SANCTIONS OR WORKERS' SOLIDARITY?

In June, well over 100,000 people marched through London to protest against the racist Apartheid regime in South Africa. It was an impressive show of support for sanctions. However, to support such a call means lining up alongside black nationalists, church leaders, stalinists, trotskyists, liberals, social democrats, and even conservatives like Tony Barber and Malcolm Fraser of the Eminent Persons Group. Anarchists, in contrast, have always argued that begging governments to take effective action is less than useless. Furthermore the major force for change in South Africa is not diplomatic pressure, nor gurrilla action, but the black working class, organised in the workplaces and in the townships. Nonetheless there is an important role for international action on the basis of working class solidarity.

EFFECTS ON SOUTH AFRICA

and the 500,000 strong COSATU the the Tory party each year. message is clear - blacks have nothing to lose. In fact recent pamphlets LABOUR SANCTIONS written by Mark Orkins argue that disinvestment would proportionally hit crease from 5% to 8%.

of oil and machinery to maintain produc- Tories. tion. One third of all specialised machinery is imported while the SASOL oilhas been forced to create an urban distinction which quite simply does not in manufacturing industries (where once violated with his knowledge but were not there was a white monopoly on the labour extended to South Africa which was market).

EFFECTS ON BRITAIN

that tens of thousands of British workers will lose their jobs, mainly in true that tough sanctions would be engineering and pharmaceuticals. One of difficult to enforce successfully. the wildest figures quoted - 250,000 comes from the United Kingdom South African Trade Association which is based on calculations almost a decade out of date. Many of the manufacturing jobs said to be at risk have been lost already. The Rogers-Bolton study of 1981

would be less than 10,000. Thatcher's concern is not, of course, for the Those who reject any use of economic workers but for the city stockbrockers, force tend to stress the harm sanctions the company directors and the Tory will cause to black Africans. From the backbenchers who have financial interrioting "comrades" of Gugulety, Cross- ests in companies which invest in South roads and Langa to the multi-class UDF Africa and which give huge donations to

Many people accept that the Tories whites harder than blacks. Black unem- will never impose effective sanctions ployment, already at 25%, would rise to and argue instead that Labour, once 26% but white unemployment would in- elected will take tougher measures. Firstly, we must bear in mind that in opposition Labour are given to promising Where then would sanctions hurt the what they cannot and will not deliver. South African economy? Although South Secondly, past Labour Governments' rec-Africa is the major industrial power in ord on action against South Africa and the region she still depends on imports Rhodesia is scarcely better than the

The Labour Government's ban on arms from-coal plants only provide for 40% of sales to South Africa had the convenient the country's needs. In attempting to loophole of allowing weapon sales for become more self-sufficient South Africa external rather than internal use - a proletariat, and has given blacks exist. In the case of Rhodesia, Wilson greater access to power in the mines and imposed sanctions which were only propping up the Smith regime. South Africa has always found legal and illegal ways around the arms and oil embargos. Botha today boasts of exten-One of Thatcher's main arguments is sive sanction-busting preparations and stockpiles of oil and it is certainly black workers.

Many capitalists see the role of sanctions as something designed to put pressure on Botha to make reforms and save capitalism in South Africa. We must base our activities on the needs of the black working-class for as Petrus Tom, a concluded that a more realistic figure black trade unionist warned:





Dunnes': the most popular strike in Ireland yet their union did nothing

"Even a black government won't liberate the working class as we have seen in the independent black African states where the working class is still oppressed by their own brothers and sisters who are in power".

WORKERS' SOLIDARITY

In this country action must come from the working-class who produce the goods that South Africa needs, who handle the goods South Africa exports and who sell their labour to the same transnational companies which pay starvation wages to

This does not mean trade union sanctions for the union movement is more concerned with putting Labour back into office. The union bureaucrats have been conspicuous on anti-Apartheid platforms but have delivered little more than useless guidelines and recommendations. The miners and printers received no effective support so why expect any more than empty gestures of solidarity and conference resolutions which will never be implemented?

In Ireland the Dunnes strikers discovered that carrying out union policy means much praise from bureaucrats, but no help to win the dispute. Furthermore the Anti-Apartheid Movement serves as a transmission belt for the nationalistic politics of class alliances and revolution in two stages, consequently British workers are still badly informed about their African counterparts. As the International Labour Reports found:

"All too frequently shop floor workers never get to hear about calls for support that have been put out by independent unions in South Africa" (ILR Nov-Dec '85)

In theory workers' solidarity must mean widespread industrial action including the blacking of all goods to and from South Africa, organised independently of the bureaucrats and in open defiance of the anti-union laws against sympathy action. In reality, of course, such actions are few and far between. British workers are more frightened for their own jobs and there is little class confidence. The level of strikes so far this year is the lowest for 50 years.

The only practical way forward is to build "direct links" between British and South African workers. This means making links at union branch level with independent union branches in South Africa and sponsoring visits by South African militants to Britain. It means organising support for black workers on strike or in detention, and sending messages of support and donations to these comrades. As a Metal and Allied Workers Union representative said after a visit at

"British workers were genuinely surprised that black workers have organised independent unions ... their attitude to how they could give ... support really changed when they realised that we who work in the same company also have a union and are fighting the same employer"

Ultimately the sort of working class movement which could deliver effective solidarity action would also be capable of taking on the government and the state. This is what Kinnock, Willis and all the labour movement parasites fear most. We cannot meaningfully separate anti-aparthied activity from anti-capitalist activity and we must expose the hypocrisy of those who do.

IN THIS ISSUE

The Voice of Anarcho-Syndicalism



The latest stage in the government's attack on our right to organise is likely to take effect later this year when the so-called Public Order Bill is passed. This is an attempt to enshrine in law the destruction of our most basic civil libertles.

The most important aspect of the law is that it gives the police the power to decide the size, duration and location of all marches, demonstrations and pickets. If the police think that a threat to "public order" exists they can ban a gathering altogether. The law carries with it heavy sentences for defiance of these instructions.

Obviously this is of the utmost importance to workers in struggle. It removes the need for an employer to go through the courts, giving the police the immediate power to declare a picket unlawful. It also applies to rank and file members on the ground who organise a picket outside of the official union structure, making them personally liable to arrest. This law must be fought in every way possible. Its implications must be communicated to every single worker and when it is passed it must be challenged and broken.

The Public Order Act will serve to reinforce and strengthen the role of the police in areas of political conflict. How long will it be before plastic bullets and CS gas are used on the streets of Britain?

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Stop Dean and Dubbins Selling Out

Sacked printworkers have been picketing outside the barbed wire of Fortress Wapping now for almost ten months. In that time, they have felt the full force of the Tory anti-union laws - sequestrations, court injunctions, riot police and all. Already, two printworkers have received six month prison sentences for defending the right to a living. One London council, Camden, have been taken to court because of a refusal by their library workers to handle News International titles. The union leadership have been trying to wash their hands of the affair for months, complying with recent court orders to limit the Wednesday and Saturday night Tower Hill marches to "demonstrations" only.

In the light of this, the overwhelming October 8th vote by members of all the unions involved against the latest Murdoch offer was a real shot in the arm, and a big two fingers in particular to the national committee of the NGA who were still campaigning for a "yes" vote even after the SOGAT result (2372 - 9600) had been announced. The mood of the vast majority of rank & file printworkers is still one of anger and defiance.

However, without the numbers, mass picketing has only come close to being places like Reading and Portsmouth, but SOGAT and the NGA recently signed with successful on a couple of occasions. In the idea hasn't been taken up with the Daily Telegraph over its move the light of recent court orders and the anywhere near the enthusiasm seen during eastwards to the Isle of Dogs. Selling unions' response to them, pickets have the miners' strike. responded by taking the initiative elsewhere; up Commercial Road to wait for solidarity long after most of the inside Fortress Wapping anyway. "revolutionary" left have disappeared.

SUPPORT THE PRINTERS

Much support has come from local Wapping residents, for months trapped in their community south of The Highway, or prevented from getting home if unlucky enough to be elsewhere late on a Saturday night. To date there have been half a dozen residents' marches. They have been much appreciated by long-standing pickets, and have usually been as lively and as defiant as the printworkers' own marches.

A welcome addition in more recent months has been the Lesbians' and Gays' has provided the more blinkered and more the recent ballot results had to be seen prising of delegates from among the short-sighted with some cause for mirth, to be believed - which isn't surprising but which has generally been well when you consider that, when all is said accepted. Printworkers' Support Groups and done, the £58 million Murdoch offer ject to instant recall can give any have been set up across London and in isn't that different to the deal both



Pickets face the full force of Anti-Union laws

Having said all this, acts of sabothe scab vehicles once they've left tage, no matter how welcome and yet this is the only area the print Wapping, to local TNT depots around the widespread, in the long run are no real unions seem to want to put any energy country, and to the scabs themselves. substitute for the greater solidarity into. The union leaderships have condemned the from other workers that is needed if use of violence as the work of outside this dispute is to be won. The TUC agitators, mirroring the bosses' media. clearly have no intention of organising This is both an insult to the sacked this. Conference resolution or not, at printworkers themselves, and to their the end of the day they will not expel more genuine supporters who have stayed the EETPU - as if this would make any into the early hours and beyond, to show difference to the model trades unionists

> The SOGAT and NGA national union leaderships have all along made no jobless, even if some of the sacked secret of their objections to and distaste for effective mass picketing. These are the creeps who organised the farce of a national demonstration at less than a week's notice on a Sunday (April 13th) ensuring the lowest possi- sell-out. ble turnout and holding a rally in Trafalgar Square first. Thus by the time the march reached Wapping, seven miles later, most who had turned up had departed, too knackered to go any fur-

DEAN'S DISAPPOINTMENT

The obvious look of disappointment "Support the Printworkers" banner which on Brenda Dean's face as she read out

out workers' livelihoods is still the

name of the game. The boycott campaign,

morally right that it is, hasn't worked,

Of course, Murdoch may choose to

settle of his own accord. The £50 mill-

ion offer in June and the recent £58

million offer were both responses, al-

beit pathetic ones, to the embarrassment

caused by the pickets on his own door-

step and plummeting morale among his

scab workforce. But any caving in on his

printworkers were taken on at Wapping

and an eventual deal included union

this (as they have already indicated

they would be nothing less than a

THE WAY TO WIN

will win the sacked printworkers their

formation of a strike committee com-

sacked membership and directly account-

able to them, and whose members are sub-

Only one thing, and one thing alone,

recognition. For the unions to recommend

part would still leave large numbers

print unions would love to see.

The unions completely messed it up. This has been as true during the dispute as before it. The sacked printworkers have not only lost their jobs, but they have also lost all entitlement to pension rights and been left with two pittances offered as redundancy money. They still demand our support.

*"Picket", produced by picketing print jobs back - that is genuine rank and file workers' action, independent of the union members, now past its 30th issue, is now available in full sets of back union leaderships. To some extent this issues (three so far), price £1.50 is has already been happening. But only the stamps to "Picket", c/o Housman's Books, 5 Caledonian Rd., London, NI 9DX. These are by far the best rank and file

unions and in particular the "left" bureaucrats such as Mike Hicks, Tony Isaacs, Bill Freeman, etc. That these people are able to have the major say on the picket lines is a real brake on the initiative of many of the sacked workers.

At the moment many of the print-

workers still have too much faith in the

A strike committee would give a real voice to the militancy of, for example, the authors of the "Picket"* broadsheet, and the Fleet Street Support Unit among others, and take control of the dispute out of the hands of Hicks and the other parasites. In the absence of the numbers needed on the Wapping picket line to effectively shut the place down, it becomes clear that picketing out the rest of Fleet Street is the only viable option left. Some say that this is what Murdoch wants, i.e everyone buying "The Sun" and "The Times", but the other media bosses would not, and they'd be quick to let him know.

The union leaderships have already said they won't support "secondary" action - for them further sequestrations and confrontations with the law have to be avoided at all costs. Precious union funds come before their members' jobs. The alternative to a strike committee which will move things forward is, if the dispute drags on, the eventual demoralisation and the kind of sell-out dressed up as compromise which both News International and the leaderships of the

In an interview with "The New York Times" not long after the printers were first locked out, Murdoch revealed that "they (the unions) had been through here seeing the presses. What we didn't show them was our computer ... and they never saw the extent of our preparations for type-setting. Yet the place had hundreds of construction workers and people here all the time. Anyone could have worked it out." Rank and file printworkers

Labour interfere in NUT

Teachers returning in September were welcomed back by some pleasant news their negotiators had "stitched up" a peace deal and a "peace period" without their knowledge or consent during the gulet Summer weeks. The "historic" pay campaign (two years fudged inaction) cautiously maintained by 13 ballots, culminated in August in a settlement imposed on the membership without a murmur, let alone a vote, It's odd how disappeared once the executive decided to negotiate.

CONSPIRACY

The details of the settlement - a little more pay for a lot more work under a binding contract - are not as interesting as how this deal was pay deal have already come from at least organised. Much of it has to do with the a third of the membership and a delegate influence of the Labour Party. At public rallies last May, Kinnock's praises were forced upon the bureaucrats. But that being sung by NUT officials: the promise of cake tomorrow for peace in schools this Summer will remain in their minds today was accompanied by cries of "don't as it would in the minds of all union rock the boat" when people proposed leaders facing their political masters escalating the dispute. The Kinnock/ the alluring smell of corruption. Jarvis conspiracy moved into top gear in

Labour-controlled LEA negotiating body (the Burnham Committee) while Jarvis was signed up as a new TUC boss.

The script goes something like this: "Appear reasonable now, agree a contract and we'll give you a decent rise next year when Labour romps home to victory. Never mind the fact you'll never be able to work to rule again, never mind the fact that we can't give you any guaranthe union's "democratic" craze suddenly tees - play the game and we'll see you right. In the meantime we'll preserve our conciliatory image and win more votes, maybe even teachers' votes" (70% voted Tory last time).

> While the Broad Left leadership of the NUT went along very willingly, many rank and file teachers have thought and acted otherwise. Motions rejecting the conference for early November has been sniff of power the executive enjoyed

Notts. Scabs Lose Jobs



Hammond and the UDM, all the scabs together.

Another colliery closure has been announced and 1500 miners will lose their jobs. The mine is Hucknall Colliery in Nottinghamshire and most of the miners are members of the Union of Democratic Miners. So even scabs are not safe.

The story is that Roy Lynk and his in Nottinghamshire. gang believe they have made a "secret" deal with British Coal (different name but same bosses except MacGregor of Between January and June 1986 the accepted the closure of Hucknall, then 662,000 "man"-hours. This is an equivaother pits would be kept open and the lent of £234,000 per sacked printer, or Hucknall miners would be re-deployed to £20 per person in th U.K. them. The UDM is putting in some token

protests but everyone knows that Huck-

If Roy Lynk (who by the way wants to resign as secretary to become President Lynk instead) and his friends think that they can make "deals" with British Coal and that they will work, then they have alot to learn. British Coal (NCB) have a history of saying to the NUM "let us close this pit to save the others" and then shutting the lot.

In Nottinghamshire the evidence is available to see what is going to happen. Plans are already being made to shut Silverhill or Sutton Colliery or both. British Coal have given figures to British Rail on the amounts of coal they expect to move by rail which are much lower than at present. It can only mean a massive reduction of output and that can only mean more closures. So, UDM or NUM, either way no miner's job is safe

course, who has taken up writing in his policing of the News International disold age). This deal was that if the UDM pute cost £1,174 million, representing

-- "Public Order" - Police Repression -

We are increasingly seeing a police force that is unwilling to do anything about crime. We are told that the public are too worried about crime, having unreasonable expectations of the police, so instead the state is emphasizing the maintainence of "law and order" on the streets. This attitude is summarised in the "British Crime Survey" issued by the Home Office:

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"fear of crime is triggered by noncriminal disorder - drunks, youths causing disturbances, noisy householders, graffiti, rubbish and litter....(which) serve as signs of crime and thus lead to fear regardless of actual levels of crime."

How totally ridiculous! Sensationalised reporting of crime in the "Sun" and the other gutter press has a lot more to do with increased fear of crime.

It is further suggested that this fear leads to neighbourhood decline and therefore an increase in crime itself. Again this is far removed from reality - neighbourhood decline is a direct result of the crazy planning that, gave us the inner city slums. The "British Crime Survey " then goes on to suggest that the answer is police powers to stop and search, thus "maintaining order" and enforcing "middle class" values!

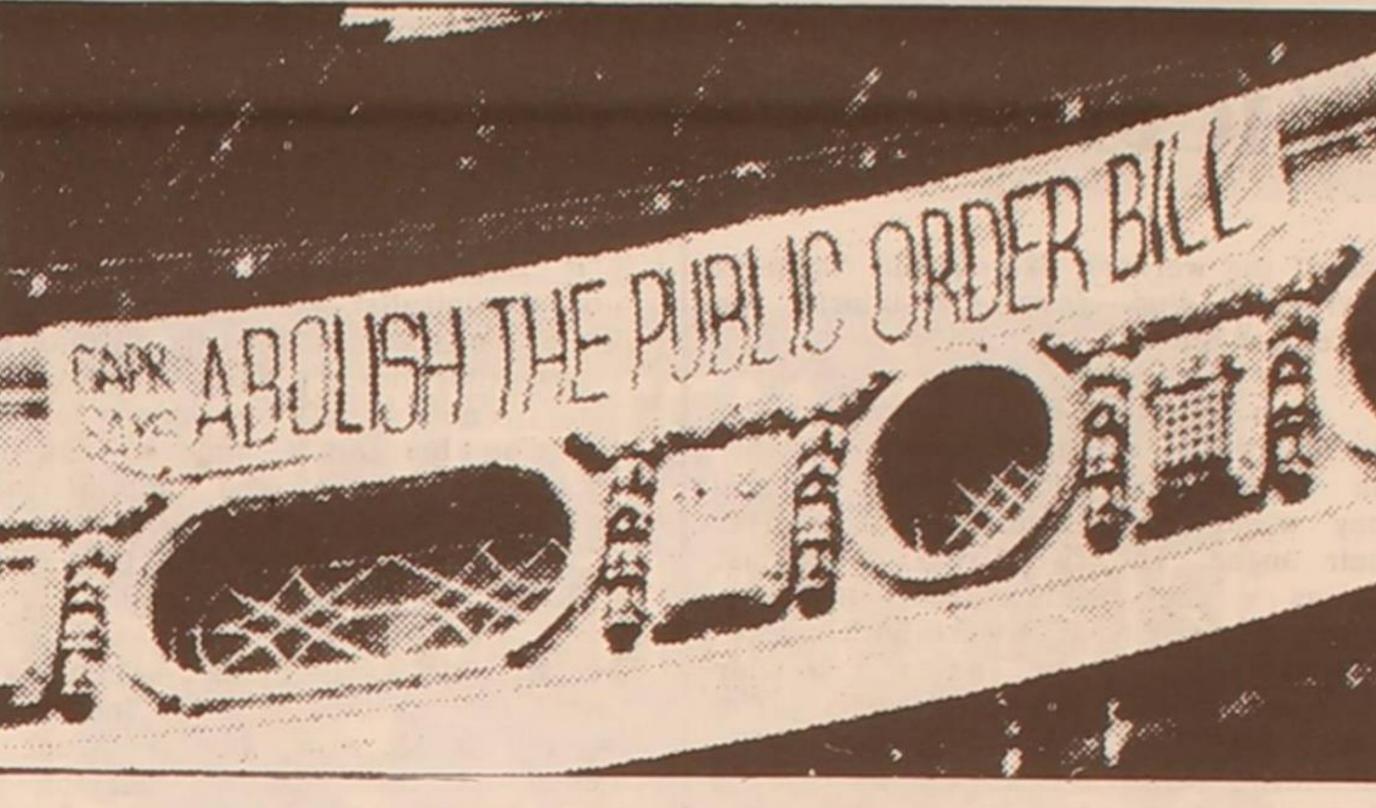
HARASSMENT

Another way of looking at it is that these powers will lead to increased police harassment of political and trade union activists, black people, Asians, gay people and anyone else they don't like the look of. It is in fact, the police who are the real menace to "public order". It is this type of thinking that that is behind the public order proposals which when passed will sweep away basic freedoms won in the last century to assemble, to march and to picket. Thus in the State's eyes decreasing the fear of crime is equated with curtailing hard-fought-for freedoms. This is a convenient smokescreen to blind people to the increasingly repressive tendencies of the British State.

MARCHES AND DEMOS

You can be arrested for:

- organising a demonstration without police permission; the proposals require 7 days notice of a march or de-



monstration to be given to the police; organisers of banned demo's will face 3 months in prison and a £1000 fine as well as having to pay the cost of policing;

- taking part in a demonstration which has been banned; the penalty for this will be a £400 fine; - ignoring police conditions, for example, laying down the route; - ignoring police directions during a demonstration;

- spontaneous demonstrations will become illegal when the bill is passed.

PICKETS AND RALLIES

- static demonstrations and pickets will be allowed only on conditions set by the police - e,g time, location, duration and size;

- the police will be able to limit the size of any static demonstrations, say where it should take place and how long it can last; - they could do this whether the demonstration is at a factory, shop, embassy, etc.

NEW OFFENCES

ancient common law offences like riot will become statutory, making it much easier to get convictions in court. You could be jailed for life for "riot" if you are in a group as small as 12 people and one of you appears "to threaten" violence, or for 5 years if you are in a group of 3 people, for violent disorder. - the scope of "breach of the peace

will be widened.

- definitions of these "crimes" will

strations, the new powers will mean an tance. end to the "freedom" to protest.

PROVOCATION

This review of public order has come at a time when we see the police becoming more and more repressive, as shown by their attacks on miners' pickets at Orgreave, on the peace convoy around Stonehenge, on students and others demonstrating against Leon Brittan at Man- A Daluruay chester University, on printworkers at Wapping, to name but a few cases. Also, during 1985 we saw a number of riots in the inner cities which were an obvious response to police provocation. It is clear that the Public Order Bill is a recipe for more of the same.

During the trial and acquittal of those miners and their supporters charged as a result of the police riot at Orgreave, the existence of a secret manual which includes instructions on how to incapacitate demonstrators was revealed. This was drawn up jointly by the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Home Office. Thus the increasingly repressive nature of policing is sanctioned by the highest levels of government and it is clear that senior police officers have re-written the law and are acting upon it.

Thus the public order proposals must be seen in conjunction with recent police practices and it can be pointed out that the law is following the lead given by the police rather than vice versa. The idea is to extend the existing concept of "public order" which originally covered fascist violence and intimidat-- a new offence, "disorderly conduct" ion in the 1930's, to cover the concept will be created. This means the use of acceptable behaviour. Everything from of words which are "threatening, ab- football hooliganism to trade union usive or insulting", or behaviour rallies are lumped together by these which is "threatening, abusive, in- proposals, tarring political and trade sulting or disorderly", likely to union activists with the same brush as "harrass, alarm or distress" another those who get a kick out of mindless

be so wide that the police will suc- The Campaign Against Police Repression cessfully be able to frame people up is co-ordinating the organisation of a as soon as they gather to protest public rally starting at 12 noon in about whatever they feel strongly Clock Tower Place, London N7 (Caledonian Road Tube) on the first Saturday after the bill passes through the Commons, If In short, there will be no freedom to the law takes effect from a later date, assemble, march or picket except on there will be another rally for a march terms controlled and dictated by the po- the first Saturday after that date. In lice - that is no freedom at all. When this way we will signal our open combined with the current paramilitary defiance of the law and our refusal to tactics of the police to break up demon- let this pass without maximum resis-

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NUCLEAR POWER - WHO NEEDS IT?



Chernobyl - the end of the nuclear dream

The horror of nuclear power was clearly demonstrated by the Chernobyl explosion which will claim thousands of human lives in years to come, on top of the agricultural devastation it caused. Fortunately, the explosion was non-nuclear, but it has since been revealed that it almost exploded like a nuclear bomb. (1) Nuclear "experts" have always argued that such a thing was impossible.

People have always been highly suspicious of nuclear power but Chernobyl was the final straw which has swung public opinion against this insanity. The hypocritical American and British authorities say such an incident could not happen in the West, but we have not forgotten the Windscale fire in 1957 and the near melt-down at Three Mile Island (Harrisburg, USA) in 1979.

Unbelievably, there are still those who argue for nuclear power. They argue that it is cheaper, and safer than coal and that it means more jobs. These arguments are easily refuted:

(a) The true cost of nuclear power is higher than that stated by the CEGB as costs such as waste disposal and de-commissioning (closure of power stations when they are no longer "useful") are conveniently ignored. Also the massive military subsidy (for plutonium and research), which is paid out of our taxes, should also be considered.

(b) Many deaths are caused by coal mining, but uranium also has to be mined, and many die as a result, but because they are in other countries (e.g. Namibia) they are ignored. Also, deaths in the nuclear industry are not usually admitted to, although large compensation payments are given to relatives.

(c) The Nuclear Power industry is capital intensive, creating few jobs. Far more jobs would be created in energy saving schemes, renewable energy schemes (e.g. The Severn Barrage) and of course Investment in coal mining.

ANTI - WORKING CLASS

So what is the motive behind the in October 1979, a leaked cabinet minute revealed the reason behind the Tories' workers."(2).

Clearly the motive is a class motive. Nuclear power is anti-working class in that it weakens our industrial muscle as well as providing the ammunition for the nuclear States which will be used against us one day, if we let them.

As a class, we must oppose nuclear power because it is a threat to us, and our environment. It must be stressed that it is construction workers who build the power stations, railworkers and seamen who transport nuclear materials, so it is within our power to put the brakes on the nuclear programme. Already the National Union of Seamen is active in this area by refusing to dump at sea - in fact they forced the government to change its policy on dumping (they now dump the waste on land). Empty resolutions and hot air at TUC conferences are no substitute for the widespread blacking of nuclear materials and

THE ALTERNATIVES

We are often told that there is no viable alternative to nuclear power,

a thousand years' supply of coal. There are two other main alternatives to nuclear power: (a) increasing energy efficiency/conservation, (b) renewable sources e.g. tidal, wave, wind power. Nuclear power only accounts for around nuclear energy programme? One of the 10% of total electricity generated but most obvious reasons is that nuclear option (a) could easily eliminate this power stations are used as factories for percentage altogether. Britain, being an producing weapons-grade plutonium. Also, island with a large coastline, is ideal for many renewable energy schemes. There are around 10 possible sites for tidal proposal to build around 10 new nuclear barrages; e.g the Severn Barrage which power stations, at one a year, from 1982 is currently being considered and the onwards. It said: "A nuclear programme proposed barrage for the Mersey estuary. would have the advantage of removing a In fact the Severn Barrage would genersubstantial portion of electricity pro- ate 6% of our electricity demand and duction from the dangers of industrial create 45,000 jobs during construction action by the coal miners or transport and between 25,000 and 30,000 more jobs in manufacturing and recreational indus-

> Britain is also ideal for wave power especially around the west coast of Scotland, but research has been axed. There is also the possibility of electricity from wind turbines which ideally should be built off-shore where the winds are stronger.

> Many of these ideas may seem sensible, but what is sensible is not necessarily compatible with capitalism, which always puts profits above our needs. Some of the alternatives may be put into practice to a certain extent depending on how the economics works out. However, capitalism still remains a barrier to a rationally planned society and the State will always want to hang on to its nuclear power stations. Ultimately, the only real solution to the "energy problem" will involve the elimination of the root causes - capitalism and the State and their replacement by a society that puts people's needs before profit.

(1) New Scientist, 4th Sept. 1986 p. 17. (2) See appendix 4 in "Atomic Crossroads" (J. Valentine, Merlin 1985). despite the fact that we are sitting on (3) New Scientist, 17th July 1986 p. 21.

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Greek State Claims Another Victim

have no doubt been made aware of the September 12th. violent social struggles that have been continuing in Greece in the last few years. We have read of hundreds of work- his funeral, of whom 400 were libertarers, students and unemployed being tor- ian militants. Following the funeral tured and locked up by the Greek they made for parliament to express "socialist" state. Anarchists have been their anger. The two Greek communist taking the brunt of repression and have parties - the stalinist KKE and the been in the forefront of resistance euro-communist KNE - were both noticeagainst it. Now, we hear of more re- able by their absence. The most popular The artificial "oil crisis", when OPEC position against the Italian governpression and another corpse to make the chant was "Kaltezas - Mavroeidis - the upped the price of oil instead of ment's National Energy Plan (PEN) which "socialists" proud of how well they can state kills. The next death will be a lowering it as now, had a direct in- favours expansion of nuclear and coaldefend a rotten capitalist system.

On September 3rd in Athens, a protest march of building workers took place. These workers, who marched on the Ministry of Finance, were simply asking that the Ministry mediate between them and their bosses who had not paid them fused to meet them, and all they got was victim. the police attacking and beating them.

Readers familiar with the anarchist One of the workers, 68-year old Anghelos press in this country or abroad will Mavroeidis died from his injuries on

Five hundred people turned out for minister.". Kaltezas was the name of a fluence on the rise in cost of raw fired power stations. The PEN is a 15-year old anarchist murdered by the materials and manufactured goods. This policy which favours the militarisation Greek police last November. He was shot forced the international productive sys- of society and is anti-ecological. It in the back of the head during a riot in tems to accelerate the research for involves the construction of a second Athens in response to police brutality. | alternative sources of energy to oil and nuclear power plant Trino Vercellese, a Despite the widespread public outcry, coal just as the nuclear program was at site which is conveniently close to the and despite leading politicians talking the "commercial" stage. Countries were Eurex industrial complex at Saluggia. about resigning, nothing was done, and all rushed into buying American PWR This complex for treating irradiated for eighteen months. The minister re- now the Greek state has claimed another technology and the Russians installed fuel is capable of reclaiming various

Source: Le Combat Syndicaliste.



MICHALIS KALTEZAS, Murdered by the Police last year

A LIFETIME OF STRUGGLE

During the summer, Antoine Turmo, editor of "Combat Syndicaliste" (Syndicalist for the CNT and the revolutionary part in what was a legal demonstration. The police report compares the FAU Fight), the paper of the CNT-F, French workers' movement in France. In 1948 the section of the International Workers' large reformist union federation, the Association, died having given his life CGT, split, leaving a majority CGT demonstration in Hamburg attended by 600 to be leading members of a struggle, not to the cause of working class emancipa- totally dominated by the stalinists and protesters including the local FAU group so much against nuclear power but tion and the building of revolutionary causing the foundation of a new anti- (FAU - Frei Arbeiter Union/Free Workers' against the state. unionism in France.

in 1915. Whilst still very young he it initially gave itself credibility by who kept them there for 13 hours without 1st. If we want to live in a humane became a revolutionary unionist, joining referring to the original pre-world war food and water, not allowing them to go world without nuclear power, contam-France's revolutionary union of the one CGT, which was revolutionary syndic- to the toilet for more than 6 hours, inated food, inhuman jobs, poverty, time, the CGT - Syndicaliste Revolution- alist. Many militants decided that they They were taken out one by one and terror and so on, we have to overcome naire, then the French section of our would be better off in the FO since the subjected to strip searches. International. In 1935 he was called up CNT was still quite small, and so left and true to his anti-militarist prin- the CNT. Antoine Turmo was one of those Even the capitalist press compared hands and not leave it in the hands of ciples, he deserted and went into who remained, keeping the CNT alive the intention and methods of the police any politicians or leaders. hiding. In 1936, with the outbreak of during the lean years of the '60's. In with Chile and some of the younger cops the Spanish Revolution, he crossed the the meantime Turmo became editor, in were upset about having to carry out Therefore we choose the method of Pyrenees to Spain and fought the 1962, of a new paper, "Espoir", such orders. In fact some even collected direct action and self-management, but fascists at the front, side by side with published with the Spanish anarcho- money and bought food and drinks for the not the methods of terrorism. his Spanish fellow workers and anarcho- syndicalists in exile following the surrounded demonstrators. syndicalists in the famous Durrutti banning of their press by General de

Spanish fascists, Turmo returned to syndicalist militants who was able to France to go through another short establish the important link with the period of clandestinity, before benefit- new militants of the post-May '68 era. ting from a government amnesty granted on the eve of the war. He joined a tank Until his death, Turmo took an regiment and became a prisoner of war active part in all the activities of the early on in the conflict, remaining a CNT. He was elected Confederal Secretary

war continued as harshly as ever. In in the last few years. France now has a order to fight that war militant French revolutionary workers' union again and workers founded, in 1946, the Confedera- that is to the eternal credit of tion Nationale du Travail, to carry on comrades like Antoine Turmo who never the work of the pre-war CGT-SR. Turmo gave up the struggle. immediately joined the new CNT. Blacklisted by the bosses and so unable to
The "Combat Syndicaliste" editorial find work as a boilerman he became an group has now moved from Toulouse to electrician, and began to methodically Bordeaux, with comrade Emile Trave as organise the CNT's Building Union which editorial director. The address: CNT, went on to win genuine victories in the Vieille Bourse du Travail, 34-42 Rue de harsh social conflicts of the post-war Lalande, 33000 BORDEAUX, FRANCE. period. The CNT developed in other areas, in both large and small-scale

communist federation, the CGT - Force Union - West German section of the IWA). Ouvriere. FO has proved to be a right However the demonstrators found them-Antoine Turmo was born in Bordeaux wing, class-collaborationist set-up but selves surrounded by nearly 2000 police, their own terrorism they call us terror-Gaulle. Following the events of May 1968 "Espoir" became bi-lingual. Turmo was In '39, after the victory of the one of the "old guard" of revolutionary

captive of the Nazi army until 1945. in 1977, then in 1983, becoming editor of the re-founded "Combat Syndicaliste". The second world war over, the class The CNT has been growing progressively

Nuclear Europe:

"It is no longer possible to speak they treat natural resources, monopolisof a capitalist system but of a new ing its usage and passing it on to social system managed by an emergent others with discrimination. Knowledge is class that doesn't base its power on the key to exploitation of the other the ownership of the means of pro- resources, vegetable, mineral, animal duction but on technical know-how: and of course human. scientific, legal and administrative - the techno-bureaucracy." (Lotta di Classe, paper of the USI, April

plants in their satelites too.

Every country's productive possibilities are established by the extent the megawatt PWR close by. states can use the resources available for their productive structures. However the developments of modern technology of a super coal fired power plant in the have profoundly altered the outline, not because natural resources are less rele- Giulia. vant than before but because of scientific and technical research funded by the military-industrial complex of the major and minor states and the tide of innovations that derives from it. It is evident that the present "progress" in technology is seated in the countries who already possessed global economic power. They have assured themselves vanguard positions in every sector of scientific and technical research. They energy. treat their expertise in the same way as

new jobs without adverse ecological consequences. Italy has plenty of sun, and also many sources of geo-thermal A P Marche.

ENERGY POLICY IN ITALY

USI at its national congress in Turin

on the 29th-31st March, 1986, took up a

substances including weapons-grade plut-

onium. It is no coincidence that Italy.

a major arms producer, would like a 2000

north-eastern region of Friuli-Venezia

mands the closure of the nuclear power

plants already on line and of other

oversized projects. The money saved

should be spent on development of the

sources of renewable energy, creating

The PEN also involves construction

USI opposes these projects and de-

As a reaction to the "accident" in Chernobyl there were many demonstrations in West Germany.

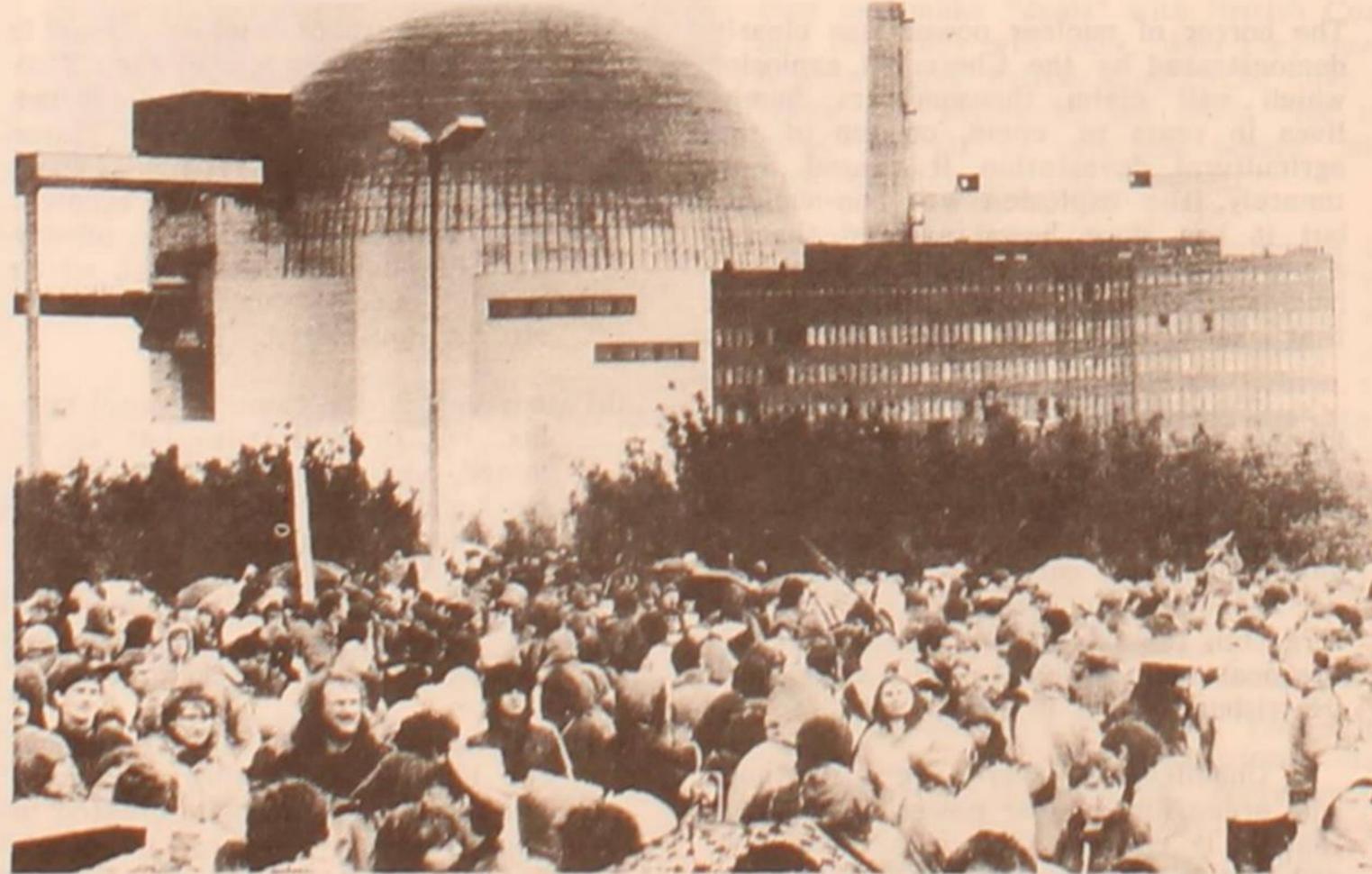
At the beginning of June there was a main demonstration for the north of the to divide the anti-nuclear power movecountry at Brokdorf nuclear power ment into political-radical and middle station near Hamburg. Many people were class-pacifist groupings by criminalisstopped by police on their way to ing radical organisations. The '50's, however, were not so good Brokdorf and were prevented from taking

However no such charity from police officials - they stated publicly that they should use shotguns next time.

The intention of the politicians is

to terrorist groups like the RAF (Red The following day there was a Army Fraction) and FAU comrades are said

> In order to divert attention from statism and capitalism. We want to take our lives and our future in our own



The Brockdorf Anti-Nuclear demo

RESTART: a waste of time and money

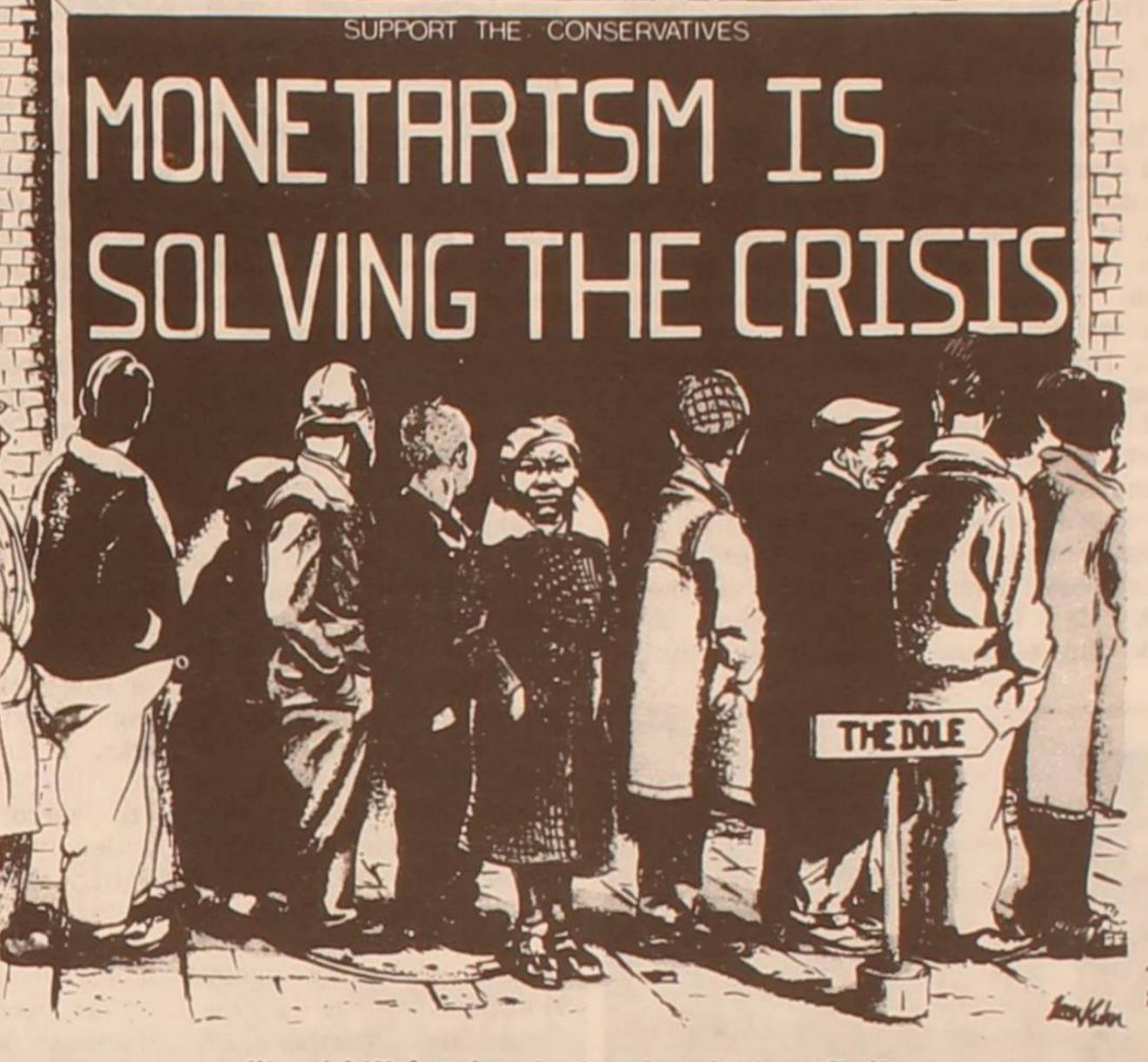
Over the period from July 1986 to March 1987 every person who has been signing on as unemployed for over 12 months will be called into their local job centre for a "Re-start" interview.

The reason for this expensive exercise is the current government's need to be seen to be "doing something about the unemployment figures". Announced in the last budget speech, this "Re-start" program has now been going on for some

The interview at the job centre is compulsory. If you don't go they can and will stop your benefit. It is clear that pressure is, in varying degrees, being put on the young unemployed to get off the unemployment register. One job centre official at Alfreton in Derbyshire has stated that she saw it as part of her job to "hound the young un-

The government, at the same time as setting up this scheme, has funded 300,000 new places on the community program. As well as this, for anyone who takes a job paying below £80 per week, they are offering to pay the difference over a 6 month period. Of course, you can't give the job up after the 6 months otherwise you won't be entitled to receive dole. If in March 1987 there is not a drop of some 300,000 in the unemployment figures then something will have gone seriously wrong with their plans to get the figures down before the next election.

Apart from this sort of cosmetic reduction, this whole expensive fiasco will achieve little. In Dundee where offers nothing more to 99% of people on revolutionary change. they ran a pilot scheme, out of three it than the chance to work 3 days a week and a half thousand people who went through it only 11 people got full-time



"Look! We're already drawing the benefit."

"Re-start" has been attacked by the statist left groups who condemn it as a con-trick. And there we must agree people's hopes have been raised as they thought they would be getting something, only to be smashed down by the fact that the whole program is a hollow fraud. It want, thus seeing the need for some for a year on the community program.

The problem for statist critics of these schemes is that for years they

have demanded a "right to work". It has been what they call a "transitional demand". What that means is you demand something you believe the state machine cannot give, and so people will realise the impossibility of getting what they

The trouble is that the "right to given "work". What that would be is (Autumn 1986).

anyone's guess - digging holes and filling them in again is one way.

After next March the "Re-start" program will apply to all unemployed. Compulsory interviews and courses may well become the normal thing for unemployed people. Once they have gone that far, it is a short step to compulsory work to gain benefit. The whole thrust of the Tory government's strategy to "solve" unemployment is to depress the value of benefit and make it harder to get. This lowers the wages that people will be prepared to accept.

With all young workers between 16 and 18 being forced to expect no more than the pitiful rates paid on youth opportunity schemes, schemes that are so outrageously unfair and exploitative to all on them, their expectations will be automatically lowered. If people can be pushed into being ready to willingly accept poverty scale wages, then the Tories will have done what they set out

For a political party that prates on about giving back "freedom" it is clear that under them freedom for working class people has become less, not more. Compulsory programs for the unemployed, and youth training schemes are 2 small examples of how the Tories are removing choices from working people.

It will only be possible to give every person in this country an equal share of the labour and the wealth that labour produces, when that wealth is owned and controlled by the people. No amount of action by governments of whatever sort, shape or politics will solve the problems created by government

work" can become a duty to work. If For more information on "Re-start" see the state wanted to everyone could be the Sheffield Anarchist, volume 4 no. 1

-AIDS, Racism & Germ Warfare

Recently the government introduced visas for the citizens of a number of "black" countries if they wished to visit Britain. Now, the Thatcherite racists want to introduce blood tests for visitors and students to this country to screen for the AIDS virus. This will be limited - surprise, surprise - to those from a number of Central African countries.

A number of Arab states already insist on blood tests for visitors, but this is applied generally and not to one race or the inhabitants of 3 African countries. United States citizens are among the largest groups of foreign visitors - where there are 2 million carriers of the AIDS virus - but there tested before being allowed in! The contradiction is that the major source of AIDS virus introduction into Britain has been from the United States.

There is no plan to have British visitors to these areas tested before they are allowed to return home. AIDS is now a world-wide problem, and international problems need international answers. The AIDS virus has no respect for race, class or gender. While there is as yet no certain cure, containment is necessary, but not in a racist and sexist form. Also, it is important to realise that money spent on research into AIDS would extend our knowledge of the body's immune system, and consequently help in the treatment and cure of all the diseases and illnesses that beset humanity.

GERM WARFARE?

Was the AIDS epidemic caused by an experiment in germ warfare that went horribly wrong? There is a lot of circumstantial evidence to support this. Dr John Seale, a former consultant venereologist at Middlesex Hospital, now in

candidate is the Visna virus which artificially on life support machines. infects sheep).

He believes that either the USA or the Russians could have been the culprit. It could have been released in Central Africa by accident or design, have started there. However, an expert in biological warfare, Dr Alistair Hay of Leeds University, who has been investigating this possibility for some time says there is no evidence that the U.S Defence Department had been developing such a weapon.

there are a number of viruses which could have provided the initial materi-

In an article in "the Guardian" (20-12-85), it is reported that they had "unearthed evidence that the U.S Defence Department was considering developing a biological weapon - which like AIDS, would destroy the body's defence against infection - as long ago as 1969". "The Guardian" states that It had not found any evidence to show that they had done

SECRET EXPERIMENTS

Radio Moscow has alleged that the belief that the AIDS virus (HTLV 3) tion and vitamin deficiency. had been engineered by adding an extra gene to the Visna virus is only circum-

private practice in Harley St, has stantial. It is alleged that the GOOD NEWS claimed that the AIDS virus was experiments were carried out on "brainengineered from a similar virus (his dead" human beings who were kept alive

In 1980, a left wing paper in California, "People's World", reported that the U.S Navy were experimenting with biological weapons specifically de- as the vaccine is based on a "killer signed to affect black people. It was for certainly the disease appears to these reprts which, via an Indian paper, were repeated by Radio Moscow. AIDS has reached epidemic proportions in a number of African countries (Central Africa especially).

"ETHNIC" WEAPON

The main chemical and biological is no suggestion that they should be AIDS specialist, Dr Richard Tedder, warfare research centre in the U.S.A is has said Dr Seale's allegation is based at Fort Detrick in Maryland, Germ on half-truths and misunderstandings material is stored there. Fort Detrick because the Visna virus could not have is surprisingly a few miles from the been made into the AIDS virus. However National Cancer Institute laboratories where Dr Roberto Gallo was able to isolate the AIDS virus, HTLV 3. This coincidence prompted Dr hay to use the U.S Freedom of Information Act to search in Defence Department files. He requested documents on work on "ethnic" weapons and work on depressing the body's immune system, that is our natural defence against disease. Dr Hay is satisfied that there is no evidence saying, "the Department of Defence says that they haven't got anything on it (the work he requested) and that's good enough for me until I find some proof".

> For some reason AIDS in Africa has spread rapidly to both men and women more or less equally. A variety of AIDS virus had its origin in secret ex- explanations have been given for this periments carried out by the CIA and re-use of disposable infection needles, the Pentagon in which human beings were an insect "vector" such as the mosquito infected with animal viruses. Dr Seale (so AIDS could be spread like malaria) admits that the information to back his or the spread is encouraged by malnutri-

While progress towards an AIDS vaccine remains slow, researchers in California have developed a vaccine that protects rhesus monkeys from an AIDSlike virus (SAIDS). However a similar vaccine is unlikly to be used on humans, virus" like early pollo vaccines.

A new experimental drug, A.Z.T. (Azidothymide) has been shown to prolong the life of AIDS sufferers, and will soon be offered to 6000 people with the disease in the USA, but tests are to start in Europe in the near future.

EVEN BETTER NEWS !!!!?

British researchers are working on what they claim to be the most revolutionary anti-viral agent in the world. Studies show that it is ten times stronger than AZT. The Identity of the chemical, a natural compound, still remains a secret. It has been revealed that the Public Health Laboratory Service at Porton Down (Britain's well known germ warfare establishment - no comment) has been "testing the compound on strains of the AIDS virus taken from people living in Central Africa". (New Scientist 25/9/86).

The Terence Higgins Trust has an information pack on AIDS and HTLV 3 virus with comprehensive advice on prevention. The pack is written in explicit language that is readily understood at street level, and is a useful alternative to the uninformative government advertising.

The Terrence Higgins Trust, BM/AIDS, London WCIN 3XX.

On July 8th, 1983, Nora McCabe was re- accurate - 1 person has been killed for turning home from a corner shop - less every 4,000 rounds fired compared with 1 of plastic bullets? Their excuses are doubt, soon they will be used to deadly than 15 yards from her home she was shot for every 18,000 rubber bullets fired. and died soon after. That day her The numbers maimed and seriously injured of riot control, used only as a last murderer and several of his accomplices have also increased. The rubber bullet resort in self defence; their use is were in a police station. However, they was often modified by police and have never been charged or brought to soldiers who stuck razor blades and to these blatant lies; more than a dozen poverty, simply because governments and court and still walk the streets freely, batteries into them, but the plastic people have been killed and many more but that is no surprise because they are bullet is so hard and deadly it doesn't maimed. Independent investigation has so they resort to increasingly deadly officers in the RUC.

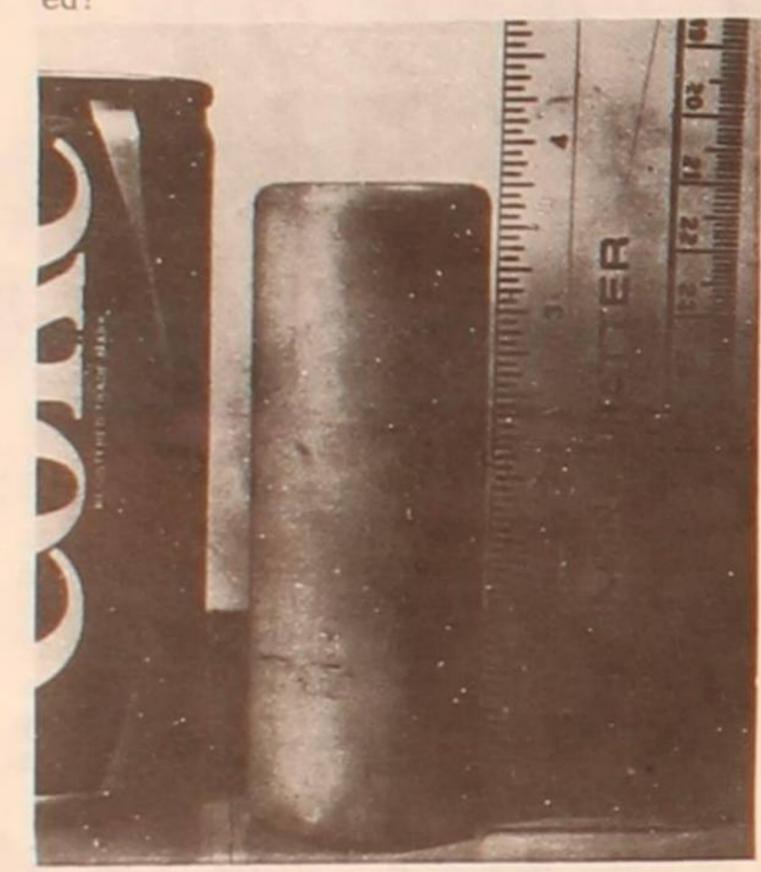
Nora McCabe was killed by the police the baton round, better known as the soft object fired from a normal gun in- so deaths in riot situations are rare. only be the start of a deadly arsenal of plastic or rubber bullet. She is not the stead of a dangerous lead bullet - this Those killed are often fired on from dirty tricks used to oppress us. Already ed, many seriously, by this horrific bullet weighs as much as a cricket ball the security forces to blast away fires baton rounds which not only cause of the security forces has been pro- 170 miles an hour - about twice the peaceful areas at high speed in their pact releasing a chemical irritant. secuted. This was the officer who killed speed of the fastest fast bowler. In armoured saracens and landrovers. Plas- Plastic bullets must be banned from than 80 plastic bullets in five minutes, there are umpires to make sure that the height of the hunger strikes 530 were alternative which will turn out to be Of course the sectarian courts let him ball isn't bowled straight at the body - fired per day! There is no way that the more deadly as in the past. off scot-free! It seems that when the ordinary person has none of these judicial system could investigate each carrying out their duty (suppressing things. Is it surprising then that incident even if it wanted to. VIDEO TOUR rebellious sections of the population) deaths and serious injuries have resultpolice and soldiers are above the laws ed? of assault, manslaughter and murder.

FLYING TRUNCHEON

The first baton round was used in 1967 in the Hong Kong riots. It was made of teak and weighted with a solid metal core. This "flying truncheon" was wielded with all the constraint of its pedestrian equivalent, i.e not at all. Not surprisingly then, one girl died and many other people were injured by flying splinters from shattering rounds. It was therefore considered too dangerous, so Porton Down developed the rubber bullet which was first used in Northern Ireland in 1970. The record of this "minimum force" weapon speaks for itself - 3 people killed and many injured. Over 80% of the injured had head injuries including partial or total blindness, brain damage and severe facial injuries The rubber bullet was withdrawn in 1973 amid widespread public outcry. It was replaced by the "safer and more accurate plastic bullet". It is certainly more

need such refinements.

and British army's "non-lethal weapon", bullet conjures up the image of a small, safe distance from the security forces tic bullets are not banned now they will only victim - more than a dozen others is an illusion well cultivated by the within heavily armoured police and army there is talk of introducing the ARWEN have died and hundreds have been injur- British media. In fact the plastic vehicles. It is common for members of 37, a rapid fire plastic bullet gun. It "toy". But for all that, only one member and is fired from a special gun at 130- indiscriminately as they drive through the usual injuries but burst open on Im-Sean Downes when the RUC attacked the cricket a helmet, extensive padding, a tic bullets are fired routinely and as a Britain and Northern Ireland, and banned annual anti-internment march firing more box and a bat are used for defence, and matter of course. In May 1981 during the totally, not just replaced by a "safer"



Plastic bullets weigh as much as a cricket ball

simple: plastic bullets are a safe means effect. strictly controlled. The facts put paid proven that 6 of their victims were not and repressive measures to control the even near a riot at the time of their symptoms of the problems; i.e crime, un-To most people the term plastic shooting. In fact rioters know to keep a rest and industrial militancy. If plas-

> This is more than just a few "trig-Belfast and Derry firing plastic bullets weapons. like Chicago gangsters.

BRUTAL TACTICS

The fact is that the anti-unionist community in Northern Ireland have long been suffering the brutal tactics that the working class here in Britain have only just begun to see. Plastic bullets, CS gas and armoured AMAC vehicles have all been seen on picket lines and on the

How do the government excuse the use streets of the deprived inner cities. No

No government is capable of solving the problems of mass unemployment and capitalism are the root cause of them,

The Direct Action Movement has made ger happy" squaddies blasting away at a start in this process. We organised a women and children for kicks. It is a video and speaking tour around Britain. concerted campaign, which like the The video (produced by the United Camshoot-to-kill policy exists to terrorise paign Against Plastic Bullets) is excepthe population. The logic is deadly and tionally powerful, as it brings home simple - if a 12 year old girl can be through the words of victims and relashot and killed while out buying a pint tives of victims, the full horror of the of milk, then what choice has a demon- baton round. It reveals many facts which strator protesting against human rights the British media smokescreen normally violations. It is a tactic that works keeps from those of us who live outside since the number of protests and the 6 counties. Spreading information of demonstrations in Northern Ireland has this kind is important, but not enough gone down since 1981 when the security on its own. A mass campaign must be forces rampaged through the streets of mobilised to remove these deadly

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IN BRIEF

The children of poor people are now year as bables born to better parents. New government figures show that the Infant mortality rate "social class 5", (the poorest group in society) in 1984 jumped to 14.1 per thousand from 12.7 in 1983. However the figures for social class 1 continued to drop - 7.3 in 1983 to 7.1 in 1984.

A spokesperson for the Maternity Alliance, Lyn Durward is quoted as saying "a child is given the social class of its father, but the increasing number of births to single mothers who are often unsupported are not taken into consideration when drawing up statis-

From the period from 1980 to 1984 the trend for all social classes had been downwards until 1984. -

Talking after Gallahers had announced 700 job losses at their cigarette factory in Belfast, Dr Rhodes Boyson, right wing Northern Ireland industry minister put some of the blame for rising unen ployment in Ireland, both north and south, on the American and Canadian governments. He says they should accept more emigrants from Northern Ireland as a way of alleviating unemployment which is now rising by 20,000 a year. Describing emigrants as Northern Ireland's "historical export" he says: "I have told the Americans they are partially responsible now for the unemployment in the Republic and Northern Ireland, because they have cut down the people coming in". Perhaps the government are getting worrled about what the effects of rising unemployment will be on Northern Ireland's already unstable situation.

THE UNION OR THE PARTY?

Anarcho-syndicalism has always had a theory of a society derived from the pratice of the working class. It started as a movement; it expressed itself in action, and any theorists were militant workers who wrote for workers, not for social philosophers. They dealt with issues of the moment, not with metahysical niceties that so impress the bourgeoisie. Nevertheless anarcho-syndic calists have always had an overall, coherent view of ends and means.

CLASS STRUGGLE

The root of anarcho-syndicalist theory lies in the class struggle. There are exploiters and exploited, oppressors and oppressed, capital and labour - onl the complete overthrow of the existing social, economic and political order and the abolition of property and the state, can change this.

Anarcho-syndicalists reject the marxist theory of history that says that a communist society is inevitable and that it is pre-determined - it is not! We are sure of the final emancipation of the working class, but it will only come about when the will of the workers to achieve it exceeds the will of capitalism and the state to prevent it. Victory will be by our own efforts.

It was once said that while others logical theory of action.

This shows itself in the rejection by yndicalists of political parties - even those who claim to represent the interests of the working class - because by their very nature they deny the class struggle. Party membership cuts across class lines, it draws upon people from in their very quality as workers. The the new society is secured. differing social backgrounds and econo- union is not concerned with questions of mic interests. It attracts armchair philosophy. The very reason for its socialists who have an abstract, and existence is to fight the bosses and so therefore superficial interest, who, in it stands at the very point where the

so betray the working class.

intellectuals and professional politicians. Their basis is ideological, dependent on temporary and superficial agreements on matters of philosophy. The party, unlike a class, is an artificial organisation. It lacks the true solidarity that comes from direct economic interest. Their aim is to gain power by social revolution. It is both defensive appealing to the lowest common denominator of agreement.



Whatever the method of change - parliamentary or "dictatorship of the proletariat" - it means substituting one played at class war like a child with a set of rules for another. Freedom and toy sword, only the syndicalists have equality cannot be decreed from above constructed from it the appropriate and but only achieved by action from below.

THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION

In place of the party anarcho-sydicalists put the revolutionary union - the autonomous organisation of the working peaceful change-over - the union is the class. It unites the workers, not on the basis of some ideology or sentiment, but

The union is the vehicle for change. Just as parliament is the natural Socialist parties are dominated by expression of bourgeois society, so the union is the natural form of organisation of the working class.

> The union links the present with the future. It obtains concessions in the short term, while preparing workers, and offensive, destructive and construc-

By direct action and the use of strikes (see DA 32), solidarity is encouraged - every strike, successful or not, increases the hostility between the from the bosses in the short term but, after a long series of strikes, growing in intensity and making wider demands, comes the social general strike which sees the beginning of the transformation to an anarchist society.

THE NEW SOCIETY

Anarcho-syndicalist theory and practice presents a fully homogeneous programme of action. The strike, the natural form of conflict, is also the form of revolution. Workers can no longer hope to achieve anything by insurrection because of the state's control of the armed forces.

Every strike is a step on the road to the final conflict. While the class struggle is waged, the future is being created. The union, the natural form of battle, becomes the cell for the new society. There cannot be a sudden organisation to bridge the gap and to defend the workers when attacked until

Anarcho-syndicalism gives the labour movement the theory and the means to achieve the new society, independent of

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DIRECT ACTION No34

ANARCHISM IN ACTION - THE

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SPANISH REVOLUTION

Well produced 48 page pamphlet, complete with photographs, describing the Spanish Revolution of 1936. It gives a short account of the history of the Spanish anarchist movement and the struggle against the Primo de Rivera dictatorship. The pamphlet describes the escalation of working class militancy in the form of strikes and insurrections in the early 1930's. The C.N.T, an anarcho-syndicalist union federation, and the F.A.I (Iberian Anarchist Federation) became very influential and their agitation and propaganda was producing a pre-revolutionary climate.

The pamphlet then deals with the election of the Popular Front government in 1936 followed by the fascist revolt which triggered off a social revolution in eastern Spain. The Spanish workers and peasants, especially those in the C.N.T and F.A.I, took the initiative (initially the government refused to do anything about the fascist uprising) and organised workers' militias to fight the from the rich land-owners and set up fascist menace. But they were not just agricultural collectives, how the indusfighting to defend the status quo, they trial workers collectivised factories were fighting for social change, and in and put workers' control into practice fact an anarcho-syndicalist revolution and how the status of women as second took place.

The pamphlet describes how the peasants and land labourers seized the land



This pamphlet does not try to pretend that the C.N.T and F.A.I were perfect. but criticises their participation the government and explains that a reformist leadership emerged within the C.N.T and the federalist structure was being eroded.

class citizens was challenged.

The role of the Communist Party of Spain is exposed in organising the counter-revolution. Communist troops smashed the collectives and murdered many anarchists and revolutionaries in the "May Days" fighting in 1937. The G.P.U (Russian Secret Police) were brought in to assassinate or imprison (and torture) activists who were anarchists or or anti-Stalinist left.

The revolution was defeated by the Communists in 1937 and from then on it was a losing battle against Franco's forces (supported by Hitler and Mussolini) which finally ended in defeat for the republic in 1939. The pamphlet ends with a short account of the re-birth of anarcho-syndicalism in Spain since the death of Franco in 1975.

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