### Anti - BNP Demo.

The British National Party is a fascist party. Its chairman John Tyndall is a self-confessed Nazi and admirer of Adolf Hitler. The BNP tried to hold a meeting in Bradford on April 13th at the Hutton Middle School. They had stood a 'respectable' candidate ex-Bradford head teacher Stanley Garnett for election. Bradford Council allowed the public meeting as attendance on a 'first come first served' basis because of the Representation of the People Act.

The Asian Youth Movement called on the Bradford community to show up in opposition, 200+ did so. In 1978 an anti-fascist was stabbed through the heart and miraculously survived. In 1981, a member of the British Movement murdered Bradford taxi-driver Mohammed Arif. In 1982, 21 seig heiling fascists attacked black people in Sir Jaspers wine bar and a black woman had her breast chopped by an axe. Numerous other attacks have occured too. The fascists 'freedom of speech' denies others freedom to live! They must be opposed every time they appear.

Protestors queued for over 2 hours. The police admitted between 30 & 40 fascists inside and a small number of the public. The meeting started around 3pm. Tyndall not even chairman of the meeting said: 'I want this man out' and the police removed a heckler. Tyndall continued to point out hecklers for ejection by the police. Enraged he eventually threw a chair and a punch. The BNP members (from London, Norwich, Sunderland and Liverpool) all picked up their chairs and threw them. One fascist wa arrested. Six Asian youth inside the meeting whom Tyndall pointed out were arrested. Outside 6 more protesters were arrested.

A defence committee has been formed and demands that all charges are dropped against the 12 defendants who are all pleading NOT GUILTY! They were picketing Bradford Magistrates Court on Monday May 13th at 10am. Bradford Anti-Fascist Defence Cttee, c/o 2 Hallfield Road, Bradford 1 Yorks.

### Him That Hath

Housing has soared beyond all who are unable to devote a lifetime of toil either of buying a house, or to 'buying' a flat under an ingenious swindle by which they pay 20 years rent in advance and are still bound to the landlord under other devious pretexts.

It is obvious that under the rating system, with so many houseless, heavier burdens will fall on those who have got homes. This has struck the Tories with alarm as their wealthier supporters do resent having to pay higher rates. What is their solution? To increase the number of homes, or to make it easier easier for people to get into them?

### Kellingley Rank & File Conference.

The following report was specially written for publication in Black Flag by Kevin Brandstetter (central London DAM). It has been slightly edited.

The Conference, held at Kellingley pit village West Yorkshire, was attended by around fifty rank and file delegates from about a dozen trade unions, etc. Of those who attended many were from the Direct Action Movement (anarcho-syndicalists) and also the Socialist Federation (ex-SWP members expelled for not towing the party line).

The Conference began with speeches from a National Union of Mineworkers delegate and a shop steward from the Thornton View Hospital Occupation Committee.

### **CIRUS NOOR**

Cirus Noor is one of 8 victimised Black youth imprisoned when the police arrested 100 people in their drive to batter off the streets those who were protesting at the shooting of Colin Roach in Stoke Newington police station in 1982. Since imprisonment he has been attacked several times, both his body and mind. On April 25th 1983 he was certified 'insane', but this was lifted after lot of pressure from his Defence Campaign. In November 1983 he was attacked by 30 screws. He was due for release from Wandsworth prison on Saturday April 20th. On Monday 22nd, his friends found him in the 'hospital' wing drugged. He is now due for release on May 21st but still keeps losing remission. The drugs he was given, even with an antidote take 'at least 2 weeks to wear off'. His friends continue to picket the Home Office Prison Department for his release from brutal punishment. The police and courts failed to frame Cirus on 4 counts of attempting to burn down Bethnal Green police station. The Campaign Against Police Violence will pass on solidarity messages to Cirus and send information of his and other prisoner's progress. SNHDC 380 Old Street, EC1 (01) 739 8549 or SMP 8 Camberwell Green, SE5 Tel 703 1906

### Maidstone

An Indian family in Maidstone Kent had a stolen car painted with swastikas crash into their shop-front home, twice! After threatening phone calls to the family including death threats to the father, and a local National Front 'keep Haid stone white' (sic), small scale leafletting and unsuccessful Saturday morning monthly paper sales neither the police or local press have made the obvious fascist connection!

No, to abolish the rating system, and institute a poll tax in which all will be grabbed. The last time this was tried it started off the Peasants Revolt.

A similar solution is proposed to the property trap. It has been discovered that many people are getting such low wages, due to widespread unemployment and the ability of employers to use the take-it-or-leave-it tack, that many family people find that they are better off on unemployment benefit than they would be working.

Chancellor Lawson was horrified when this was 'exposed'. He is going to take 'action'. You can bet your last penny that it won't be to increase wages - it will be to decrease the 'dole'.

After a lunch break the Conference divided into a number of workshops to discuss the role of the police, the public sector industries, involving the unemployed, and rank & file groups in industry. These workshops proved to be very effective and everyone agreed that they were of value.

THE MINERS STRIKE There was much discussion about 'the Ballot'. Most of those present agreed that the question of the ballot was a red herring designed to disrupt the strike. It was also pointed out however, by one person that the lack of a ballot did lead to many workers refusing to support the miners and that on this particular issue the Media seemed to have won the day.

The workshop agreed that the miners were forced back to work because: a) there was not enough money raised; b) there was a lack of solidarity of the kind that had won the strikes of '72 and '74:

c) the lack of an effective countrywide rank and file organisation hampered efforts to build this solidarity. The workshop also agreed that

future struggles would have no faith either in the Labour Party or the THE bureaucracy.

**PLASHET PARK** On Saturday 11th May an angry march of approx. 1500 people took place in the streets of Newham, East London, in support of the Newham 7, and against police harrass-

**RIOT IN** 

ment. Two weeks previously the police had attacked a rally and made arrests. Nine coachloads of police, and large numbers of police IRU vans were waiting at Plashet Park, as black and asian youths, local trade unionists, anti-apartheid groups, trots, DAM members and local

anarchists rallied. As the march progressed, the stewards became increasingly more pushy, shoving people, and pleading for them to obey their orders 'We won't get a permit next time if the march is disorderly'. There were many scuffles with the police along the way. A trampled cop hat was thrown in the air, to cheers, as locals looked from behind their curtains, and outside shops.

Outside Newham Police Station, where there were police attacks previously, and the Duke of Edinburgh pub where fascists meet, the march stopped to jeer lines of police, but slewards yelled 'Move On', and linked arms in front of the police! By the time the march was returning to Plashet Park, tension was high, and many of the youth refused to be herded into the

Park, rushing at police, who retreated, grabbing people vi ciously. They then came

back, with riot gear, only to cower under their shields as police van windows were smashed, and they were pelted with anything handy as smoke bombs went off. The stawards were seen to place themselves in the way of missiles headed for the police, as the people present yelled 'Fuck Off!'

Police officers sheltering behind riot shields in Woodhouse Grove, Newham, east London, on Saturday when missiles,

including a rubbish bin, were thrown during a march by supporters of the Newham Seven, a group of youths charged with

affray. Fifteen people were arrested

The high spiked fence stopped the cops who stared frustratedly at people throwing rocks at them from the other side. Then the mounted cops charged into the park, from another entrance, and the crowd withdrew. After a few minutes, the police began a laughable military manoeuver, practised during the miners strike no doubt, forming a line across the park flanked by IRU vans, who ordered everyone to 'Go Home', as stray stewards yelled the same refrain.

The thin blue line moved forward six feet at a time every few minutes, as they were jeered. Some people played ball in front of the rigid line.

People using the exits were watched by mounted police, as the helicopter hovered overhead.

A gang of youths, who'd been having a rampage elsewhere, ran towards the cops, rocks flying again, as one hit a steward and the mounted cops charged the crowd. Children and adults scattered trying to find shelter in doorways, as the vans moved in again. The crowd dispersed after this, as small groups left the area to the police.

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Newham 7 Defence Campaign PO Box 273, Forest Gate London E7 Tel: (01)5558151.



#### THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Privatisation was discussed at length and it was agreed that it was being used as a means of splitting worker's organisations. There was also much talk on the relationship between the Labour Party, the Welfare State and the working class.

In the end it was agreed that public sector workers would need to organise independently of the Trade Union Congress and all political parties, and instead build solidarity between the different struggles so as to eventually provide some sort of alternative to trade unionism as it now stands.

#### ORGANISATION

The final session of this one day Conference agreed that the Rank and File Conference should reconvene in the Autumn with the purpose of building up an organisation. A ten-person steering committee was suggested (by the DAM) and this was agreed.

NB. Surprisingly perhaps the only sectarian episode was right at the end when one person accused the DAH of trying to dominate things because five DAM members had been elected on to the steering committee.





An anti-Papal demonstrator hurling stones at the police in Utrecht

THE ABOVE WAS PART OF A POSTER WHICH WASFLYPOSTED ALL OVER HOLLAND RECENTLY FOR THE PAPAL VISIT. FOUR PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED UNDER THE CHARGE OF 'PROVOKING THE ASSASSINATION OF A HEAD OF A FRIENDLY STATE', THIS CHARGE CARRIES A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF FIFTEEN YEARS. THE VISIT OF THE POPE COST £6 MILLION PLUS. 12,000 POLICE WERE PUT ON THE STREETS FOR THE PAPAL CIRCUS. WHILE IN ITALY THE FRENCH FASCIST LE PEN RECEIVED AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, NO GODS NO MASTERS.

# **GREECE - Police Versus Anarchists.**

In 1977 the fascist government in Greece attacked Anarchists; and the Socialist Party in opposition condemned the state. Now in state power the Socialists, in May 1985, have been attacked Anarchists themselves.

Anarchists in Athens and Thesalonika have been attacked by the police in the run up to the elections at which the Socialists led by Papandreous want to appear as the Law and Order Party.

Demonstrations against the authority of the state and the fascist police were banned and resular protests beginning at 5pm ended in vicious street fighting. Eleven arrests and the shooting of one protestor (still in critical condition as we go to press) have sparked off more actions. Two buildings at Athens University have been occupied in protest. In the occupied chemistry school one hundred student anarchists have threatened to blow up the building if those arrested are not released!



# £5,000 REWARD For the LIQUIDATION of Karol Wojtla alias Pope John Paul II, to happen between 12 - 15th May. After two attempts WE MUST SUCCEED!

"He is a member of a criminal and fascist organisation that is guilty of centuries of i) torture (the Inquisition); ii) blackmail and conning of the poorest sections of the population; and iii) Jew-hunting. This organisation, better known as the Catholic Church, is guilty of permitting hunting and massacring, amongst others, Jews (in agreement with Hitler in 1939-45. Also the Cathlic Church took an active part in the persecution of Jews and the blessing of arms. They helped infamous SS Officers, through Vatican sources to escape after the Second World War to Latin America.

Today Il Duce II is guilty of maintaining contact with the Mafia; discriminating against women and homosexuals; supporting right-wing juntas who practice torture; of investing Vatican money (read: blood money) in the arms industry and in the ownership of slum property in Italy."

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### **Brave Defender**

An exercise aimed to crush 'subversion', sabotage and insurrection in the UK, involving around 65,000 troops (including a large contingent of US troops) is due to take place this autumn from September 6-13.

It will be a Joint Forces exercise and will also include members of the newly created Home Defence Force, the Territorials and the US National Guard. Around 8000 UK troops will be playing out the roles of the 'subversives'.

Besides being a practice session for the real thing, the exercise is also a convenient means of getting the public used to the idea of seeing 1000's of troops rushing around the country, taking over buildings, blockading roads and making arrests for no apparent reason at all.

### EDITORIAL

Black Flag FORTNIGHTLY has been set back a week because at last (!) we have started work on the Black Flag MAGAZINE. It is a pleasure to publish it again and many readers are already impatient. Included will be articles on:

MENSA; AIDS; Miners Strike; Prison conditions in Spain; CNT-AIT and the CNI-C; Interviews; reviews and the Anarcho-Quiz! Plus lots more.

We plan to hold a readers meeting in the Summer, any group interested in hosting the event'please contact us soon. Black Flag is folded and mailed out fortnightly from 121 Bookshop on Saturday at Midday, readers are welcome to help out and meet collective members.

Bulk distribution to bookshops and groups could be complimented by streetselling and offers at local newsagents by you. We ask back 2/3rds of sale price. Black Flag is sent free to prisoners on request.

Available through us: Back issues of the fortnightly: 13p stamp. Back issues of the magazine: 28p stamp. Anarcho-Quizbook: 75p + 13p stamp. Miguel Garcia Story: £1 + 13p stamp. Syndicalists in the Russian Revolution: 45p + 13p stamp. Anarchism, Arguments For & Against: 80p + 13p stamp. Anarchist Black Cross poster: 20p + 13p.

APOLOGY

In our last issue we reported that there had been riots at Bathurst, but neglected - due to last minute 'headline change' - to say where Bathurst is located. Our comrades 'down-under' won't of course, need telling it's in Australia, but comrades elsewhere may may well be in the dark.

## **BOLTON A DAY**

On Saturday May 4th, a Day School on Anarchism was held at Bolton's Socialist Club in Wood Street, Bolton. Over 150 people attended altogether and the event was organised by Bolton Direct Action Movement-International

Workers Association. Things started at 11 o clock with a talk on the Chicago Martyrs (Anarchists murdered by the State in 1886) and, held simultaneously, a talk on Organisation and Anarchism. Other discussions included talks on Anarcho-Syndicalism today; Anarchism & Feminism and the Anarchist Black Cross.

Food was provided and several bands played in the evening. Anarchist videos were also shown continuously and there were displays, including anarchist posters from around the world.





"Friends . . ."

#### PROFIT CENTRES

The National Co al Board HQ is to be sold off and its staff devolved to area HQs by the end of the year. These area HOs will become 'profit centres'. According to a source within a postal union the NCB has already offered the HQ building - Hobart House - to the Post Office which is at present Hged in the old British Steel corp. building next door.

Information about setting up 'profit centres' was first leaked by The Miner several months ago and was quoted as proof that the NCB was intending to use a strategy of making each mining area compete against the other, with the ending of subsidies, and with the most profitable being sold off either on a share basis or to the highest bidder.

In addition to Frances Colliery in Scotland and Bedwas and St. Johns collieries in South Wales, the NCB has also now indicated that it intends to close Bates and Horden collieries in the North-East. The NCB has also claimed that up to 6,000 miners (around 25% of the area workforce) in the North East and 1,800 (around 60%) in Kent and up to 20,000 nationally have applied for redundancy terms. In each case the so-called review procedure has not been adopted. In Yorkshire another pit - Acton Moor has been placed on the closure list.

The NUM Executive, meanwhile, has refused to sanction the strike action of South Yorkshire rank and file members who came out over the sacking of four miners for alleged intimidation of scabs. Over 1000 miners, however, at three pits near Pontefract have ignored the NUH Executive's orders and have stayed out on strike, retaining the flying pickets.

## **Questions & Answers**

### on Anarchism

Q: Doesn't it deflate the anarchist case that public opinion can prove to be as repressive as government itself?

A: Why? Government deliberately makes public opinion as a reflection of its own image (though in non-totalitarian countries other vested interests also help in the process). China today relies more on so-called public opinion than it does on secret police or tanks in the street utilised by other State Communist countries.

Some Anarchists may at one time have thought public opinion could be counterposed to crime or oppression. It can be in a really free society, but nowadays public opinion is a mass product. The Nazis saw the value of harnessing public opinion and seeking 'populist' approval of repression by mass indoctrination, something they copied from the Soviet Union. In the so-called democracies, in addition to public attitudes being manipulated by the Government, public opinion is bought and sold as a commercial product. This is why it was necessary to invent the term 'the media' to describe this particular arm of the State and the ruling class, which has taken over from the Church. This is the reason why earlier Anarchists concentrated so much of their attack on the Church which decreasingly, but in some places still (sometimes under a different religous equivalent) acts as the 'Ministry of Propaganda' or 'media industry' of ruling interests. NB A pamphlet Tell Us Lies About The Miners, which examines the media lies in the Miners' Strike is currently in the pipeline/in preparation.

# INDUSTRIAL

### MINERS

The NCB claim to have achieved 20,000 redundancies by miners volunteering (620 miners still remain sacked though, some await industrial tribunal results others have lost there and only industrial action will get them their jobs back). The Road Hauliers Association (whose members drove scab trucks making coal deliveries during the strike) was told by a NCB area manager. Russell Broomhead, a Yorkshire miner who was shown on TV being repeatedly beaten by police truncheons at Orgreave last year has himself been charged with riot (thus facing the loss of his job as a result of the charge). The walloper (cop) responsible for the assault which was seen by millions has not even faced disciplinary action of course! Privatisation of transportation of men who work in the West Fife area has been put out to tender by the NCB. Privatising pits awaits recovery and repairs it seems.

Sacked miners are denied unemployment benefit and supplementary payments as the Dept. of Employment has ruled them not unemployed but involved in an industrial dispute. Despite the end of the overtime ban and the return of coal production these men are assumed to receive £16 a week strike pay from the NUM (it is not!) and they rely like the imprisoned miners and their families on support groups as the NUM membership rejected a 50p per week levy for those in hardship!

A TV poll for the programmee UNION WORLD asked miners nationwide if they would take action again to save pits and jobs The result: 68% said yes! Meanwhile a Law and Order policy of religiously observing the 121 rules of the mines and quarries Act is another way of saying we 'work to rule'.

8 miners accused of 'unlawful assembly' after being involved in taking over Newport transport bridge during the pit strike were acquitted on April 25th. After a day and a half the jury were instructed by Judge Michael Gibbon to bring in informal NOT GUILTY verdicts.

9 miners and a farm worker given jail and youth custody sentences for setting fire to Coal Board buses during the pit strike have had their sentences reduced on appeal from 3 and 2½ years to 6 months!

This all comes at a time when the NUM Executive has revealed that it is £2.4m in debt because of the 12 month strike, which may explain it's reluctance to continue with or support industrial action, even in the face of blatant provocation. Furthermore this Spring is not the greatest season to begin a campaign of strike action in the coal industry and for this very same reason the NCB is trying to muscle through a closure programme. Over the Summer period more closures are expected and more induced redundancies.

MIRAS (Mortgage Interest Relief at Source) took over from the old Building Society Interest Relief in the tax coding. Generally speaking, if the loan isn't over £50,000 you'll be paying back within the MIRAS scheme.

Under the new rules, if no payments, have been made for a twelve month period, the MIRAS rules no longer apply. Many miners with a mortgage millstone around their necks must find themselves in this position. Strange that the new year rule was issued as the year long strike was coming to a close...

MIRAS allows 30% relief on the mortgage interest repayments and for the loan to be capitalised. And for the first few years the majority of the repayment is interest not capital. Now, miners can still claim relief in their coding, but as they won't be eligible for tax anyway, their income being more than covered by their allowances, there is NO benefit. Of course, the government aren't doing

this to in any way penalise the miners. Are they?

Many scabs have (after the lights went out) had accidents and along with other problems decided to move out of strikers pit villages to 'moderate' Nottinghamshire (at the invite of the Sherrif?). With the strike phase of the industrial action to defend jobs over the scabs 'rewards' and media patronage reduce daily and their isolation grows. Miners in Yorkshire who shout the word 'scab' at strike-breakers face the sack for intimidation, already 8 workers have been dismissed by the NCB. Some wise souls have taken to wind-ups with other words: doorknobs etc.

In South Kirby Yorkshire miners walked out in protest at the dismissal of a fellow worker who is alleged to have 'intimidated' a working miner during the pit strike. 600 miners at Ferrymore Riddings, South Kirby's twin pit joined their 1400 colleagues in solidarity protest at the sacking of 2 miners for alleged intimidation of scabs. A mass meeting of the area was told that the strike was unofficial and that managers had threatened to flood the pits and thus close down the mine with the resulting loss of Jobs. The strikers returned to work.

500 people are still awaiting trial for street collecting in London for the miners without a permit from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. In a recent case a police appeal against a Magistrate who dismissed the charge against James Wood a London Barrister arrested for collecting in Clerkenwell last June was won. Mr Wood was soon convicted!

2,500 workers at Scott Lithgow in Greenock Scotland voted to occupy Trafalgar House's ship yard if the bosses lay off 600 workers. An incompetent oil rig deal with Britoil by the bosses is blamed by the workers.

### **Basic Principles of Resistance**

#### (Bulletin #8 – Solidarity)

The following is some practical advice for workers in any job or country. It was published underground by the Warsaw chapter of Solidarity, dated December 30, 1981.

- 1. During a strike or other form of
- protest, stay with your colleagues. 2. Do not establish Strike Committees. Protect your leaders and organizers. Basic principle of action: the entire crew goes on strike .
- there are no leaders. 3. In contacts with the police or the military you are uninformed, you know nothing, you have heard nothing.
- 4. Do not denounce ordinary people. Your enemies are: the policeman,
- the eager conformist, the informer. 5. Work slowly; complain about the 8. As often as possible take sick leave mess and incompetence of your to care for an "ill" child. supervisors. Shove all decisions, 9. Shun the company of informers, even the most minor, into the lap of conformists and their ilk. commissars and informers. Flood 10. Take active part in the campaign them with questions and doubts. Don't do their thinking for them. Pretend you are a moron. Do not anticipate the decisions of commissars and informers with a 11. Paint slogans, hang posters on servile attitude. They should do all the dirty work themselves. In this way you create a void around them, but be cautious.

and by flooding them with the most trivial matters you will cause the military-police apparatus to come apart at the seams.

- 6. Eagerly carry out even the most idiotic orders. Do not solve problems on your own. Throw that task onto the shoulders of commissars and informers. Ridiculous rules are your allies. Always remember to help your friends and neighbors regardless of the martial law rules.
- 7. If you are instructed to break mutually contradictory rules, demand written orders. Complain. Try to prolong such games as long as possible. Sooner or later the commissar will want to be left in peace. This will mark the beginning of the end of the dictatorship.

- to counter official propaganda, spreading information about the situation in the country and examples of resistance.
- walls and distribute leaflets. Pass on independent publications -



### Equalty Now (At last).

Since 1968 (17 years!) women seamstresses at Fords battled for skilled status, equality with men. Labour and Tory governments aloof and in the face of union Leaders who bureaucratised their every move, the women continued to battle with strikes, tribunals etc. Finally, with some the daughters of the original strikers the 270 women got what they wanted, amounting to a £7 a week pay rise. Last years 5 week strike caused £20 million worth of production loss. The Ford Company has a 5 grade pay structure for its manual workers. The women were kept in the next to bottom B grade, they are now placed well up in the C grade and approach ing the fully skilled B grade status. An

## HOURS DOWN

The UCW (postal workers' union) mem ship has accepted a management package that includes a 1 hour reduction in the working week and a reduction from  $5\frac{1}{2}$ days to 5 days. This is all dependent on the acceptance by the membership of a productivity scheme and a changeover to more part-timers, reduction in offices, etc. The UCW Leadership hopes to persuade delegates at the forthcoming Annual Conference to accept the package. There is no provision however for a substantial increase in pay – nor is the weekly hours reduction (43 hours to 42 hours) seen as being of great significance!

20 post offices in London are to close.

British Rail has resurrected plans to replace drivers on trains. In particular to use crewless trains to carry coal from mines to power-stations. Though economic reasons will be given it seems fairly obvious that it's a political move designed to smash any further miners actions. The solidarity shown by some rail workers will now be systematically removed.

A pilot scheme was announced in the last weeks of the strike. A possible candidate for the line is the 20km link between Bevercotes colliery and High Marnham power station in Nottingham. The diesel loco's controls would be modified so as to respond to data received by radio from a control centre. Here a computer would perform the function of inter-locking relays in normal signalling, that is, checking that no train entered a block section occupied by another train and that points were set correctly before trains were allowed to pass over them. Passive transponders, placed between

the rails at regular intervals, (say

**STOP BUSINE\$\$ AS USUAL** 

STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL NOTTINGHAM On April 30th leaflets advertising that Barclays bank would give away free Kruggerands to any of their customers who deposited £10 between 2 & 3 pm were given out door-to-door, in the streets, and loft in piles at building societies, insurance companys etc. This worked very well - some peop'e asked for their Kruggerands (which were being offered as a thankyou for supporting Barclays continuing investment in South Africa) and the filth guarded the main branch throughout the afternoon.

Similar leaflets appeared claiming that between 1 and 2 pm, Leslie Crowther would give away at Boots, certain items which would be marked with a black star. This resulted in lots of confusion at Boots people were actually looking for Black Star goods - and the place was swarming with cops and security guards.

nquiry into the women's grading headed by Professor Angela Bowey of Strathclyde Uni decided they were discriminated against and should be changed. Ford complied. The discrimination extended to Terry Duffy AUEW President and Communist Party/AUEW executive member James Airlie who both attacked the destabilising impact on the Ford Ford wages structure and added that the union would make no further economic claims on the Ford management this year (what about the workers? did I hear someone ask). Doreen Cook a shop steward said: 'Our reaction to the statements made by Duffy and Airlie are clear on our banner. We made this within an hour of hearing about it and we think their remarks were nothing less than treachery to women trade unionists.

The 165,000-strong National Communications Union (NCU) is recommending a campaign of selective industrial action from September 1st within British Telecom to force the bosses to cut the working week to 32 hours from 371/2. The strategy is to be put to the unions annual conference in June. It is designed to deal with the collapse of new jobs in the industry. In London for example, only 32 apprentices are are being taken on in an area that once used to take on hundreds if not thousands! British Telecom is one of the largest employers in the country and is applying much new technology which they hope will reduce the workforce. The union on the other hand wants reduced working week, longer holidays and more flexible working time.

1000 metres), would cause a message to be sent to the control computer telling it that the train was at that position, and requesting authority to continue to the next transponder. Safety checks would permanently stop the train if anything went wrong. This would all be easy to do on specially prepared freight only lines, but more difficult on normal freight and passenger lines.

The threat is not only to smash workers solidarity but also to jobs. Once the pilot scheme works and any problems are ironed out, economic arguments will be used to justify crewless trains elsewhere on the railways. The response then should be that the problems on the pilot scheme are never ironed out. Three powerful groups of workers are in a position to put a spanner in the works, rail workers, power workers and miners. The economic cost to working people to go on strike might be heavy in which case syndicalist principles of direct action could easily sabotage the whole project. The transponders and radio links are especially prone to

Source: SLDAM/New Scientist

The leaflet was so well produced that the local anti-apartheid movement were taken in and were about to mount a picket, police are now searching for the culprits. Telephone wires to a local Royal

Ordnance factory were cut during the night and the arms manufacturers remained cut off for several hours. The fuses were pulled out in the Council

house, leaving Councillors in the dark. Many other actions including the use of glass etching fluid (squirted onto windows) superglue (in locks) and paint (graffitti) took place. Someone danced on the Lord Mayor's Rolls Royce too!

A press statement and a speaker gave an interview on local radio ensured that Stop Business as Usual was publicised.

6 people were arrested, 4 released without charges. The remaining two were not actually caught doing anything so will probably be bound-over to keep the peace. 700 jeeps by welding the doors shut.

ers dug in for the long battle for their right to refuse to handle South African goods. Gradually the liberals discovered the dispute and began 'putting their support on the record'. Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Labour TDs cautiously 'expressed support'.

Churchmen said masses and services, the anti-apartheid unit of the United Nations sent a telegram, Bishop Tutu invited the strikers to visit South Africa for the first anniversary of the strike next

#### REASONS

Everyone seems to be behind the strikers. But still it drags on without management showing any sign of giving in. There are reasons for this.

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\* The union leadership have not done enough. A strike in just one branch can not put enough pressure on Dunne. Sympathy strikes by workers in other branches is what is needed.

It will be argued that workers in the other branches will not give the support, that they are afraid for their own jobs. Yet over the past couple of years staff in Cavan, Dublin, Wexford and Waterford have taken action on local issues. These are willing to listen to the arguments for solidarity. They can be won to taking concrete action and this in turn will create a climate of confidence which will encourage many more Dunnes workers to join in.

going out to all the companies that have their products in the shops and convincing their workers to refuse to make up the deliveries. This will not be done by the full-time officials, many of them would be very opposed because it is a 'political' strike/ does not involve their union directly/any other excuse

It will take a support group of ordinary trade unionists and unemployed, under the direction of thc strike committee, to start turning the passive support into action that can break Ben Dunne. A victory will not only mean a blow is struck against apartheid, it will give supermarket workers the confidence they need to defeat the petty rules and low pay of the bosses

#### HELP WELCOMED

Join the mass-picket every Saturday 2 - 4pm

Messages of support & donations to the Strike Committee c/o IDATU, Cavendish Row, Dublin 1.

Give in Solidarity.

Workers Solidarity



THE CONVICTION RATE is high and rising following the 121 arrests on the Whitehall clash with police during the big miners demo on Feb 24. The hearings are still going on, so the full pattern is not yet clear.

Marc Joffrey was chaged with assaulting a police officer and breach of the peace. He was pleading not guilty to both charges. Just minutes before the case was heard the filth offered a deal to Marc's solicitor, Paul Johnson. Marc accepted it gratefully. "I don't want to go to gaol", said Marc, "and it's not worth taking a £40 fine. The magistrate, a tough nut called Davies, only agreed "reluctantly" to drop the assault charge and expressed surprise at the police move. He gave Marc a right bollocking. Marc said afterwards that he was "bitter, but relieved".

This is a pattern the cops used a lot during the miners' strike, because they often know damn well their evidence won't stand up so they scare the victim into feeling relieved that he'll only be let off with a fine or lighter sentence. They then get convictions, which look good on their records.

But Paul Johnson says that this tactic is proving relatively uncommon with the Feb 24 trials. Usually the cops are determined not to do deals. Take the case of a New Zealand law student who just happened to wander out of Trafalgar Square tube and down Whitehall just as someone had thrown a bottle at a knot of cops that were surrounded by marchers. He was nabbed and charged with throwing the bottle. Ironically the student was not even particularly interested in the demo or the strike. He was disoriented by the whole affair. Paul offered to defend him for free. Being a law student seeking, no doubt, some practice, he declined. In court the prosecution walked all over him with a pack of lies ("I saw him throw the bottle, milud") - and he got a £100 fine.

The Public Order Research Group will be holding a much-needed public inquiry into the horrific police conduct on the demo. This will be in June. Contact Cathie Lloyd at PORG, 9 Poland St W1. (01 724 5831).

The Defence Campaign still needs funds and is hoping to have a benefit soon. Send money to Paul Johnson, Southall Community Law Centre, 14 Featherstone Rd, UB2 5AA. (01 574 2434).

#### SERTUC DEFEATED!

The Feb 24 demo was organised by the South East Region of the TUC. Following the arrests on the demo, when the Defence Campaign was set up they approached SERTUC for help. This was initially refused on the grounds that most of those arrested were not miners - but anarchists! So much for solidarity. In the end, thanks to successful persuasion by PORG and the risk of public embarrassment, Rob Edwards, SERTUC Secretary, was forced into supporting the Campaign. Is this an anarchist victory over Stalinism? (Who are you trying to kid - typesetter)

DIRECT ACTION IN INDUSTRY A 16 day illegal strike by 1,000 miners in Sparwood BC, Canada ended on April 16 but the RCMP are investigating about 20 instances of vandalism to company property. The strike started after a worker was told to wash a company truck - a job not part of his duties. In Michigan, USA American Motors are suing the United Auto Workers union as they contend that workers have sabotaged



## ERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL SPRING OFFENSIVE

The Revolutionary Cells (W.Germany) Action Directe (France) and the Belgian-based CCC (fighting communist cells) have each allegedly claimed responsibility for bomb attacks against capitalist targets as part of a Spring Offensive, timed to coincide with the Bonn Economic Summit and the visit of Reagan to W. Germany to celebrate the military and economic alliance between the NATO Security-States in the New World Order (also to visit SS graves at Bitburg).

Action Directe claimed three actions: the IMF/World Bank offices in Paris and (four days later) the bombing of TRT and SART - two telecommunications firms with dealings in nuclear missile parts. A 4th bombing took place on the same day at a chemicals firm in Luxembourg - but no groups has reportedly claimed it.

The offices of another chemical firm - Hoescht - was also the subject of a bomb attack in Colgone, as was the offices of the W. German Metalworkers Employers Association. Both are reportedly claimed by the Revolutionary Cells (RZ), The RZ in addition claimed a similar attack on a Dusseldorf branch of the Deutsche ba Bank. A communique later explained that the attacks were undertaken because of the Summit and in solidarity with their comrades in the Third World.

None of these attacks resulted in injury, unlike the bombing allegedly carri ed out by the CCC, a Marxist group on the Belgian Employers Federation HQ in the centre of Brussels. A CCC communique said that the attack - which took place in the early hours of May 1 - was undertaken in solidarity with workers. Warn ing was given - but obviously insufficient as 12 people were injured and two people died.

Warning of the bomb - a car bomb was given when a group of people drove up outside the Employers Federation, got out of the vehicle and distributed leaflets bearing the red CCC emblem and a message in French and Flemish. The area was soon cleared by police but the firefighters - who came to put out of a fire in the vehicle - ignored police warnings.

As we go to press there are expectations that more attacks on NATO and capitalist targets will take place during and in the aftermath of the summit. Latest news is that a bomb was found at the Bonn HQ of the W. German Aerospace Industry - but was defused within minutes after Reagan's arrival on German

### Spain

2,000 agricultural workers held a permanent demonstration for an entire week before Easter in the centre of Sagunto in protest at the heavy unemployment caused by the failure of the orange crop. The CNI-AIT called the protest which blocked off main streets and involved running battles with the police. The farmworkers later called for a one day strike in the region. This again was successful both because it shut down shops and businesses in 4 towns & and because it forced the authorities to take notice of their demands: 100% of wages immediately for the unemployed; adequate land and money for workers' cooperatives and job schemes for the young. The Socialist and Communist Unions conspicuously failed in their attempt to jump on the bandwagon. The struggle continues!

## South Africa

The offices of the Anglo-American Corp. and Anglovaal were bombed in Johannesburg the day after more than 17,000 black miners (members of the National Union of Mineworkers) were sacked and forcibly bussed to the Homelands (sic).

The sackings ocurred after a period of industrial unrest, involving go-slows, sabotage and culminating in strike action. Their demand was for better pay. An occupation of the AAC's Vaal Reef mine, south of Johannesburg, was violently ended when armed police in flak jackets sealed off the area and fired tear gas into the hostels in which the workers had barricaded themselves in protest.

The death toll in the last 6 months has now exceeded 300 people including children; over 10,000 have been arrested and £20 million damage from rioting. Those who collaborated with the regime by becoming elected Councillors have, along with black cops now become the target of locals outgunned by the riot police and army who surround any uprising rapidly. Fighting between political groups ie. the United Democratic Front and



### Anton Constandse 1899-1985

Anton Constandse, one of the foremost thinkers of the Dutch anarchist movement died on the 23rd March. A life-long anarchist and prolific writer Constandse made major contributions to the develop ment of the movement in the Netherlands and like others of his age he was rediscovered in the nineteen sixties by the capitalist publishing houses cashing in on the growing anarchist novement. His works have not been out of rint since.

During the Spanish revolution standse was active in Barcelona though a life long pacifist. During the Second World War he was imprisoned by the Nazis in Germany. Unfortunately the vast majority of this great man's work is unavailable to us, having never been translated into English. During his life he wrote over one hundred books and pamphlets, and five thousand articles in addition to addressing quite literally thousands of public meetings. At the time of his death he was an editor of the anarchist magazine De As.

Bavaria

In Bavaria, this week at least 24 people were arrested and 8 injured when riot police clashed with about 400 demonstrators protesting an SS reunion in Nesselwang. The cops used water cannon and tear gas on the protestors, some masked and waving anarchist flags who threw stones and petrol bombs at the police. The veterans were former members of the 1st Panzer Corps accused of massacring American Prisoners of War in Belgium,

other vanguards has also erupted. State paid provocateurs are also at work disrupting any attempts to organise. Relatives and friends of those detained have often had to wait in vain as they 'disappear' into the maze of South African repression centres. One woman a grandmother from the Vaal triangle identified her missing son

The funerals of those murdered have often lead to further uprisings and the recent death of student and trade union organisers has been met with student and workers strikes, a general strike of black workers would be welcomed by detainees to ensure their liberty.

Meanwhile overseas protests continue all around the world. In New Zealand 100,000 people marched in protest at the planned NZ rugby tour of South Africa. Barclays, the biggest foreign bank in South Africa has been the target of much action from closed accounts, leafletting, graffitt, glueing up locks to broken windows and arson. Some clever 'criminals' may also seize the chance to redistribute the bank's wealth? The call to boycott South African goods by SA unions has met with response too, up to the management level of Finland's EKA co-operative (one of the country's largest businesses) who have stopped importing SA goods in protest at apartheid policy

# **CNT/C:** False Initials

The following information comes from an hour-long interview with the current General Secretary of the regional committee of the CNT-AIT in Catalonia. went to see him originally to put a few general questions to him, but first he launched into this account of the 'split' in the CNT: an episode involving dirty money, political turncoats, infiltrators, and the blocking of a 252 building patrimony. He said that again and again information about it had been twisted or garbled, and that it was important that anarcho-syndicalist movements abroad knew what to expect when they achieved mass interest and wide membership. I've condensed the information but the text is approved by him. For every fact mentioned in the text he showed me documentation, emphasising that he wasn't propagandising but presenting a true account of the events. Here are the

In 1979, certain members of the CNT-AIT (at that time the only anarcho-syndicalist union in Spain) joined up with a few 'non-aligned' individuals and formed what they called the 'renovated' CNT. In most of Spain they called it the 'CNT-Renovada'. In Catalonia, which has a quarter of the workforce, 40% of the CNT-AIT membership, and a popular independence tradition, they called it the 'CNT de Catalunya' (CNT/C for short). In Catalonia, the distribution of the CNT/C membership was as follows: ornella (a suburb of Barcelona): 15 ransport Workers' Section: Santa Coloma (a suburb of Barcelona)

#### ilanova (town): alafrugell (town):

At the same time the CNT/C began to rent premises in the Carrer Roger de Luria, in the centre of Barcelona, for 200,000 pessetas a month. (A luxury flat for two in Barcelona, to give some idea of prices is 35,000 pesetas a month). Nobody knows where the money for the CNT/C premises comes from. The first thing the CNT/C did was to make it clear that they didn't belong to the AIT (the anarcho-syndicalist International Workers Association) but at the same time they began to print posters, and still do, which are confusingly similar in logo to those of the original CNT. Only the initials AIT are missing, and for anybody not familiar with anarchist politics (e.g. the majority) a detail like that can be overlooked. In 1979, the year of the split, the 'new' CNT (Renovada/CNT de Catalunya) claimed they were in the majority against the CNT-AIT.

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Who are the people in the 'new' CNI, and what is their influence? The information here is limited to the Catalan branch of the 'new' CNT: the CNT de Catalunya. Of the 15 who fromed a CNI/C branch in Santa Coloma, 5 are now in the communist union, the CC.00. (in the sanitary workers' section). In 1984 there was a general strike of cleaning and sanitary workers over all of Barcelona. These five, then in the CNT/C, wanted to join the strike committee (which was formed by all the unions, including the CNT-AIT).

The committee refused, on the grounds they didn't recognise the CNI/C as a union. Then those five went over to the communists. Of the 18 who formed the CNI/C branch in Cornella, only five originally belonged to the CNT-AIT. Only four of the whole eighteen still belong to the CNT/C. One of those four is probably still a member for shall we say 'interested' reasons: the general secretary of the 'new' CNT, Jose March, who has a lot of influence in the post office, gave him a job over the heads of 2,000 apprentice post office workers who were working for nothing in the hope of eventual employment The one person in Palafrugell who went over to the CNT/C is, I'm told,

genuinely soft in the head, apart from being retired. About the other branches of the CNT/C there is no detailed information available.

So: the CNT/Renovada/de Catalunya! What's it been doing? Early this year there was a postal strike in Madrid. Post workers from all over Spain turned up for a demo in solidarity. The CNT Renovada had 14 people in the demo (the CNI-AIT, only with people from its postal branch, had 250, give or take half a dozen). At the end of 1984 there was a large demo against the socialists' reconversion of industry policy. The CNT-AIT made a showing of 3,000; the CNT Renovada turned up with 40, who had to tag onto the CNT-AIT group in order to claim a large enough presence to put up their banners (there are strict rules governing demonstrations in Spain). Jose March, alread mentioned, was at the head of the 40.

In Barcelona, in March of this year, there was a demonstration against the anti-terrorist law. The CNT/C had 60 people (the CNI-AIT over a thousand). Currently, the CNI-AIT in Catalonia has 3,500 affiliates, and the CNT/C about 400 affiliates and supporters together, many of which belong to left wing movements and Catalan independent movements as well. On May Day 1984 in Barcelona, the CNT-AIT in Catalonia had 7,000 people. The CNT/C, together with sympathetic groups like the almost invisible CNT dels Paisos Catalans and members of the 'new' CNT Renovada from other parts of Spain had 324 people (counted soul by soul).

Portaferissa The main premises of the CNT-AIT in Barcelona were evicted violently on September 19th 1984. The circumstances behind the eviction were unusual enough for the CNT-AIT to issue a full dossief on it, some 200 pages thick. At 8am on the day of the eviction the then General Secretary of the CNT/C made the following statement on Barcelona Radio: 'The 15 people barricaded inside the building don't belong to the CNT. They aren't inside to demand their historical patrimony as they say they are; they are simply hooligans'. For five hours the 15 CNT-AIT militants inside were attacked by the National Police, the Guardia Civil (paramilitary police), and the fire brigade (some of whom sent letters of protest about having to do such dirty work to various papers: see dossier, last page); the CNT/C kept silent. The day after the siege the CNT/C sent rigged photos to the Press with claims that the people inside the building (the CNT-AIT 'hooligans') had set it on fire themselves.

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### FEDERATION ANARCHISTE FRANCAISE

The FAF is a Federation of groups which has existed since 1954. How are they organised?

Many groups are scattered all over France we can add up 'liasons' contacts with small groups who are federated to the organisation, and also many individuals affiliated with the Federation.

Affiliation with the Federation rests on acceptance of the Federation's basic principles as outlined in our booklet The Grassroots of the Anarchist Federation The FAF has a yearly congress to which all members of the Federation may come. What does the Federation do?

A) Produces a weekly paper which reflects their basic Idea. It also produces international anarchist news, some of the federated groups also have their own newspaper.

C) Run Radio Libertaire. An anarchist radio station run and financed by the FAF which gives access to the airwaves to anarchists of all tendencies.

C) Run the Federation bookstore in Paris and provide an outlet for the books and literature produced by the groups which belong to the Federation.

D) Keep the group archives and records in separate premises and present an anarchist position to the media on events which occur in society as a whole so that there is a constant anarchist presence in the mass media,

At our yearly Congress, the general direction of the next years activities as well as the theoretical problems are discussed and a number of recallable delegates have to carry out the Federation tasks,

The following delegates are approved unanimously for a period of one year: 1) a General Secretary - responsible for co-ordinating the other delegates secretaries;

2) an internal Relations Secretary - who is responsible for maintaining contact between members of the Federation and for the admission of new members to the Federation for the following year: 3) an external Relations Secretary who is responsible for maintaining contact. with outside groups, non-anarchist and for issuing press releases on important matters which is printed monthly by a group;

4) the newspaper collective - Le Monde Libertaire - five members; 5) three General Administration Secretaries - responsible for the Bookshop as

well as the Federation office; 6) a Treasurer - responsible for the group's finances; 7) the Internal Bulletin - which is a

mechanism by which the Federation as a whole can keep an eye on the activities of the Secretaries. Patricia

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AMERICA'S STRASSERITES?

The National Caucus of Labor Committees (aka the US Labor Party) - the name used by the organisation the closest the USA has got to Strasserites (fascists with socialists pretensions), perhaps - now goes under the name of the National Democratic Policy Committee, with Lyndon la Roche still their fuhrer.

Recently NDPC candidates have been winning the odd Congressional primary (see also 'Fascists Go Hi-Tech' article). NDPC manifesto's usually make some reference to Jews and to their extermination, while statements on longer-term policy clearly spell out dictatorship. Last March 54 NDPC members were elected in three Chicago suburbs. Many believe that voters genuinely confuse them with the DNC (Democratic National Committee), middle of the road liberals. Also, like the National Front in France, the NDPC tends to win votes on the usual law 'n' order and hard work ticket or, ironically, on anti-drugs campaigning. Unlike the off-the-planet, but infamous KKK, the NDPC is trying a backdoor approach to getting fascist policies acceptable.

#### FASCISTS GO HI-TECH

The neo-nazi White American Resistance (WAR), headed by former KKK Grand Dragon (California) Tom Metzger, is currently doing a weekly TV slot on a networked cable channel.

WAR is federated to the Aryan Nations Church in Idaho and is linked through the ANC to the Bruder Schweizen (Brotherhood of Silence), currently

under investigation for armed robbery. The WAR TV show is titled Race and Reason and gets prime-time coverage in several cities in several states, including San Francisco, San Diego, Austin and Orange County (Florida). Guests in the show have included a former bodyguard to the founder of the American Nazi Party, and the director of the Institute of Historical Research (racist organisation of academics that put out crap about the extermination of the Jews by the nazis being anti-fascist falsification!).

More recently WAR has been getting involved in information technology for putting out propaganda. WAR Information Network is the name of its electronic propaganda newsheet - a computer bulletin that can be accessed via the telephone/ computer interface. The bulletin, predictably, contains racist essays, analyses and news and has the additional facility for 'members only' to send each other secret messages.

Metzger is allowed to use the public access cable slot because of regulations that give the same sort of opportunity to any political grouping (pull the other one!). It is this sort of legislation that the 'libertarian' line taken by civil liberty agencies can lead to. Radical liberalism masquerading as concern for freedom (ie the 'freedom' to be a nazi). Metzger is also left alone by the cops, who share the same liberalism. Perhaps this is because Metzger, in the late '70's, offered the police the services of the KKK to hunt down illegal 'aliens', and to help out in strikebreaking activities against workers in the United Farm Workers union (mainly low paid immigrants).

But by 1980 Metzger was trying out a different style. In that year he won the nomination for Democratic candidate for Congress in the 43rd Congressional District, but was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls and later stripped of party credentials. Two years later he ran for US Senate at the Democratic Primary and was placed 5th (with 73,987 votes) in a field of 11. Metzger now says he set up WAR to attract and recruit a 'wider swathe of white, working class people' to racist, fascist politics. SOURCE: Orlando ABC





#### SWITZERLAND

In summer of 1984 the small Swiss town of Winterthur came to life. An anarchist group calling themselves Autonome Zellen (autonomous cells) started a summer offensive.

At first the media didn't take notice, hoping the attacks would stop soon. As the attacks increased in number and gravity the media staged a witch-hunt to restore law and order. By November the police counted 6 bombings, 30 fireattacks and a few hundred cases of criminal damage (slashed tyres, graffiti etc). One of the bombs went off in the police ministers house, he resigned a few weeks later. The targets were banks, computer-centres, military buildings etc.

On 20th November 1984 100 police raided 3 houses in Winterthur. 29 local anarchists were arrested and locked away into isolation-units in separate prisons scattered all all over Switzerland. One month later, 13 people were still in custody, some of them in H-Blocks and Video-cells. Then, on Dec.

### USA

Supposedly to identify missing children and because of 'crime' a US dentist Maxwell and detective Conover have come up with a\$10 identification disc to be attached to a back tooth. The nearly indestructible 2.5mm plastic disc has room for name, address, telephone number, next of kin, religion and important medical information. With a tap from a dentist's chisel, the disc pops out and can then be read with a strong magnifying glass. Non-toxic- if swallowed it will pass through the body safely. The Maxwell-Conover Micro Informational Disc company and its competitors dismiss civil libertarians worries and hope to see a mass campaign to put a large number of discs on people, particularly children.

Quieting Reflex, a form of mental child abuse abuse 'for their own good' is a program in 28 schools in the Florida town of Orlando.



FASCISM - US STYLE INTERNATIONALINTERNATIONAL

18th, Gabi, one of the prisoners was fo und hanged in her cell. (Murder!). After this 'suicide' all but 5 people were released. 3 others were released after 11 weeks, two of them on bail £3000, no passports).

Meanwhile solidarity actions were happening all over the country. Then Res, one of the few Winterthur anarchists who managed to evade the raid, was caught in Geneva (middle of March) with a loaded gur in his pocket. He is now being charged with 7 other attacks committed by the Autonome Zellen in Geneva. The most spectacular of these was the burning down of the Palladium where the French fascist Leader Le Pen was supposed to be speaking. Eventually the appearance was cancelled. At the moment Res and Alex (the friend of the murdered woman) are still in jail. Alex claims to be in a 'silent room'. It is unlikely that they will be released in the near future. Reynald Brown, the last prisoner is only 17 years old so they put him in a concentration camp for disruptive youths. He will be free soon though, we hope. All prisoners are facing serious charges.

Tape recorded instructions tell youngsters to breathe deep, imagine a safe place, a 'wise person' to whom they can turn in times of trouble. Many locals see it as hypnotic, a form of religion; and, outraged, refuse to let their children be indoctrinated. 'Stress management' before examinations is the aim. Why not tackle the problem ie the exam system not merely the symptoms of stress ask local anarchists. Meanwhile School Liason Officers are growing in number. A SLO is one part police

officer, one part guidance counselor, one part big brother and one part teacher. They go into classes at teachers request to talk about the role of the police in society; work closely with guidance counsellors when students get arrested and play sports, go to social activities etc. to monitor youth.

Cops in plainclothes on bicycles (inside their packs - a badge, a gun and a two-way radio) have been pedalling the local neighborhoods on the lookout for burglars but so far have been busy spotting and picking up teenagers skipping school.

### **SIERRA LEONE**

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WARNING - THE IMF MAY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH

Wherever there are poor countries having problems with paying their debts to rich countries the International Monetary Fund is liable to visit, to lend a helping hand. The people of Sierra Leone, West Africa, are getting poorer and hungrier. Wages are pathetically low (and sometimes paid up to three months late), and food prices go up and up, with the result that many people use up at least half their wages just buying enough rice to eat, let alone buying anything to eat with the rice. Things aren't so bad if you live in the country and actually grow food, but the urban poor have really got problems, paying city prices for their food. This in spite of the fact that just about the only good thing the government does is to subsidise the price of rice (other basic foods are just as expensive, if not more so). If you are unemployed, there is no dole, by the way. There is very little free medical care if you get sic k on your inadequate diet, if you get malaria you may find it difficult even to be able to afford to buy aspirin, which are expensive enough to be sold individually. The ones in the hospital are often stolen. Now at the moment the IMF is not allowing Sierra Leone to use a loan which the IMF has available for this land of diamonds on the rocks, no loan unless the government stops subsidising rice and petrol.

The government is unwilling to do this, people are angry enough already. In a recent riot, secondary school pupils went on the rampage, throwing rocks and stones at vehicles thought to be government owned, or private vehicles believed to be owned by ministers or government officials. Sierra Leone prisons a re not nice places to be in, lots of people die in them, so people are not going to riot lightly. And the co ps routinely beat people up to extract confessions, as you might guess. So people must really hate the government. Probably because the place is a one-party state notorious for corruption and inefficiency. Now the IMF officials can't be left alone in a backstreet with the riot-crowd to explain their economic policies, eh? Why they should pay even more for a diet far worse than most dogs and cats eat in this country. We would suggest that the people barbeque the officials of the IMF, so that just for once they can have a decent bit of meat to go with their rice.

### USSR

In the construction industry alone dismissals over the last year for absenteeism and 'breakdown of labour discipline' have totalled more than 50,000. Taking into account that dismissals are not Party policy, this is an astounding figure and indicates the Level of revolt within Soviet industry as a whole.

### CANADA

A dissident member of the Seafarers International Union, Donald Davis was assaulted by Michael McManus (known as the 'Boxer') from Montreal at a Toronto meeting of the SIU. Davis was punched several times and then repeatedly kicked in the head and ribs on the floor.

Davis was active in a campaign against SIU President Roman Gralwicz three years ago, he was expelled from the union but later reinstated although he had trouble getting work on ships through the union hiring hall.

### MAY DAY

By hurling chains over high tension power cables the Resistance blacked out areas of Santiago and other Chilean towns on the eve of May Day.

In Poland the authorities preceded expected May Day Solidarnosc demonstrations by arresting several activists. The demos went ahead anyway.

In Greece May Day was celebrated in true style with all-out strikes that closed down many industries, as well as Government offices.

## **ABC** Spain

A lot of prisoner aid on behalf of anarchist prisoners (many of them belonging to the CNT-AIT\*) in Spain is organised by the 'Comie Pro-Presos de la CNT-AIT'(the CNT's Prisoner Aid Committee). Its structure has remained the same for a number of years and is Francisco Anguas Barragau, was killed as follows: Each Regional Committee of the CNT includes one person who is responsible for looking after any CHT or anarchist prisoners in the region. and handling any legal work (hiring of to death for the murder of Francisco lawyers etc.).

The CNT's National Prisoner Aid Committee (El Comite Pro-Presos Nacional) co-ordinates the work of the 1973 (he was driving the gettaway car) Regional Committees and can escalate any regional campaigns leg. campaign supporting an amnesty for prisoners) into a national one.

\*CNT-AIT = National Confederation of Labour. Spain's anarcho-syndicalist union and section of the International Workers Association. SOURCE: F.M.G.



#### Dear friends,

Thank you for your support. Regards to all at 121. I had a hard time at first due to claustrophobia and vegan diet but I've settled down

The Price-Waterhouse occupation marchists were found guilty, including myself. I intend to appeal against conviction. I am being supplied with Law books in prison to help me to

#### SALVADOR PUIG ANTICH

On March 2nd 1974, just over 11 years ago, Salvador Puig Antich was murdered by garotte at the hands of the Spanish State.

An anarchist and member of the MIL (Iberian Libertarian Novement), he was arrested on September 25th 1973 after a shoot out with the police. During the shoot-out a sub-inspector, - although it is still unclear who it was that shot him.

On January 8th 1974, a military Court sentenced Salvador Puig Antich Anguas plus 30 years imprisonment for his involvement in an attack on the Hispano-Americano Bank on March 3rd The Supreme Court of Nilitary Justice soon ratified the death sentence and on March 2nd 1974 Puig Antich was garotted, despite widespread international protests on his behalf. Before his death, telegrams were sent to Franco (head of State at the time), Prince Juan Carlos (now King of Spain), and several other priests and government ministers. Then someone representing Puig Antich telephoned Franco just a few hours before his execution, he was

told 'His excellency is resting and can't be disturbed at this hour.' Puig Antich spent his last night in prison with his sisters and lawyer.

prepare my case as I am representing myself. As far as my present charges are concerned I'm fully committed in custody till trial. No date as yet but it should be some time in early July. Whatever else they do they cannot stop the clock. For a society without prisons, human or criminal. Till that time comes, love and soliaarity, Angus McInnes, No. 3244, 'C' Hall, 1/31 BARLINNIE PRISON, Glasgow.

### **ABC** America

Dear Black Flag. Thanks for keeping in touch. Good luck with me-building the Anarchist Black Cross. It's a shame such a need crists, but considering the 'business' we're in, it's a necessary service for

I have not been receiving the Flag or the magazine. This prison is supposed to inform me when some mail is being kept from me, so if you send me papers tell me in a separate letter to expect a package. Unfortunately I can't be sent books, so I appreciate magazines.

Things have been very quiet for me since entering the Federal prison system last July. Being removed from Vancouver some 3,000 miles and put in a prison where I know no-one, and where I have had to slowly accomodate muself too. I have gotten into some university courses which has enabled me to contact the 'intellectuals' in the prison population. This has given me the chance for discussions and the occasional debate. I have also been involved with the Native Brotherhood. It's been a very hard struggle for the brothers across the country and they face a lot of repression.

Some good people from the local community have been visiting me on a regular basis. Toronto is only 150 miles away and I have several friends there, some have been refused visiting for security reasons and the general poverty of the & community there make regular visiting for them difficult. Generally, I'm doing well and expanding my mind with good ideas. I hope things are well for you and I send my solidarity and my appreciation. Brent Taylor, Box 280, Bath, Ont.

KOH I GO CANADA

Miners Prisoners

Michael Southwell, Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM - 21/2-year sentence, started 12.84. 0, Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

Kevin Beal, Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM - $2^{1/2}$ -year sentence started 12.84. 031, Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

David James, Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM -2<sup>1</sup>/2-year sentence started 12.84. 034, Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

Pearson, Peter Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM  $- 2^{1/2}$ -year sentence, started 12.84. 036, Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

Goodall, Steven Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM - 21/2-yeaar sentence started 12.84. 039, Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

Raymond Patton, Hem Heath pit, Staffs. NUM -2-year sentence, started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Rocd, Liverpool 9.

Steven Lowe, Hem Heath pit, Staffs. NUM – 2-year sentence, started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

Michael Jones, Hem Heath pit, Staffs. NUM -2-year sentence, started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

William Bannister, Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM serving a 2-year sentence from 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

Stephen Gregory - North Derbyshire NUM - on remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

Victor Gregory, North Derbyshire NUM - on remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

Steven Wakefield, Frickley, Yorkshire NUM - on remand. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

Dean Hancock, South Wales NUM. 899410, Cardiff Prison.

Russel Shankland, South Wales NUM. A83752, Hospital Wing, Cardiff Prison.

Mark Giore, in Featherstone Prison, New road, Wolverhampton, WV10

Kevin Green, Hickleton, Yorkshire NUM - on remand. Armley Prison, Leeds, LS12 2TJ.

Terry French, Betteshanger, Kent NUM - fiveyear sentence, started on 1.85. E73383, Wandsworth Prison, Heathfield Road, London SW18.

Chris Tazey, Betteshanger, Kent NUM - threeyear sentence, started 1.85. A29398. Youth Detention Centre, Sprayford Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

#### Alan Reeve escaped from Broadmoor in 1981 after spending 17 years inside for an indefinite detention after being convicted of the manslaughter of a fellow school boy. He got away to Amsterdam where he lived for a year incognito until he was captured after shooting dead a Dutch cop while resisting arrest for shoplifting. He'd been on the run from the UK for a year - and had stolen from an off-licence in order to celebrate.

As a mental patient in Britain he was denied right to appeal for release to a tribunal or court. His political views and activities were also upsetting the State. He became attracted to Marxism & Maoism after he took an Open University degree in politics. He organised political discussions among inmates on Broadmoor's sports fields and founded the Revolutionary Action Committee of Broadmoor, which in 1972 held a roof top protest against prison conditions. He wrote a book, Notes from a Waiting Room (Heretic Pub.) in which he developed a radical critique of the prison system in Britain.

In Prison in Holland he continued his political activity and became the chair of the prisoner's committee. He started a 54 day hunger strike after he was put in indefinite solitary isolation in the 'bunker' - the harshest regime in the Dutch penal system - following an unsuccessful escape attempt. The move was



Protestors take over a television studio in Amsterdam during a live transmission.





People in picture (from left to right) are: - Chris King (accused of Jonathan Jackson/Sam Melville Unit participation, police shootings, bombings etc. Now he's in Walpole, Mass.). Oscar Lopez Riviera (of FALN, Puerto-Rican Nationalist POW). Mark Cook (George Jackson Brigade, bank robberies, bombings etc.) Larry Giddings.

ABC AMERICA Larry Giddings is an anarchist in Leavenworth prison, Kansas. He's doing time - 2 life (state) sentences plus 3 × 25 year (federal) sentences - for aiding an escape attempt and shooting a cop. Sentenced in 1980, he was transferred to Leavenworth from Walla

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Walla prison in 1982. He spent his first 19 months in Leavenworth with 3-4 other people in one cell in a 5-600 man unit. Now he's in a single cell. Solidarity greetings can be sent to: Larry W. Giddings, No 10917-086, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, Kansas, 66048, USA.

Prison Journal, No 4. It took some time getting it out, but the delay was made up for in the improved lay-out etc. We wish to thank you for your continued support of the prisoners here in Matsqui, we do appreciate the subscription you have continued to send us this last year. We would like to continue our exchange

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Dear Friends of the Black Flag Collective,

Enclosed within is the latest cops of the

with you; hopefully this year we will have our shit together better and you will receive editions 5 and 6. The Prison Journal started out as a literary mag but we have been moving it to a more conscious political stance. The Vancouver Five interview is the centrepiece, heading in that direction.

If you know of other groups or people who would appreciate this kind of material send their names along and we will see about putting them on our mailing list .

Keep up the good work. There are Black Flags all over the prison academic centre here.

thanks again, John Abbott, Editor Prison Journal, Academic Center, Matsqui Prison, Box 2500, Abbotsford, BC. V2S 4P3 CANADA

#### FRENCH PRISONERS REVOLT

A prisoner committed 'suicide' as unrest spread to another high-security jail outside Paris. He was one of 4 men to slash their wrists during an outbreak of rioting at Bois D'Arcy prison. 2 days of rioting at Fleury-Merogis jail left 22 prisoners in hospital after riot police attacked their protest at conditions. In Nice 50 inmates refused to return

to their cells in solidarity with their fellow hostages action.

an internal disciplinary measure, as nonviolent escape isn't an offence under Dutch law... The British Ambassador in Holland, requesting extradition has been told by the Dutch authorities that Reeve will be deported at the end of his sentence (15 years). The Dutch Justice Ministry say they will move Reeve out of the 'bunker' in August. He is being denied access to his own doctor and is being fed on solids, which are inappropriate after such a long fast. A demonstration by a group of people

from Amsterdam at the prison where he is being held took place. Some were arrested for climbing onto the prison 'wall and unfurling some banners. They were released after a few hours. Some others occupied a live television show to publicise Alan Reeve's situation on hunger strike. Alan Reeve,

Penitentiair Ziekenhuis, Pompstationweg 48

2597 JW Den Haag. Further information from:

De Wittenstraat 1 1052 AJ Amsterdam

020-869057.

Transferred from the Hospital Wing he is now back in solitary, but will not be deported. He has seen the doctor of his choice. Alan Reeve's case has helped to publicise the situation of others who have gone on hunger strike too but lost and have been deported.

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Ian Kestle, Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM - $2^{1/2}$ -year sentence, started 12.84. E71032, Welford Prison, Leicester.

David Gaunt, Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM -3-year sentence, started 12.84. E71037, A Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN 8NH.

Paul Jones, Shirebrook. North Derbyshire NUM - $2^{1/2}$ -year sentence, started 12.84. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire, NN 8NH.

David Mason, Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM -2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-vear sentence, started 12.84. E711033, F Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire, NN 8NH.

Philip Stirland, Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM  $- 2^{1/2}$ -year sentence, started 12.84. E71035, B Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire. NN 8NH.

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AGORA no.26 April-May '85. 207. B.P. 31037 Toulouse, Cedex. FRANCE

BLACK CHIP A journal on computing for Anarchists. 1985 issue 1. Subs. £2 for the next 4 issues. c/o Alexander, 55 Dupont Road, SW20 8EH

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LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION new magazine to be launched in September. Discussion on libertarian theory and practice; the German free school movement in Bristol on the weekend 25-27 May '85. c/o R. Musgrove, 24 Woodstock Road, Redland Bristol 6. DROWNED RAT PUBLICATIONS

No.1 The Chinese Anarchist Novement, 20 pages 75p. No.2 Woman Without a Country -

Emma Goldman 15 pages 40p. No.3 Three Essays on Anarchism -Charlotte Wilson 24 pages 80p. Drowned Rat Collective, Box 010, Full Marks, Cheltenham Road, BRISTOL

lear friends.

Thanks a lot for keeping in touch, ina publishing part of our letter in your paper (see B.F. 128). It's good to exchange information between count- region between 1976 and 1982). ries. Unfortunately there aren't any libertarian publications here in Rosario yet. We pass on news, etc. the libertarian press in Buenos Aires La Protesta, La Antorcha and El libertario) although none of these they can afford it.

Regarding the Falklands/Malvinas question, its now three years since the whole deplorable episode began on 2nd April, 1982. There have been veral commemorative meetings here. It one event 3,000 people gathered in Swedish teenager D.Hagelin, French a football stadium in Buenos Aires and nuns, Uruguayan militants in exile et cave Galtier's wife a standing ovation etc Grupo Distribuidor 'Impulso,

(former Prez Galtieri is now in jail and on trial for violating human rights along with other members of the military Junta that governed the Although these people don't represent the majority view in Argentina, you should be aware of such events as they encourage nostalgia towards the now weakened military forces. All this is an inspiration to the reactionary newspapers appear regularly, only when forces in the population who wish to see the soldiers who committed genociae auring the 'dirty war' go free. These solaiers killed, tortured and made thousands of Argentinians disappear (along with people from other countries living in Argentina like the

SPRINGBURN FOLLIES April '85. Glasgow Trades Council have sent a letter to NUM HC and strike centres lieing about the Glasgow Mutual Aid Fund by claiming GMAF collections were a fraud The Fund was run by Anarchists who put the Miners struggle above manipulation for political gain. They collected £10,000 for 30-40 strike centres and support groups; they also suffered 21 arrests for collecting for the miners and 12 arrests for occupying Price-Waterhouse, the company that stole the miners funds. Trades Council secretary Jane McKay (Communist Party) and Trades Council Chairman John Walker Labour Party, should resign and the Anarchists are asking for support: Springburn Follies c/o Autonomy Press

HARPY No.1. A-wimmin's paper. Produced by former members of Hysteria @feminist group of Bristol. From: -wimmin Box 10, 110 Cheltenham Rd. Bristol 6 AVON

INDUSTRIAL WORKER Paper of the IWW Industrial Workers of the World. April 25 cents. c/o 3435 North Sheffield, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60657 USA TIERRA Y LIBERTAD Anarchist monthly, founded by anarcho-syndicalist exiles in the early 1940s. From: Gularte, Cerrada de Copernico 5, Ciudad Brisa, Naucalpan, Edo. de MEXICO. MORKERS SOLIDARITY No.7 May 1985. 20p. Paper of the Workers Solidarity Movement. From: WSM, PO Box 1528, Dublin 8





It should not be confused with the (often-reprinted) pamphlet "The Origins of the Anarchist Movement in China" by A. Heltzer, though most of the sources are similar.

The main difference is that this concentrates on the earlier period but is much more exhaustive. There is however a curious conclusion to this newest one, especially from an anarchist collective, that Chinese Communism should be grateful to the Anarchist movement for

its radical critique of the old system and implantation of communistic ideas, and somewhat puts Anarchism in its place as an also-ran.

and the story of Chinese anarchism has just got to be fascinating.



Dear friends, The prison administration here has told me that I will no longer

be permitted to receive 'radical' literature, specifically including Black Thank you for what you have sent up till

> Douy Stewart, Box 1210, St. Anne des Plaines PQ JON 1HO Canada.

COUNTER-INFORMATION

In the wake of the official end of the miners strike the producers of C-I intend to continue their bulletin for a national and international audience. Those who want to help, join in discussion contact: Counter-Information, Box 81, 43 Candlemaker Row., EDINBURGH SCOTLAND.

CLYDESIDE ANARCHISTS CHANGE ADDRESS The Clydeside Anarchists have changed their address from Queen Street to: Clydeside Anarchists c/o Clydeside Press, 53 Cochrane Street, GLASGOW G1 SCOTLAND.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - JAPAN The Workers Solidarity Movement - IWA Japan have changed their address to: c/o Murususha 2f-8 Fujiso 7-21-3 Nishishinjuku, Shinjukuku TOKIO, JAPAN. All other addresses for IWA Japan are now redundant.













But we don't want to guibble, it's a very useful source of facts otherwise,

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30th April Stop Business as Usual 13 people were arrested in Ashford Kent after rampage in shopping area Ashford comrades have started a defence fund and need donations. Hastings Tory party HQ was hit by piantbombs. A phone blockade on PSA; Barclays; Torys, Army etc was cuite successful.

Ne ws continues to come in of a variety of actions carried out around the country. Unlike Stop the City. where some actions were carried out, but heavy arrest rate broke the back of the resistance, SBU pertisans for the most part got away. The affinity group of friends and knowledge of the local area, legal back-up (names and addresses sorted out in preparation) and anarchist strategy (ie. selfexpalanatory targets or graffiti to show not the work of provocateurs) can ensure a long hot summer to come. N.Ludd

NB. More reports, including overseas next issue of Black Flag.

#### TORY CLUB BLAZED

Bebbinton Tory Club, in the Wirral, got hit twice in one week. Each time the club was broken into, smashed up and set alight. Damage was extensive. Amazingly the police told the press that they had no idea what the motive was. Seems pretty obvious to us.



#### ALARM 84

Alarm 84 is a small anarchistcommunist organisation settled in a squatted church in the middle of the Netherlands. They are active in their region in squatting, distribution of papers and organising non-profit concerts. Their own paper Alarm is produced every 2 months. They are asking for information about other groups activities which they will publicise in Amersfoort. They can read English, German, Dutch and French: Stichting Alarm 84. Postbus 743, 3800 AS Amersfoort NEDERLAND

ANARCHIST CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA. 1-4 MAY 1986. Detailed and specific programmes will be issued by the Celebration Collective in October 1985 and March 1986. Contact: Australian Anarchist Centenary Celebrations Collective/ AACCC, PO Box 20, PARKVILLE 3052, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.