The London Anarchist Festival is to be neld on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th

The aim is to include as great a range of events as possible - so if you have any ideas; spare time etc. to help out; stalls; exhibitions; films. . . please get in contact Space is no problem with plenty of room or accomodation if recquired and food should be available.

The festival will hopefully not only be a social get-together for London's Anarchists, but the basis of something more permanent. There will be plenty f time for discussion on subjects such as the possibility of a London federation, the viability of a national anarchist organisation and whether a collective response can be given to major national or local issues (particularly at this time of the printworkers' dispute).

Regular organising meetings are now being held. If you want to get involved or come along on the day contact: All Systems Go 121 Bookshop, 121 Railton Road, London SE24 Telephone 01-2746655 afternoons.

RECEIVED LETTERS

Dear friends,

I was a bit concerned when I read the piece in the last Black Flag about the print-workers, and what seemed to be the writers unconditional support for them. These are, after all, the people who have been producing Murdoch's filth for years, who used

their craft status to deny employment to women and Black people for a long time, who seem to represent the worst aspects of craft unionism. Nowhere on the agenda do I see questions about control of the media, access to the media, the way in which new technology can be used to give greater access to and control over the printed word. When all is said and done we haven't come a long way since Caxton. Don't get me wrong - I know that the dispute is as much about the rights of unionists as the right to work for Murdoch, and as such, the struggle should be supported. But do not ignore the discontent within various EETPU branches, that is caused by the principles and policies of the leadership; and do not jump on every workerist band-wagon SWP style, in the hope of gaining a short term political advantage. Black Flag is in a very important position, as it shows what can be achieved with new technology... I think that the printworkers campaign poster says it all: 'My Dad helped Mr Murdoch make .' And given the chance, he'd help him make millions more! M.C. (Birmingham)

REPLY: With respect, this letter shows the influence of liberalism which nowadays passes off as trendy non-traditional anarchism. It is liberal arrogance that says that nobody and nothing is of any use 'saving' because catering workers kill animals, printworkers print rubbish clothing workers make uniforms, the miners are 'breathing in coal dust' all of which is true, but irrelevant. The workers need to take over production

and run things in the way the people want things to be run.

As we have said, the slogans are worthless - especially 'the right to work' which is the right to be exploited. What the struggle is essentially about is the right to a living, indeed the right to prosperity. Anything less is theft.

The SWP 'bandwagon' rides on any populist cause, but 'SWP' is no slogan to rally people from establishing their rights, (That is to echo the media).

All the facts are stated wrong: Blacks have never been discriminated against by Fleet Street unions. Women were discriminated against in the NGA but that battle has largely been won. Only one print union is a craft union (the NGA, which represents a dying craft). People thrown out without redundancy, on a financial trick by advice of a crooked lawyer, are not in a position to battle for control of the media. Only with social revolution would they be in such a position. The campaigns for 'access to media' etc. mean by journalists, who are writing in the press now and are responsible for it, not the printers.

This 'anti-work' attitude poses the question: What is the acceptable way of earning one's living under capitalism? State grant? Private means?

Dear Black Flag Collective,

Please don't send me your paper anymore. After reading it for some months I have decided that there is too much violence in it. I would beg you to remember 'that violence is the embryo of our new oppressors - the

All the best?

Reply: And non-violence is the hatched egg of our old oppressors, the old State

Is it 'violence' - really?- that he objects to, or the reporting of action against opppression?

LATE NEWS

EAST LONDON ANARCHIST CENTRE OPENS

The East London Anarchist Centre has opened at 17 Turners Rd. Limehouse E3. It is open from 1-7pm Tues-Sat. It has a meeting place available for all anarchist, ecology, womens, squatters, anti-militarist groups etc.

It also has books on Anarchism; antiracism; feminism and other radical

Squatters advice is on Wed. 2-7pm. Nearest Tube is Mile End.

PUBLICATIONS

COUNTER INFORMATION, March/ April Issue No. 9, Free. Published by Counter Information Collective. Interesting A4 newsheet and supplement on the printers dispute; coal miners; action against apartheid plus resistance worldwide. Available from Counter Information, Box 81, c/o 43 Candlemakers Row, Edinburgh.

JAIL NEWS No. 33 Vol Dec 1985. Very good, consistent small prisoners magazine from Australia. Articles include: Methadone, Homosexuals and Aids; The Mickelberg Stitch; Verbals; Screws and lots more. Available with subscription of \$A8 (prisoners free) from: Breakout, PO BOX 397, Rozelle, 2039, NSW Australia

DIRTY FINGERS IN DIRTY PIES A Sky & Trees Booklet. Written etc. by Boff & Nobbercon, Sept-Nov 1985. Illustrations by Zof Research. Sky & Trees, Box 4, 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds 2. No price listed. Send donation plus stamped self addressed envelope. A lot of research has gone into this 30-page booklet. Lists of companies associated with various oppressive regimes and occupations: Tory funding; Arms traders; Vivisection; Record companies; Nuclear power; Banks; Nuclear Weapons and Cash crops. They say in the introduction that 7% of people in the UK own 84% of the country's wealth. I feel that a listing of these few thousand gentlemen and women, their daily time-tables and whereabouts would do a lot more to decrease the activities of these insidious parasites.

HARPY - Anarcho-feminist paper, No. 3, 20p from Box 010, Full Marks, 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol. Articles against social workers, women in the army; and 'Coming out of the Kitchen'.

KICK IT OVER Winter 1985/86. No. 14 75p from KIO, PO Box 5811, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1P2. Interview with Poison Girls, article on 'sexual anarchy'. Some unfortunate pacifism, but some good stuff on sexual politics.

OTHER MAGAZINES RECEIVED:

A PINCH OF SALT (England); STRIKE No. 39 (Canada); WORKERS SOLIDARITY No. 15 (Ireland); CHARTIST No. 108 (England); SYNDICALIST NO. 2 (England); DAM - Leeds Anarchist News No. 3 (England); THE BEANO: Is This The Road to Anarchy (England); OUT-RAGE No. 23 (USA); GREEN ANARCHIST No. 10 (England); PROCESSED WORLD (USA); DIRECT ACTION No. 29 (England); BOOT 'EM (England); SCOTTISH PRISONS: Lift the Lid! (Scotland); INDUSTRIAL WORKER Feb. (USA); THE ALTERNATIVE! No. 5 (Ireland); REBEL WORKER Feb-March (Australia); NO LIMITS (England); THE ABOLITIONIST No. 20 (England); COVERT ACTION No. 25 (USA); MONOCROME No. 12 (England); ARIVISTA ANARCHIA No. 135 (ITALY); AKTION No. 6 (West Germany); TOT ODER LEBENDIG No. 3 (West Germany); DOCUMENTATION ON THE DEATH OF GUNTER SARE (West Germany)

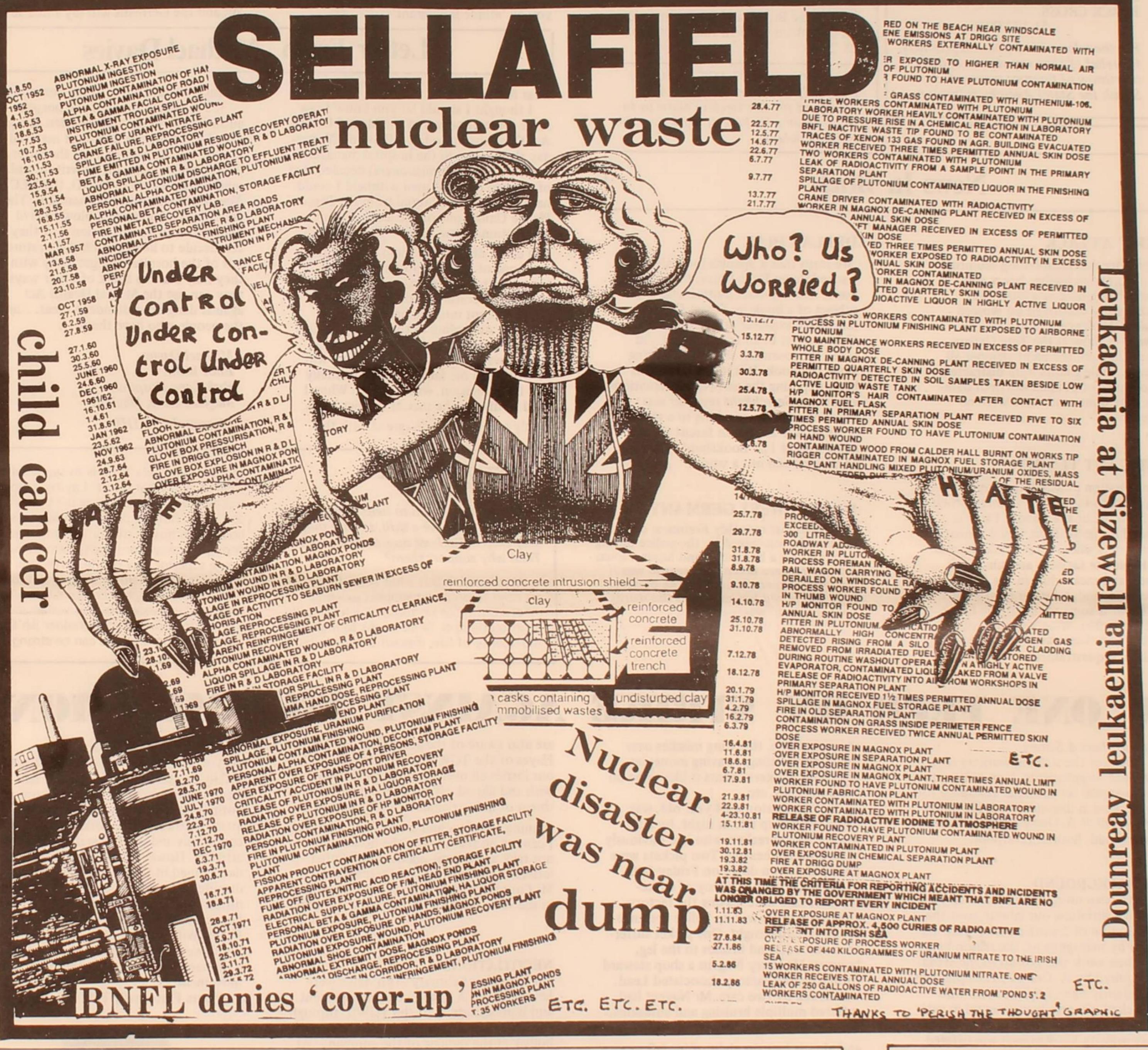


VIDEORAMA HIT

On January 27th 1986, the pornographi Videorama distributors was destroyed b a group 'fire-power against sexual violence violence'. Videorama distributes nearly all pornvideo movies in Holland. There was 13 million guilders damages and its distribution was stopped for quite some time from Landsmeer its ex-centre.

BANK NOW! SHIPPE 'REPLECTOR' IS STILLE STUCKE SAIL ORS STIFFENTHEIR UP YE BARKING GREEKE ... INNE-YOU CANNE HAVE YE ROWING BOOKUS - E AND I WITHDRAW YE SACKE

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MURDOCH UNDER SEIGE!

Seven thousand people marched from Tower Hill to the print plant at Wapping on Saturday 15th March. The biggest demonstration yet delayed the Sunday Times and the News of the

World for more than five hours. As the march reached the plant, forty yards of perimeter

fence was torn down, and riot police were brought in. Twenty-six picketers were charged with public order

offences, and four people were treated in hospital. A mounted riot cop was taken to hospital with concussion.

This picket was the first time that picketers blocked the roads using the huge numbers of crowd barriers as barricades; the barriers were also useful to stop the police from charging into the crowds. The police were using 'Kenning Car Hire' transit vans for transport, and now have code colours for the different routes that the trucks and vans are using.

No vans or trucks were able to drive in or out of the plant from 7pm to 3am. Walkie talkies were being used by the pickets, which improved organisation. All gates were blocked by large crowds of pickets.

The main convoy did not come out until 3am. on the 'yellow route' (police codeword) — there was more trouble as picketers attacked lorries and police guarded the scabs. A big build up is expected for the next Saturday night.

SCAB-OWNED VANS RAZED?

TNT the scabs being used to distribute the News International papers from 'Fortress Wapping' owns unit 5 of the Horndon Industrial Estate, Brentwood in Essex. On Sunday March 16th 1986, two vans parked on the Industrial Estate had some inflammable liquid poured over them, set alight they burnt out destroying them.

SOURCE: Connie Flagration

FRANCE

CHRISTIAN FRIGOULT

Having completed his sentence for refusing to be conscripted into the army, Christian Frigoult (see last issue of Black Flag) was met at the gates of his former prison by military personnel. A discussion ensued during which he again refused military service for the French State. He was then whisked off to the copshop, appeared briefly in Court, was turned over to the army and confined to barracks. A new Court date was set. Christian undertook a hunger strike, and his support committee held sit-ins, demos, and articles appeared in the press.

He then appeared in front of a commission, which decided to release him. His Court date has been postponed indefinitely.

SOURCE Agora Libertaire Translated by M.W.

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HOME NEWS

HAVERS GIVES THE GO-AHEAD TO TOWER HAMLETS

'One can understand the feelings of the residents who have had to put up with the mess and squalor caused by these people. If they take matters into their own hands it is scarcely surprising.'

Wapping residents please note — it's ok to sabotage TNT lorries, according to the Attorney General. (though we have to admit it was said in the context of assaults by British and American soldiers on Greenham women, vide Guardian 28.2.86).

The next issue of BLACK FLAG

(No. 153) will appear on 14th April

— delayed for one week to allow us to catch up on a backlog of work over the Easter holidays.

News In Brief

'ART' ATTACK

Alan Jones' woman-hating sculpture of a woman in leather boots and gloves being used as a chair, was successfully destroyed by Women Against Violence Against Women. It was on show at the Tate Gallery when they poured paint stripper all over it, while guards were distracted. Thousands of pounds worth of damage were done, and there were no arrests!

LITIGANT TENDENCY

The situation in which the Tapeworms are going to the courts to defend their 'right' to be in the Labour Party is echoed in the Workers Revolutionary Party (sic.) where three Healeyite and ex-Healeyite factions are suing each other, and meanwhile in the States, Adolf Gelfand, a former (American) SWP trot is suing to determine he's still a member. What will the trots do if they win these cases? Employ some bailiffs, sequestrators?

DELLA CHIAE

We learn that a Spanish journalist has tracked down Della Chiae, the fascist leader and neo-Nazi plotter who is the subject of a book by Stuart Christie (currently available at £3.50). Della Chiae agreed to an appointment and asked the journalist if he would bring along the book. It is incidentally this book exposing the neo-Nazi international which a Searchlight reporter was referring to when speaking to a meeting in Newcastle as 'Italian fascist literature being sold at 121 Bookshop!' Oh well, he only missed out a word. . ANTI-!

MUNICH WEST GERMANY

The Anarchist monthly Freiraum published in Munich, was seized by the police during two raids on a bookshop and homes. Even old copies were taken. The reason was it reported a guerrilla action. The previous issue was seized last month as the words 'swine-system' was used.

Nationality

The Daily Mail announced in headlines of two great victories for 'Englishmen'—the Test team at cricket in the West Indies, and Frank Bruno's boxing victory over Coetzee (a South African). Congratulations, Frank! The Mail recognises you as a native-born Englishman! You are, of course—but make sure you keep winning and on top of

the world, or the Mail will be making

you an 'ethnic immigrant'.

Remember the famous biographical entries — 'Edmund Burke, British statesman. . William Burke, Irish criminal' or Einstein's wry comment in the 20s, 'If the theory of relativity proves right, the Germans will say I'm a German, and the French will say I'm a citizen of the world. . .if it proves

wrong, the French will say I'm a German, and the Germans will say I'm a Jew'.

Letter From Michael Davies

Dear friends,

I thought I should let you know I saw some representatives of the Mental Health Act Commission today (10-3-'86). Yesterday they spoke to the hospital managers, and they (the commissioners) decided that of the five items of mail withheld I could have the printed material from the Peace Pledge Union, one of the leaflets from International Law Against War (but only 1 in case I distributed them to patients), and none of the anarchist stuff. They agreed with the hospital managers that anarchist literature could have a bad effect if it got into the hands of other patients. According to the commissioners it might cause them to 'break the rules' (they have a point, I suppose) They will be writing to me fairly soon to formally give their decision, with reasons. When I tried to discuss the matter further I was firmly told that if I disagreed with the

decision I could write to the commission. It's too early to say if the hospital authorities will use this decision as a go ahead to confiscate anarchist material sent to me. As soon as I get the letter off the commissioners, I'll be writing and sending copies off to MIND, the NCCL, New Statesman and the Guardian. Their decision is a big enough blow to civil liberties to arouse attention. . . if they can decide to keep anarchist literature out of the hospital and get away with it, they may start to think of other ways they can use the Mental Health Act against dangerous dissident ideas. . . and the people who have them. .

Michael Davies
Eliot Ward,
Park Lane Hospital,
Maghull Lane, Maghull,
Liverpool L31 1HW

QUESTION & ANSWER ON ANARCHISM:

Q: Unions only seem to help those who are employed and have a skill, so that they can only help those least oppressed by capital. Then why support them?

A: Why indeed? But what Anarchist workers need to do is not support existing unions but build up those which can rally all into one fold. Skills ought to improve the quality of life, instead they are used

to divide workers. Who is to say what is 'skilled' and what is not? Laying a table has a skill about it just as does the brain surgeon's job. But the criterion nowadays is how much power the job gives to claw back enough money from the system to give you a superior way of life. Orthodox trade unionism does 'help' in this respect; but what does the trick is combination. An unemployed worker is a powerless individual (an unemployed shareholder isn't); but those who organise can be strong.

A ONE FEED ON STRIKE AGAINST VICTIMISATION

On behalf of the striking workers at A.
One Feed Supplements, I am writing to
you to appeal for financial assistance for
the workers in dispute over trade union
recognition at A. One Feed Supplements
Lyster Road, Bootle, Liverpool.

THE BACKGROUND

We have been on strike since January 10 when we withdrew our labour, over the victimisation of 2 workers who were dismissed by management, the reason being that 'their work was not up to the standard required by A. One Feed Supplements. Coincidently one of the workers who was sacked was also instrumental in getting the workforce organised and two weeks prior to his dismissal was offered a foremans job by the plant manager, Who stated in his opinion that Mr Fred Thomas, was a conscientious and hard working employee who deserved to do well. Two days after taking the decision to strike in support of our victimised colleagues, management informed us that we were all dismissed.

SCAB LABOUR

maintained a 24 hour 7 day week picket, in an effort to bring management around the negotiating table. Prior to the dispute breaking out management had always insisted that they would never recognise the Transport and General Workers Union As if to underline their intent, during the first week of the strike management took on scab labour from the N. Yorkshire area. Since arriving on site, the scabs have maintained a very provocative and intimidatory attitude, to the pickets and trade union supporters at the factory gates. Verbal abuse by the scabs to those on

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the picket line, throwing missiles over the factory railings, waving money at dismissed workers 'whats it like to be on the dole' calls, etc.

Mr Eric Heaton a 24 year old, was

badly beaten up late at night, by a car load of strikebreakers who had obviously been drinking heavily. Two pickets were deliberately run down on Friday 24th of February as the convoy of strikebreakers cars were leaving the factory. Unusually there was no police presence at the gate that night. One picket suffered minor cuts and bruises to the leg, however Mr Harry Nugent a shop steward from a nearby factory Associated Lead, was struck by two cars. Mr Nugent had suffered multiple bruising and abrasions, sustained a badly fractured cheekbone

and almost lost the sight of his left eye. The drivers of the vehicles involved in the hit and run incidents and the assailants who beat up Eric Heaton, have been positively identified by the victims and independent witnesses and as yet the police have taken no action at all against them. Yet, on the other hand, 3 pickets have been arrested on the picket line for such trivial and alleged offences as obstruction and wilful damage. Even Senior police officers have to admit that from the trade union side this has been a peaceful picket. Yet Mr Andrew Simpson company chairman, still persists in the making of outrageous and completely unfounded claims, about individuals and the TGWU. The following quotes are taken from a letter written by Mr Simpson to the Chief Constable of Merseyside Ken Oxford on January 25th. 'It is in my opinion that the racketeering and criminal manoguvres of the TGWU is considerably more effective than the law and order that you are to provide'. . . 'I have no wish for mediation between our

company and the TGWU'. . . 'Your officers

Hayes of the TGWU... He has followed our lorries all over the area, interfered with and closed off suppliers under threat of industrial action. This man is

I can see no reason why the police can not take any action against him'. Other letters to the Institute of Directors and Mr Connal Gregory M.P. (Tory), continue in the same lurid and totally baseless vein.

NEGOTIATIONS?

On Thursday February 20th, talks were held between A. One Feeds management and representatives of the TGWU, through the offices of ACAS (the arbitration body) body), at the request of the company. At the conclusion of the meeting which took five hours, the main points to emerge were (from the Company Chairman):

1) That there would be no reinstatement

of the sacked workforce. 2) There would be no recognition of the Transport and General Workers Union. 3) That is A.One Feeds could not guarantee an adequate supply of Soya Bean during the dispute, (there has been a successful embargo on raw material destined for A. One Feeds by sympathetic trade unionists) then management would close the plant down and if necessary pull the factory down brick by brick, if a buyer could not be found. Andrew Simpson after issuing these threats then stated that he could not understand what the workers were really wanting, after all he did organise a company paid

barbecue for the workers every year.

the looking glass with Alice.

Much to the embarrasment of the ACAS

officer, who thought he had gone through

OUR DETERMINATION

As you can see we are dealing with a totally erratic, unscupulous and antitrade union employer who will stop at nothing to maintain a 19th century attitude towards his workers, along with conditions and wages paralelling that attitude. However all of the strikers are determined in their resolve to win the dispute, get our jobs back, obtain recognition for the TGWU and improve the horrendous working conditions at A. One Feeds. With your continued support, we know we can achieve our aims and win a tremendous victory for the trade union movement.

Yours Fraternally Paul Shaw.

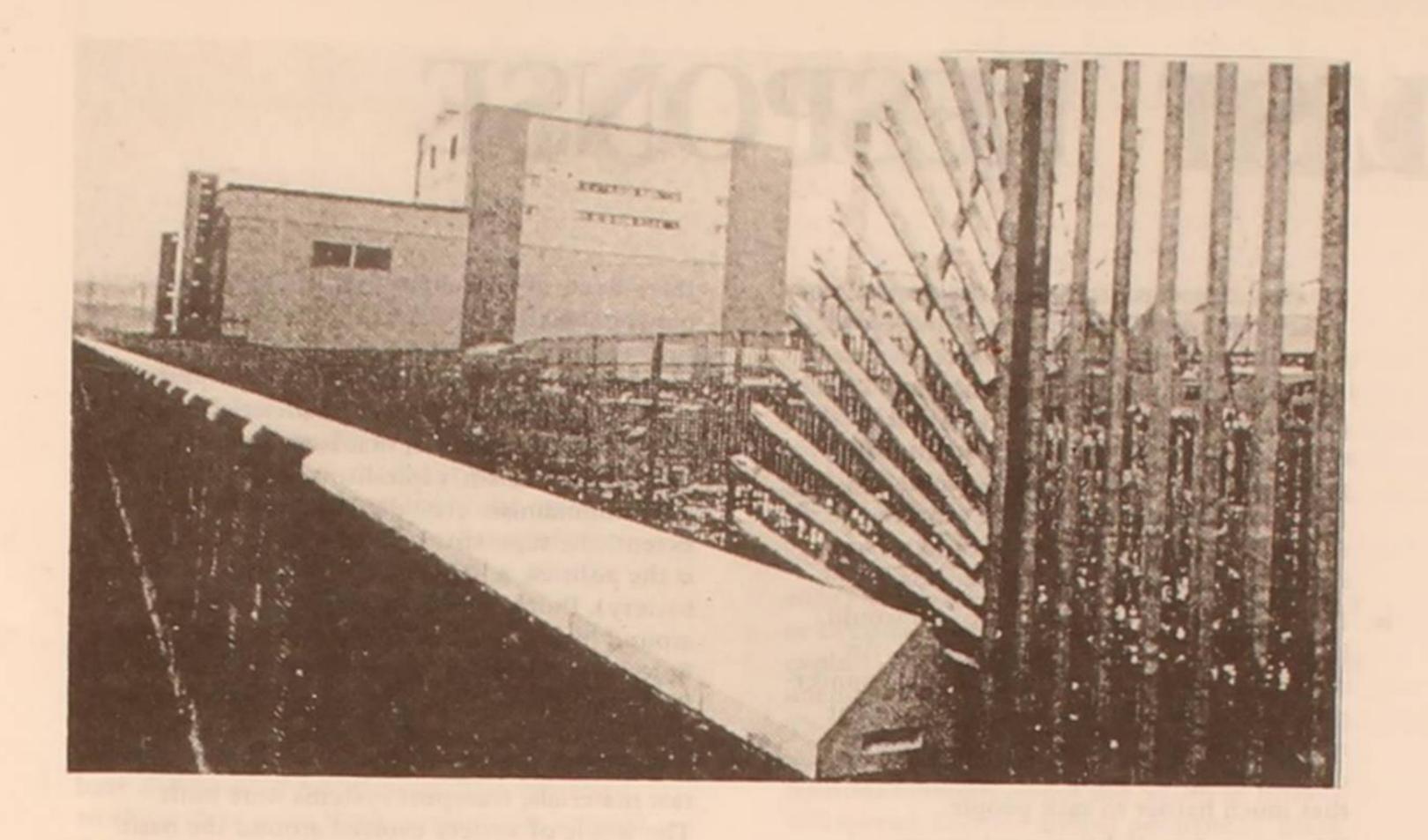


DONATIONS TO A.ONE FEEDS STRIKE COMMITTEE, A. ONE FEEDS STRIKE COMMITTEE TRANSPORT HOUSE, LIVERPOOL 3.

The scabs are now not only working in those horrific conditions, they are also sleeping in the factory as well. . . Boss Mr Simpson has informed them, that he can no longer afford to pay their board and lodging allowance.

The parent company of A.One Feeds is Raingleigh. In 1983/'84 accounts increased sales by 37%, profits by 600% and its Directors' fees by 43%. All of the issued shares are owned by Mrs and Mr Simpson and animal feeds subsidary contributes to 95% of total sales.

INDUSTRIAL



UP THE INJUNCTION

The National Graphical Association, in the print workers dispute against Murdoch, has got itself into a wrangle over Court injunctions and the boycott of work at the printers that print three supplements that are owned by Times Newspapers Ltd.

In January the NGA made a boycott order against the printing/typesetting of of the supplement Times Educational Supplement, Times Higher Education Supplement and the Times Literary Supplement – but this was dropped as a result of an injunction brought about by Murdoch's Times Newspapers Ltd on January 28. The injunction was granted on the basis that the NGA had not ballotted its members and because the plaintiff had argued that it was a case of secondary picketing. Normally this would not have been the case but the employer involved in the dispute is 'not' the same employer who owns the supplement. Therefore, under the Employment Protection Act, the printers Type Matters of Clerkenwell, and Northampton Mercury Ltd can be defined as suppliers, who can be boycotted. But Murdoch is one step ahead. .

Murdoch's ruse, was to create a buffer company — News International Supply Ltd — in order that any boycott can be interpreted by the courts as secondary action. And it was this company, not the Times Newspapers Ltd, that took out

Foster Wheeler, a company based in South-

* get up at 5.30am for the bus to London,

ampton is still being used to hire scabs to

work at 'Fortress Wapping'. The scabs:

switch from 'civilian' to 'semi-military'

* have been told to work a longer day.

**told to stay in colour-coded sections,

and not hold conversations with other

* told they have no bargaining rights.

* told the free canteen is no longer, it is

* told to accept injuries - 148 accidents

in a month of operating the machinery -

including a rumoured ripping off of an

arm (subsequent death from blood loss

and shock is also rumoured) by a press.

Allegations that circulation has dropp-

workers, especially other sections.

busses for the picket-line race.

in fact expensive.

contempt proceedings against the NGA as the union reimposed its boycott order.

Prior to the NGA being taken to court for contempt, the union dropped its call to boycott a second time, which meant that although it was fined £25,000 for contempt, it did not have its £17m assets seized by the court. Within an hour of leaving the court the NGA then reimposed

its boycott order for a third time, pointing out that it had undertaken a ballot of its members at the two firms and was therefore legally entitled to boycott the work there, and that it was also prepared to go on challenging the interpretation that its boycott was secondary action. Before long — in a matter of hours — Murdoch had once again arranged for another contempt hearing and straight away the NGA said its boycott order had been lifted, yet again, and so it goes.

The latest round of ballots by print

production workers at firms contracted out by Murdoch for work on his three Times supplements resulted in workers at two firms voting not to take industrial action and workers at a third (all five), a typesetting firm, deciding to boycott the papers. They were then transferred to another branch of the firm.

The likelihood of the courts deciding that the action would be secondary is

ed 50% for the Sun and Times (many of

these former readers may never go back)

may be the reason why Murdoch let out

The EETPU also has fears. Protected

by the TUC 'Bridlington' agreements that

stops TUC affiliates 'poaching' (ie. taking

other unions members) may be past unless

it too negotiates. In the past Fleet Street

electricians tried to leave EETPU and join

the proposed merger with the NGA) and

many more may leave EETPU now. It is

ironic that the EETPU Leader for life and

no questions asked authority was imposed

by the Communists in the past. Chapple

left the CP but liked the centralism and

Hammond has streamlined for today.

turned it against the left, a rouine which

Algarve

SOGAT (who will be stronger still after

signs of wanting to negotiate.

MURDOCH'S SCABS

certain, especially when it is taken into consideration the lengths Murdoch went to in creating several bogus companies prior to the dispute, in order to facilitate the passing of court decisions in his favour. As a contingency planner he surpasses, almost, even the government's role in the lead-up to the 1984/'85 miners strike!

Altogether Murdoch created six sham companies. These were: News International Supply Co. Ltd. (formerly Worthystock Ltd), News International Distribution Ltd (formerly Spark Crown), News International Advertising Ltd (formerly Tyrolese), Times Papers, Times Printing and Times Publishing. The first three companies' previous titles were all given innocuous sounding names so as not to give the game away. All three had the same common director, GW Richards of the solicitors firm, Farrers, Murdoch's own solicitors who had advised him in his strategy to dispose of the workforce by sacking them after provoking them to strike, thus saving £40m in redundancy payments. Clearly the solicitor's involvement in the conspiracy was by no means purely as 'advisors'.

To confuse matters further — or to expose the conspiracy even more — the current scabs at Wapping are not employed by Times Newspapers Ltd or News Group Newspapers Ltd (publishers of the Sun), as one would expect, but by London Post. The reason why they are employed by a company with that title is because it

was part of the ruse to have everyone who would, believe right up to the last moment that the Wapping plant was for the production of a new London newspaper, London Post. Murdoch alleges this will still be produced; few believe him. The other reason, now transparent, is that Murdoch wished to make certain that if the current workforce (ie. scabs) ever decide to take action they will find the courts will decide that their industrial action is 'secondary'.

What all this boils down to is that Murdoch — and any other employer can follow his example — has managed to use the anti-union legislation to make certain that any industrial action taken against him can be declared illegal.

At least in this respect Murdoch has performed a service (sic) to the trade union movement, demonstrating just what a load of crap it is for the unions to try fighting anti-union legislation on a legal basis. The trade unions have so far shown an incredible ability to be beaten hands down. These Laws were made in order to break trade unionism, and they are doing just that. Only direct action by the wider labour movement will beat them.

The following are the wholesalers who

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In Brief

LETTER

Dear Black Flag,
Some thoughts on stopping TNT &
other scab lorries:

1). Lorries don't just sit in lorry parks, they can be found at transport cafes and in industrial estates.

2). Always have lookouts, at least two and transport ready, with false plates to get away quickly. Lorry drivers are for the most part, right-wing thugs and will give you a good hiding if they catch you. (I know because I used to be one).

3). Don't carry out sabotage which will and an arms of the reaches a to the reaches a to

endanger other people. A 40-ton lorry out of control can kill a lot of innocent people.

4). Sugar in the fuel tank is still a good one because it works slowly and lasts a while, costs a lot of money to put right.
5). The best quick method is to find the drain tap on the vehicle air tanks. These are long, round and slung underneath the lorry. If you have time turn the tap on first and let all the air out. If you haven't got the time give the whole tap a hit with a heavy hammer and knock it off. This will immobilise the vehicle because it will cause all the brakes to stay full on and will take time and money to put

6). Last but not least, don't forget the 6P's - 'Proper Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance'!

Sid Sabot.

SCAB BUSTERS HANDY HINT NUMBER 43.

If disposing of Murdoch's papers in the early hours of the morning, look out for an invoice with the papers. Keep this!

It has on it the address of the distribution point — a mass picket or sabotage etc. can then be arranged.

Mystery of the missing papers

NEWSAGENTS throughout Newham have been complaining to the police about disappearing newspapers. Since the News Interna-

Since the News International dispute began copies of the Sun and Times have been vanishing from outside their shops.

Papers have either gone missing or been burnt. Last week two shops reported missing papers to the police. More than 100 newspapers disappeared from outside a newsagents in Plashet Road, Plaistow, on Thursday at about 6am.

On Friday 42 copies of the Sun and one of the Times went missing from a shop in Katherine Road, Forest Gate and when owner, Jaysunh Pall, tried to open up at 6.30am he found his shutters stuck down with superglue.

Police say they don't know whether the papers are being removed or just not being delivered.

NEW SCAB TARGET

Rupert Murdoch, the print baron of Fortress Wapping in East London who has sacked 5,500 workers, has transferred the printing of 100,000 copies of News International's News of the World to a new print plant in Sussex. The print plant in question is that of Portobello Press (any info on this outfit?), which is in Worthing. A target, perhaps, for secondary mass picketing?

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A SYNDICALIST RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

Of all the issues facing the working class the most vital is that of new technologies; all the other issues pale into insignificance. Indeed most of the other issues have a large new tech component. For example, unemployment has a large new tech component, jobs are restructured out of existence; whole industries are made redundant. The miners struggle, perhaps the most important industrial conflict since the war, revolved around two poles. First the aim of the State to destroy the solidarity of the working class and to wipe out any focus of opposition to the regime. Secondly, and only marginally less important, was the wish to restructure the mines, to replace workers by high-tech machines, to have small, 'clean' and mechanised mines that guarantee no strikes and plenty of profits. Such 'clean' mines are being built, and more are planned, especially in the scab areas. The print industry is another where problems of technology are to be used in order to break the back of the labour movement.

Yet is is in the issue of new technologies that the working class movement has failed to find a clear and strategic response. Union responses have usually been one-offs, tactical agreements, where agreements exist at all. This is no way to move forward. The State and private industry are working to clear strategic plans, they know what they want and where they are going. Adding on another paragraph to this year's pay claim and hoping the problem will go aware is a sure way of getting nowhere.

What is required is an understanding of where things are going and what the new technologies mean. This is partly a technical problem and partly a political problem. If anything, trades unions have started to wake up to some of the technical issues. Union funded classes in programming, microtechnology appreciation etc.have been set up by various unions for shop-stewards and activists. There has also been some good material on the health and safety aspects of new technology produced, some by the unions and some by various other groups. Though there is much to be done on this score things are definitely improving.

It's the political understanding of new technology that has been lacking most. Partly this is because there is widespread ignorance of what science and technology are, how they work and what they do. In the absence of understanding responses tend to fall into two camps. First there is the 'gee whiz' kind of response which regards science and technology with awe. Failing to understand science means accepting it open mouthed with wonder and not realising that science can and must be criticised, debated and called to account. Science is not an abstract activity performed by white coated men and women in some kind of social vacuum. It has a social and economic input and output, it has a purpose just like anything else in society.

The second major kind of response is one that leftists and anarchists are also prone to. This sees science as a total evil to be destroyed. The smash the computers back-to-nature response is both blind, impractical and stupid. Technology and science are such a basic part of society that it would be impossible to cut them out of our lives. Whether people like it or not science and technology have done much to improve our lives. Anyone fancy a world full of small-pox? Science and technology aren't the problems, it's the society that directs and uses them that is the problem. However that's not to say science and technology are just tools to be used, nothing is neutral or simple, as I'll show

This article is a first attempt to inject some direction to the response to new technologies in the syndicalist working-class movement. It's important that we have a clear response ready in the work-place and in the community. In a few years time it could be too late for an effective policy to have any effect at all.

IS TECHNOLOGY NEUTRAL?

The belief that somehow technology is neutral is so widespread, (except among the back to nature drop-outs), that it's almost never questioned. People seem to believe that it's not the technology but the uses put to it that count. On the face of it that seems fair enough. Indeed among Labour Party bureaucrats it's a dogma never to be questioned. However as every technologist will, (or should), admit, it is not true. Technology is NOT neutral.

Inherent in every piece of machinery are a set of design plans. These plans, drawn up by technologists to the demands of the bosses, decide how the machine will function, how fast, for how long. The most important of these design parameters is the question of control. How much control will the worker have over the machine she or he works with?

The machine is not neutral to be used or abused at will. Instead the machine is designed so that it can be used in a certain way, and controlled directly or indirectly by certain people. This is a vital point and any working class response must of necessity revolve around this point. Largely it's a matter of control, pure and simple.

Historically, technology has had a major role to play in the capitalist system. Changes in the economy and changes in technology go hand in hand, they are inseparable. Furthermore, technology has often been a response by the bosses to the current state of the class struggle. It is the issue of control, and hence power, that has been at the forefont of technological advance.

For example when the machine was directly controlled by the shop-floor worker then it was open to sabotage, go-slow or withdrawal of labour. When the machine required skilled working, the position of the worker was also more powerful, he or she could not easily be scabbed out of a job. The response of the bosses has been to attempt to de-skill labour as much as possible. On the one hand various pseudoscientific 'time and motion' systems were used to reduce skilled labour to a small number of unskilled repetitive tasks, that is to turn people into machines as much as possible. The second method, often part and parcel of the first method, was to introduce new or refined technology that both deskilled and reduced workers control.

The assembly-line was a mixture of both methods. Each worker had a fixed set of robotlike tasks to complete in a fixed time. He or she could neither slow down or deviate from the rate of work dictated by the speed of the line. Control of the line being firmly in the hands of the management who could speed-up when ever they wanted to.

The response of the working class was to switch to newer tactics. Deliberate sabotage to relieve tension, deliberate sabotage to slow the machine down or stop it altogether, wildcat strikes etc. Some groups of workers also retained sets of skills which still allowed them some degree of power. Previously individual workers had skills which gave them power, now

it was groups of workers. Now the latest technologies, robot arms, computers etc. are being used to replace groups of workers on the assembly lines. Further they isolate individuals who can't even have a good moan with their workmates. And as experience has shown the assembly lines are running to the speeds that suit the machines rather than the workers.

I have discussed the assembly line type of arrangement because it's a good example. But it's not the only one by far, in all types of work-places new technologies are being used to give greater control and more profits to the

Having said all that, it then seems that the only response worth making is to smash the bloody machines before they take root! But that's to miss the point. Just as control by the bosses can be designed into a system so it can be designed out. Potentially the new technologies have a great deal to offer the working class. Much mind-numbing back-breaking work can be done by machines, dangerous and dirty jobs can be done by machines. It's just that it's got to be the RIGHT machines.

THE SYNDICALIST RESPONSE

A properly organised work-place, office or factory), should be ready to respond to new technology with its own set of proposals, clearly set out and agreed by all. Technology should be accepted, and even demanded, when it's clearly in the interests of the shop-floor. With a clear understanding of the political implications involved decisions can be made.

Bearing in mind the question of inherent design parameters, which are easily hidden, a clear set of demands exist.

- i. Control. All technologies should be directly controlled by people who use them. Whether it's a robot arm, a word-processor or a sewing machine, the worker must have direct control. If the machine won't allow direct control either demand a new program or a new machine. If the device is programmable then it's no problem. Sympathetic engineers or scientists could be called upon for advice where necessary.
- ii. Communication. One of the main advantages of computer technology is the ease of direct communication between different machines. In some cases management will see direct communication between different workers as a threat. Communication is in our interest so fight for it.

iii. Spying. Much new technology has the

capacity to record its own performance. For example some word-processors record the key-strokes so that the bosses have an instant record of who's working hard. This perpetual time and motion study will be used against individual workers, or used to provoke competition between workers. Demand that such systems are removed from the machines, (this applies to all sorts of machines not just work-processors).

- iv. Employment. Obviously employers would like to replace people with machines. An organised work-place with their own counterplan would be in the best position to fight redundancies. Again if the machines are controlled by the people that work them it's that much harder to sack people.
- v. Education. It's vital that workers are educated into using and understanding new technology. This means going beyond the bare minimum of knowing how to run the machine. It means knowing enough to be able to understand how the machine works, how it can be changed and how it can be used in our interest. Also with the spread of knowledge and skills there is less dependency on experts or the bosses.
- vi. Health and safety. For once you might be able to get some use out of union bureaucrats. However it would be an even better idea if each shop-floor had people actively looking into this area. Local trades councils or syndicalists could bring people together from different work-places to do

The list is by no means comprehensive but covers some major areas which must be borne in mind. Basically the syndicalists view is that workers should accept new technology where it is in their interest to do this.

At this point it should be mentioned that new technology could well be used to further divide workers into the 'computer literate' and the 'computer illiterate'. For this reason education is vital for all workers and activists. At present it must be said that most syndicalists are firmly on the 'illiterate' side. How can syndicalists expect to play a role in the working class struggle when they know bugger all about this major issue in society?

Sympathetic engineers or scientists can also play their part here. They have the knowledge and information to ADVISE shop-floor workers and activists who don't have enough background. Many scientists and engineers complain that they are misunderstood, now's their chance to put that right.

THE NEW ECONOMY

In the introduction I mentioned the fact that

there was a direction in which the economy was moving. Making no claims about 'knowing' the future, (I'm not an economist!), it is possible to discern some of the trends visible at present.

In the past, for all types of societies, the economic substructure, that is the type of system, (feudalism, capitalism, imperialism, state communism etc.) dictated to a large extent, the superstructure of that society, (that is the politics, religion, sociology etc. of that society). Industrial capitalism, based largely around heavy industry was a mass society. Because it needed heavy industry, high concentrations of labour, sources of raw materials etc. people left the country-side to come to large cities, other countries were exploited for raw materials, transport systems were built. The whole of society evolved around the basic industrial form of production.

At present this heavy industrial type of society is best seen in Eastern Europe in the so-called 'socialist' countries. There the system has evolved around the state communism model of industrial society.

The response of the working class also reflected the type of production of that society. Medium sized craft unions were a specific response to the earlier form of industrial capitalism. Larger industrial federations. like the National Union of Mineworkers, were responses to the later monopoly capitalism. Both these responses were specific to the set of circumstances and the responses evolved as the circumstances evolved. Those responses weren't the only ones possible - syndicalists had long argued for a revolutionary response, and in some countries that was the direction the working class took. In Britain, apart from a small period around the first world war, the trade unions have largely been controlled by

Methodist and social-democratic bureaucrats. Britain no longer serves as a good example of industrial capitalism, because its economy is going through a period of change. This change is common, to a great or lesser extent, to all advanced Western-style capitalist countries.

Before going into detail I think it's important to stress that the State and the bosses didn't sit down one day and decide that they were going to change the economy. There is no one plan created by a bosses conspiracy. Instead the change is the result of the evolution of capitalism, changes create more changes. New technologies used to solve specific problems have a knock-on effect, they are used in other industries, they are modified, improved and used as a basis for an ever newer technology. The basic plan that the bosses have

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had, is more like a vision of how they would like to see things run. They want maximum profit, high productivity, and no trouble from the workers. This 'vision' is the same as it was a couple of hundred years ago. However now they see a way to achieve it.

The trend in the capitalist class that Thatcher represents is probably the most advanced and powerful. They have definite plans and aims for the future, they are very forward looking. What they aim for is a Decentralised Totalitarianism that would guarantee total profits and almost total

They no longer see heavy industry as viably profitable in West Europe and so they have deliberately run it down. The organised working class (even those in reformist unions) demand too much in the way of pay and conditions. Nationalisation, the tactic of one section of the ruling class, is being largely abandoned. The answer has been to destroy industry in West Europe whilst investing in heavy industry in the third world. The reasons are obvious. The third world states guarantee low pay and no strikes. The 1984/85 miners strike was a direct result of this policy. The state wishes to turn the mines into highly profitable small scale units, with few workers

and no unions. If we accept that the state no longer wants of needs a manufacturing industrial base, what is it replaced with? The answer seems to be small scale hi-tech factories with few workers and in-house (ie bosses) unions. The trend would be away from centralised industry with centralised workers movements and towards highly organised decentralisation with no real workers movement. These small units engaged either in hi-tech manufacturing (computers, telecom, weapons systems etc.) or services (programming, analysis etc) would depend on the manufacturing bases in the Third World for components and raw materials.

The government has bent over backwards to accommodate this sort of system. Places like South Wales have been opened to hundreds of new-tech companies. Nearly all of these companies operate in small units. IBM, the biggest company of them all, operates internally in the same way. Small units of professionals are given corporate autonomy to work almost independently, only staying within the IBM 'family'. It's no surprise that unions are not allowed at IBM. And of course all the shit work is done by poorlypaid women in South East Asia. Supposing this hi-tech decentralisation

spreads, what happens to those unemployed? In areas where heavy industry has already been destroyed the hi-tech firms are encouraged to move in. Previously militant work forces, having faced misery on the dole, gladly accept

employment in new small factories vastly different to what they had before. Unions, where they exist, are powerless and bound by no-strike agreements etc. And of course small units employing at most a couple of hundred people can close up and open somewhere else just by moving the machines and computers (less bulky than car plants, you'll agree).

Those not employed in the new industries, either personally because of previous militancy or because the area they live is unsuitable for exploitation, will become part of a permanent unemployed. These people will never work. They will be a class to frighten the employed and are simply not needed anymore. The tensions between North and South in Britain will spread, become almost permanent. Black people will almost certainly be a large part of the permanent unemployed, and excellent for exploitation by racists. Inner city and suburbs, professional and manual. All the tensions that already exist will get worse, much

The state is well aware of what is coming and they are already arming themselves with new laws. The miners strike and mass demonstrations give them more experience and are leading to an evolving national police force. Again the new technology is just what the state wants (why do you think it exists?); computers, better communication, new arms all are excellent instruments of oppression. The police will equip itself with all that it can use, and it can use a lot. And it will all be aimed at the inner city unemployed, at the population as a whole, not just the minority of revolutionaries. Places like Brixton, Toxteth, Handsworth and St Pauls will be under police occupation, the likes of which only Ireland has so far seen.

So if what I've outlined above is anywhere near correct, Britain will be transformed into a powerful decentralised totalitarian state. The class of professionals living in the suburbs will have considerable economic power and social freedom (as long as they don't get stroppy). They will live in computerised houses and most likely work from home using home work-stations (this already happens on a small scale). Those still employed among the working class will have less freedom to organise and be less central to the economy. The large number of permanently unemployed will be stuck in the inner city with little hope of getting out. They will be permanently at war with the police, and unfortunately, among themselves.

It's not hopeless. The process of moving industry to the Third World will take time. The working class here still has power. It's by no means certain that the in-house unions will not turn into genuine workers unions.

The unemployed can do much to organise. Resistance is vital. And of course we can start by using their weapons against them.

AN ALTERNATIVE

The bosses 'utopia' doesn't have to happen. Just as the workers have always put a spanner in the works so we can do so now. However it will need a decisive struggle, using syndicalist tactics to force a change.

The Labour Party offer no solution, whilst the bottom layer of Trot activists offer us a diet of nationalisation and state control, the upper layer offer us 'public works' a la Mussolini's fascist Italy. Some choice! The miners work in a nationalised industry and a fat lot of good it did them. Whilst in France the 'socialist' Mitterand follows the same policies as Thatcher, their mines and steelworks have been decimated too.

The TUC bureaucrats will either blindly follow Kinnock to no. 10 or if Thatcher keeps control they'll end up like the AUEW. The TUC has always been better at keeping us in line than at anything else.

Our job is to frustrate the bosses at every turn, trip them up at ever step. 'Yellow' unions and bosses unions can either be destroyed or taken over. In the case of Notts, scabs a policy of destroying their union is the only



best etc. In the case of high-tech industry and no-strike deals the answer lies in getting good activists into the unions, or better still showing the workers involved that they don't have to toe the line. It'll only take one wildcat strike to destroy the no-strike deal and to show whose side the union bureaucrat is on!

way. This can be done by exposing the top

scabs for the scum they are, by showing that

only the NUM grass-roots will fight for what's

Campaigns of counter-information and direct action can stop the state control aspects of technology. For once smashing computers will be the correct response. Subvert the records, wipe out memory files!

By only allowing new technology into the work-place and community when it suits us we will be increasing our own power. Instead of the new tech being used against us we must ensure that we can use them for our own ends. Who knows, new tech could turn out to be the biggest own-goal scored in history.

Just as the centralised union, tightly controlled by a hierarchy of politicians, was a specific response to industrial capitalism, the syndicalist union could be the best response to post-industrial capitalism. By its very nature the syndicalist union is a flexible organisation that reflects the curret needs of its members. The bureaucratic union is inflexible and slow, it scarcely responds to anything least of all its members.

If the future is decentralised and small scale, the syndicalist union is the perfect response. Syndicalist organisations are decentralised, rooted in the workplace and in the community but federated horizontally. Able to respond immediately due to its very structure it can operate on a massive scale when necessary and on a small-scale when necessary. Lacking full-time bureaucrats and jobs for life it's a million miles from the TUC.

Conditions are such that now is the time that such syndialist structures can and should be created. Perhaps by the federation of rank

and file groups, or by the creation of new unions in new workplaces. Conditons will dictate according to circumstances. For us the new technology issue is more than 'reforming' capitalism; the struggle is a great teacher and its lessons should be learned and put to use.

In attempting to subvert the intentions of the bosses, by using some of the policies outlined previously and backed up by industrial direct action, we shall be asserting our power as workers, free from the dictates of union bureaucrats and politicians. Each victory, and defeat, will be further experience to be put to use in winning the social revolution.

> Mavros Black September 1985

MENSA - THE BRAINS TRUSS

One of the connections missed in the recent media publicity about the FCS (Federation of Conservative Students) and the activities of some so-called 'Libertarian' factions is the link with MENSA. For those who don't know MENSA is the high IQ society. To join you have to have a score above 148 in a supervised IQ test, whether IQ tests measure intelligence or merely the ability to do IQ tests is left open to question and debate. Currently MENSA membership is on the increase, it stands at around 13,000 in Britain, (American MENSA membership stands at 50,000, worldwide membership is over 67,000).

Basically MENSA functions as a social network, the vast majority of MENSA meetings are just drink-ups. In fact MENSA's spend much of their time trying to decide what MENSA should become. Why does it exist?

So what does MENSA have to do with the New Right? Official MENSA policy states that MENSA has no corporate point of view or policy. All points of view are individual points of view and nothing else. But that hasn't stopped a well organised groups from exercising a degree of control that is causing grave concern among some sections of the

membership. The group that currently has such a degree of control includes the MENSA Chairman Clive Sinclair (Thatcher's fave money maker), Professor Madsen Pirie (head of the Adam Smith Institute, a right-wing think tank) and executive editor of the magazine Simon Clark (the first paid editor of the mag, brought in by Sir Clive & Pirie despite stiff

The glossy magazine always contains a full page advert by Sinclair, thus the magazine is financially dependent on this regular income. Sinclair has brought commercial adverts to an overt political degree hitherto unseen in this country. He uses his commercial advertising to push the causes he agrees with. He has also put out political adverts in the national press selling the form of his Sinclair Research as the way of the future, (see Black Flag Quarterly No 7 article 'Decentralised Totalitarianism'). Madsen Pirie set up the Adam Smith

Institute to push his vision of laissezfaire capitalism. From a fringe group he has found increasing favour in the Conservative Party and in the Cabinet. The policy is straight 'libertarian capitalist', the privatisation of everything, the end of taxation, every person a capitalist etc. It is the Adam Smith Institute that has been behind the new Right's rise in the FCS. They revel in using a mixture of Trot entryism/infiltration and shock tactics. Rather than a bunch of mindless right-wing yobbos they are a highly organised and motivated group with a full set of both short and long term aims.

The MENSA magazine has carried articles about FOREST, a pro-smoking pressure group that is funded by the tobacco industry. FOREST uses some 'libertarian' rhetoric to justify the cancer industry, it also employs ex-FCS leaders and has some cabinet support. Pirie also gets the chance to promote his ideas and his Institute. The magazine also carried an article by Kevin Bell singing the praises of the PR industry. It was only later revealed by London MENSA's that Bell had earlier lobbied MP's to support a motion condemning the C of E for withdrawing Church funds from South Africa.

Whilst its true MENSA has no opinion that hasn't stopped the Right using MENSA as a platform for spreading their views. For example where else can you read about the joys of militarism, guns for all, sperm banks for high IO's, biological determinism and radio transmitters in the brain for criminals so they can be traced, (that last one is Sinclair's idea)?

I'm not talking about a small number of isolated cranks in MENSA, after all every organisation will attract cranks. MENSA exists as a social network so that individuals with a particular common interest, (Chess, Space exploration, Conservatism oops Conservation, Puzzles, Wine etc) can get together and swap ideas. However the present MENSA Leadership are using MENSA as another

platform to spread their political ideas. Those in MENSA who object to this are up against a well organised group. And after all, who can match the resources of one of Britain's richest new capitalists?

SOURCE: SLDAM

Further Reading: 'Decentralised Totalitarianism' B.F. Mag No7. 'Might of the Student Right' New Statesman

'Getting to the Political Parties' Political Notes 12 from the Libertarian Alliance. MENSA Newsletters & London MENSA News; various.

Boycott:

FRENCH CONNECTION

A series of flash, trendy like adverts are on television screens at peak time at present, pushing the 'French Connection' clothes. The owner of Contracts Ltd, a subsidiary of French Connection said in an interview 'I believe in dictatorship'. The 140 clothing workers who have been on strike since 17 September 1985 to improve their lot (for 39 hour week they get £76 without mealbreaks, compulsory overtime, a disc system to use toilets, dismissal without warning. and to get 9 sacked workers their jobs back. National Union of Seamen have stopped imports and exports of F.C. goods the least you can do is boycott F.C. too! Contracts Strikers c/o NUS Building, Coronation St., South Shields, Tyne and Wear. Tel: 091-4561428.

INTERNATIONAL

CHILEAN ANARCHISTS FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

When the fascist Pinochet took control of Chile 13 years ago he tried to stop opposition to his nazi Junta by torture and mass genocide of anyone who stood in his way. Although Anarchists, along with other anti-fascist organisations went underground they are still fighting bravely against Pinochet today, and have had to adapt to life under severe State repression. Needless to say, Anarchists in Chile are taking huge risks by actively opposing Pinochet and deserve our full admiration and support. The following text, which was sent directly from Santiago, outlines the position of the Libertarian* Movement in Chile today. The Anarchist Black Cross sends solidarity greetings to the Libertarian Movement of Chile and we hope to start sending financial assistance

*In South America and Spanish countries the word 'Libertarian' is interchangeable with the word Anarchism.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FROM THE LIBERTARIAN MOVEMENT OF CHILE.

The Libertarian ideology is a decentralised and indo-american doctrine whose aim is total emancipation for all on a social and

economic level. It enables a person to fully enjoy two fundamental necessities: Freedom & Wellbeing.

On a sociological level it bases itself on a rationalist, anti-dogmatic and relative philosophy. It represents a humane concept of existence that allows and guarantees full development of the individual and their personality. At the same time it frees men and women from economic exploitation and slavery including State, Cultural, Religious & Political controls.

The Libertarian Movement stands

against State Capitalism, man's exploitation of man, private property (individual and State), the repression of initiative and the repression of individual and social freedom. It is an anti-State movement that acknowledges and supports all those attempts at self-organisation by the people.. It believes that true direct democracy can only prevail through selforganisation. Future direct control of the economy will be by those who produce. They will replace the State and the Political Parties who now run the public administration and the economy.

The Libertarian Movement opposes and resists all parliamentary and electoral activity, including collaboration with legislative bodies. It believes that the

flagrant contradictions at the heart of society as it stands won't wither away by themselves.

In response, the Libertarian Movement backs direct action and adopts it as a method of struggle. It supports strikes, boycotts, civil disobedience and any other tactics designed to combat economic, statist and cultural monopoly.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE The Libertarian Movement is made up of individuals and groups who believe in de-centralised and indo-american

ideals and who are prepared to agitate

on its behalf.

Its main structure is composed of spontaneous and localised groups who agitate in the work-place, at colleges, or in their own region. These spontaneous groups may involve people who are of the same age, friends or people with the same views. They will increase in numbers whenever state capitalism rears its ugly head.

These spontaneous and localised groups keep in regular contact with other similar groups and are co-ordinated in a non-hierarchical fashion. They adapt to local circumstances, creating their own methods of propaganda and funding. Each group deploys its resources,

or a part of them to mobolise opposition and re-inforce the weakest links in the network through solidarity. Co-ordination must also be flexible and able to adapt to circumstances. The task of co-ordinating should not be done by the same people each time and each spontaneous group must be autonomous. The constant rotation of responsibility ensures maximum participation of those involved, disproving the myth that the masses must be controlled or guided en mass by an authoritarian organisation.

These same organisational characteristics should contrast with hierarchical organisations like neighbourhood groups and trade unions. When spontaneous groups are active with such organisations they should produce libertarian 'currents of opinion', favouring open rather than authoritarian forms of organisation.

Spontaneous groups should be strongly federalist in structure. They should be organised from the bottom upwards. The rank-and-file should control the groups, then delegate a representative to contact the National Secretariat.

This Secretariat will rotate every six months and must report weekly on its activities in front of delegates from the groups. These delegates decide future activity and plans of action.

DENMARK

FASCISTS

On the 19th December 1985, two members of the fascist group Greenjackets tried to blow up a police van. The police van, a so-called 'mobile police station' (Danish variant of the community policing/informing scam), was stationed in the area of Copenhagen where the young fascists live.

The two fascists placed an explosive charge of trotyl under the front part of the van. The explosion didn't kill or hurt any policeman, but the four cops inside were reported to be 'rather shocked'!

On New Year's eve the 22 year old

leader of the Greenjackets tried to 'cap-

ture' a bus at the Town Hall Square of

Copenhagen. The driver of the bus, who

was not aware that he was dealing with

the 'boss', wanted the fascist to pay his

fare. In reply the fascist kicked the shin

of the driver and threatened him with a

These fascists are badly organised

abroad and is still merely a Copenhagen

phenomenon. They sympathise with the

hood' on racism. Obviously they are not

Ku Klux Klan and build their 'brother-

very smart, and the lack of discipline

prevents a major breakthrough. But in

the hands of a fascist-populist organisat-

ion they would be dangerous tools, due

The 11th of February 1986 saw the squat

at 63 Ryesgade, Copenhagen evicted by

the police in the morning. There was no

In the afternoon the squatters used

tear gas (!) to drive the police out of the

house next door (65 Ryesgade), where

they had hid. Out on the street the cops

were met by stones thrown by squatters.

police from sealing up 63 Ryesgade (not

to be mistaken for the squatters strong-

The phony CNT in Spain, the so-called

CNT-R,-O,-PC,-U (or something like that),

is trying to spread the 'split' and the con-

fusion. The Anarchist Bookshop in Cop-

enhagen has received the false numbers

of the famous CNT-Barcelona paper the

Solidaridad Obrera - Workers Solidarity.

They are easy to differ from the real

'Soli', that the CNT-AIT has published

The street fight did not alas, stop the

warning before the eviction, taking the

to their unscrupulous and anti-social

behaviour.

SQUATTERS

squatters by surprise.

hold at 58 Ryesgade).

PHONY 'SOLI'

compared with fascist organisations

knife before he was arrested.

regularly since the breakdown of the Franco dictatorship.

DANISH ANARCHIST FEDERATION CONGRESS

The thirteenth national congress of the Danish Anarchist Federation (AFID) was held in November 1985.

After the secretariat's statement of account and report on international relations, there was an evaluation of the Federation's anti-election propaganda up to the Danish municipal election on the 19th Nov. 1985. There was also a long debate on 'Anarchism in Denmark today'; several steps to strengthen the relations

between anarchist groups and individuals was discussed, and a conference was

An observer from the Swedish Anarchist Network (A-natet) was lively contributing to the debates and also gave an account of the Swedish anarchist movement, and gave an invitation to a Nordic Anarchist Festival in Goteborg, Sweden 1-4 May of this year celebrating the Spanish revolution and commemorating the Haymarket

The Aim-formulation of the federation was made more succint and thus braced up. This was unanimously approved. So was a Structure-formulation, which was a written statement of praxis.

Greetings of solidarity, unanimously resolved, were sent to Katsuhisa Omori, our Japanese comrade facing the death penalty, and to the Swedish Anarchist Network which was to hold its congress, the weekend after ours. Finally a birthday greeting was sent to a 70 year old Danish anarchist veteran, Carl Heinrich Petersen who is known for his inspiring works and historical research on the revolutionary workers movement, syndicalism and

The Anarcho-Syndicalist Organisation (ASO is the Danish section of the IWA) moved from Copenhagen to: ASO - International Group Kirkebakken 70,

4736 Karrebaeksminde, Denmark

The Anarchist Black Cross of Denmark can now be contacted at: ABC - Denmark Boston Tea Party, Nansensgade 43 1366 Kbh.K., Denmark.



"Fight Back Against the Police State" demonstration in Denmark.

COMMENT

Destabilisation In The South Pacific

Dr Ray Cline – the infamous former CIA director, now a director of the Georgetown Centre for Strategic and International Studies and a prominent figure in the World Anti-Communist League - has been appointed as head of a new US think-tank on ANZUS (Australia-New Zealand-USA) affairs. That Dr Cline, so important a person in the US security administration, should be assigned responsibility for security matters in the Australasia sector does not bode well for those living in that part. of the world: certainly it can be taken as a clear signal that Washington has allocated a higher security priority for Australia/new

the think-tank took place before the DGSE bombing of the Rainbow Warrior Greenpeace boat, and that he has made at least one clandestine visit to New Zealand since. their homes and start life afresh elsewhere. Not long after that visit the NZ media reported on a split inside the NZ military; the split was regarding policy on security matters and current NZ policy on USA relations in the light of Prime Minister Lange's refusal to allow US nuclear powered ships into NZ waters. That a section of the NZ military/intelligence establishment are strongly pro-nuclear and favour stronger military links with the USA might well explain why French intelligence agents were able to roam NZ openly in the days leading up the R W bombing. Nor is it insignificant that the new US ambassador to NZ is a staunch WACL member (this

US concern for its strategic relationship in the South Pacific has also come about at a point in time when the future of its bases in the Philipines is in question. After Subic Bay — the largest US base overseas

dates back to Paul Clerhul's days at the

US embassy in South Korea).

- only Guam is capable of providing the sufficient resources for regional operations. digenous Kanaks. Only recently was it Subic Bay, in the Phillipines, is far larger than Guam and transfer to Guam of the

of the question by Washington. The only other option considered by the Administration should Subic Bay be lost, is the Marshall Islands, which come under US

ISLANDERS COOPERATE

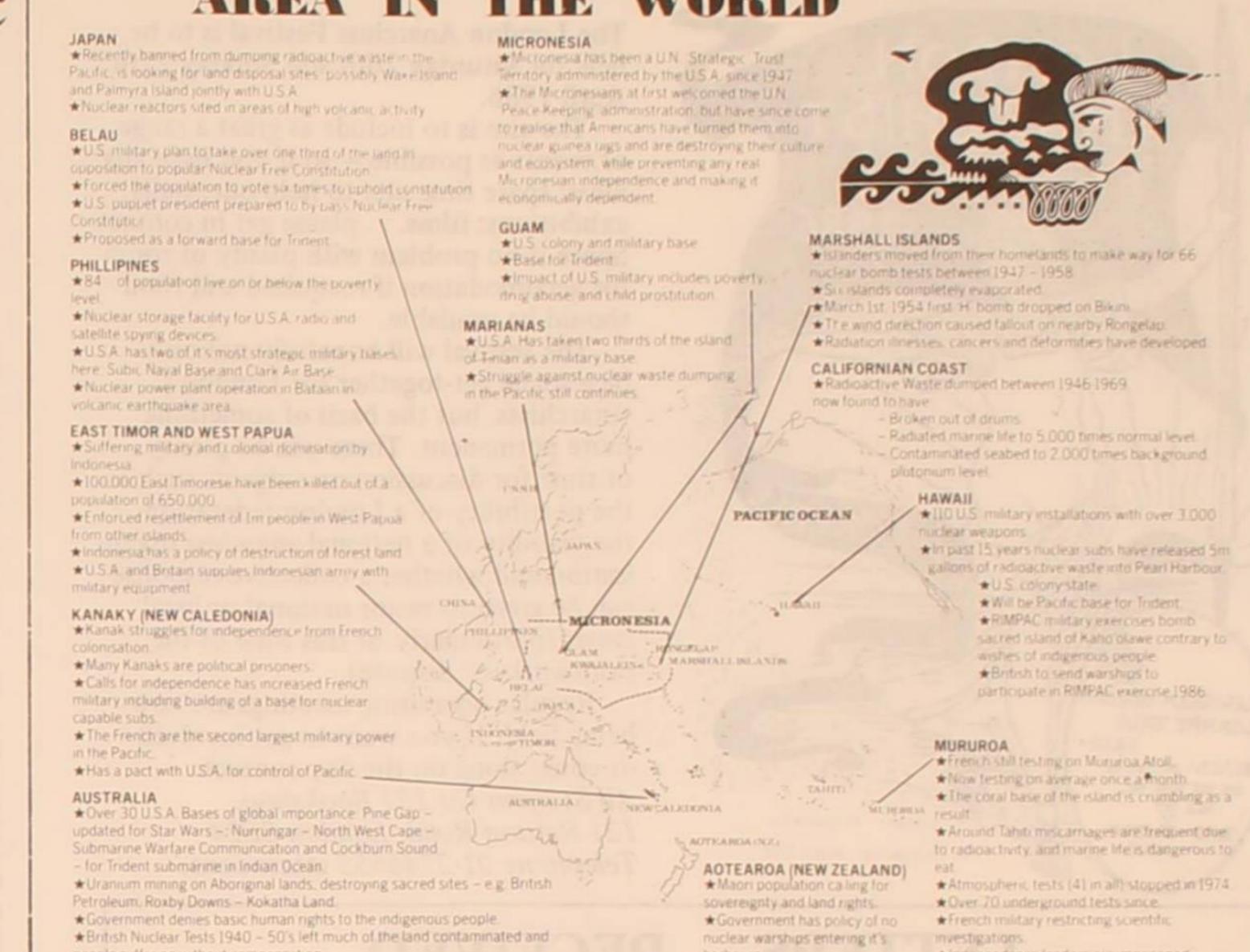
It was in fact, in May and June of last year that the local population of Rongelap in the Marshall Islands were assisted in their transfer to Kwajalen Atoll (about 90 miles away) by members of Greenpeace aboard the Rainbow Warrior. The islanders had sent a plea of help to Greenpeace as their island had been contaminated as a result of a one-megaton bomb blast at Bikini Island as far back as 1954. The consequen-It is also known that his appointment to ces of the blast had become more noticable (the usual symptoms: disease, early deaths abnormal amount of cancer cases etc) and so the entire population decided to leave

Shortly after helping the people of Rongelap the crew of the Rainbow Warrior sailed for Vanuatu, a former French colony (then known as New Hebrides) which had only a few years back been given independence after a sustained campaign of resistance by the indigenous population.

Vanuatu is also a vigorous campaigner for a nuclear-free Pacific and it is Vanuatu policy to form an alliance with islanders in other parts of the Pacific (eg New Caledonia and Tahiti - both under French rule - the Marshall Islands and New Zealand). A strong anti-nuclear movement is also developing in Tahiti where to even voice criticism of the French regime or nuclear politics generally, can result in imprisonment (as happened recently to several of the Opposition politicians belonging to the Independence movement).

In New Caledonia, the far-right Caldoches (French settlers) are well armed to sustain any possible armed resistance from the inshown that the Caldoches have been smuggling arms, to supplement those held Subic Bay facility is regarded as being out by the French Gendarmerie, from Queens-

THE MOST NUCLEARISED AREA IN THE WORLD



land in Australia. In January of this year the NZ authorities were able to trace one shipment of arms heading for New Caledonia via Aukland. Australian Intelligence immediately sent out press notices alleging that the shipment was meant for the Kanaks; they followed this with an allegation that the Kanaks had been invited by the Libyan Leader Gadafy to an international conference of representatives from national liberation movements. A Kanak leader in exile straight away put out a statement proving the allegation to be false: an invitation had been sent out but was not accepted. Nevertheless, in the wake of the allegations there were calls in Australia from politicians of both right and left for Australia to distance itself from the FLNK (the Kanak liberation movement) and for the Kanak exiles to be repatriated.

POSTSCRIPT: According to women from Belau island, a US protectorate, their home may well become the next major nuclear base in that part of the world. At present it is nuclear free, but the US administrators are pressurising the islanders to change that policy. The islanders ruler, President Salii, is in addition being asked to disregard popular opinion and agree to a direct deal. If the US gets its way, Belau will become a base for Trident missiles, as well as take on military airfields and become a storehouse for weaponry (including nuclear weaponry) so as to provide back-up or become a part replacement (depending how the events turn out in the future) for the Subic Bay/Clark Airbase complexes in the Phillipines.

When The Curtseys Have To Stop

For Romantic historians, one of the 'greatest crimes' of the Bolsheviks was the killing of the Tsar, Tsarina and their family at Ekaterinburg.

Yet it was not typical of Lenin who was quite cold-blooded in his approach to planned extermination of hundreds of thousands, if necessary to his goal, but was not blood thirsty. Some say it was in retaliation for the murder of his brother by the previous Tsar. Yet the Bolsheviks did not have control of the situation (lenin would probably have traded the Russian royal family for trade concessions or whatever); in the Ekaterinburg situation the left Social Revolutionaries were in control. They glorified the peasants, and it was their drunken peasant soldiers who killed the Tsar and his wife, and then raped and bayoneted the daughters.

In a book by Peter Kurth Anastasia - Did Anastasia Survive? - Collins at \$2.95. — it is all down fairly conclusively that Anastasia survived and was the woman well known as Anna Anderson. One of the soldiers who raped her escaped with her to Rumania, married (or went through some ceremony with her) and was killed. She made the journey to Berlin, hoping to find her relatives - and, bewildered by the world, somewhat mad as all the royal Romanovs were, driven over the mental border by her bayoneting and rape, tried to jump in the canal. Her reception by her relatives proved a greater ordeal than the incident at Ekaterinburg; she suffered all her remaining life from a highly organised conspiracy to deny her identity.

She made no claim to be reinstated Grand Duchess, which would have been pretty stupid anyway (though most of the emigres did it), she only said she was 'Mrs Tchaikovsky'.

She felt 'dirty' because she had been raped; the Russian emigres would not accept that a woman who had been raped could possibly be the daughter of their 'All Highest', and they (like she) shuddered at the fact that she had left a son behind in Rumania who might claim to be the rightful Tsar (they still believed the dynasty might be restored). She herself indignantly refuted that she wanted the 'bastard'

to become Tsar. ALL THE CONSPIRATORS

Bear in mind that the royal family embraced most of the royals in Europe including the British. All of them were stringing along with Hitler (fortunately for the British Royals Mountbatten married the grand-daughter of a German Jewish multi-millionaire, thus preserving himself from association with the Nazis and from relying on anyone else's money; he was able to preserve Prince Philip from Nazi influence and bring him up as an Englishman; but Princess Michael is by no means the only one with Nazi parentage and past association - indeed the exception is the other way, with Philip, but does not extend to his sisters). All the Romanovs were intriguing with Hitler for armed intervention in Russia on their behalf (until he got fed up with them), they were living as fashion house proprietors, ponces, restauranteurs, marrying into American money - and just at the finish of the Revolution, a British boat sailed away from St Petersburg with 5,000 royalty, aristocrats and servants

to come and live at British expense ever since, with 'grace and favour residences' in Hampton Court made over to them to the present day.

There grew up a conspiracy not just to deny Anastasia, but to actively persecute her. She knew too much anyway. Her dear uncle Bertie (Grand-Duke of Hesse) recognised her until he found she was mentioning casually she met

him in Moscow during the war (when his mission, as a German prince, was treasonable).

The Bank of England seems to have had money set aside for the royal sisters

and quietly taken it over. After twenty years of privation, asylums and unreasonable pressure, poor crazy Anastasia, arrogant and imperious still, was faced with the problem of her own neurotic make-up - used to declare she was a mad imposter - yet the task of sustained impersonation was, the doctors agreed, quite beyond her. The loving relatives had an answer to that: she was a Polish factory worker, but the Grand Duchess's mischevious ghost had entered into her and was prompting her. . .

How does a royal princess manage when the Royal circus is over? Anastasia had to find out the hardest way of all. When Ingrid Bergman starred in a version of the French stage play based on her life, she became the centre of international attention. Everyone wanted to believe in the lovely Ingrid Bergman's Anastasia, nobody wanted to believe in the real Anastasia, known as Anna Anderson, growing old and ugly, unrecognised by the important people in her family and only recognised by those without a stake in her nonexistence. How could these highly placed royal ladies act so callously? asks the author. Because they were not persons, but personages, he answers. Every one represented a vested interest

 in the possible financial stake (that the Bank of England pocketed), in the political stakes (she stood in the way of the succession), in hiding past treachery - and a multitude of lawyers stood between them.

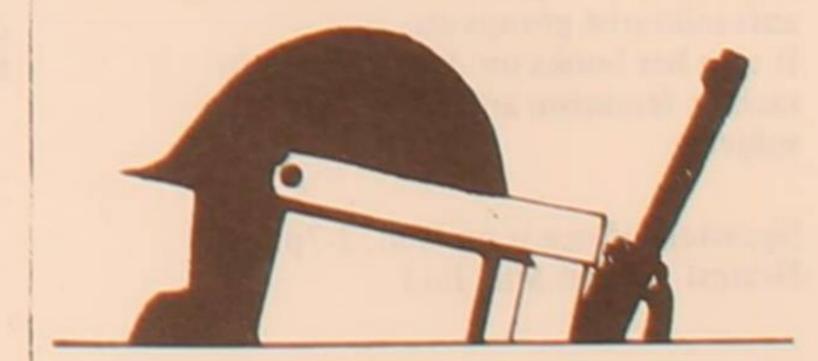
How much better of she'd have been if her family had been one of the many dispersed by the Tsar and only re-united after years of suffering!

WHEN WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

The family of the late Papa Doc Duvalier escaped Haiti, the secret police - the Tonton Macoute — have not, and are pursued and massacred. Years of the most obscene and disgusting repression and torture have been ended, it is hoped, for ever, and the secret police which carried it out - where they have not made their escape - must face the consequences of their actions. Just as the Shah of Iran's secret police faced the problem of escape or death, so the Duvlaier secret police now face their turn. It is yet another re-run of the scenes of the French Revolution. Yet there are still people who do not learn the lesson. 'I was not responsible . . I only carried out orders. . . Why

do they hate us so?' But in a few countries they do learn - like Franco's Spain, now under a Socialist government, where the torturers remain in power, 'the same dogs with different collars' and off duty form their fascist parties under police protection.

In England, they are happiest of all. They are nowhere near the worst in regards to torture and repression. But they are the most secret. They are clever enough to make people think they do not exist. The Political Squad is not flaunting itself under gung-ho titles like Tontons Macoutes. They call themselves the 'Special' Branch. These were the people that trained Amin, the former dictator of



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