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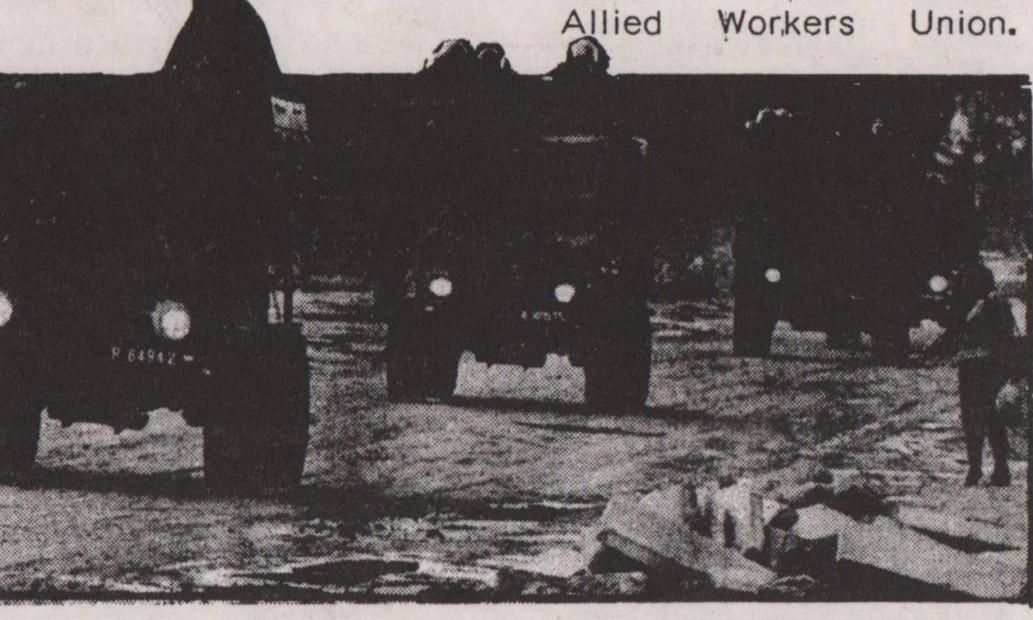
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South

Simon's 'Graceland', recorded in South Africa and featuring South African Black musicians, incorporates music and is hot cakes. like But it's also got him trouble with the and Anti-Movement Apartheid because he's contravened economic, cultural sporting boycott of South Africa.

defence, Simon claims that he thought than perform Africa, and that he paid out the musicians US union He's also made his absolute oppoapartheid, two black South artists, Miriam Hugh Makeba both renowned for their anti-apartheid activity.



BOYCOTT

Essentially, there are two sides to the arguement. The ANC and the Anti-Apartheid Movement claim that regardless of the circumstances and content of Simon's record and concerts, he's broken the boycott to be ostracised. But others have argued that his music fits the widespread mood of opposition to apartheid strengthens point out that the white regime has gained nothing from his visit whereas musicians and the liberation movement have benefitted.

Speaking at a trade union seminar in Cork, he argued that although all progressive organisations in South Africa support the campaign, it's essential that it's directed at the regime rather than the country in general. So in the case of dis-investment, the unions are in favour companies pulling out so long as their remain, the are consulted and that all agreements wages, conditions and union rights are honoured.

As regards the cultural boycott, a similarily constructive approach

is required to ensure doesn't backfire. that the ANC leadership exiled continue to sole authority, granting concessions and Where possible, inside South groups should be consulted with the intention of arranging as many cultural and sporting events as possible with the only criteria being it aids or whether obstructs the struggle against apartheid.

Dominic Carroll

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

South African mitted that the security shot people during The number averaged 114,220 day, including 2,200 babies and an undisclosed number of young children. 83 people were murdered in custody, and thousands tortured although only 263 received hospital treatment. Finally, 121 people were hanged in South Africa last

INIA fond

are the most common reactions to the feuding in the I.N.L.A. The Northern and Southern states love it and the security forces have sat back and let them get on with it. But despite our enormous political differences with the I.N.L.A., we take no pleasure in seeing it tear itself apart.

settling of differences, however, confirm portrayal media's terrorists. Rather, stration repression in the Nevertheless, North. to settle political differences with guns is totally unjustified and unacceptable. though, the degeneration of the I.N.L.A. isn't entirely surprising.

I.R.S.P.

Since its formation in 1974, the I.N.L.A. dominated its political wing, the I.R.S.P. Although they talked about building a socialist organisation with 'roots so deep in the working class they'd never be removed' the I.R.S.P. never seriously undertook the task. But this wasn't an oversight.

In fact, it stemmed from the political foundation of the I.R.S.P., which can be best described as a mixture of 'left republicanism' and Stalinism. Furthermore, by stressing the primacy of it's military wing, a small selfcontained unanswerable elite acting on 'our' behalf, the I.R.S.P. clearly didn't understand how to build a genuine working class socialist organisation.

Rather than engaging in adventures, such as the ridiculus I.N.L.A. bomb planted in Dunnes Stores during the strike, a socialist organisation must be part of the working class and involved in every working class struggle, not only to win people to it ideas, but so as to learn from the struggles and to keep in touch with reality.

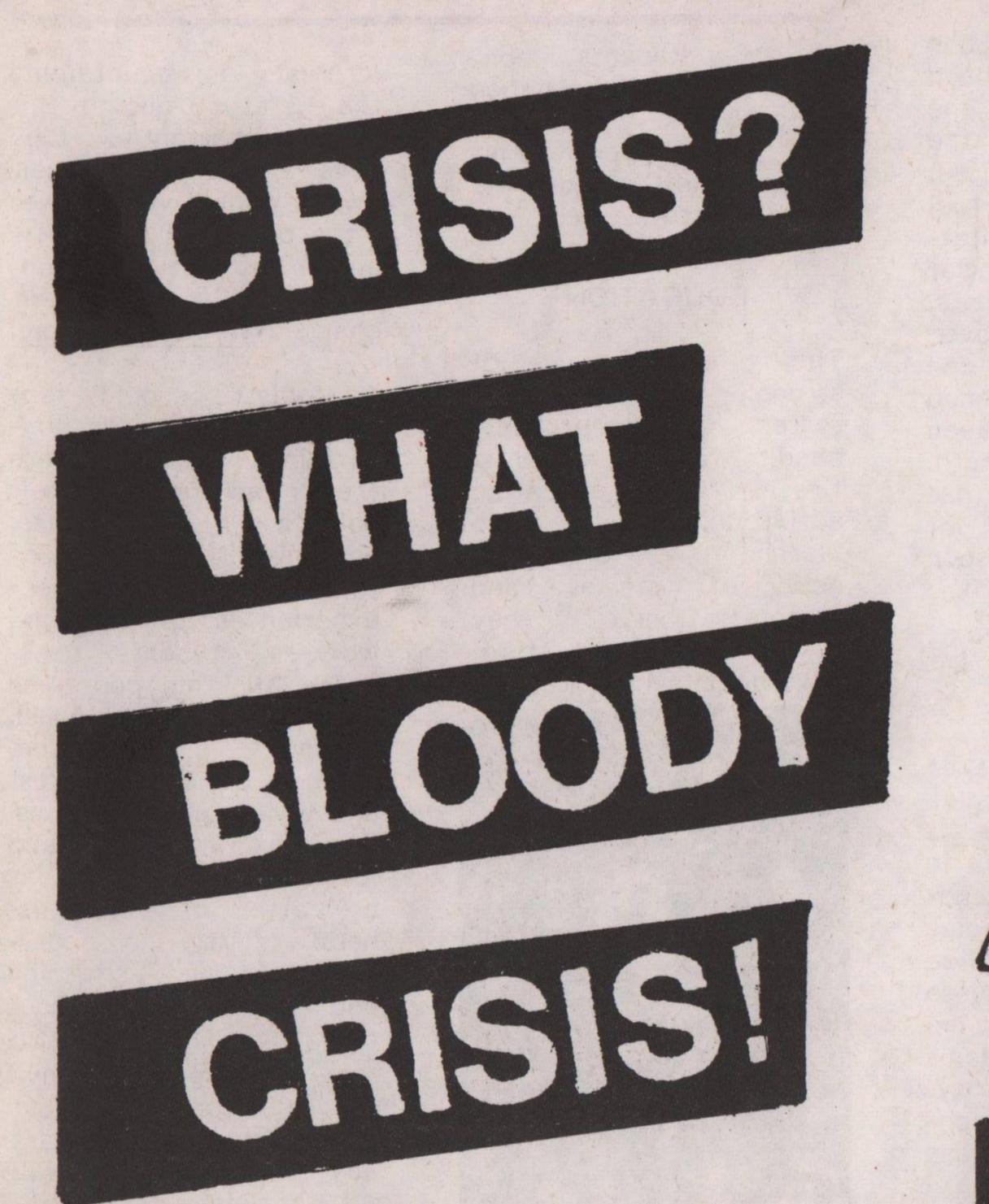
yourself up as a group of all knowing leaders without links with real the working class leads to trouble. To pursue an underground military campaign, with its inherent difficulties ad elitism, can end up with the participants totally out of touch and capable of anything. That's what happened to the I.N.L.A.

Dominic Carroll.

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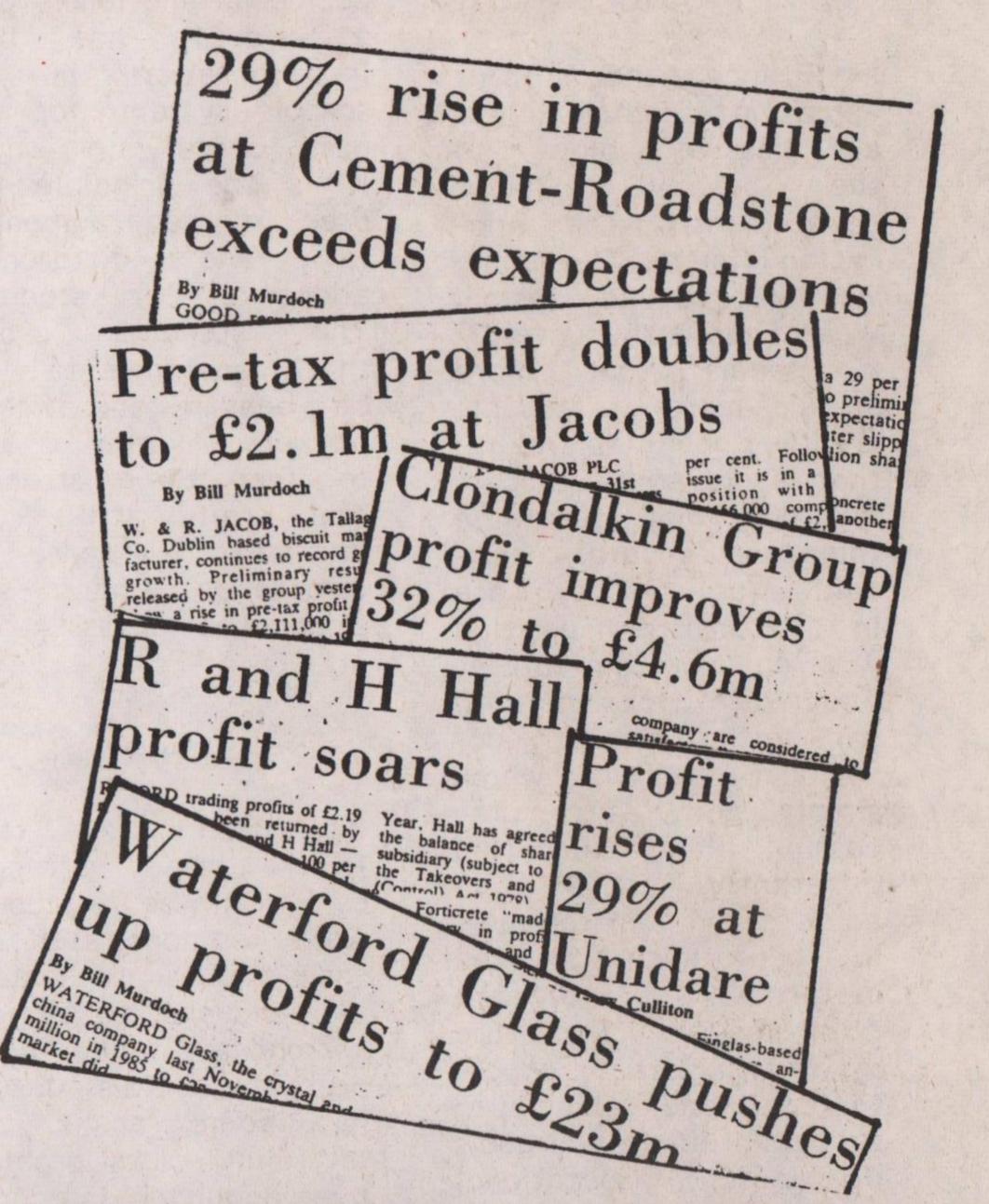
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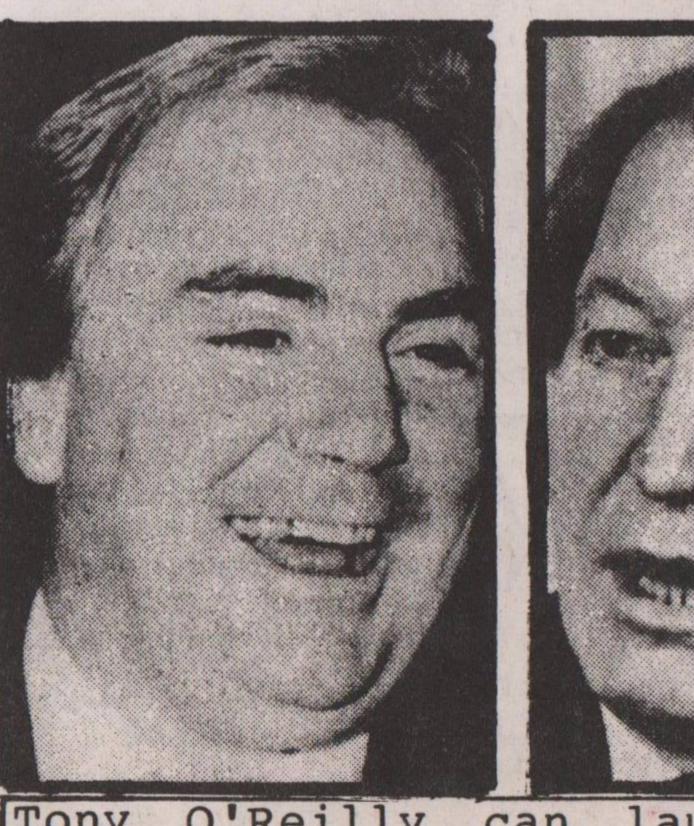
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All this talk of a crisis has gone far enough. It exists alright, but only for us and it's been caused by them. This months scandalous budget has forced us to pay once again for the economic mess caused by a world system in total disarray. But a glance at the paper cuttings above show that the bosses haven't stopped making profits.

The cutbacks and pay freeze can be halted, but it'll require the full strength of the Union. Now's the time to demand that the Union leaders start organising the fight back.





Tony O'Reilly can laugh. He's on £4M a year and reckoned to be worth £135M. As for Haughey, he and his cabinet pals cost us over a million quid a year.

IRELAND'S ANARCHIST PAPER

student several upsurge especially countries, France and shown have students action. accepted rejected complaint and took to the streets, relying on the effectivedemon-These struggles products of ridden capitalist economies.

FRANCE

In France, the student explosion blow massive Chirac cation Minister Devaquet, What caused the unrest? that more students beginning to realise that a university educatnot guarantee a secure, welljob. They are in a transistory position with an uncertain future. are formed into part of a corrupt edusystem which cational simply acts as a processing plant, allocating differently those who differently, achieve in conformity to the hierarchial division For the of labour. majority, opportunity' and 'achieved success' remain bourgeois Educational delusions. establishments so structured as to isolation, alienation and fragmentation.

a determined government was forced to back down.

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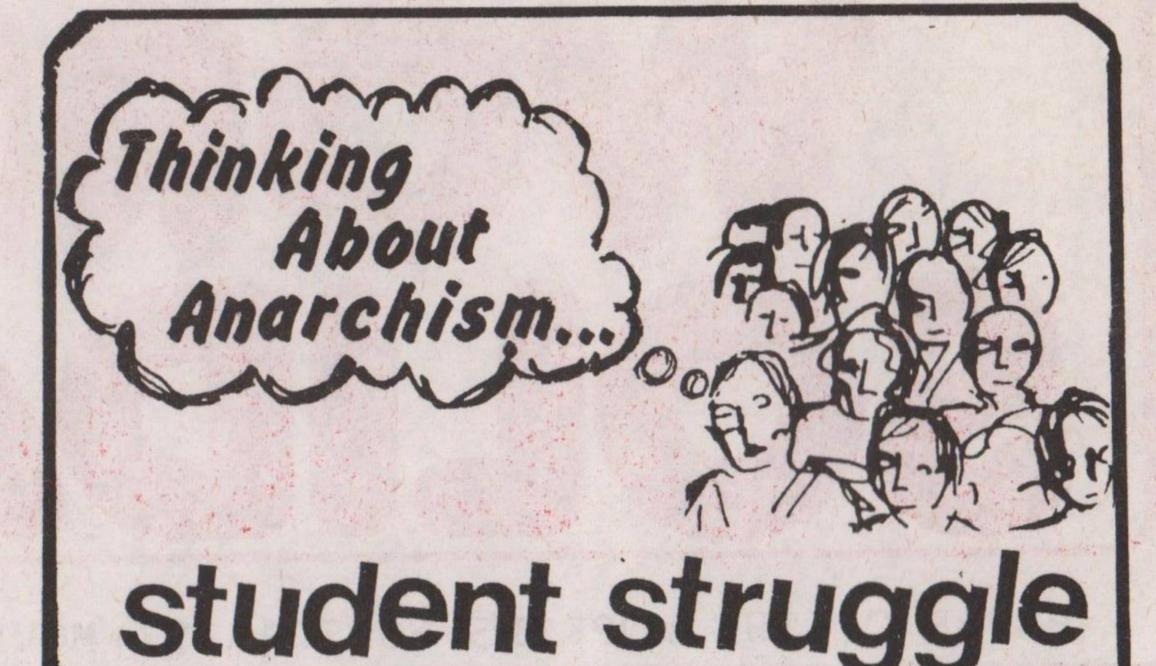
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by the picked who workers striked for better conditions withdrawal to institute merit system decide promotions. Such has been system in operation in system or more. principle tool It is the the fragmentatdifferential students. allocation students proved governments can French and their strength. strike rail involved confidence not mass strikes of 1968.

CHINA

taken was struggles Chinese students demonstrated in their thousands, demanding an end to official corruption and police brutality. This upsurge has come at a time of ruling class problems over economic insecurity. A new system of 'econreforms' resulted in huge benefits management sector and the worsening appalling workers' conditions. Many workers have student joined marches. Because



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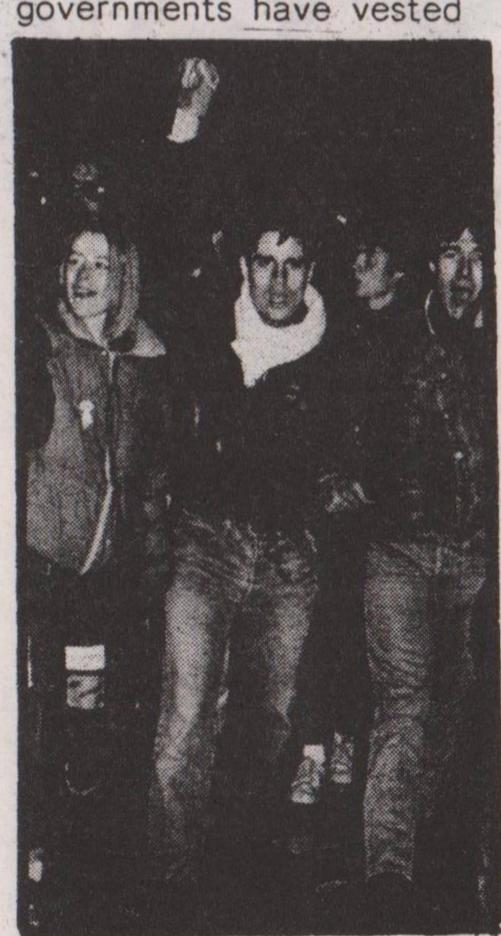
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much greater.

This experience of struggle with a hostile system has probably been the students' first real education activity. They have learned the effectiveness of strikes and demonstrations. They have recognised that governments have vested



interests in maintaining the status quo. But most importantly, they have realised their own collective power the power of solidarity and mass action. Consciousness has been changed through struggle.

Anarchists these struggles as imwhere portant their they can argue politics. anarchists have argued by experiences of struggle, workers, students, peasants, all the oppressed become politicised, radicalised. social unrest Periods of and upheaval are periods and valid flourish. consciousof to undersituation about go to The stuchanging it. have small, but important people will accept, take things People lying kick against the and kick to system,

Jason O'Donnell.

THAT'S CAPITALISM

threat

The world fifth largest economy, once hailed as a model of economic growth, is falling to Brazil's crisis pieces. can be easily measured human suffering, particularly among child-A report shows that there are seven million living rough the streets. In city, there are 1,200 gangs of children

The government proposals

factory situation. Angry

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them. quarter a million babies before reaching birthday. those that survive, complete schooling, with others average of 48 hours a week for £5.

In Bangladesh, where the notion that women are the property of men is taken to its logical conclusion, over 300 women have been murdered during the past year and a further 550 kidnapped and sold to brothels by irate husbands who have failed to receive promised marriage dow-

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the aboard bodies 'Herald named Free Enterprise' getting underway, the stock market sharks were wasting no time. On the Monday followdisaster, the and forty million knocked value. transferred to the Channel whose Tunnel group, value rose by a third.

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SAME OLD STORY

We are fools to believe that this new government is going to tackle and solve our problems any differently than the last bunch of political parasites.

An anarchists, we have any bones fact that the politicians in parliment country or any nothing but opportunists off our sweat apathy. opportunists our vote then to keep them in chamaftermath of an election.

Haughey and his brigade of blustering buffoons wasted any reaffirming Not long these all knowing got seat driving civil servants politicians not be receiving increase the money Great eh! easy aleady have too much money to accept a freeze on their income For example, the wage bill for ministers alone £1 million topped a statistic from 1985 October figured it cost £2,000 per day to put state cars under these ministers. By the way, state cars are provided for security reasons. I don't think they trust us very much.

Anway, these portant example country; should pay freeze and the 250 thousand unemployed should be satisfied with their life of baked beans and toast.

AGREEMENT

That was the absurdity number one. The second is the dramatic transformation of the Fiana Failers approach to the Anglo Irish Agreement. Now that they are no longer an opposition party they have endorsed the accord wholeheartedly.

18 months ago, Haughey "that the was saying agreement was first time the legitimacy of partition has been recognised Republic". sent Lenihan over to the U.S.A. to try and persuade important politicians withhold to their support for the agreement.

BOUNTY

his memory is as Reagans, principles don't much, because Patrick's Day, Haughey and whilst Washington we're all for the agreecomplete with begging in hand they accepted the pay off for accept-

beggars bounty, \$120 Million, is supposed to go towards promoting reconstruction and development, and reducing unemployment on non-discriminatory (nice American word) in the troubled of the Republic and Northern Ireland.

Given that the agreement has utterly failed matter only before time shelved predecessors, and crumbs that have fallen Haughey's way the million dollar dinner Washington plate in to maintain the million a day operation to guard the southern side of the border.

Richard Bermingham.



The Taoiseach hasn't let his recent head transplant interfere with the Anglo-Irish deal.

LIFE WITH CHARLIE

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- every second school leaver who has a job takes home less than £55 a week.
- one in eight takes home no more than £35 (the basic dole rate).
- small firms are 50% more likely to underpay young workers, as there is less trade unionism in them.
- in the Civil Service almost 1,000 workers are paid less than £125 a week before tax.
- among the worst abusers of school leavers are the Building Societies who boost their profits at the expense of young people desperate for any job.
- women workers' hourly wages are 68.1% of mens' in Ireland's manufacturing industries.
- Ireland has the largest school class sizes in Europe, many having over 40 pupils.
- just to bring the pupil teacher ratio to the British level would require an extra 5,000 teachers.
- successive governments have cut back on teacher training and have left newly qualified teachers on the dole.
- the most recent figures show that while the average P.A.Y.E. worker paid £2,500 annually in tax, the 17,000 largest farmers paid just £672 each.

ABORTION: IT'S A WOMANS RIGHT TO CHOOSE

A WOMANS RIGHT TO FREE SAFE LEGAL ABORTION

abortion. Approximately 60 million carried year worldchoose when and if you become child to when you are pregnant. Enforced sterilisation and birth control in countries India and China are totally unacceptable. right to choose is about knowing that there will be adequate social economic support when the child is born. This is most definitely not the case in Ireland. Over 75% of all women travelling from Ireland to England for abortions are single. Unmarried mothers are stigmatised isolated by so-'pro-lifers'. called people, who are members of S.P.U.C. (Society for the Protection of the Unborn), etc. have such a Christian attitude that they two cells in a

WSM MEETINGS

Want to find out more about the WSM? Part of each branch meeting is given over to a discussion and readers are welcome to attend.



CORK

Every Thursday at 8pm in the Quay Co-op, 24 Sullivans Quay.

DUBLIN

Details from Workers Solidarity sellers or from P.O Box 1582, Dublin 8.





womans body have more rights as an Irish citizen than the woman herself. They want women to give up all the gains they have made in respect of control over their own lives and bodies, to accept total responsibility for the product of pregnancy; wanted or unwanted.

THE CHURCH

Catholic Church,

conservative and reactionary in the extreme, is the driving force these organisations. They have 90% control over sex education in schools, which that many young are in ignorance matters. sexual do not want access to have before to contraception or outside of marriage, within this institution, intercourse of "must remain open transmission of life". Many people themcall Catholic selves rulings. They recognise

attitudes with. Catholic about collective childcare, free schooling, housing, better working conditions hundreds of injustices being forced into abort-In fact, the Church's attitude unwanted pregnancy is that is God's punishment for disobeying his law!

UNPAID CHILDMINDERS

Catholic Church, S.P.U.C., and all their supporters aim to force women to stay in the home and act an unpaid childminders. 'natural' thing women to have responsibility for childcare. In primitchildren society, looked after collectively; there no 'ownership' attitude towards children; all

adult members of the community took or this task of caring for the young.

The advent of capitalism

and surplus value meant

that women were forced

children. struggle impossible time mother and worker. burden. They want to pay out money for collective childcare; capitalism creates much higher profits for the not only provide their for a fraction of the profits produced, but also to bring up, out of this same income, next generation workers and childminders, any cost to state. of unemployment also finding themselves exploited the choice not forced into these roles. Women and men must fight for abortion rights. because the exploitation of the working class of the control over lives affects us all.

THE REACTIONARY

England, abortion legalised 1967 abortion For 20 years, Irish women have travelled across water in their thousands (approximately 4,000 per at the moment) to avail of a choice denied in their own country. It is indicative of the intimidatory power of the Church here, that despite those thousands of women, and the people who must have assisted them, there was still a resounding 'yes' response to the Abortion Amendment to the Constitution in 1983. S.P.U.C. is currently campaigning in England

to destroy or limit the abortion legislation.

At the moment, Irish women have an expensive and traumatic escape route in the abortion boat to England, but since the Amendment and the recent closing of two abortion referral clinics in Dublin due to S.P.U.C.'s injunction the forces of reaction

have made frightening headway, and no doubt their counterparts in England will be encouraged by this. This right wing tide must be stopped and attacked. The Defend the Clinics Campaign throughout the country is at least highlighting the situation. S.P.U.C.'s next targets will be the

after pill, gay rights and all gains made by the left in recent years. We must be prepared to stand up and attack these organisations to show our opposition to these reactionary, backward ideas. "Not the Church, not the State; WE must decide our fate."

Pam Venes

DEFEND THE CLINICS!

Since the decision in the Court last Dec-Justice(sic) Hamilton, it has become to provide any information on abortion its availability Britain) women counties. followed application by the right-wing S.P.U.C. organisation have to Dublin clinics Woman and Open Line - prohibdoing this from as part of their pregnancy counselling service.

CHOICE

clinics, for instance the Catholic Church sponsored CURA insist with unwanted have a right available options i.e. from adoption to abortion. Moreover believe that noone except the woman decide herself can which is the best course to take. It is precisely choice, however, S.P.U.C. object For them its woman's duty to continue with a pregnancy - whether she likes it or not.

Hamilton Decision back in no step way. When Ann Lovett died years ago from short internal bleeding while birth alone in giving Grotto, one could hardly hear oneself din caused by

and calling to women with unwanted But this pregnancies. will decision a repeat of the Granard tragedy all likely, not just but many times - as as the law exists. Irish women face renewed possibility greater resort to street and selfinflicted abortions with greater risks of death or sterilization resulting.

Anarchists support this stand in the Campaign as a priority, since it firmly establishes one main point - that many women in this country won't go along in any way with a law that infringes on their rights. Instead, they will break this law.

GROWING

Meanwhile the Campaign has grown in size. Branches exist in Dublin, Cork and Galway.

Womens RIGHT DEFEND SPUC SPUC REFERRAL STOP SRUCE

The Campaign to Defend the Clinics has been set up to reverse the Hamilton decision but until this is achieved it will break the law Cork. by providing the prohibited information to woas required. It have is this that could be major strength of the Campaign, since if done in a widespread and deliberate fashion it will make the law unworkable.

Marches and protests last month for Internat-Women's Day crowds good Dublin both Demand the Information Packs on alternative counselling far exceeded of 2,000, te print run motions of support Campaign the passed in been L.G.P.S.U. and I.C.T.U. Women's but this Conference.

be short campaign. Because it is about abortion full weight Catholic Church will have to be faced up to. They are irresolutly abortion. point like S.P.U.C. and FAM-SOLIDARITY to fight groups the Hamiliton decision hasn't gone far enough. The I.U.D. and Morning Ultimately they all contraception believing that sex isn't for enjoyment but procreation only.

Kevin Doyle



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- * Attend meetings and join the Branch of the Campaign in your area. If no Branch exists yet, contact the Campaign at the addresses below about setting one up.
- * Bring the matter up at your union meetings. Obtain a copy of the Model resolution now being circulated to Trade Union-

Dublin: Every Tuesday, U.S.I. Rooms, 16 North Gt. Georges Street. 8 p.m.

Cork: Every Saturday,
Quay Coop,
24 Sullivans Quay.
2.30 p.m.

A Grim Reminder

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shows horrific of U.S. intervention military Salvardor, and so must be recognised reminder of the particularly brutual condexist in Latin American countries. The ravages of war, the dispoverty and whole placement is portrayed populations the opulent against lifestyles of the resident American representatives journalists. one scene we are given shots of a up dump, containing bodies hundreds results of

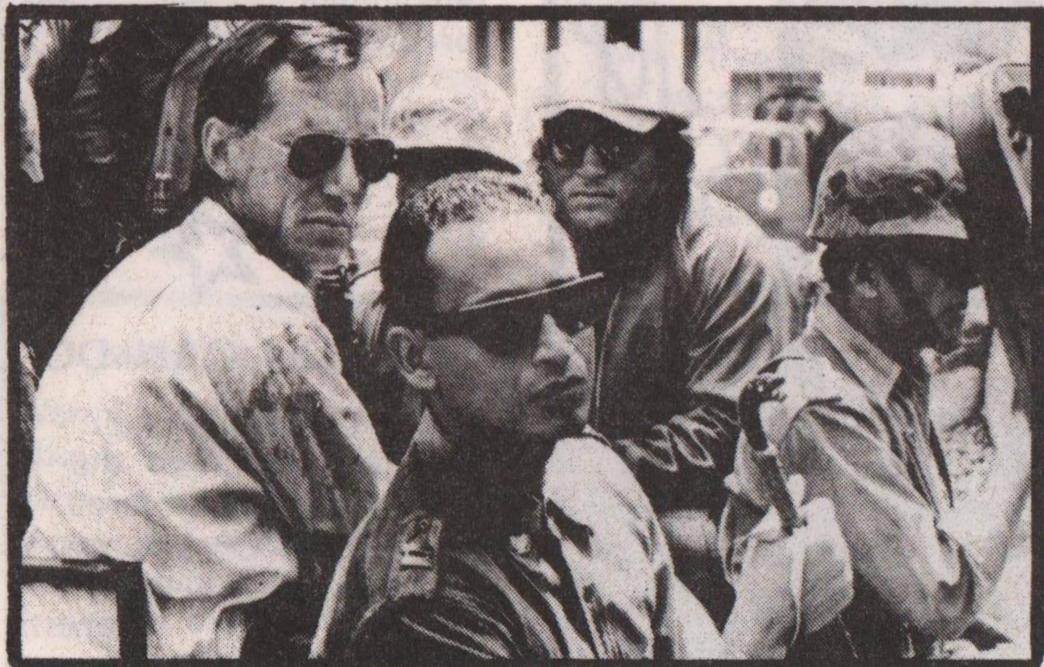
promoters wing terrorism as they are. think about they? American backing for financial an anti-American enterdoesn't and is not about to happen here either. the Instead struggle is portrayed as taking between place left and the extreme right, with the Americans trying to establish a democratic government in the

refer to as an 'effort to promote stable government' in the nothing but about are dictorial regimes, but America will any lengths "to protect backyard". achieving reminds us the 'land of hope and freedom' can threatened.

Eileen O'Carroll.

ATROCITIES

pumps about dollars million Salvador every engages what it calls 'low intensity conflict' which terms means concentrated aerial bombardment of civilian settlements. Displacepopulations wholesale occurs another weapon In the military. 50,000 died and have 1 million are refugees



Scene from 'Salvador'

'Salvador' Politics liberal. vaguely The film trys to portray the events 'impartially', meaning that it doesn't to American patriotism a la Rambo, to give a critical view involvement Salvador. This does not go out to show way Americans as the

in their own country. El Salvador has a population of approx. million, not much different to Ireland. Can you 50,000 image people killed being country over the few years?

Salvador is a worthwhile film. brings subject that

JOIN THE WSM

The world's wealth is produced by us — the working class. We ought to enjoy its benefits.

The Workers Solidarity Movement is an anarchist organisation that fights for a 32 county Workers Republic.

We stand for a socialism that is based on freedom and real democracy, a society based on workplace and community councils.

This kind of socialism has nothing to do with the state capitalism that is practiced in Russia, Cuba and other police states.

We oppose coercive authority, and hold that the only limit on the freedom of the individual should be that they don't encroach on the freedom of others.

As part of our fight for anarchism we are involved in the struggles for higher wages, for trade union democracy, for womens' rights, for jobs.

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We oppose all divisions in the working class. We fight against all attempts to set Protestant against Catholic, men against women, skilled against unskilled, old against young, hetrosexual against homosexual.

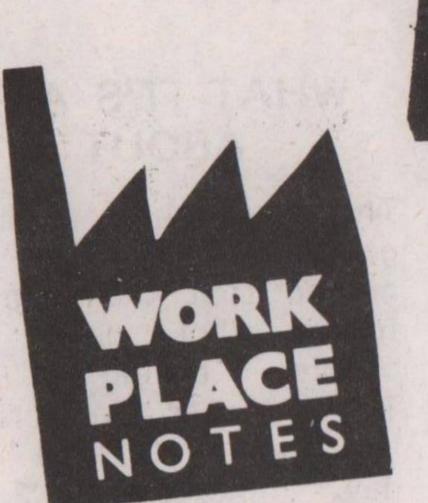
We are opposed to the British state's presence and to partition. We defend peoples' right to fight back. But we are not nationalists, we do not want to merely get rid of the border. We want to unite our class and create a totally new Ireland.

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Return this form to WSM, P.O. Box 1528, Dublin 8.



BOSSES PUT THE BOOT IN

number of strike days in the 26 counties years. five 315,000 was 100,000 on 1985. only 101 of and 38 were official unofficial. Almost 200,000 of these strike days came from just - Dublin Corporation, Lingus the and Teachers.

getting are workers having to strike in order to get their pay rises, and improve conditions? According I.T.G.W.U. the wages lower. than in 1979.

PACKARD

are

offensive. threat workers they rock is being used more often. At Packard branch giant General Motors, management narrowly their got after through strike. have a two strike-free clause means the firm whatever it likes without any comeback) a pay agreement $2\frac{1}{2}$ years (£20 phases) shift flexibility, introduction contractors speed-ups on the shop They got this by threatening to shut down.

miles up the road in Semperit, owned by Continental Uniroyale,

625 workers are facing similar threats. Management want a 20% increase in the production of tyres ... for pay. to to £12 up but did get away with 20 all bosses they Like cancelled a proanother invest million to pressurise buckling into has from the also supposedly impartial Court which, Labour for called acceptance

THREAT

workforce, mostly

of managements 'offer'.

I.T.G.W.U., this rejected by 4:1 in January. The bosses all their Over resolve. Scotland Semperit a plant presently underutilised. The unspokis that production could be moved to it.

take their The bosses struggles very seriously. Our side to do This means the same. mass picstrikes need ketting. inter-union effective co-operation, blacking much solidarity action possible. union leaderships don't it this way which means done without won't be easy but it is the only way we can hold our ground.

MULTINATIONALS

In multinationals there crying need for international committees

of shop stewards linking all the plants of a company regardless of With such frontiers. organisations and solidarity it is based on we can take on the threats of shifting production country to another. stop We can playing different plants against each other. This be can done by plants' unions agreeing to shifted from strikebound plant.

It is not just in multinationals trying to bosses are 'discipline' their workers. next big could well fight public

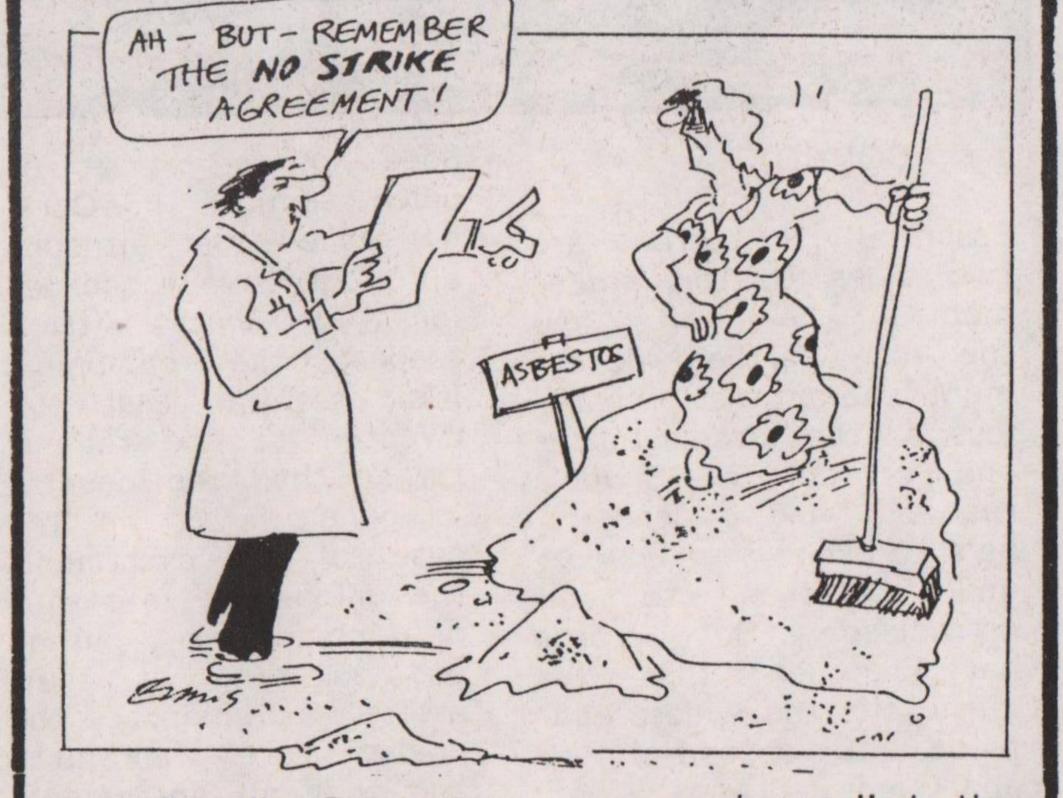
ILLUSIONS

Let us have no illusions national interest' or everyone together'. There talk of a pay freeze.

whisper about a freeze dividends freeze. will keep on from long as we let them.

industrial major battles will happen near future. too little battles over everything from floor discipline These bonuses. vitally important. Winning a little struggle confidence the fight, a bigger one. militants head of every struggle, minor is here we can rebuild shopfloor organisation fidence that prepare battles greater inevitably out the years to come.

Alan MacSimoin.



Carroll, President the I.T.G.W.U. and Irish Congress of Trade Unions, seems prepared to go with the bosses. along Recently that "no-strike clauses"

called them "peace treaties", would be necessary in future. this doesn't show bureaucracy what it is nothing * * * * * *