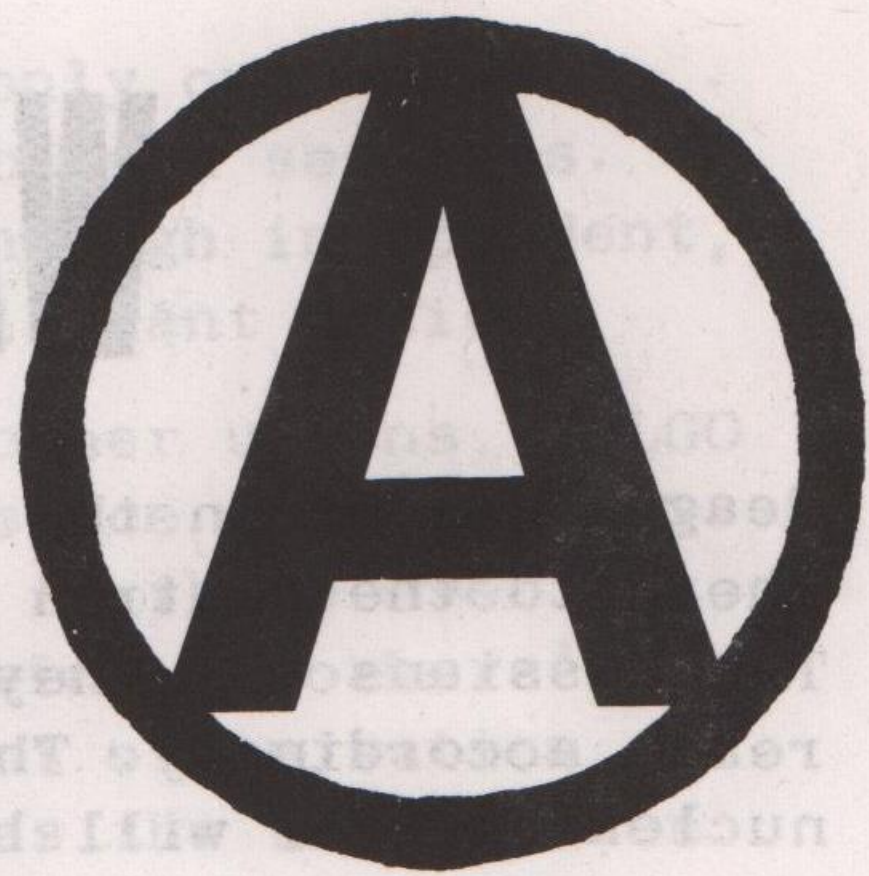


# DIRECT ACTION



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# YOU'RE DEAD



# WAR GAMES

Reagan has given the go-ahead to the neutron bomb. The Russians say they will react accordingly. The nuclear spiral will be given another deadly twist. while hunger and poverty still haunt millions of people vast amounts of money are wasted on ways of killing people. Half the worlds scientists are involved in work for the military madmen.

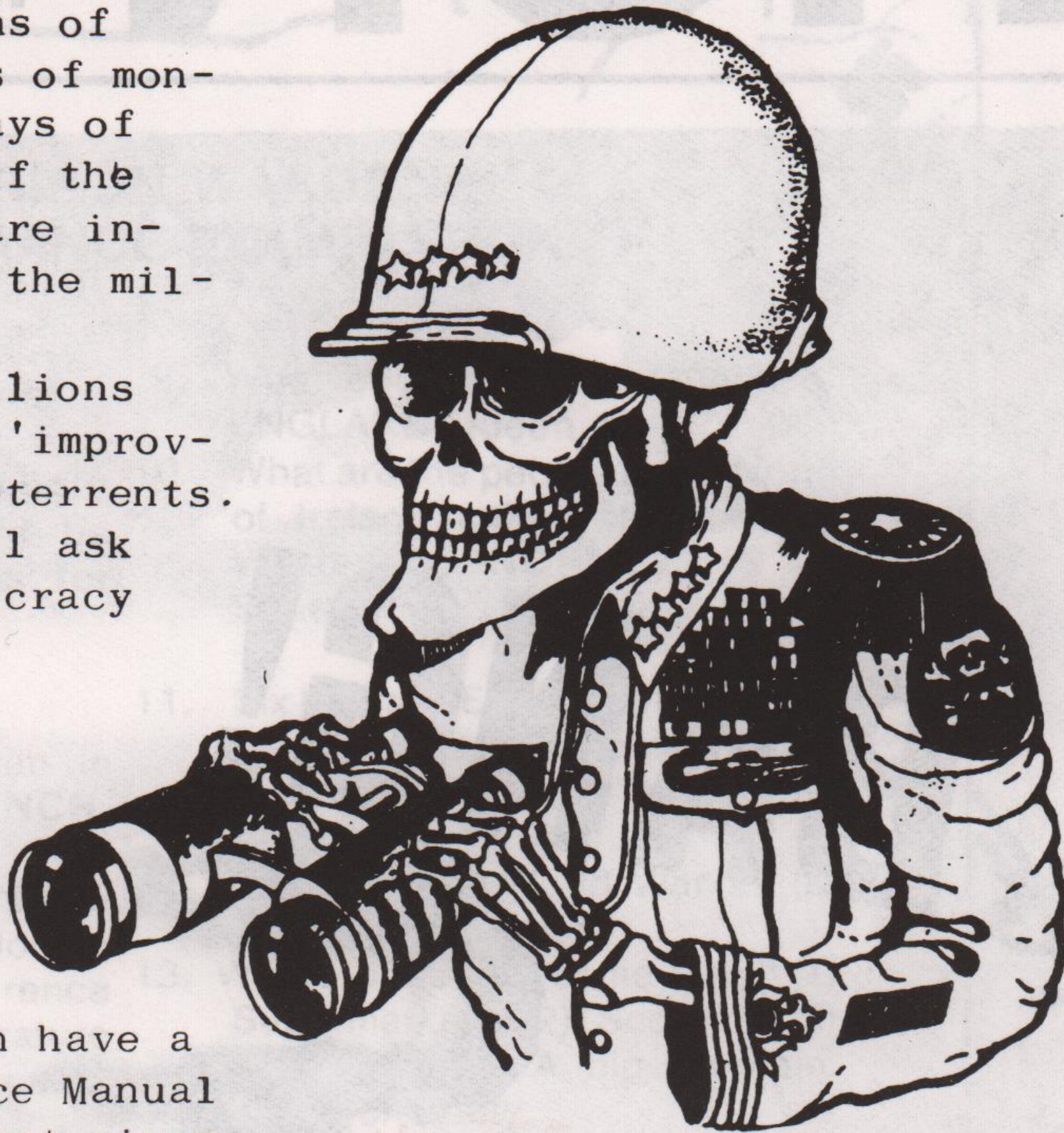
In this country billions are to be spent on 'improving' our nuclear deterrents. Sane people may well ask why? To defend democracy of course!

We at Direct Action have a confidential 'Police Manual of Home Defence' that gives the lie to that claim completely. For instance, point 9A says that the police will be responsible for 'special measures to maintain internal security with particular reference to the detention or restriction of movement of subversive or potentially subversive people.

In other words, the defence of our wonderful 'democracy' will cost millions of lives and result in a police state! Whats our alternative? Firstly we don't see war as inevitable but a result of conflicts between rival ruling elites. Their power games are played with workers lives, as in WWI and WWII and will be in the next war.

British and American workers have absolutely nothing to gain from war with Russian workers or anyone else. A sensible anarchist world will be based on cooperation

between peoples. Generals, Field Marshalls, Admirals or whatever wanky names they give themselves will not be allowed to play war games with peoples lives.



## RESIST ALL

### CUTBACKS

Following the recent acceptance by Pan-Am employees to take a cut in wages, another American firm has jump-

ed on the the 'cut your own throat' bandwagon. With firms large and small going bust all over the place the threat to workers livelihoods is creating an unhealthy defeatist attitude. This threat is being blatantly exploited by management in order to cower its workforce into submissive roles. Rumours of bully-boy tactics taken by over-zealous (some would say cowardly) managers are rife, with the union leadership bureaucracy unwilling to take a firm line. Whilst prices are allowed to soar and pay freezes the order of the day the losers once again are the workers. All such forms of intimidation and dubious calls for self-sacrifice should be resisted with or without union backing! In the face of non-resistance the bully grows stronger and its actions crueler.

When all the lies, aggressive and cold-blooded ignorance dealt out by the so-called 'Captains of Industry' are taken into account they deserve our unswerving ..... disgust to their tactics and unswerving determination to resist their acts of economic suppression.

We can either endure the crumbs or we can share out the cake to our mutual advantage.





# Armed Police in Dawn Raids

At 4.30am on Saturday 11th July the houses of three Anarchists in Leeds were raided by the Anti-Terrorist Squad. On each raid there were about six armed police including one armed with a shotgun. They bundled the three men into cars and took them to Pudsey police station where accommodation had been arranged since the previous Wednesday.

During the interrogations that followed the police said that they had received good information that the three men were plotting to blow up the Royal Wedding. This was greeted with derisive laughter by the alleged plotters who then went on to give their interrogators a lecture about Anarchism. Two of the men were members of Syndicalist organisations (one of the DAM and the other of the IWW.) also explained the principles of Anarcho-Syndicalism.

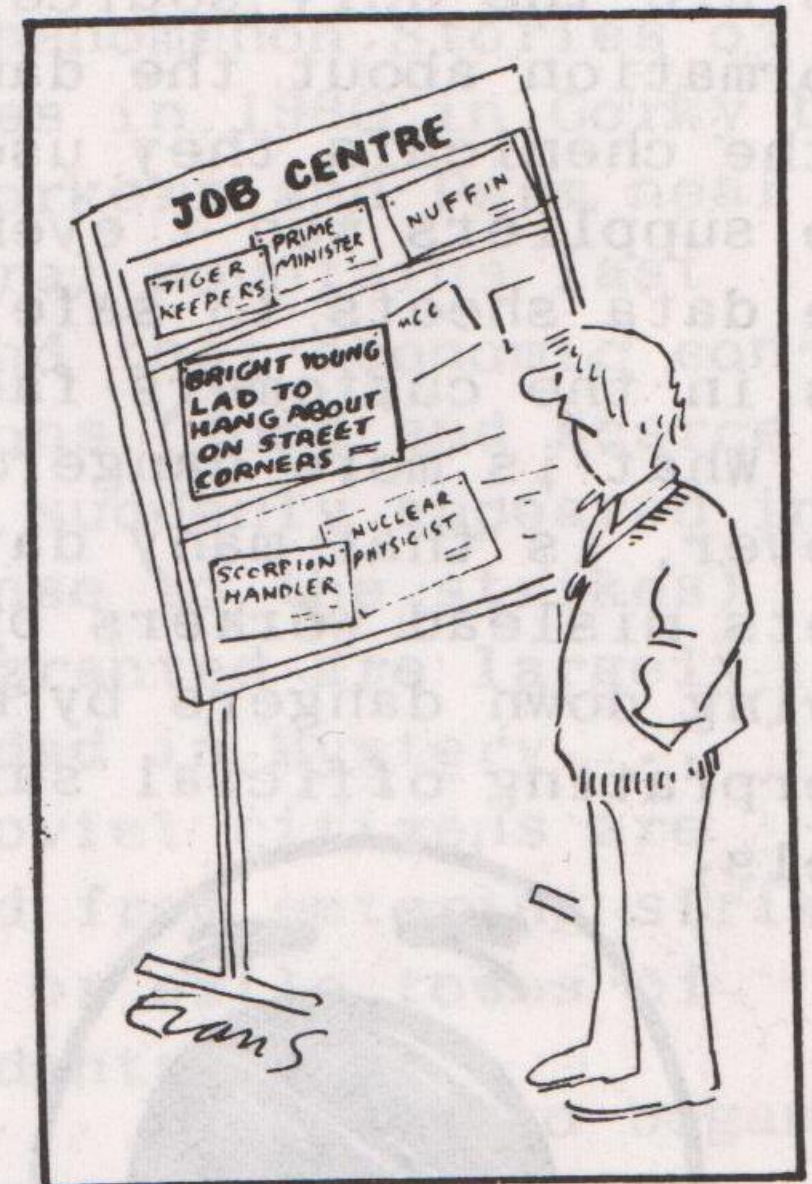
Obviously not exactly fascinated by this, the police then went on about prominent figures in the anarchist movement and about various left wing and nationalist groups before they finally realised they were wasting their time. They then released the three anarchists at 2.00pm on the Sunday without charging them.

By coincidence something else happened that weekend put these events into their proper perspective. The house of a black family was burnt out by a mysterious fire which local residents claim was caused by yet another racist petrol bombing. The police, of course, have shown little interest in that line of enquiry. It seems they prefer to go looking for imaginary Anarchist conspiracies rather than to tackle the real terrorists: the Fascists.

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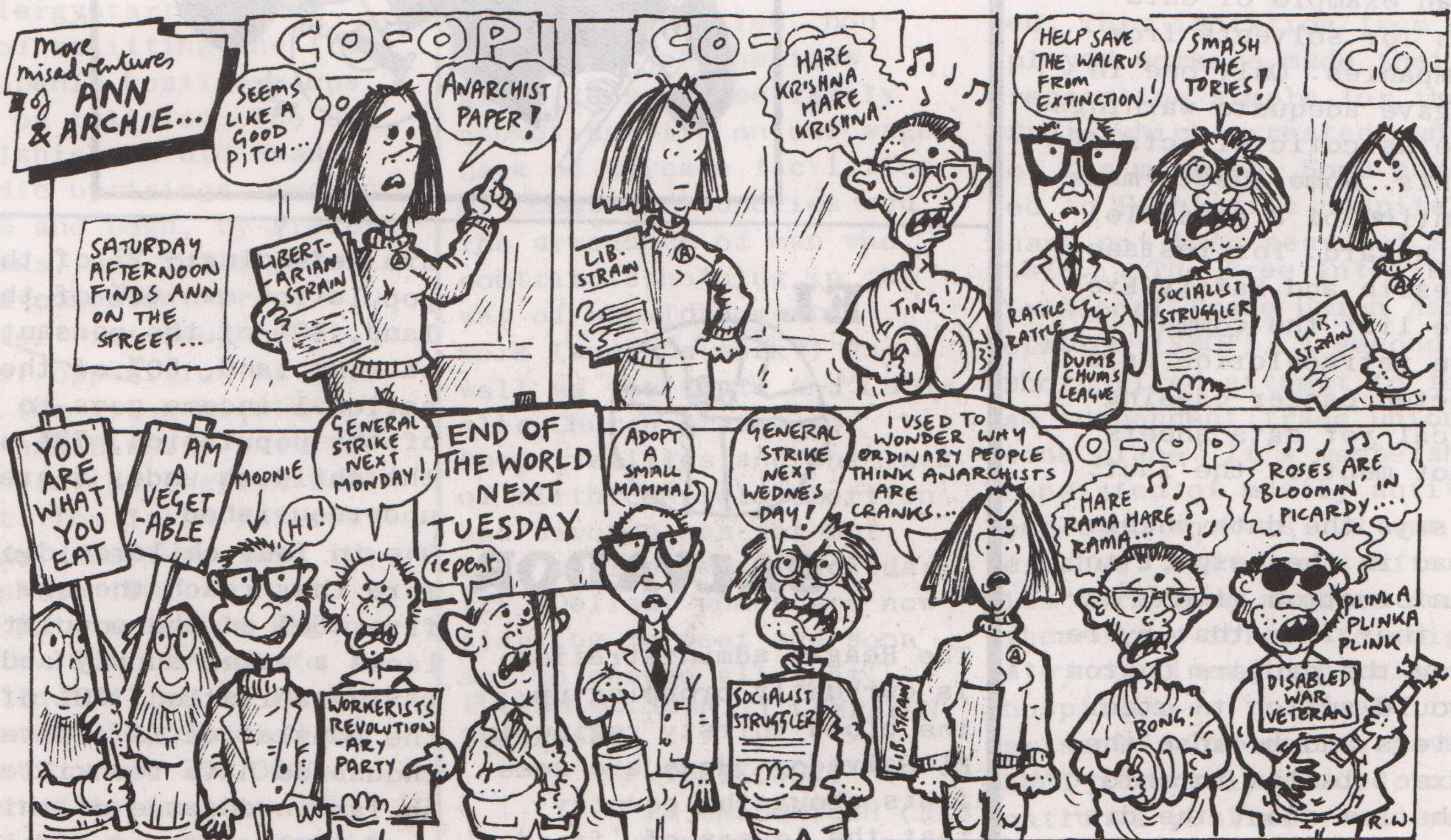
# Unemployed Centres

Are you interested in starting (or already involved in) an Unemployed Workers' Centre?



The TUC have produced a couple of bulletins for this purpose. It, of course, outlines their (TUC) thinking on this matter. They are available from PETER ASHBY

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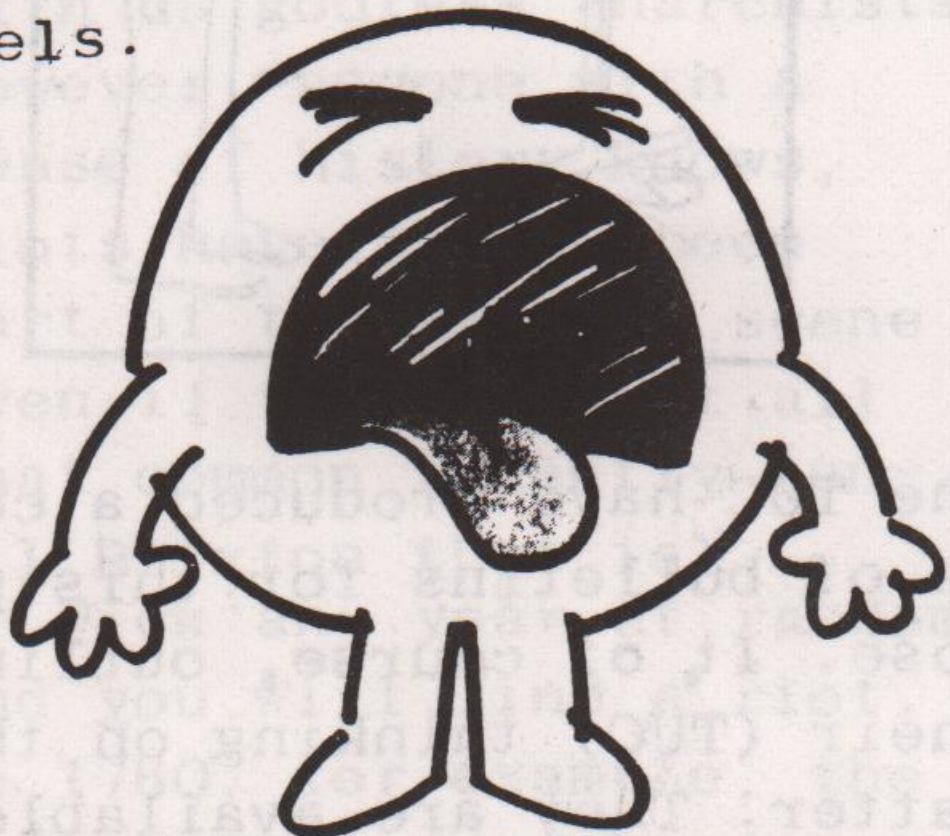




## DANGEROUS CHEMICALS

SOCIAL AUDIT, a public interest group, has published a report which looks at the safety information given in 'data sheets' that suppliers of chemicals give to their customers.

For many workers the data sheets are the only source of information about the dangers of the chemicals they use. Some suppliers won't even give data sheets to safety reps in the customers factories. What is more dangerous, however, is that many data sheets mislead workers by playing down dangers by misinterpreting official safety levels.



Few suppliers will say what exactly is in their products, and it is therefore difficult to check what is in their products against text books. Social Audit give an example of data sheets for solvents from 45 companies. Only one in four gave adequate warnings of the narcotic effects of solvents. Some sheets made no mention of a possible fatal hazard. For instance, the Health and Safety Executive list the common carbon tetrachloride as a suspected cancer-causing chemical yet data sheets did not mention the fact.

S.A. says the data sheets are bad in the respect to the information given, because they fear that by revealing the dangers customers would switch to other suppliers and because the H&S Exec. is lax in enforcing the law about the disclosure of hazards.

JCB

## LEICESTER OUTWORK CAMPAIGN

Outworkers in Leicester, women who work at home doing mainly jobs like sewing dresses, packing hosiery, doing leatherwork. One woman earns the princely sum of 3p an hour! - and has to supply her own plastic bags.

These women do this kind of work because they have to support their children, and they are desperate for a little extra. Some of these women are claiming supplementary benefit in addition to doing this kind of work and are terrified of the DHSS knowing that they are getting money from this source.

Many women work with dangerous chemicals and often have to store them at home with the possibility of fire or poisoning. It is not just the question of the dangers but also of the isolation and alienation, and for its worth few unions are interested in recognising these women.

A newsheet called 'Outworkers Own' and an Outworkers Fact Pack have been produced. The pack are free to outworkers and a £1 to others. The campaign recently submitted information to a House of Commons Select Committee but they do not know what the outcome will be.

The Leicester Outwork Campaign is based at,

32 De Montford St  
Leicester.

And there is also, The London Homeworking Campaign,

2 Cable St  
London.



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## SALVADOR

The Reagan administration is currently propping up the blood-thirsty regime in El Salvador. Here are some facts about the country that the lovers of 'freedom'

are defending:- 2% of the population own 60% of the land, 40% of the peasants have no land, 50% of the national income goes to 8% of the population, 73% of the children under 5 are undernourished.

One in four children die before they reach the age of five, 60% of the population lacks a water supply and basic sanitation, 50% of the population is illiterate. Thousands have been killed so far in defence of this wonderful state of affairs.



# MARX O

## Barcelona 1

In 1871 Karl Marx wrote to Engels denouncing Workers Control. Stressing the inability of workers to manage without 'management' "Go and run one of the Barcelona factories without direction, that is to say, without authority!" Marx wrote.

Unfortunately for Marx he chose a bad example. For in the 1930s Spanish workers took control of their factories and workplaces. Catalonia saw all industry and public services under workers control. As well as 70% of the industry in the Levant region. Workers throughout the country followed this example. 2,000 agricultural collectives also formed.

Amid the struggle against the state and the fascist coup. The Spanish people proved to the world that workers left to their own devices do not cause chaos and disaster. But that a liberated people, free from the state, can live and work together in relative harmony. Producing and providing for the benefit of all. Not lining the pockets of a parasitical few! If Karl Marx had been in Spain at the time would have been a sight to behold. Skulking around with his tail between his legs tightly clutching his crumpled manuscripts.

### LAWRENCE SCOTT

The occupation at Lawrence Scotts is over, but the strike is still on! The police have done their best to help scabs remove machinery from the factory. The workers still believe they can win and donations can be sent to....

THE STRIKE COMMITTEE  
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DEMONSTRATORS ORGANISE THEIR OWN STREET FIRST AID SQUADS TO DEAL WITH TEAR GAS ETC.



BERLINS PARA-MILITARY RIOT SQUADS READY FOR ACTION - ONE DEMONSTRATOR HAS BEEN KILLED SO FAR.



THE SQUATTERS FACE THE WATER CANNONS, THE HOUSING SITUATION MAY BE GETTING WORSE BUT PLENTY OF MONEY FOR REPRESSIVE EQUIPMENT.

# BATTLE OF BERLIN



# THIS PLACE IS UNDER...

In February 1981 there was a massive six day occupation of British Columbia's key communications network, the B.C. Telephone Co., by 11,000 members of the Telecommunications Workers Union. For six days, until forced out by a court injunction, the workers controlled and operated twenty installations over a huge area. They moved in due to union breaking attempts by their bosses, a multinational corporation (General Telephone & Electronics Corp of New York) taking a first step towards replacing all forms of authority over them. A wave of sabotage, mass secondary picketing and one day general strikes in selected towns and cities followed their occupation. Alarmed by this, the business and political establishment put pressure on B.C. Telephone Co to come to terms with its workers. The following is an excerpt from the diary of one of the occupiers, a directory assistant operative who had worked there for several months before the occupation

## DAY 1

This is a vision beginning to work itself out in real life-size form. One day into this thing, and I'm tired, but compared to the positive sensations passing through this place, fatigue doesn't stand a chance. Imagine, walking onto the floor, ignoring management completely deciding amongst ourselves what work needs to be done. We are the management at B.C. Tel.

Johanne and I go down to the building late at night to talk to our shop stewards. She's working graveyard, 11.30pm-6.00am, so I stay with her until just after midnight. Who will ever forget the look on management's faces when we tell them we

are now in control, and their services are obviously no longer needed; astonishment, confusion, fear. They tell us, "You might as well go home, you're on strike and you're not getting paid" We say "we're not on strike - we're taking over the building."

Graveyard is the first bunch to test the collective strength of direct assistance operators in our building. They're a bit nervous, but they have the guts and see the night through. I imagine it's a slight shock to come to work and have your co-workers tell you not to listen to the supervisors, and if the cops come in, just unplug your headset, lie down on the floor and offer no resistance if they try to bodily remove us. But these are not just thoughts or dreams to sleep by, but an episode in the struggle (fight) for workers control. Finally, I go to the Quadra (Women's Bar) and get drunk, a little.

## DAY 2

Working today is absolutely wonderful. It might be nice if the management paid us for our admirable political exercise, but we will soon see that our rewards aren't monetary. I'm disappointed management hasn't been physically removed yet: they have this uncanny ability to throw you off balance.

The guys from downstairs, switchers, technicians, maintenance people - keep coming upstairs and offering to throw them out. I appreciate

their sentiment, but we operators have to control and run our department ourselves. They'll be out soon enough. Once they go out, they're not being let back in; there's only one left.

One of the first things we do is open the blinds. We're on the tenth floor in downtown Vancouver and the view of the mountains and sea is naturally beautiful when you're allowed to see it, especially some of those crimson sunsets over English Bay. So now we have natural light; out go the ugly glaring fluorescents.

The whole atmosphere is so much more relaxed, even though

we're taking more calls, working longer hours but we're doing it because it's our choice (it's also not a bad way to win a collective agreement). Usually, we're supposed to take a call in 30 seconds or under, but we don't need those oppressive quotas now. Our stand is Super Service and good service and profits don't mix together.

## DAY 3

We're starting to get a clearer picture of how these occupations got started. First was Nanaimo (on Vancouver Island): 26 people were laid off for "under productivity" (slow downs), so 150 workers seized the switch room and took over the entire building.

That was Tuesday - four days ago.

Then on Thursday morning, a shop steward who works at the purchasing and supply centre on Tenth Ave in Burnaby (a Vancouver suburb) showed up at work with an anti-Tel. T-shirt. Management told her to go home and change. She checked with T.W.U.: they told her 'refuse'. The Tenth Ave buildings were also taken over, this time by 700 workers.

From there it was like an epidemic, contagious, like wildfire, the word being spread through the company's own lines. We control 20 centres in every part of the province, small towns,

remote islands, mountains, the big city (Vancouver) - 11,000 T.W.U. members in all.

It's 7.00am Saturday morning; the calls aren't pouring in yet - we'll be swamped in an hour, though. I can even drink a coffee while taking calls. What a treat; to bad it isn't standard practice.

## DAY 4

We're making friends from other departments. Guys from downstairs are coming up to help out and learn our jobs. We're actually shortstaffed for the number of calls, because company threats have succeeded in keeping some operators off the job.

This skill sharing proves to be one of the most valuable experiences of our occupation. The Company strategy all along has been to train its management personnel to do our jobs, so they can scab in time of strike. Now we're turning the tables on them. B.C. Tel being no different from any other employer pays women the least and tries to work us under the most rigid and nasty working conditions.

Now guys who didn't take our demands seriously are changing their minds; after actually doing our jobs, they realise we're overworked and underpaid. We let those guys listen in on our calls, then go through the basics; how to key in, how to talk to the customers (you can't let them intimidate you if you can't find a listing, etc.)

Then they take over a board themselves. Sometimes it's like the comedy hour in there. I mean, how often in your life do you get to see men looking vulnerable and naive, let alone being trained by women? All this is taken in good humour by all concerned; it isn't a matter of revenge.

## Day 5

Today's the big day; T.W.U.'s organising a big media tour. All radio stations, newspapers, TV, the big labour boys. The sign on the front door says... CO-OP TEL: UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT - NO MANAGEMENT ALLOWED.

Reporters are trekking in video equipment, tape recorders, microphones, portapaks. Next thing we know, questions, camera shots, interviews. Hello World! See how T.W.U. members are competent, friendly and even give good service! The reporters' questions really get us going; Why do you have to put up red flags when you go to the bathroom? How often are you unknowingly monitored?

We talk about rules and more rules, long hours and lousy working conditions, and why we're doing this, how we can win solidarity and community.

One sharp-eared reporter hears me say "TWU directory assistance - under workers control". A microphone is shoved down my throat, then a thousand others. "What does the occupation mean to you?" "That we don't need management. The atmosphere's great: we work things out through cooperation not by answering to so-called supervisors." "What's the Public response?" "Great!" They love us. Everyone hates B.C. Tel. Don't you know your phone rates have just been increased?

## DAY 6

So this is it. Our last morning of bliss. Even though we're going out at noon we're all still up. I feel so much strength and solidarity with everybody. The sun's shining and beams are streaming across the room - a magical atmosphere is created. Someone's watering the plants.

A voice through the loudspeakers: a telegram extending solidarity from Men against Rape is read, we all give a clap and a cheer.

The press is here again for its last sweep; an air of anticipation fills the place. Customers are asking all sorts of questions; the telephone numbers they want are almost incidental to the conversations.

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We're all getting pretty hyper. we hear that quite a crowd is waiting for us outside. Finally, 11.30 arrives. We unplug - the next calls are left for the scabs, coming in through the back door. We each grab a picket sign and head for the cafeteria to await the word. There are at least a 1000 people in here - its incredible. We pour out onto Seymour St amidst cheers and whistles and foot stamping from 2,000 supporters. More greetings and speeches, messages of solidarity. We sing a rousing chorus of Solidarity Forever; then we're off to the lock-out headquarters, picket signs in hand. It's easy to get sentimental over this one. A sigh. Oh well the struggle continues.

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Occupations like the one at B.C. Tel are hallowed tactics of militant, anti-authoritarian insurgencies throughout history. In Spain, the working class, through its mass-based anarcho-syndicalist union, the CNT, signalled the start of the anti-Franco uprising in 1936 by taking over and running the Barcelona telephone system. Rank and File workers, their revolutionary committees and their syndicates, reorganised and administered production, distribution and public services in every sector without capitalists, high salaried managers or the authority of the state.

The following is an excerpt from Sam Dolgoff's book *The Anarchist Collectives* (page 83) which describes telephone workers self management in the Spanish Revolution:  
"More than half the telephone lines were destroyed by grenades during the fighting. The restoration and repair of telephone

connections was imperative. Without waiting for orders from anyone, the workers restored normal telephone service within three days. Thousands of new lines were installed in union locals, militia centres, and committee districts. Once this crucial emergency work was finished a general membership meeting of telephone workers decided to collectivize the telephone system. From within their own ranks the workers chose a management committee. Each district elected its own responsible director. Although very few telephone workers belonged to the UGT (most belonged to the CNT) the collectivization was conducted under the joint auspices of the UGT and the CNT. (Ed note; the UGT was the socialist union) The subscribers declared that the service was better under collectivization than under private ownership. As in collectivized transport, the wages of the lowest paid workers were significantly increased."

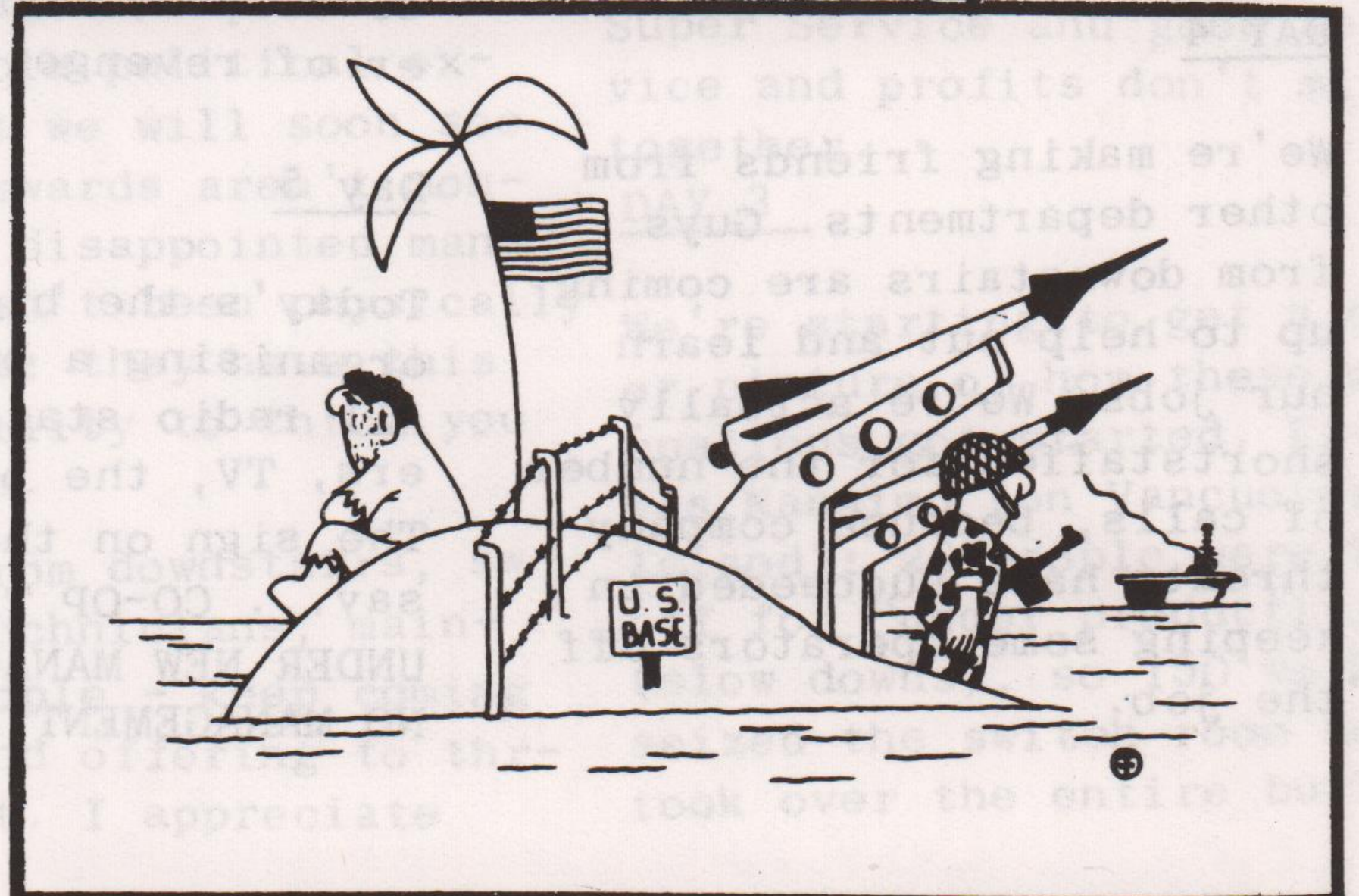
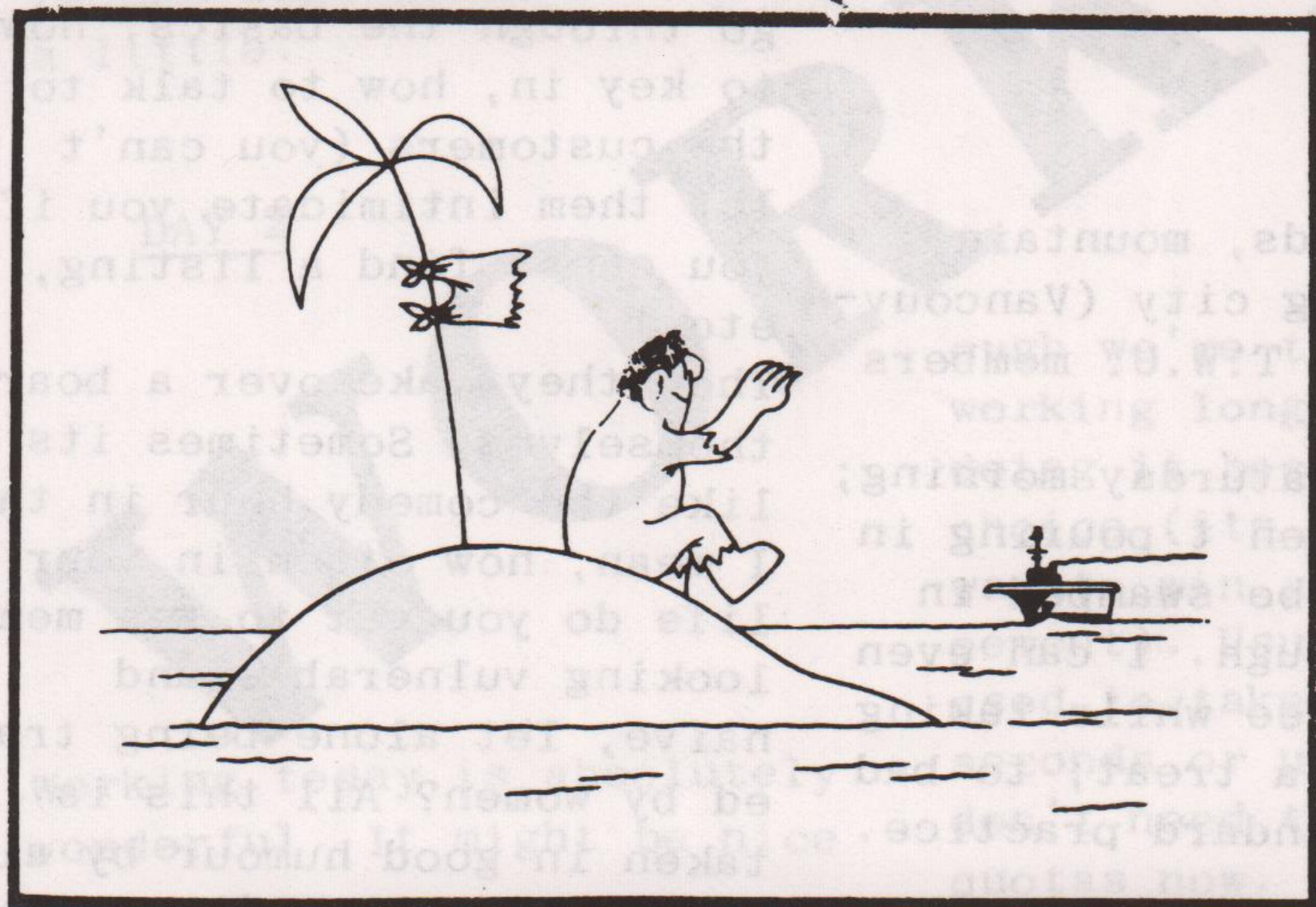
## LOW - PAID DISGRACE

The worst paid workers today are relatively worse off than the lowest paid 95 years ago when figures were first collected says the latest report from the Low Pay Unit.

The report says that in 1980 there were a total of 4.7 million workers who fell below the definitions of low pay, £75 a week. Many rely on overtime to keep them above this level, and the present slump pushes more and more into poverty.

The report contests the Government's assertion that workers can protect their jobs by taking a cut in wages. "It is in those industries in which wages have fallen farthest, .....that have forced the biggest job losses."

LOW PAY REVIEW 4, 75p.  
from the L.P.U.  
9 Poland St.  
London W1





## **Irish History— Looking Back in Anger**

Foreign activity goes back a long way in Ireland but we'll kick off with good old Oliver Cromwell. After the English Civil War the rising capitalist class looked for foreign conquests and Ollie dutifully took his successful army over to Ireland. Thousands of townsfolk in Drogheda and Wexford were killed to discourage further resistance by the Irish and thousands more exiled in the barren areas of Connaught. After he'd finished, Cromwell had put paid to an estimated 42% of the population with a further 7% sold into slavery. Two and a half million acres of the best land was parcelled off for English Parliamentarians.

In 1791, a young Protestant, Wolfe Tone formed an uneasy alliance of Protestants and Catholics called the United Irishmen to oppose English domination. The United Irishmen and Republicanism was in fact strongest in Ulster. Unfortunately in 1795 Orange societies were formed by the clergy started their work of splitting the Irish into openly hostile camps based on religion. The United Irishmen did lead sporadic uprisings, led in Antrim and Down, by Presbyterians, but their efforts lacked cohesion. Prime Minister Pitt bought off further opposition by allowing the Irish middle class and Bishops participation in the English Parliament. The Irish Parliament was dissolved into the English in 1801.

The potato famine began in late 1845 through to 1848. In 1847 alone it was estimated 250,000 died of starvation and 200,000 emigrated to America. Although the potato crop did

fail, wheat and cattle were still being exported to Britain; many families were also being evicted by absentee landlords to add to the miseries of famine and disease.

In 1916 occurred the Easter Uprising, that saw the beginning of the end for the British rule in Southern Ireland. The insurrection failed and fifteen insurgents were tried and shot. From 1919 to 1921 there were increased armed conflicts between the Irish Republican Army and the brutal Black and Tans. By 1922 a treaty had been accepted by the Irish Dail and a provisional government formed to take over from the British. Ireland and Ulster became two separate entities and the stage set for the current troubles which we'll look at in the next issue.

### **POLAND**

Women in Poland make up about 40% of the workforce, are paid less than those men doing work of equal value. Low-skilled, non-technical job ghettos await those whose family cannot survive on one wage. Lack of daycare facilities or communal laundries and the arrogance of men who contribute nothing in the way of unpaid domestic work (women's work?) as well as the State and Catholic Church praise for large families and the lack of birth control, abortion and divorce has yet not been challenged by Solidarity. Defiant women are now starting to meet and soon act to change all that!

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## **back in the U.S.S.R**

After years of local short-lived strikes which tended to be isolated and spontaneous everyday examples of individual defiance in the workplace (absenteeism, sabotage, go-slows etc) the formation of short-lived trade unions autonomous from the State Official variety has become a persistent phenomenon. Stories of strikes in 1980 in Gorky by Autoworkers and Perm near the Ural mountains last May and that economic concessions (food and scarce goods suddenly appeared in response to the strikes) were granted are largely shrouded in Mystery....

Non-Soviet citizens are banned from entering strike areas or exile towns of dissidents. 1977.... Workers who began the Free Trade Union Association of Soviet Working People met in the committee room of the Central Committee of the Communist Party's offices in Moscow in fruitless attempts to seek redress for being persecuted. Their new union, formed along industrial lines included skilled and unskilled workers from various occupations was largely unemployed. This isolation from employed workers made their repression simple for the State which arrested many of its members. Some admitted to Psychiatric hospitals have not been heard of since. 1978... The Free Inter-Professional Trade Union Association (SMOT). A second short-lived attempt to form an independent trade union took place. It's membership consisted of mostly active employed workers. It was crushed. Just weeks after its formation members found themselves forced to emigrate, confined to psychiatric hospitals or tried and imprisoned. The exiles gave SMOT its badly needed international publicity and active defence work began.

LOTTA CONTINUA.



# RIOTS-

## a british tradition

A lot of rubbish has been spouted by politicians about how un-British riots are (then again, politicians usually spout rubbish!) Rioting being something foreigners and the Irish do, whereas us level-headed Brits just don't indulge. Perhaps there's a conspiracy brewing to blame recent riots on black and asian 'immigrants' who could act as 'un-British' scapegoats, along with us godless anarchists. However, anyone with a sense of history knows, riots have always been part of the british scene even if they weren't all that common recently (until Brixton that is).

Pick any year at random and you will find a riot. In 1780, for example, the people took over London, created a no-go area and kept the army out for a week. 400 were killed in the fighting or were executed afterwards. At the time a frenchman is reported to have said that the English were the most riot-prone in Europe - no doubt the French Revolution(1789) must have come to a shock to this poor soul.

### bayonets

The Army (especially the militia) who were supposed to suppress riots, were not adverse to joining in or even instigating riots. In 1795, at Well, Portsmouth, Lewes and many other south coast towns, troops marched into market places with fixed bayonets, forcing down prices. In fact, the most common target of the rioters at that time were the unscrupulous traders who took advantage

of the food shortages to force prices up. In return, rioters would use intimidation in order to force prices down again - an anti-inflationary policy which rarely failed (so next time your at the supermarket.....)

Popular disturbances continued throughout the 19th century, after being sparked off by industrial disputes and have been called by one historian "Collective Bargaining by Riot". At times these spilled over into open insurrection, especially during the Luddite disturbances.

More recently, just before the first World War, Militant Syndicalists inspired strikes were accompanied by aggressive action in the streets. During the Cambrian Coal Strike of 1910-11 scabs were beaten up and those fraternising with the police and the army were intimidated. In one instance a Colliery managers house was dynamited.

The Liberal Government answered working class insurrection with repression, calling in the army. Strikers were gunned down in Tonypandy, Liverpool and a number of other places - there were even gunboats on the Mersey. Don't think Liberal attitudes have changed much in the last 70 years either - as the people of Toxteth were getting their own back for years of police repression, those self-proclaimed 'Community Activists', led by Sir Trevor Jones, were demanding the use of troops to suppress the the very community they claim they want to help. (Who wants their paternalistic help anyway?)

The 1912 Liverpool riots were of course mentioned, in passing, on 'News at Ten' in an attempt to show how the old Riot Act worked. What was not mentioned

was that prison vans on their way to Walton Gaol needed troops to ride shotgun as protection against strikers attempting to liberate their comrades. You don't need three guesses to realise the reason for this particular omission!

### mutinies

The riots resumed after the war, including a series of mutinies (see DA No 1) In some areas Committees of Action were set up during the 'Jolly George' affair of 1920, being resurrected on a larger scale during the 1926 General Strike.

Sadly, for some strange reason, probably connected to the domination of the Labour movement by the Labour Party since about that time riots have become a rarity in Britain - that is until Brixton put the good old tradition of collective bargaining by riot back on the scene, along with another good old British tradition of the anti-police riot; but thats another story.



"But the computer was sure they were here".....

## Silly Buggers

Yet again the British Government is being embarrassed by the commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg. The latest incident is over telephone tapping. But don't worry, Home Secretary William Whitelaw reassures us: "The public should trust the secret decisions made by Ministers and Civil Servants."



# N.A.L.G.O.

## LABOURING IN VAIN?

At its Annual Conference this year, NALGO, the white collar local government union, decided to ballot all its members on the question of affiliation to the Labour Party. The decision was greeted in the conference hall by wild cheering by most of the 2,000 delegates. Ironically the only other event of the conference week to bring the delegates to their feet cheering was to welcome the guest speaker from Solidarity! How is it then that NALGO conference can one day enthusiastically support Polish workers in their struggle to free their organisations from domination by a political party and the next day equally enthusiastically welcome NALGO's first faltering steps towards the Labour Party?

Nalgo, with  $\frac{3}{4}$  million members, is the fourth largest union in the country. Founded in 1905 as a bosses' guild, it now recruits all grades and its membership is predominately low paid. The bosses, however, have maintained their grip on the union at all levels. NALGO has always prided itself on being non-political, it was 1964 before it affiliated to the TUC, but it supported the last Labour Government's pay cuts policies to the bitter end. The decision to ballot on affiliation was hailed as progressive by the 'broad left', who although not formally recognised in the union, now have a consider-

able influence within the union machine. The SWP, whose 'rank and file' organisation in NALGO is now almost a figment of their central committee's imagination, also supported affiliation. What the 'broadleft', the SWP and all the other reformist authoritarians choose to forget is the well-documented behaviour of every Labour Government and Trade Union Leaders in history. Labour and Tory manage capitalism in the same way, in the interest of the few, at the expense of the many. When Labour are in office, the union leaders apologise for the Labour politicians and do their best to sabotage any militant resistance. When the Tories are in the union leaders still sabotage any militant resistance and join with the Labour Party organising senseless marches and demonstrations arguing that all we need is to get the TORIES OUT (usually shouted very aggressively) so we can get SOCIALISM IN (also shouted aggressively)

In NALGO it is argued that closer ties with the Labour Party will in some way influence employing Labour Councils. This argument totally ignores the collapse of the much heralded fight-back in Lambeth and Lothian, the only two councils who even went as far as saying they wouldn't make cuts. These municipal socialists, Ken Livingstone, Ted Knight etc, are more interested in preserving their trappings of office than they are in preserving jobs and services.

There is only one way to defend jobs and services. That is through independent, direct, militant action.

Like all other unions, NALGO has long since given up any pretence, if there ever was any, of being a workers' independent organisation so perhaps, as the affiliation supporters argue, going in to the Labour Party would be a logical development. Unfortunately a development of still further incorporation into the state machine will make it even harder for the arguments of militancy to gain any foothold.

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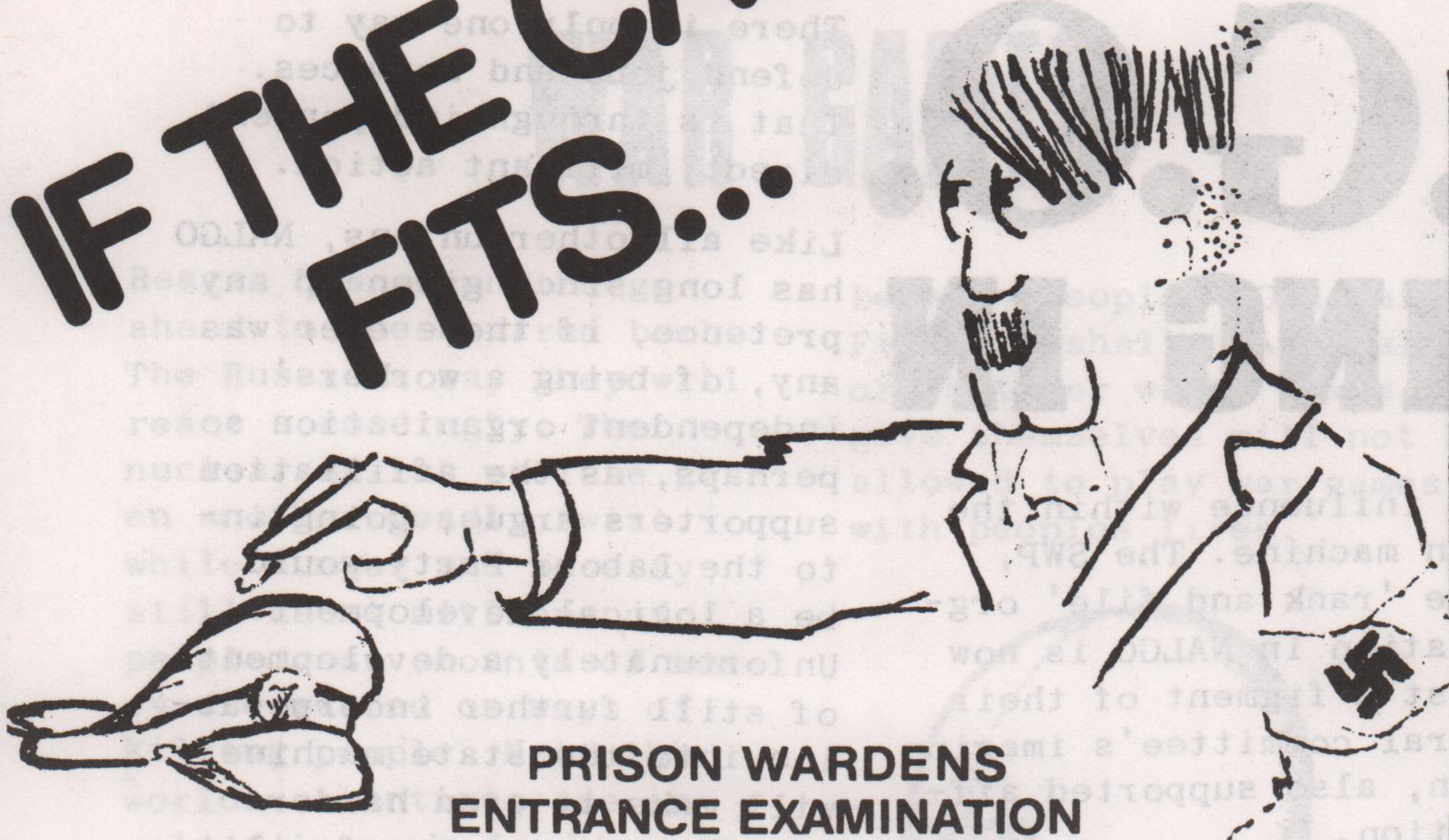
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## PRISON WARDENS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Time Allowed 3 Fortnights

**NOTE: Any Candidate Caught  
COPYING or CHEATING will be  
awarded 20% EXTRA Marks for  
INITIATIVE**

1. What Language is spoken in France? Spanish, **FRENCH**, English?
2. Give two important characteristics of the ancient Babylonian empire, with particular reference to the Architecture, Literature and Language **OR** give the name of an Irish Politician?
3. What religion is the Pope? (1) Jewish (2) **CATHOLIC** (3) Anglican. Underline one only.
4. Would you ask William Shakespeare to (a) Build a bridge (b) Lead an army (c) **WRITE A PLAY** (d) Sail an ocean.
5. What is a **SILVER** Dollar made of.
6. What is the time when the big hand is at 12 and the little hand at 3?
7. Approximately how many commandments was Moses given?
8. Spell **LONDON, TAX, BUS, TIME?** (See top of page).
9. What country is the Queen of ENGLAND Queen of?
10. What are the people in the North of Ireland called? Easterners, Westerners, **NORTHERNS** or Southerners.
11. Six Kings of England were called George. The last one was called **George the sixth**. Name the other five.
12. (a) Who won World War 2? (b) Who came second?
13. Where does rain come from? (1) Supermarkets (2) Scotland (3) **THE SKY** (4) A big fountain. Name one only.
14. What is a Coat Hanger?
15. Who invented Stephenson's Rocket? Winston Churchill, Eamon Andrews, Benny Hill, **STEPHENSON**.
16. Can you explain Einstein's Theory of Relativity? Yes **OR** No.
17. Who is buried in **GRANT'S** Tomb?
18. What time is the News at **TEN** on?
19. Explain **Le Chalaleins Principle of Dynamic Equilibrium Forces** **OR** Write your Own Name.
20. Where is the Basement of a 3 Storey house?

Aims and Principles of the Direct Action Movement.

- 1, The Direct Action Movement is a working class organisation.
- 2, Our aim is the creation of a free and classless society.
- 3, We are fighting to abolish the state, capitalism and wage slavery in all their forms and replace them by self-managed pro-

duction for need not profit.

- 4, In order to bring about the new social order the workers must take over the means of production and distribution. We are the sworn enemy of those who would take over 'on behalf of' the workers.
- 5, We believe that the only way for the working class

to achieve this is for independent organisation in the work place and community and federated with other in the same industry and locality, independent of, and opposed to all political parties and trade union bureaucracies. All such workers organisations must be controlled by the workers themselves and must unite rather than divide the workers movement. Any and all delegates and representatives must be subject to immediate recall by the workers.

- 6, We are opposed to all States and State institutions. The working class has no country. The class struggle is worldwide and recognises no artificial boundaries. The armies and police of all States do not exist to protect the workers of those States, they exist only as the repressive arm of the ruling class.

7, We oppose racism, sexism, militarism and all attitudes and institutions that stand in the way of equality and the right of people everywhere to control their own lives and environment. The Direct Action Movement is a federation of groups and individuals who believe on the principles of anarcho-syndicalism: a system where the workers alone control industry and the community without the dictates of politicians, bureaucrats, bosses and so-called 'experts'. Rather than diplomacy and endless political debate we believe in Direct Action.

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