT), Italy (USI), U.S.A. (LWG), Argentina (FORA), Bulgaria (CNTB), Venezuela (FORVE), it also has fraternal links with organisations in other countries, the CNT of Spain is the best known and largest section of the IWA, also the CMTF in France and the WSM in Japan fully operate as syndicalist unions. The DAM in Britain is very small but it has only been going 2 or 3 years it has at the moment between 120 & 130 actual members, it acts in the class struggle as best it can taking into consideration its small size, it has branches or contacts in most large cities, it has a monthly paper Direct Action also some branches produce their own local newsheets, the paper is rotated around different branches every two years and other tasks are delegated out with delegates recallable the DAM is run on a federalist basis. Some pamphlets which are available from DAM and in my view are worth getting hold of are: DIRECT ACTION IN INDUSTRY 50p, STRIKE ACTION 20p, DAM AND THE TRADE UNIONS 25p. (agitator comment: your workplace will never be the same after reading em) available from SL DAM, 121 Bookshop, 121 Raiton Rd; Brixton, London. (Bored at work, why not try a 14y go slow or how about a bit of sabotage.....have Fun!)



STOP THE DEPORTATION OF



ESTHER ANKELE

ESTHER ANKELE CAME TO THE UK IN 1977 FROM NIGERIA TO JOIN HER HUSBAND WHO IS A STUDENT HERE. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN - ANGELA BORN IN NIGERIA AND FELIX BORN HERE. SHE WAS CONSTANTLY MISTREATED AND ABUSED BY HER HUSBAND AND EVENTUALLY ESCAPED FROM HIM IN 1981. BECAUSE SHE DID THIS THE HOME OFFICE ARE NOW TRYING TO DEPORT HER. THEY SAY SHE WAS ONLY ALLOWED IN AS A 'DEPENDENT' AND AS SHE HAS LOST THIS DEPENDENCY THEN SHE HAS NO IMMIGRATION STATUS.

ABASINDI CO-OPERATIVE
MOSS SIDE PEOPLE'S CENTRE
ST MARY'S STREET
MOSS SIDE
MANCHESTER M15 5NA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

MINER JAILED

A Derbyshire miner has been sentenced to 9 months in Leicester prison for "Criminal Damage" to an 11,000 volt cable. He has been told that he will get only 15 minutes visiting time per month, and that he will not receive mail. Letters and cards of support would be greatly appreciated. send to: Andrew Bradley, HMP Leicester, Leicestershire.

WE'RE IN HERE FOR YOU



FREE ALL CLASS WAR

PRISONERS NOW

YOU'RE OUT THERE FOR US

THE MAN WHO THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP THE COUNTRY IF HE TIGHTENED HIS BELT...



NOTICE: Derby Miners Support Group meets every thurs, 7.30pm; T.G.W.U. Offices.

GENERAL STRIKE!

blah! blah! blah!

The miners strike has been going on for over 6 months, the Tories and their lackeys started the strike as a calculated attack on working class organisation, with the miners out of the way the rest of the working class could be dealt with according to their theory but the parasites did not calculate the fighting resistance of the majority of rank & file miners and a sizeable minority of other workers who have given practical & physical support to the miners and nobody could have imagined the growth of the working class women's army of miners wives and women support groups.

In the light of recent years with the workers movement being beaten back and the present attempts by class traitors Murray, Sirs, Chapple, Kinnock etc. to sabotage the miners strike, the strike is quite remarkable a testament to workers militancy and class struggle.

divide & rule

The ruling class has acted together as yet the workers movement has not although a sizeable minority has acted, days of action, dockers, railwaymen etc. but most of this action has been sectional, sectionalism is a tool of our rulers and their lackeys to divide and rule us, a genuine response to the present attacks on the miners and other workers by the parasites would be an all out (and that includes you) general strike it would be a chance to smash back the years of unemployment, misery, death, low wages, inner city decay etc.

hot air!!!

Now simply calling for a general strike blah! blah! blah! ect. sounds good but is just empty rhetoric, general strikes don't just come out of thin air (oh look theirs one falling from the sky) they have to be organised.

The call for a general strike brings up all sorts of arguments like do we need one, is one possible, one argument is the miners have been out for six months and are prepared to stop out for another six, winter is coming and what we need to do is step up financial support so that miners can stick it out, more blacking of coal, oil, iron ore so that with winter coming power cuts will take place and lack of steel will bring industry to a halt and this will force the Tories to back down, but what is just as possible is that the ruling class will launch a massive scabbing operation, cops, scabs, troops to transport coal, iron ore and oil into the power stations and steelworks, in fact plans for such an operation were drawn up after the last miners strike in 1974! the ruling class have learnt their lessons, the capitalists are now more desperate it is now 1984 not 1974 the crisis of capitalism is deeper they will use more ruthless methods to preserve their power and wealth at our expense, we should act as a class to respond to this.

whats it to be

In my view at present a general strike is not plausible because there is no serious attempt by rank & file activists to organise for one and at the most the T.U.C. (Trade Union Circus) would only call for a day of inaction, but if the ruling class launched a massive scab operation during winter and the ground work to mobilise workers for action was done now the T.U Circus could be pressurised in to calling & supporting a general strike if they didn't well to hell with them with the right ground work done now rank & file workers with or without T.U. Circus could call and keep a general strike under their own control and away from bureaucrats and class traitors,

a strong people need no leaders! organise now!

if the Tories backed down and the miners won, well o.k. but we should still organise for future battles, but if they don't back down we have to be ready, that means building for a general strike now, and if support is forthcoming for a general strike why wait for power cuts to defeat the Tories, defeat them now, build for a general strike, and anyway why leave the miners on their own to fight, this is class warfare, act as a class.

make support

is their support for such a strike, well you make the support, and the miners are all ready on strike, the dockers are and many other workers have taken some form of industrial action, even if only 1/2 a million workers came out on strike, more workers could be won over during the strike and how many unemployed, housewives and students would support the action.

aint seen any workers councils fall from the sky

O.K. this all seems fine but who would organise such action, i ain't seen any workers councils knocking around, but what i have seen knocking around is autonomous workers groups with no self proclaimed leaders and correct lines up and down the country although they are not linked together nationally, as far as i know the womens action groups are one step ahead and do have national links, wouldn't it be a step forward to have a national conference of all support groups, it would be if it was organised to seriously take up the question of a general strike, and not just be another rally full of hot air.

footnote: the above article was written for the purpose of discussion, criticism and correction are most welcome, what are your views, Pick up a pen today* !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! wot - got no pen.

**ALL OUT FOR A GENERAL STRIKE.
ONE OUT ALL OUT.**



BALLS OR BALLOTS, Mons mirror claimed that MCB proposals from the compromise talks would be put to the miners in a ballot organised by the NUM, Scargill when asked about this on tv said this was untrue and if in the future proposals were put to the rank & file it would be by a delegate conference, so Maxwell & his Mirrors claim about a ballot turns out to be a load of balls? meanwhile at the time of typing the secret talks go on in smoke filled rooms!!!!!! Do on Arthur lean across the table and smack Magregor in the mouth!!!!!!

**JOIN THE STRIKE:
ORGANIZE IT OURSELVES
THE MINERS MUST NOT
FIGHT ALONE!**

