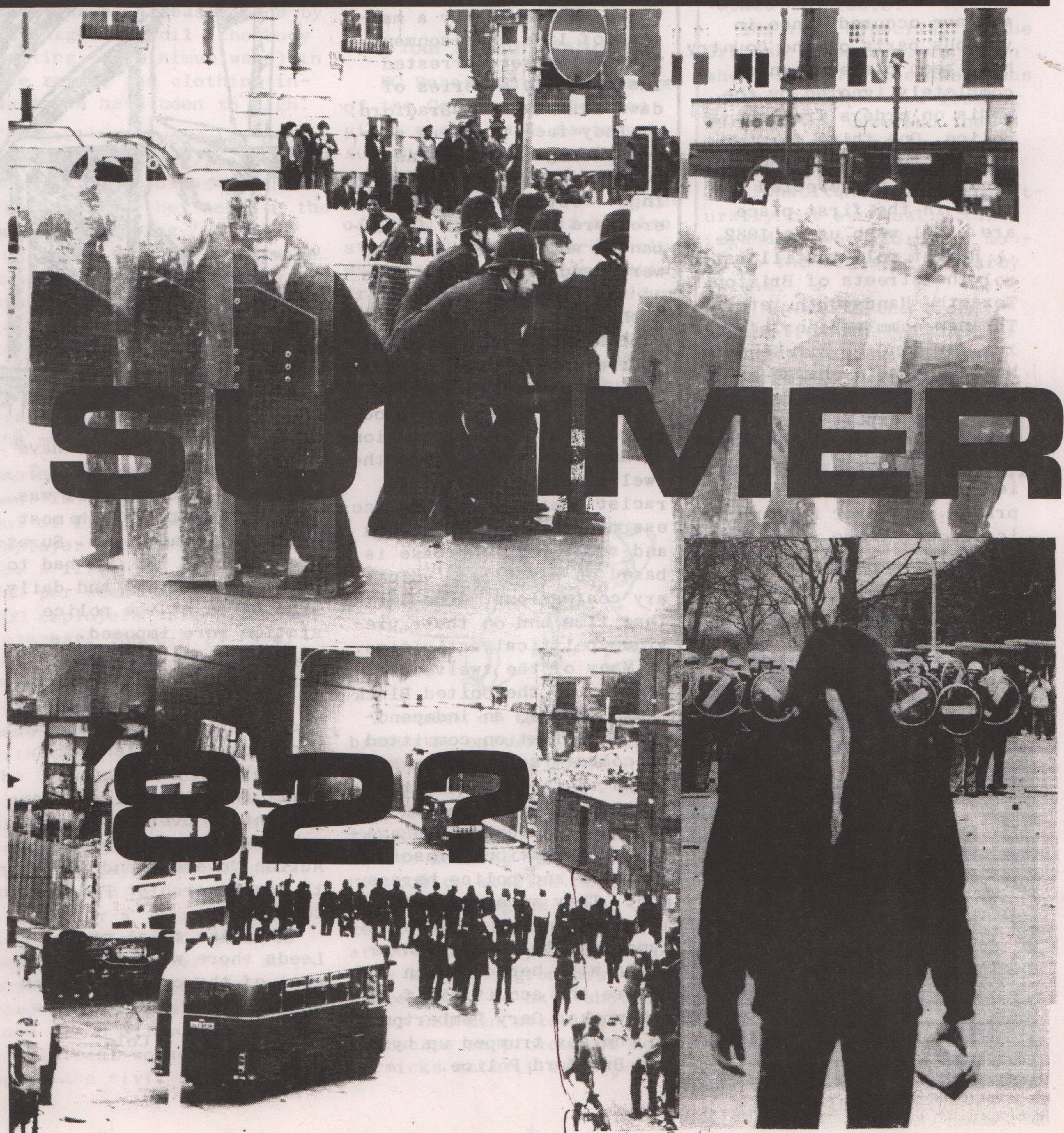


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Another Long Hot Summer

Last year the streets of Britain exploded in anger. the people at the bottom of the shit-pile had had enough and took matters into their own hands, rioting, looting and physically confronting the boys in blue. Since then we've had the Scarman Inquiry (the softly-softly approach) and the vicious jailings of the victims of the 'law and order' brigade.

The minor exceptions that have occurred since in various parts of the country have been played down or completely ignored by the media on orders from the police. One thing for certain is that the circumstances that had created the riots in the first place are still with us in 1982.

Racist police still patrol the streets of Brixton, Toxteth, Handsworth, etc. The new commissioner of Police for London, Sir Kenneth Newman, was in charge of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and is an expert in riot control; he was also in charge while torture was carried on at the Castlereagh prison. Whatever happens this summer there is no doubt the police are prepared and ready.



WHOSE CONSPIRACY?

On the 26 April the trial opens in the Leeds Crown Court of the 12 young asians known as the 'Bradford 12'. They are charged with making an explosive substance with intent to endanger life or property and, conspiracy to make explosive substances. These charges carry a maximum of life imprisonment. The twelve were arrested last July in a series of dawn raids across Bradford.

They face the more serious charges brought as a result of the 'summer uprisings'. Yet, in Bradford there were only minor disturbances and no petrol bombs were used at any time. None of the twelve were found with petrol or any other explosive substances. All twelve will plead 'not guilty' when the trial opens.

As is now standard procedure in all police stations up and down the country the twelve were subjected to racist abuse and denied access to solicitors, friends and relatives. The case is based on so-called 'voluntary confessions' made during that time and on their previous political activities.

Many of the twelve are members of the United Black Youth League, an independent organisation committed to combat racism. They are known to the police for their successful record in defending black people against deportations, fascist violence and police harassment. They were centrally involved in the successful campaigns to reunite Anwar Ditta with her children and secure the acquittal of black worker Gary Pemberton on charges trumped up by the Bradford Police.

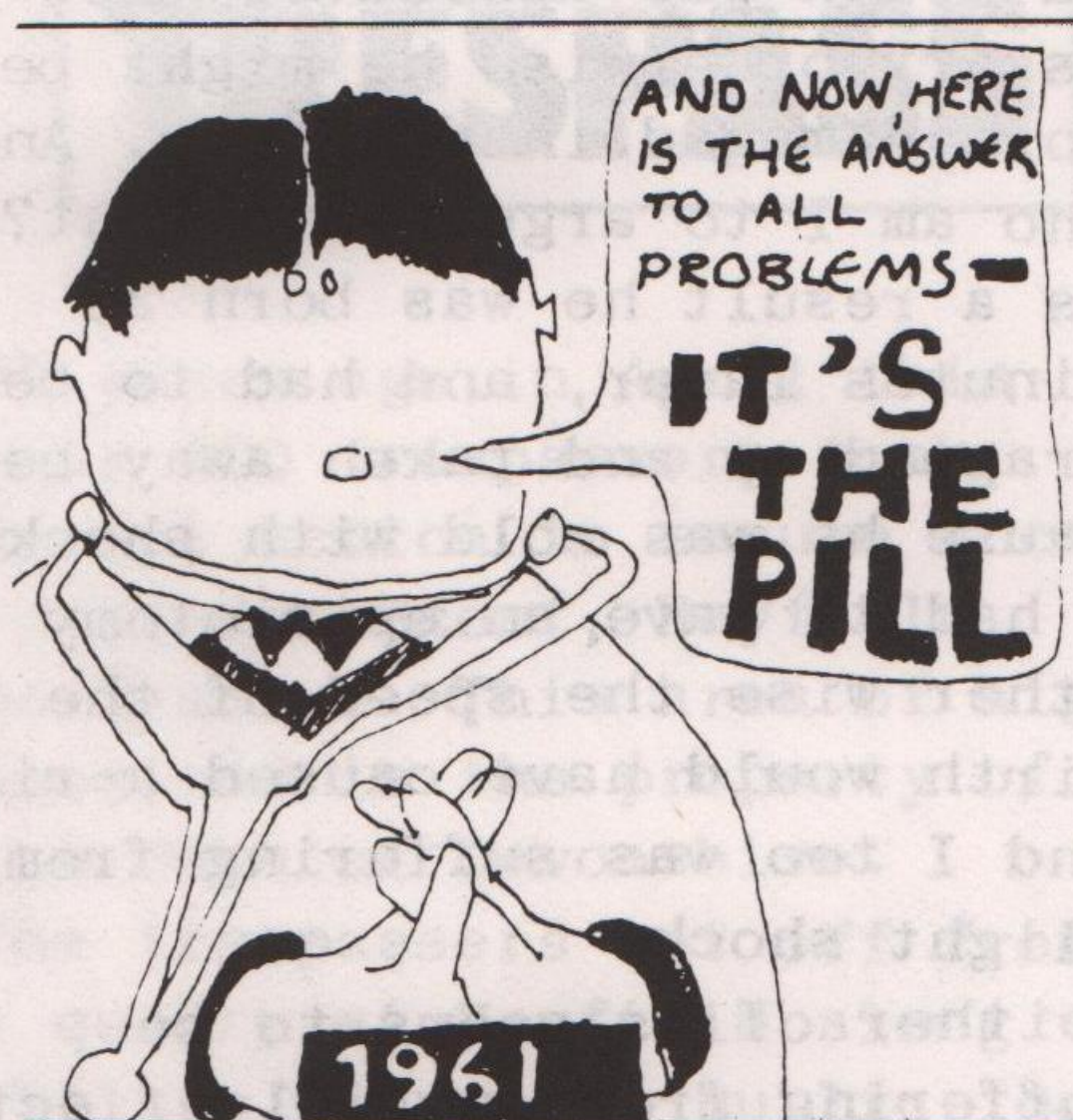


Most of the twelve have already spent more than 3 months in prison. Bail was finally granted on the most stringent conditions. Sureties of up to £20,000 had to be given. Curfews and daily signing on at the police station were imposed.

So far there have been three large demonstrations in support of the twelve, two in Bradford and a national demonstration which was held in Leeds on 3rd April in which a large contingent of over a hundred anarchists from the Direct Action Movement and the North East Anarchist Federation took part.

When the trial starts in Leeds there will be a mass picket of the court in which we call upon all comrades to take part. Col.

DEPO ~ PROVERA



Most people in this country have now heard of the contraceptive injection called depo-provera. Banned in America, its use in this country is almost entirely confined to immigrant and working-class women, often without being told they are being injected. The reasons can be seen from the results, D-P can cause menstrual chaos, weight gain, depression and other discomforts. In the long term there is likely to be infertility, malformation of the foetus and cancer of the breast, cervix and womb-lining.

Obviously such a drug has cost a fortune for some drug company to produce and manufacture and so the drug has been exported on a massive scale to the countries of the Third World. In an interview with Dr Hari John, printed in Spare Rib No 116, she explains the reasons why Third World women accept the drug; "Women in South India choose D-P because they are totally deprived and have no say in any aspect of their lives; they are subject to constant sexual abuse; they are subject to their in-laws as well as their husbands disapproval, and if they want contraception their husbands accuse them of wanting extra-marital sex. Most forms of contraception are very difficult to hide and D-P is the only one their husbands won't

know about. Using D-P is the only way these women can have control over any aspect of their lives."

So an ugly, dangerous drug is accepted by women in one of the poorest countries in the world because it gives them 'some control over their lives. No doubt the drug company is proud of its achievement, not to mention its profits.

The Campaign against Depo-Provera can be contacted at 374 Gray's Inn Road, London WCI. GH



Bits & Pieces

According to the National kidney Research Fund around 1,000 patients a year are dying due to the lack of facilities for treatment. 90 children a year under the age of 13 suffer chronic kidney failure but only 2/3 receive treatment. Even poorer countries such as Spain and Cyprus have better records of treatment than Britain.

They had to throw away half a mile of Blackpool rock a few years ago, for, instead of the customary motif running through its length, it carried the terse injunction 'Fuck Off'. A worker dismissed by a sweet factory had effectively demonstrated his annoyance by sabotaging the product of his labour!

Lawrence Scotts

One dispute over the last few months has grabbed the headlines. An engineering factory in Manchester had been declared closed and its workers redundant. In reply the workers occupied their factory and the media not wanting to encourage such activity ignored it. That was until the workers were evicted in a dawn raid by bailiffs and Lawrence Scotts became national news.

The workers replied by picketing the factory, which still contained valuable parts and machinery, until they received assurance that their jobs would be saved. Next came the S.A.S. style raid complete with helicopters and balaclavas which just happened to be caught by a passing T.V. camera crew who made it main news item of the day. Still workers refused to be beaten and carried on picketing

Next time the scabs came in lorries supported by the 'unpolitical' head pig James Anderton. What the dispute has shown is the extraordinary lengths the bosses will go in order to keep the proles in their place. If they decide we're no longer needed then its tough shit, after all, they are the bosses and management should be allowed to manage. Capitalism can hardly be blamed for unemployment, bad housing, crap services etc. etc. If the plebs keep messing up the fine plans, monetarism, reflation, deflation ad nauseam, we've only ourselves to blame.

If only we would do as we are told, live on our knees and fit in with their plans our betters would be so much happier. If the example of Lawrence Scotts was followed the result could be chaos... or anarchy!

NATURAL CHILDBIRTH?

As the state makes more encroachments on our lives, natural processes are being suppressed with high technology. So insidious are these controls that women are no longer able to give birth to their babies in natural or instinctive ways, except in certain areas. The state patriarchy of the N.H.S. has deemed fit to stop the natural childbirth methods in certain of its hospitals, because, as the doctor put it, they have not yet proved to be as safe as those methods currently in use! Women are subjected to hospital regimes, and must have their babies accordingly, i.e. intravenous 'drip' to induce birth to fit in with hospital timetables, the use of pain-killing injections to make birth 'civilised', being dragged out with forceps to save time, and having to lay in certain positions, contrary to instinct, to make it easier for hospital staff. If used in the interests of the woman and child these technological 'advances'

would be, and are life savers, however, instead of being treated as healthy human beings they are treated as patients once they enter hospital. And it is now almost impossible to have a home birth thanks to doctors having midwives taken from local communities into the hospitals.

You can of course protest at the use of these methods, but you are in a vulnerable position. When I was having my child I was comfortable, relaxed, and in no pain, but because the contractions had begun in the evening I was forced by the nurses on duty to take a sleeping tablet. Because I hadn't given birth during the night the day staff wanted to put me on a 'drip', I refused, and went for a walk.

After a while I found the equipment for an induced birth outside my room, and was told it was for me, so I went to another ward to talk to some friends, (although having contractions I was in no pain at all). Eventually I went back for the

usual tests, blood pressure, ect, and was told that the baby was distressed and induced birth was absolutely necessary otherwise he might be born damaged in some way. And who am I to argue with that? As a result he was born 30 minutes later, and had to be wrapped up and taken away because he was cold with shock. I had to have an episiotomy otherwise the speed of the birth would have caused a rip, and I too was suffering from slight shock.

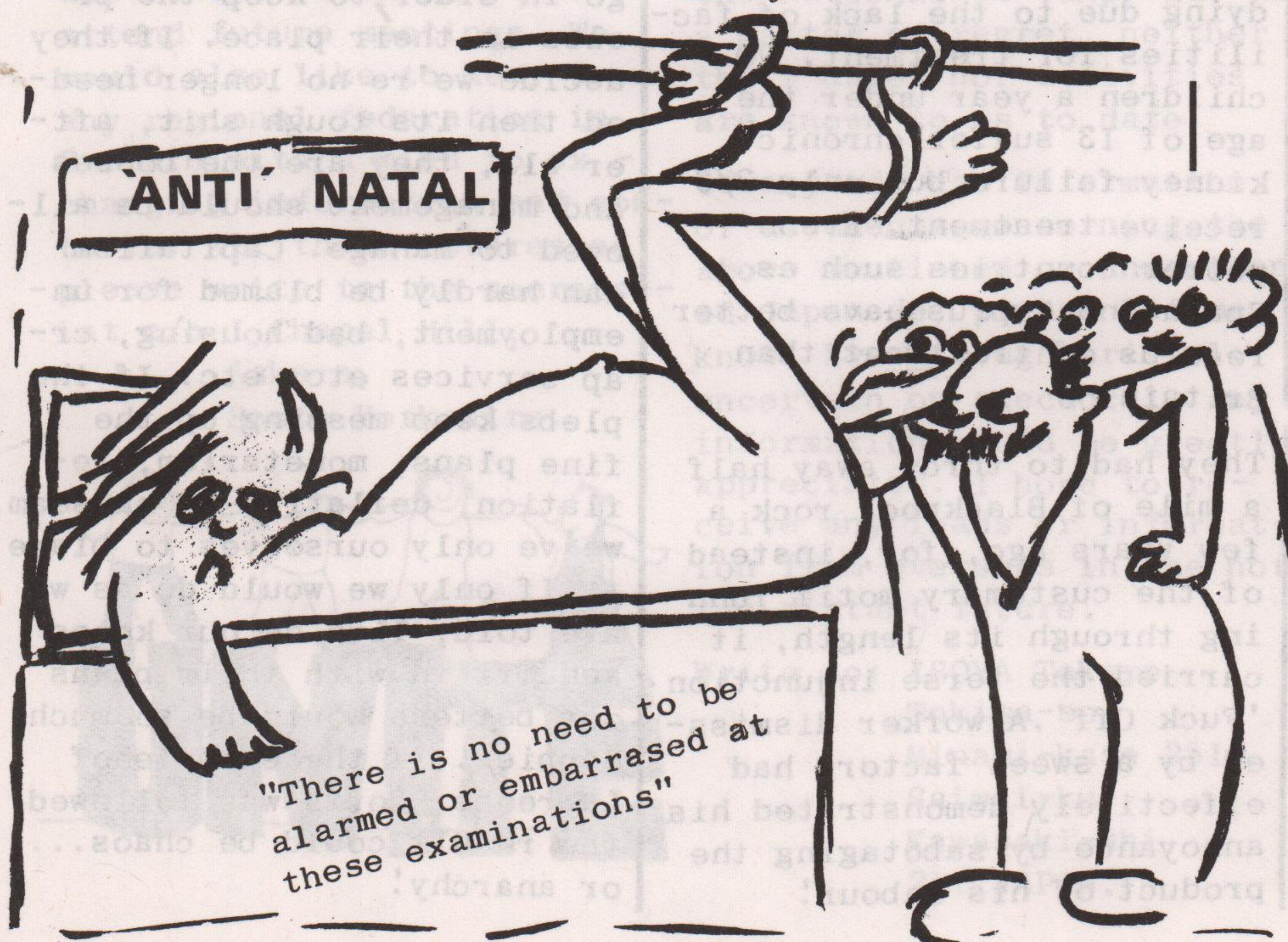
Neither of us seems to be suffering from any ill-effects now, but after the event a doctor, not on duty on the day, told me there was no need for anything to be used because I was fine, the baby was fine and I could have had a straight forward birth! The whole subject of childbirth is emotive, but surely a woman should have control of her own body, and natural instincts should take precedence over high technology and the 'knowledge' of people who can never have children let alone know the feelings surrounding birth.

j.

South African Connection

What's all this fuss about Boycott and Gooch in South Africa playing the game they know and love - money. Let's face it Keegan, Davies, Borg & co. aren't just doing what they enjoy most. They are big business men, and living off whose backs? Who pays ultimately every time Muhammed Ali earns £1 million? At least Giant Haystacks admits he's selling his body for money. Sportspeople are paid to fight battles for us on the telly so we can have small victories - even if they are a second hand experience - so that we don't go out into the streets to have our own battles.

I.



JEWEL RAZORS

The sacked workers of Jewel Razors are keeping up their pocket and are determined to be reinstated, although they recognise that it will be a long battle. They explained how, last November, they brought in A.C.A.S. to have an objective report about conditions. He advised them to get members of a union involved to improve matters (one half hour break for lunch, no other breaks and inadequate canteen facilities). The factory owner thought that by giving the workers a short break in the mornings, they would soon forget their ideas about unions.

This was not to be.

John, a convener, and two others went to see the directors about a bonus scheme. He said he didn't 'give a damn' about the workers so long as production could be kept going without too many of them. John and other 'initiators' of the union were made redundant, and at that time there were 60 in the AUEW. But after the first strike meeting 20 left, as they didn't want any trouble. And so.

The four managing directors are causing a good deal of hassle in a number of ways.
a) coming outside and measuring their land and telling the pickets that they are

trespassing if they or their firewood strays onto the land
b) reporting drivers to their firms if they drop wood off. He reported a council workman who was suspended half a weeks wages. However, 3000 council workers threatened strike action and the council immediately backed off.
c) reporting the landlord of the pub next door to the factory to the brewery, because he allowed the pickets to use it as a strike H.Q.

BREAK-IN

Today, 18.3.82, the management had a burgler alarm fitted - perhaps he is expecting a break in of some sort! He also has a huge notice in his window announcing 'NORMAL PRODUCTION' and a union flag which happens to be flying upside down - a distress signal!

The management claim that they are managing perfectly well, and that, according to the pickets is debatable. Local unions are sending donations and local/regional AUEW people are helping a lot, which is more than can be said for Duffy and co. whom the pickets find a 'bunch of pillocks'. The Job Centre is sending down people to fill their jobs, and that doesn't go down to well.

The firm has it's own van

which it uses to go out and collect stuff, but there is a ray of hope! Jewel Razors is running out of steel and workers for local suppliers have blacked the firm. But a word of warning to the pickets. Your picket is not 24 hours, and the management aren't daft. They can bring in stuff at nights.

j.

Always Ready.....

The East German government who are full of praise for the West German peace movement opposed to the introduction of US missiles into Europe, is adamant that no such movement should spring up within their own borders.

People wearing badges bearing the words 'swords into ploughshares' on streets and in schools were told to remove them on the grounds that they were a negative influence on young men facing military service and that they were contrary to East German peace policy. Even West German pacifists visiting East Germany have been told to remove Peace-stickers from their cars.

The Communist Party newspaper 'Neues Deutschland' cleared up any doubts by writing that naturally the defensive forces of the Soviet Union cannot do without the atom bomb. At a writers peace conference last December one of the most critical East German writers Stephan Hermelin called for a demonstration for peace if the government would allow it.

Far from permitting this the government has instructed the media to reduce coverage of the peace movement in the West. Meanwhile, in Russia the Soviet Chief of Staff Marshall Nikolai Ogarkov has called for a struggle against pacifist views among soviet youth in a booklet 'Always Ready to Defend the Fatherland'.



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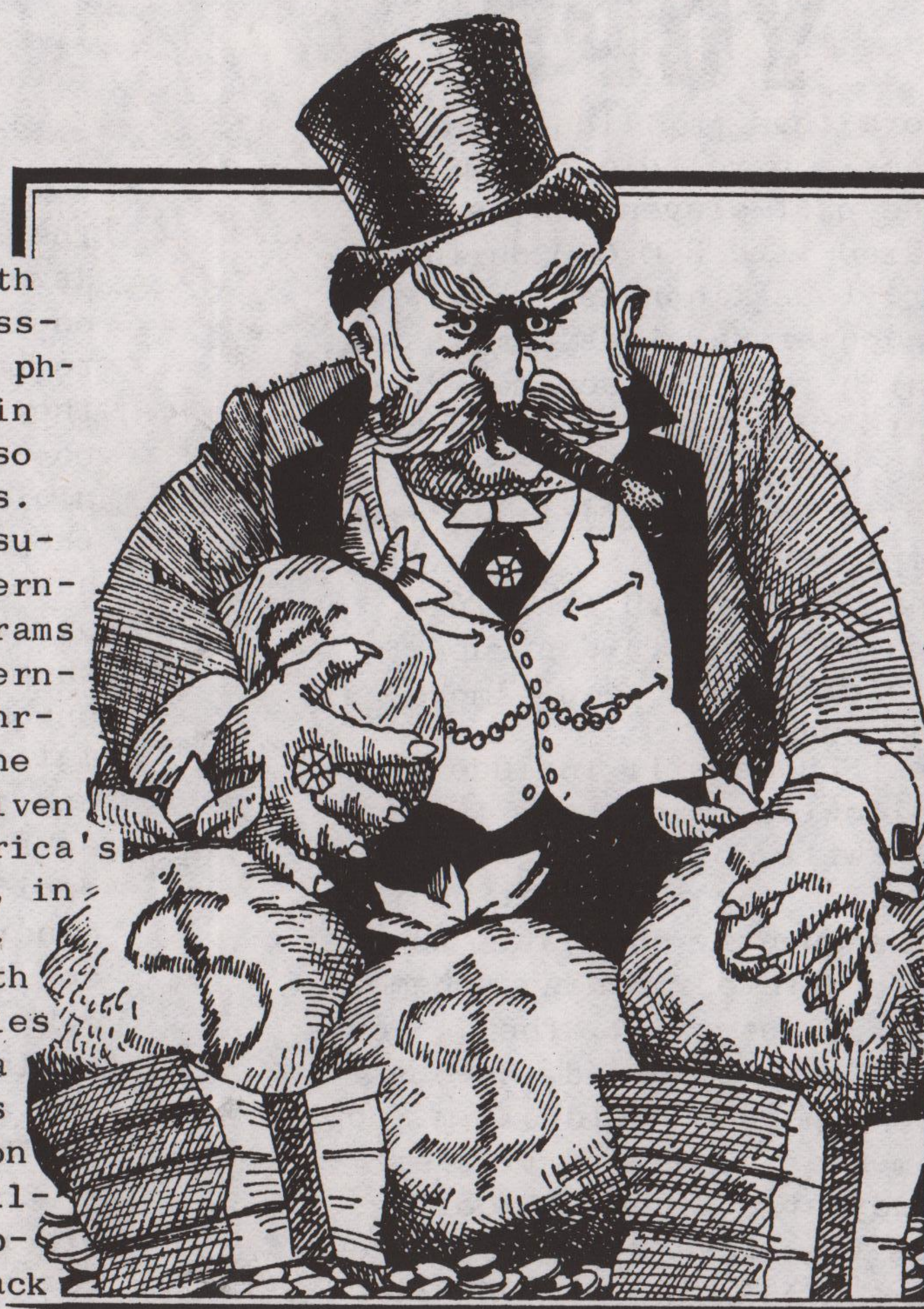
HISTORY OF CONSPIRACY

It is fairly well-known that ITT, a huge world-wide telephone company, and the CIA helped to bring down the Allende government in Chile and put a military dictatorship in its place which murdered 30,000 people. What is less well-known is that the founder and chairman of ITT, Sosthenes Behn, had close links with Hitler and the Nazi Party. In 1933 Behn met Hitler in Berlin, what they talked about is not known but soon after the meeting two top Nazi officials were placed on the boards of ITT's European companies. One of these men was Kurt Schroeder, a business man who later became a SS General and an important source of money

for the Gestapo. Later Behn met with Hermann Goring, head of the German airforce. Afterwards, Behn arranged for one of ITT's German subsidiaries to buy 28% of the Focke-Wulf firm. This firm manufactured the bombers that were to sink so many allied ships during the Second World War. What is really amazing is that during the war a branch of ITT in the United States were producing high frequency detection finders designed to sink or avoid German submarines. In fact, ITT supplied military equipment to both sides throughout the war.

There is also a lot of evidence that ITT was involved in supplying military

and trade secrets to both sides. This was made possible because it ran the phone and telex networks in so many countries, and so could intercept messages. From 1933 onwards Behn supplied the American government with private telegrams and telexes sent by governments and individuals throughout the world. At the end of the war he was given the Medal of Merit, America's highest civilian honour, in reward for his services. Yet in South America both the FBI and the Nazi spies used ITT facilities as a cover. The German agents sent valuable information about the movement of allied vessels and the shipment of raw materials back



to Germany.

Despite ITT's double dealing the company was very well rewarded by the Americans when the war ended. In fact on the very day the Germans were driven out of Paris, Behn arrived and toured ITT factories, taking over direct authority. Other ITT executives were provided with the uniforms of American Army Generals and followed the victorious American Army. They began to re-organise the ITT European Empire and by their side were the German ITT executives, some of whom had been involved in the Nazi regime and who were under their protection. They moved quickly, in one case two Focke-Wulf aircraft plants were moved virtually overnight from the Russian sector of the newly partitioned Germany. They somehow found their way to the allied sector, where they were reassembled by ITT.

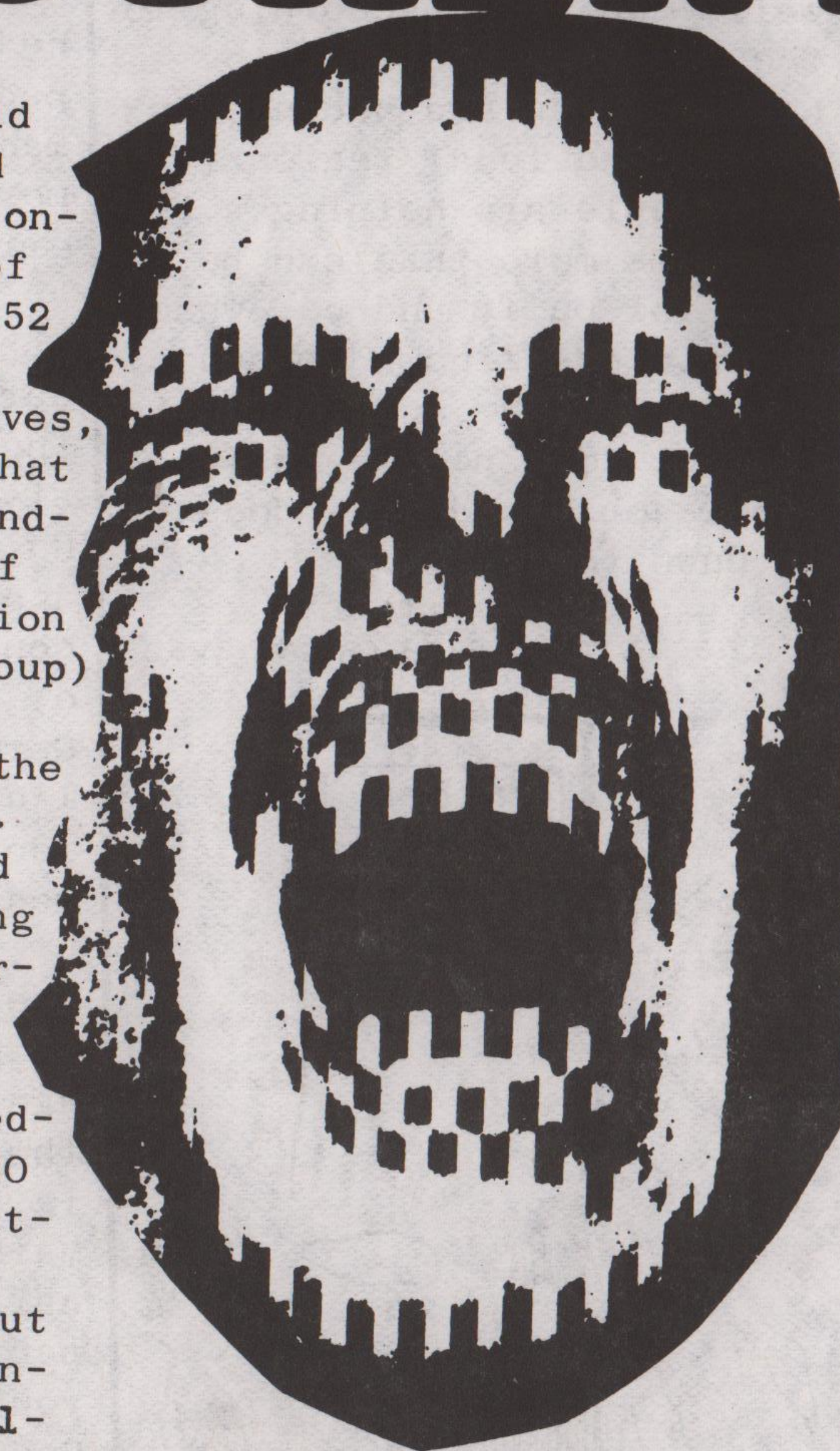
Why did the Americans allow this? Mainly because they wanted ITT to support America's interest throughout the world. They wanted all communications systems in the West to be owned by people who sympathised with America, if possible American citizens. How much the American government and ITT are linked can be seen by what happened in 1967. ITT were awarded \$27 Million in compensation for damages to its German subsidiaries during WW2. \$5 million of that was in compensation for allied bombings of the Focke-Wulf plants - the same factories that were manufacturing bombers for the German airforce! As can be seen the evil done by ITT goes back a long way - in any sane world it would be regarded as a public enemy instead of being praised by politicians for 'creating jobs'.

DB.

THE OTHER POLAND

While the western world rages on about Poland and the fate of its trade unionists that other bastion of democracy Turkey has put 52 trade unionists on trial, some of them for their lives, because that is exactly what the Turkish state is demanding. The 52 all members of the trade union organisation DISK (a left of centre group) have been rounded up over the last two years since the military junta took power.

Many have been tortured and ill-treated while being held in custody. The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the European Trade Union Confederation have published a 80 page report about the treatment of the DISK members, this includes evidence about the torture of the trade unionists and the way the military court has denied them



access to defence lawyers when they were arrested and even held court hearings when some of them were excluded. The ICFT/ETUC report also stated that there was not a shred of evidence of any involvement by any DISK members in violence or terrorism. The Turkish military are out to destroy trade unionism once and for all. There has been increasing concern recently about torture in Turkish jails. A few weeks ago the military junta showed five left-wing prisoners to the Turkish press in order to prove they had not been tortured. This backfired on the army as two of the prisoners immediately claimed to have been tortured and a third collapsed whimpering before the interview could begin. Eighty people have been found dead in Turkey's jails

since the military dictatorship took over in 1980.

At least seven of these were the victims of the D.A.L. (Research Evaluation Laboratory) of the Ankara security police. The twenty odd cells of this unit are in the basement behind the Ankara security police headquarters. A year ago the screams from this place so disturbed the workers at the next door meat factory that they complained:- torture was then done mostly at night. Apart from deaths, two prisoners have had to be carried into court paralysed from torture.

There have been few prosecutions made against the torturers and most are found not guilty. Recently a fourteen year sentence was passed on a police superintendent, but he failed to arrive in court to hear his sentence.

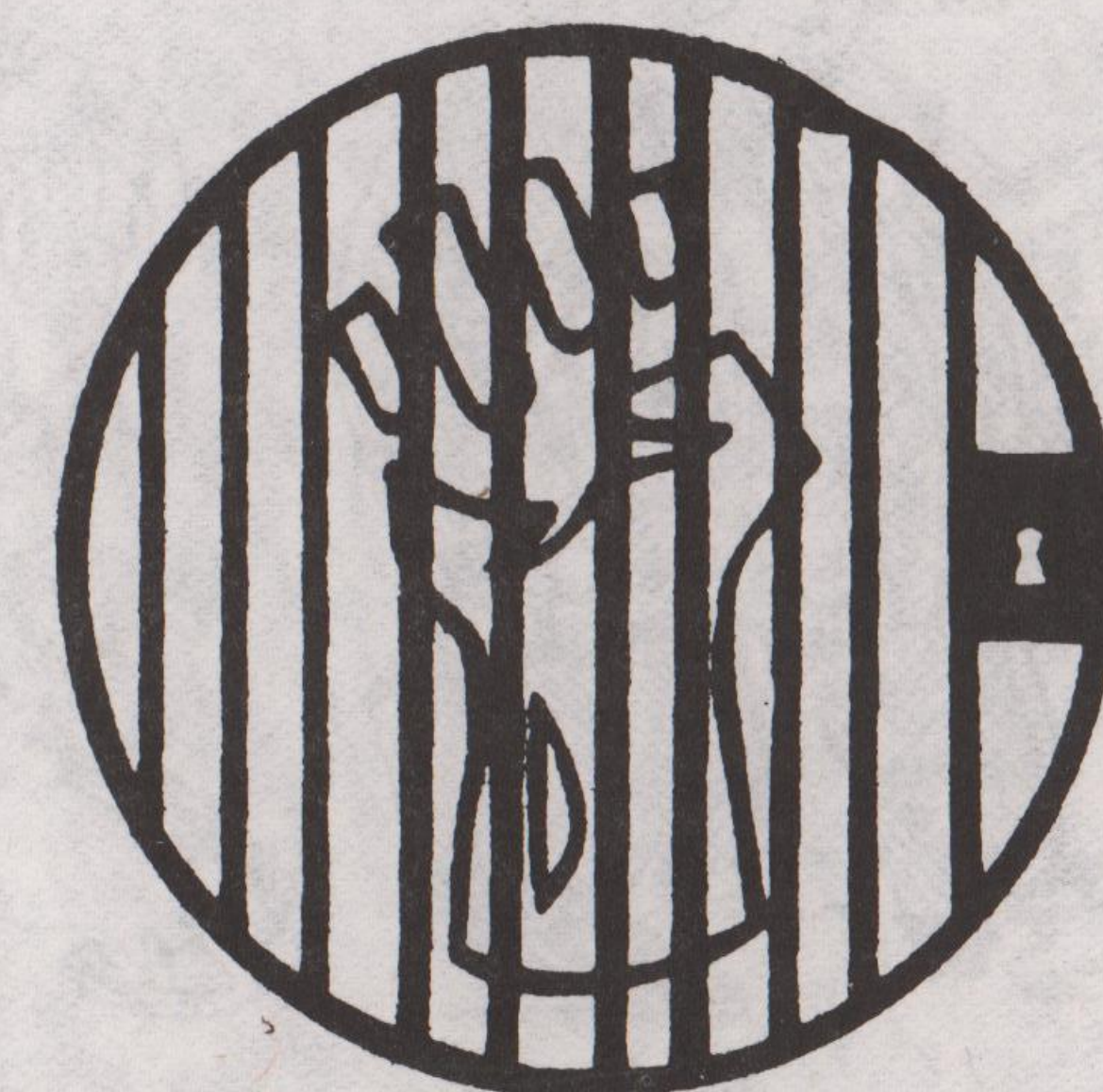
Another mass trial has started in Ankara of ninety one women, all inmates of Mamak

prison, where they were accused of assaulting their goalers and defying prison discipline during a hunger strike last summer. The women linked arms and tried to stop hunger strikers being taken from the prison during the strike. The commander of the military prison admitted in testimony that he had ordered all political prisoners arriving at his prison to be beaten. The prisoners at Mamak are subjected to harsh discipline and are forced to listen to recordings of the speeches of Ataturk.

There has been a fall in the number of known deaths due to torture in recent months, but this is probably due to lack of information. Turks risk criminal charges if they talk to foreigners and 'defame Turkey's image'. And the Turkish judges do not seem to be worried by torture. In the main Ankara martial law court prisoners wanted to show the judge their torture

scars. Judge Hali Basol said "Pressure and torture do not concern the court - do not talk about irrelevant matters".

Strangely the British government has not made one protest to the Turkish dictators about their disgusting activities. This might be because there are NATO bases in Turkey. The Tories support NATO so strongly that the bases are more important to them than people being tortured to death...



A Quick Guide to Youth Culture

A PUNK. Green hair, sniffs glue, wears black leather and badges, spits, accuses everything that moves of selling out.

A SKINHEAD. No hair, sniffs glue, wears braces, sniffs more glue, hits anything that moves.

A NEW ROMANTIC. Funny hair, drinks cocktails, wears curtains, is liable to change style at any moment.

A BEATNIK. Hair hidden by beret, drinks wine or speed, reads poetry and Satre, very serious.

A RASTA. Dreadlocked hair, smokes ganga, dances in the street, will praise Jah at any moment.

A HIPPIY. Too much hair, is into peace, love, vegetarianism and cosmic experiences, very scruffy, hippies have a tendency to fall asleep at any given time.

A SOUL BOY/GIRL. Wears long fringe, is very polite and drinks lager, willing to dance to nice records, hates

everything else, into fun fun fun and nothing else.

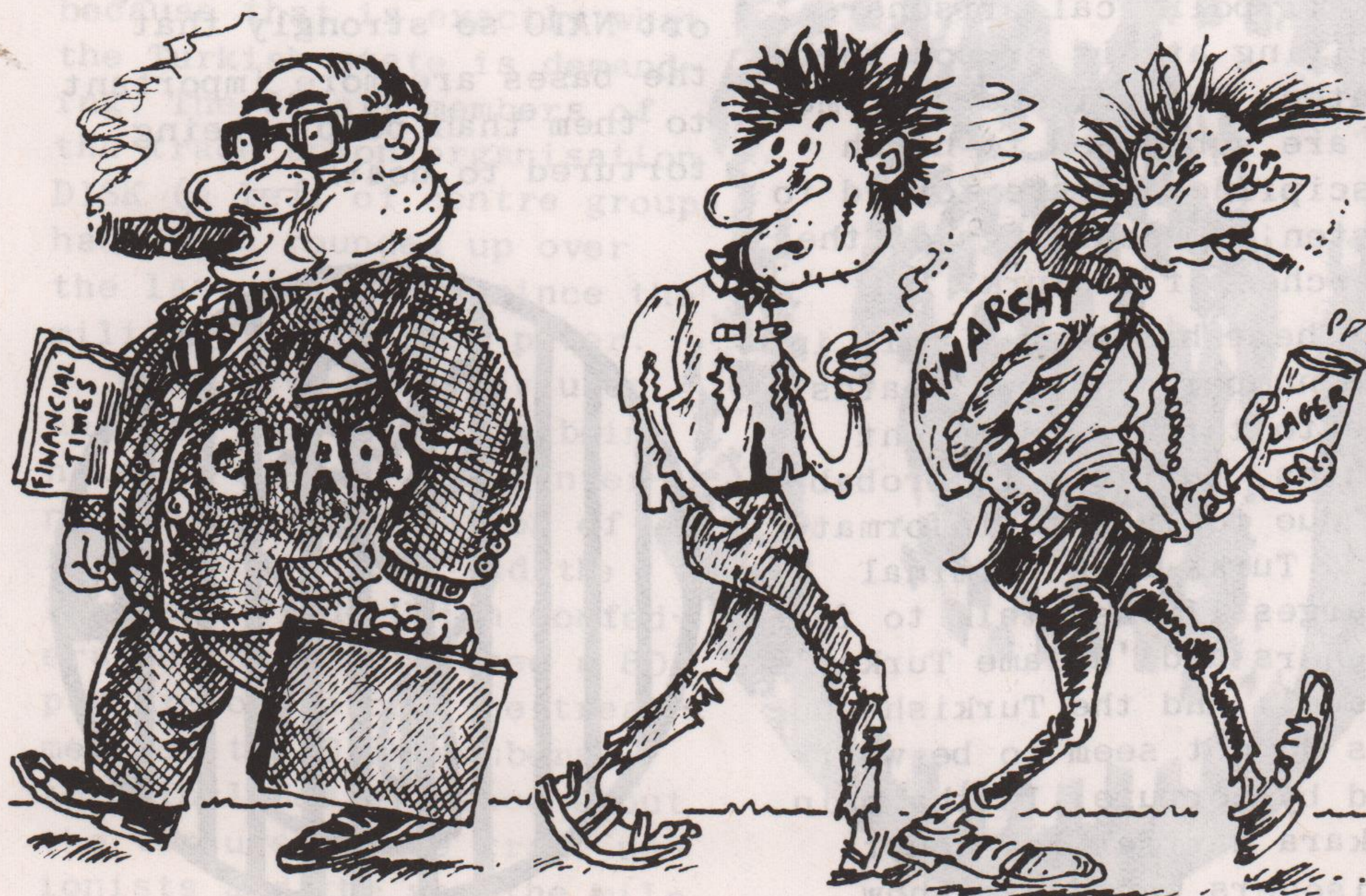
A TED. Big quiffs, drapes and funny names, music must be authentic antique, likes to ruck, all males claim to be king of the teds, do not like jokes about James Dean, Wee Willy Harris or menstruation.

A MOD. Short hair, wear long coats and ride scooters, wear union jack badges and CND emblem, enjoy day trips to beach parties.

A COPPER. Hair short, blue uniform, funny hats, carry big sticks; sniff glue, hits anything that moves, may produce plastic shield if confronted by nursery school kids. Don't like jokes.

AN NF'er. Wear swastikas and boots. Best kill them or beat them into a bloody pulp.

A POLITICIAN. Turdy hair, will give you glue to sniff, will make endless promises, once in position will rub shit in your face.



YOPS

More than ½million young people have joined YOPS in the past eleven months compared with 360,000 during the previous financial year. The Manpower Services Commission which runs the scheme expects this years total to reach 550,000.

On 13 Dec 1981, Tebbit, the Employment Minister, unveiled their new Youth Training Scheme which is designed to exploit young people more thoroughly.

The Scheme will include the following measures:- 16 year old will not be eligible to sign on for the first year, consequently they will be forced into training schemes for £15 per week. The 21 hours rule will be ended whereby young people could claim Supplementary Benefits if their study at a Technical College was less than 21 hours a week. A 17+ exam will be installed for all those who failed 'O' levels. This exam will in effect raise the school leaving age and therefore mask the amount of real unemployment and push young people into inadequate courses. There will be 100,000 more in further education in spite of the cuts in teaching jobs. The governments' plan for the scheme will be announced in April.

Air-Conditioned Nightmare

Airconditioning systems and humidification systems necessary to industrial processes cause fever, coughs and breathlessness and a general malaise.

Bacteria and other organisms can breed in the warm aerated water used to humidify the air. The germs are inhaled in large numbers. There is the long-term risk of lung damage. With humidifying systems chemicals in the water present an additional hazard. A conversion to steam humidification could be the answer.

JCB

KINDER 50th Anniversary TRESPASS

50 years ago, in April this year 400 trespassers took direct action to secure access to Kinder Scout, Hayfield, Derbyshire. This area of high moorland is the property of the Duke of Devonshire.

The trespassers set off from a quarry at Hayfield along William Clough, a public footpath but when the word was given they turned off towards the summit of Kinder Scout. On that day one third of the Derbyshire Police Force had been mobilised. Another contingent from Sheffield who trespassed from Edale met no opposition. The 'Hayfield' group skirmishes developed with gamekeepers attacking the trespassers with clubs.

When they arrived back at Hayfield six of the trespassers were arrested, Bernard Rothman, one of the leaders got 4 months 'porridge'. The jury which sent him down was composed of two Brigadier-Generals, three Colonels, two Majors, three Captains and two Aldermen. It seemed to be like a 'civilian' court martial. Another three of those arrested were jailed. The battle for access to open country had started and there were other confrontations during the Thirties.

Before this movement working people had no access to the countryside and fresh air. The mass trespass opened up the moors to the walkers and if it not been for this form of direct action the Labour Government after the Second World War would have constrained to grant access rights to some of the moor.

The events of fifty years ago are being celebrated over the weekend 24-25 April.

NEW FRONTIERS?

All true British patriots will be heartwarmed by the increasing cosiness between two of the countries leading Nazis. Back in the 1950s, John Tyndall and Colin Jordan had cosy evenings together reading Mein Kampf and polishing their jackboots. But Tyndall's ambition led him to establish his own organisation, the Greater Britain Movement, which evolved into the beloved National Front. Colin Jordan, meanwhile, cranked into action the British Movement but he fell into disrepute after being caught shoplifting ladies underwear from Marks and Spencers.

Well, times change and Tyndall's New National Front are making overtures to Jordan and his fellow B.M. Nazis. Except there's one small problem, Tyndall has a pathological hatred of people with shaven heads which accounts for about a third of the membership of the B.M. So any realignment

will not be a smooth ride, especially as there is a raging debate over whether a lion or an eagle should sit astride the fascist symbol, the Sunwheel.

Such fundamental matters cannot be settled overnight and the nation awaits with baited breath the all important decision.

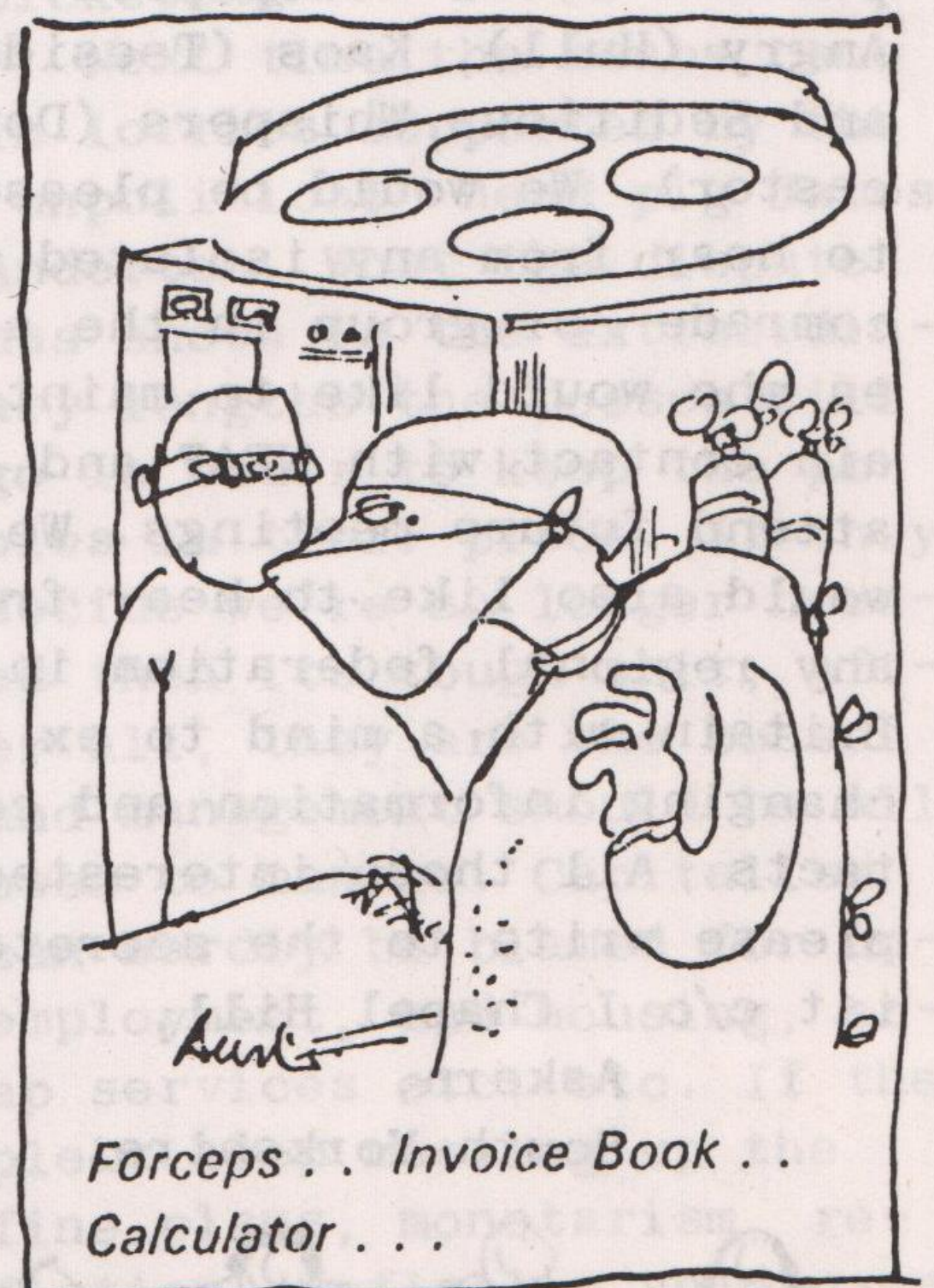
Meanwhile, less convivial attitudes are being shown between the Nazis of the National Front and the New National Front over a paper-selling pitch in South London. It seems that the East Street Market near the Elephant and Castle just isn't big enough for the fascist hordes who wish to influence the cockney masses. The NNF paper 'New Frontier' claims their supporters were attacked by NF supporters who badly injured one NNF Nazi. You can't help laughing, can you?

GH

Private Health

The campaign against the private health industry will be dealt a severe blow by the Tories' Employment Bill which will illegalise industrial action in the health industry. The crucial part of the Bill is Clause 15 which narrows the definition of what constitutes a 'trade dispute'. It will in future be defined as a dispute between workers and their direct employers over matters related to pay and conditions.

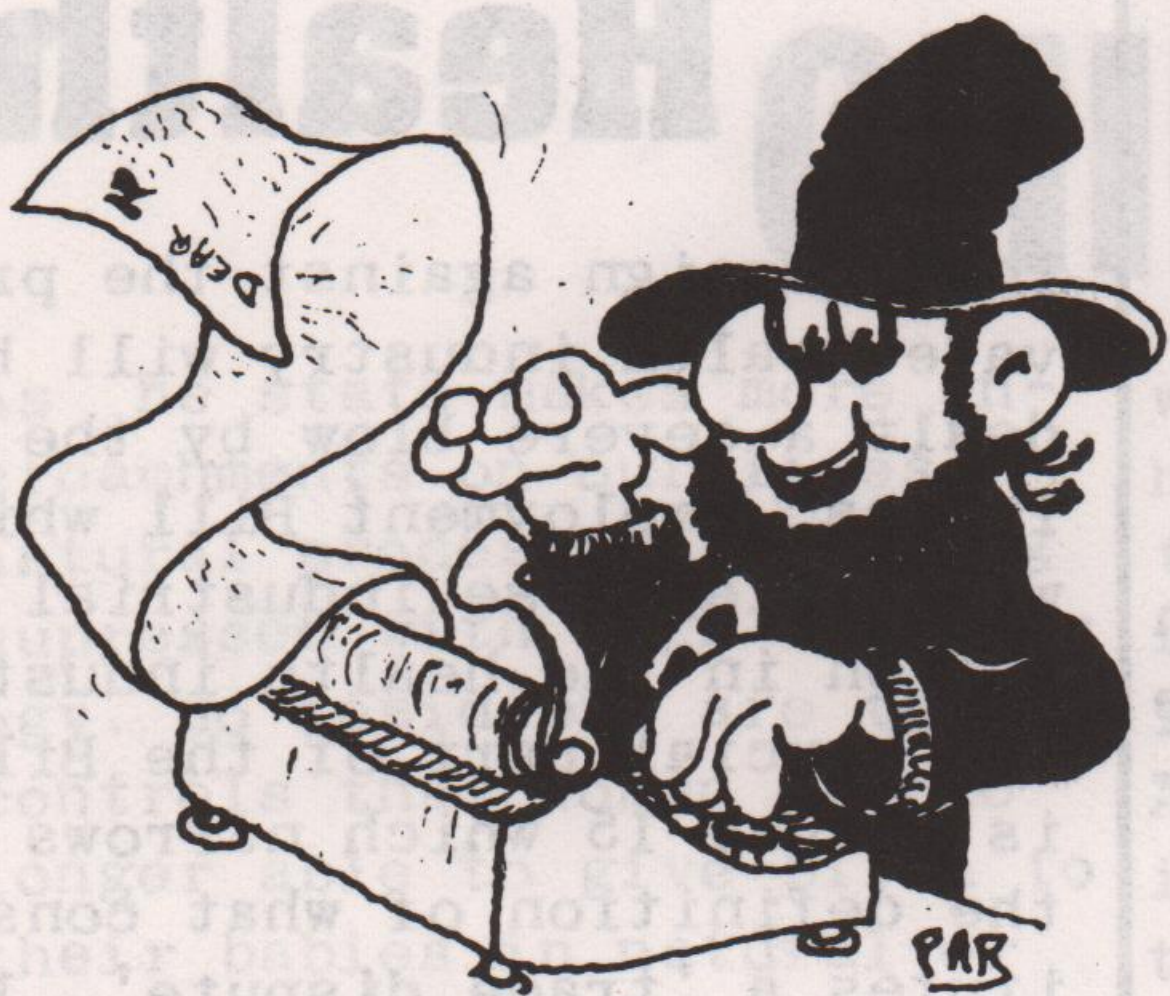
Action to black pay beds or oppose private contractors and health authority policies will be against the law. There has been sporadic industrial action against the private sector over the years including the bitter dispute at Charing Cross Hospital in 1974 when ancillary workers withdrew services from a private floor.



Forceps... Invoice Book...
Calculator...

Industrial action on what the Tories call 'political' issues will be judged unlawful and the unions involved could be fined large sums with some of the major unions being liable to fines of up to £250,000. JCB

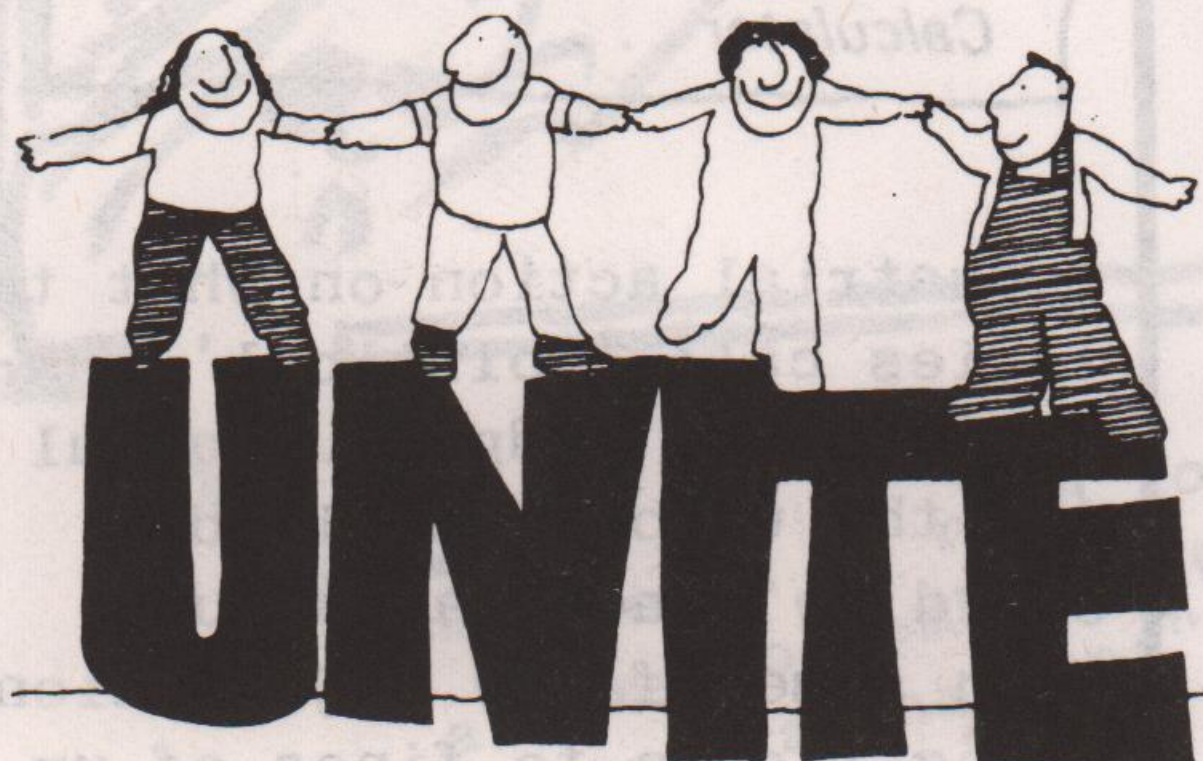
LETTERS



Dear comrades,

The North East Anarchist Federation has just entered its second year since being restarted. Its third conference was held in Sunderland on 13 March. The NEAF have groups in Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Leeds, Hull, Huddersfield, Askern (Doncaster) and Keighley. We also in contact with comrades in Bradford and Sheffield where it is proposed to hold the next conference.

We are involved in many activities in the north west and several of our groups publish local newspapers; - Angry (Hull), Kaos (Teeside) and Seditious Whispers (Doncaster). We would be pleased to hear from any isolated comrade or group in the area who would like to maintain contact with NEAF and attend future meetings. We would also like to hear from any regional federation in Britain with a mind to exchanging information and contacts. All those interested please write to the secretariat c/o I Chapel Hill, Askern, South Yorkshire.



WANTED

Women's writings, lyrics and poetry wanted for an anthology on nuclear holocaust collected by a group of politically active women attempting to use words to inspire change and resistance. Send material to:- R Azen, Flat 3, 29 Honeywell Rd, London SW11.



We have received the following appeal for information from a Japanese comrade.

During the Spanish Revolution, some Japanese took part in the actual battles. Only one person has been identified. He was Jack Shirai (alias Sirai, Sherai or Jacky), a communist, who died at the Bunete front, July 11, 1937. He is mentioned in the following:

Volunteers for Liberty (Madrid) 1937.
Le Livre de la Quinzieme Brigade (Madrid) 1937
The Volunteers by Steve Nelson (New York) 1952.

According to a Japanese journalist who visited Spain at that time, other Japanese joined both the Republican camp at the Aragon front, where two Japanese fought, and the Nationalist camp. But as a matter of regret, neither their names nor activities are known to us to date.

If anybody has information or documents concerning the above mentioned or unmentioned Japanese, please let me know. Even though trivial, uncertain on anecdotal, any information would be greatly appreciated. I hope to receive any leads or information from overseas in the not too distant future.

Write to: ISOYA Takero
Tokiwa-so
Minami-kase 2516
Saiwai-ku
Kawasaki-shi
211 JAPAN.

FIGHT BACK

A Bradford youth Richard Rumble set fire to his place of work, a dye works, in protest against the menial jobs he was given while working on a Youth Opportunities Programme. The damage is estimated at £870,000. He had worked there for almost six months and was due to leave in a fortnight. The case was heard before the Bradford Crown Court on 26 February. Richard was put into the care of the local authority.

...BUT DID YOU REALISE THAT 33% OF THE POOR ARE AT PRESENT OUT AT WORK! (WHAT AN INSULT, EH!)



Telephone lines have been cut and 800 gallons of diesel oil have been drained away during a strike by members of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers. The strike is at Bernard Mathews Turkey Factory at Great Witchingham, Norfolk who are Europe's biggest processors of turkeys and owners of 17 farms in the Norfolk area. The workers want a 25% pay rise, a cut of 2 hours in the working week and an extra week's holiday. So far the strike has been a success with 90% turnout. On the one bus to pass through the picket lines for an afternoon shift there was only one woman squatting on the floor. The dispute started on the 14th Feb. and the police have been called in after sabotage at the factory and a feed plant. Both actions have been condemned by the Union.

Tories Attack Again

The Tory government is seriously considering getting rid of the law guaranteeing a minimum wage for young workers. This would be part of the governments policy of cutting young workers wages in order to encourage the young unemployed to price themselves into jobs' as the Tories put it. The government thinks that the awards of 5 to 6% wage increases made by the wages council (the body setting the minimum wage) in the retail and clothing industries have been too high.

The gall and hypocrisy of the Tories is amazing. There are several millionaires in the cabinet, yet they talk to the poor about being 'sensible and realistic' in their wage demands. Truly the Tories are being sensible and realistic - they grab all they can of the nations wealth for themselves and their friends and at the same time push ordinary peoples faces into the mud.

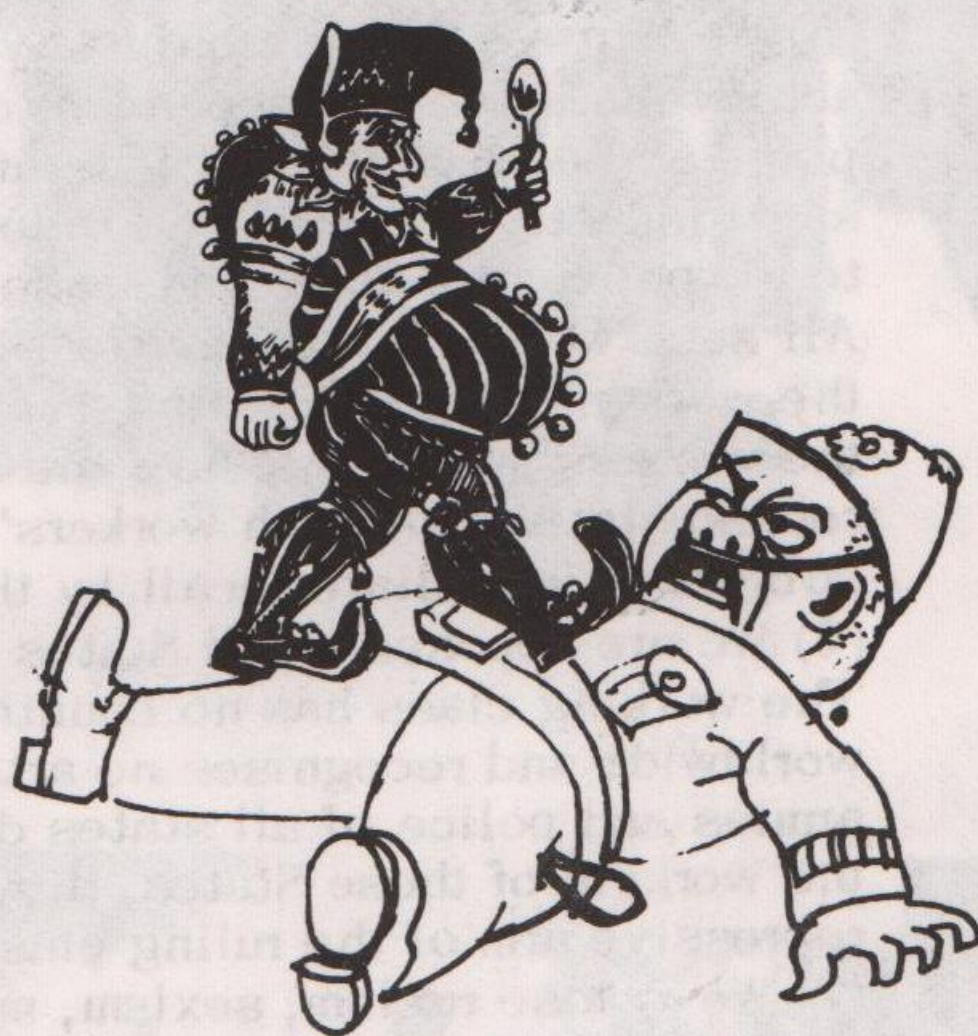
Another scheme of the government is to give a state hand-out of £15 per week to each employer who hires a worker for a first job at less than £40 per week. More than 20,000 employers have expressed interest. The C.B.I. is always condemning 'state interference in industry' but when it comes to grabbing public money the bosses are the first with their noses in the trough. The Tories also plan a training scheme for school leavers who will be forced (through threats of cutting their social security payments) to go on a £15 training scheme with a firm for a year. Another part of this grand plan to make people poorer and so more 'responsible', in other words more cowed and frightened is to offer no pay rise to clerical workers under 20 in the civil service.

The Tories have not yet realised that people will not take being treated like dirt forever. The riots last summer were a warning a thousand times more effective than the futile speeches of Michael Foot in Parliament, which is about as useless as the Labour Party is. If the workers as a whole take a hint from the rioters and learn only to trust themselves and not the professional hypocrites (the politicians) then we may at last see some decency and self respect return to the workers of this country.

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Your Friendly Police

PC Robert Carter-Hounslow of the Coventry police was given a six month sentence, suspended for two years, after being found guilty of attempting to pervert the course of justice by making a false statement. PC Carter-Hounslow was also on trial for robbing tramps of their social security money but the jury failed to agree on this charge. He was sentenced at Warwick Crown Court on 19th February.



A member of the RUC special branch is on trial in Belfast on the charge of murdering a sergeant in the RUC. Sergeant Thomas McCormick shot the RUC through the head as he was locking the gates of his police station. McCormick is also facing 26 other charges of terrorism, including armed robbery, possession of guns and hand grenades. He is believed to have shot the other RUC man after the victim became suspicious of McCormick's activities.

BRIT HYPOCRISY

The British Government is now making a mountain out of a molehill about the freedom of the Falkland Islanders. The islanders freedom has never been much more than the freedom of agricultural peasant in feudal times. Most of the accommodation are tied cottages owned by a British company and when the inhabitants are too old to work they are 'asked' to leave.

The real hypocrisy of the British government is shown when, in 1975, the Americans and the British were looking for a naval base and they seized upon the idea of a island in the Indian Ocean. The inhabitants objected naturally but eventually the islanders were forcibly moved to the slums of a nearby island.

Due to the recent immigration act only 400 of the 1,800 inhabitants have the right to British Citizenship.



PAMPHLET

From the Riot not to Work Collective. About the uprisings in Brixton in 1981. Costs 75p and well worth reading. Orders from:- Riot Not to Work Collective c/o Freedom, 84b White-chapel High St. London E1. Cheques payable to 'After Marx, April', payment required with orders.



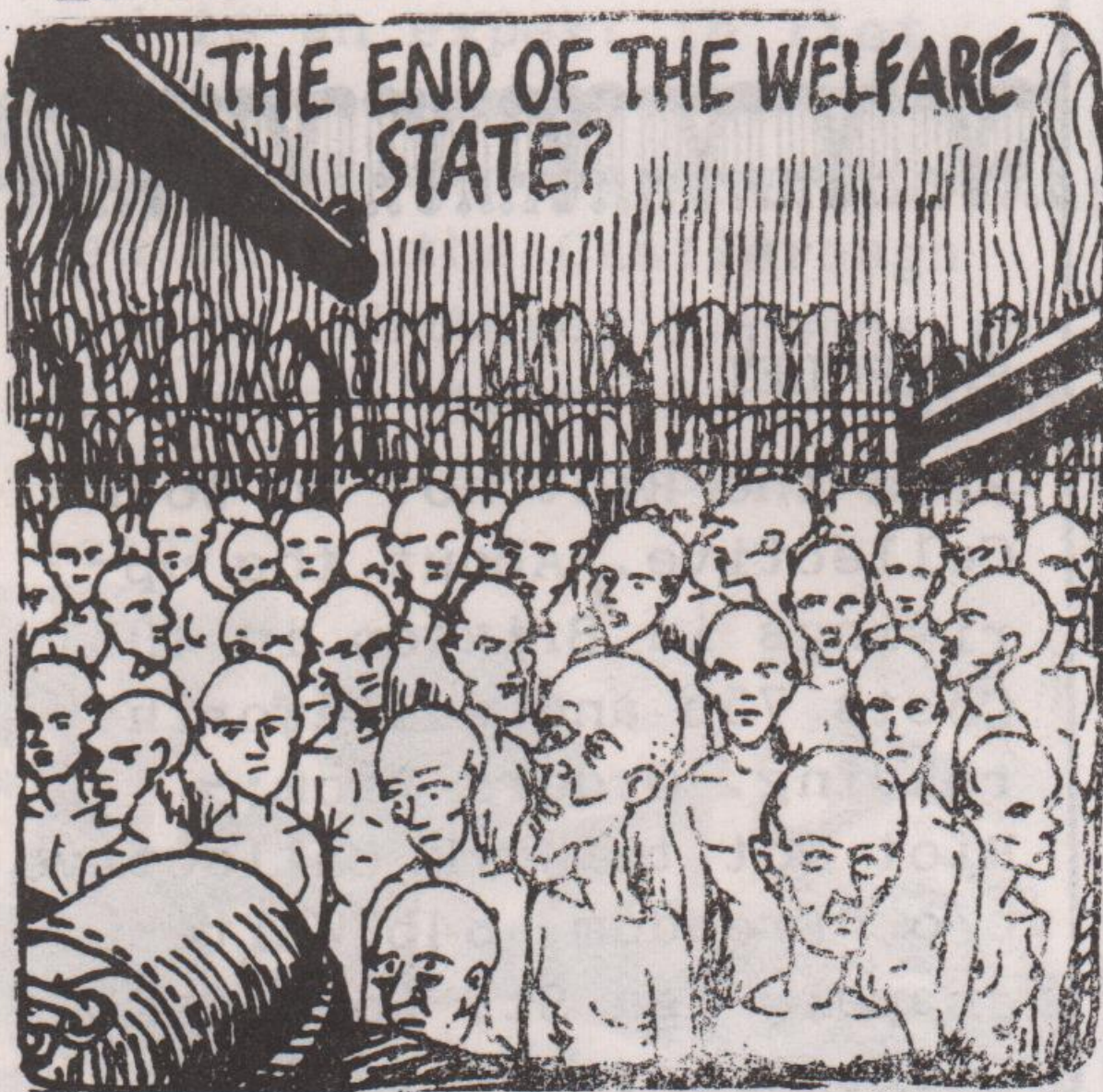
SICK PAY

Many workers who go sick will lose their jobs as the result of new government proposals according to a report by the Greater London Citizens' Advice Bureaus. Already employers are taking the opportunity to sack workers who are off sick and the proposed legislation will give them a further incentive when they assume the duty of paying the first two months of sickness benefit.

The report shows that 92% of sacked workers had been earning less than £81 a week and half took home less than £61 a week. 71% were manual workers and only 17% were members of a union.

The government are handing over the task of paying sickness benefit to the employer in order to save something in the region of £250m a year.

"Who Pays Sick Pay?" Free from the Greater London Citizens' Advice Bureaus Service. 31 Wellington St. London WE1.



THE ENEMY WITHIN

We wonder what the content of a recent speech at Cheshire Police Training Centre at Crewe was about? During a weeks course on Civil Defence, during or before a nuclear attack, Inspector Brown gave a talk on "the enemy within".

Anybody know? If so, we'd like to hear from tou.

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- (4) In order to bring about the new social order, the workers must take over the means of production and distribution. We are the sworn enemies of those who would take over 'on behalf of' the workers.
- (5) We believe that the only way for the working class to achieve this is for independant organisation in the work place and community and federation with others in the same industry and locality, independant 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 of such workers' organisations must be subject to immediate recall by the workers.
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