# TAKE THE FEAR OUT OF LIVING

to come across the argu- The waste is phenomenal, that was necessary to enment that while Anar- the human and environ- sure the development of chism is a nice idea it is mental exploitation chill- "modern society". Whenimpracticable with regard ing. The new theology of ever someone raised the to modern society. The market forces is proving question of an alternative complex nature of such a every bit as stupid as the they were told to look east society, it is said, demands 'old' theologies based on and asked why they the establishment of a non-existent sky-gods. wanted to inflict the horpowerful, centralised Market forces demand rors of the Soviet Union body which can impose that food not be produced, upon the peace-loving its authority and enforce that goods which could sphere of the Free World? decisions made on soci- be produced locally be Nowthere is a scramble to ety's behalf. The use of transported from who define new enemies with the ballot box is advocated knows where to the back which to affright you and as a check on the activi- of beyond, that the home- me. ties of the executive power. less not be housed and This latter idea has been those thrown out of work ple are growing tired of exposed as naive with by market forces present the lies and the gadgets more than a little fre- themselves regularly to and the rate at which both quency in recent years. prove that they have become obsolete. The

"modern society" implies do not exist due to market the electoral fraud are that we have moved away forces. All this is deemed fewer each time as confifrom the confusions of the to be quite rational. past and have regulated We live within a evaporates and the insti- where you serve the pub- workers, with clients and relationships of produc- complex system of crisis tutions of the state be- lic (the health service, lo- customers and local comtion and exchange on a management which only come more and more op- cal government, the civil munities. Such solidarity more rational basis. In fact just manages to maintain pressive. Many seek an service, the growing between communities and society is only modern its deceptions. A system alternative but demand im- number of private sector workers was seen in the because it exists - it could which, if it did not exist, mediate certainties which off-shoots or part-funded struggle against the Poll hardly be anything else. would be regarded as the are, of course, as illusory voluntary organisations) Tax and during the Min-The description serves as projection of an idiot. as those of the present. you cannot fail to be aware ers Strike. a euphemism for the capi-It has been as-

opponents and the gen- involvement at the hus- Anarchism takes the fear eral silliness of the ideas tings. This charade being out of living. which generate the sys- portrayed as democracy, The mammoth bu-

reaucracies with which the state/ruling class surrounds itself and which grind exceedingly small, serve as labyrinths between the classes. It used to be much easier to know thine enemies and to stone the bastards as they passed by.

longer lies with the bureaucrats and the complex hierarchy is stripped away. No more envelopes demanding part of your

The economy of so complex and inefficient

A LIBERTARIAN SCHOOL TODAY

The "Bonaventure" project. At the OlOrn island (West of France) a Libertarian school has opened starting with children between the age of 3 & 9. Bonaventure needs books, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, slides .... That is to say that all pedagogical material you can give them, even if not in French, is welcome.

Bonaventure has a document presenting the project in English, Spanish and French. So if you are interested, write to:

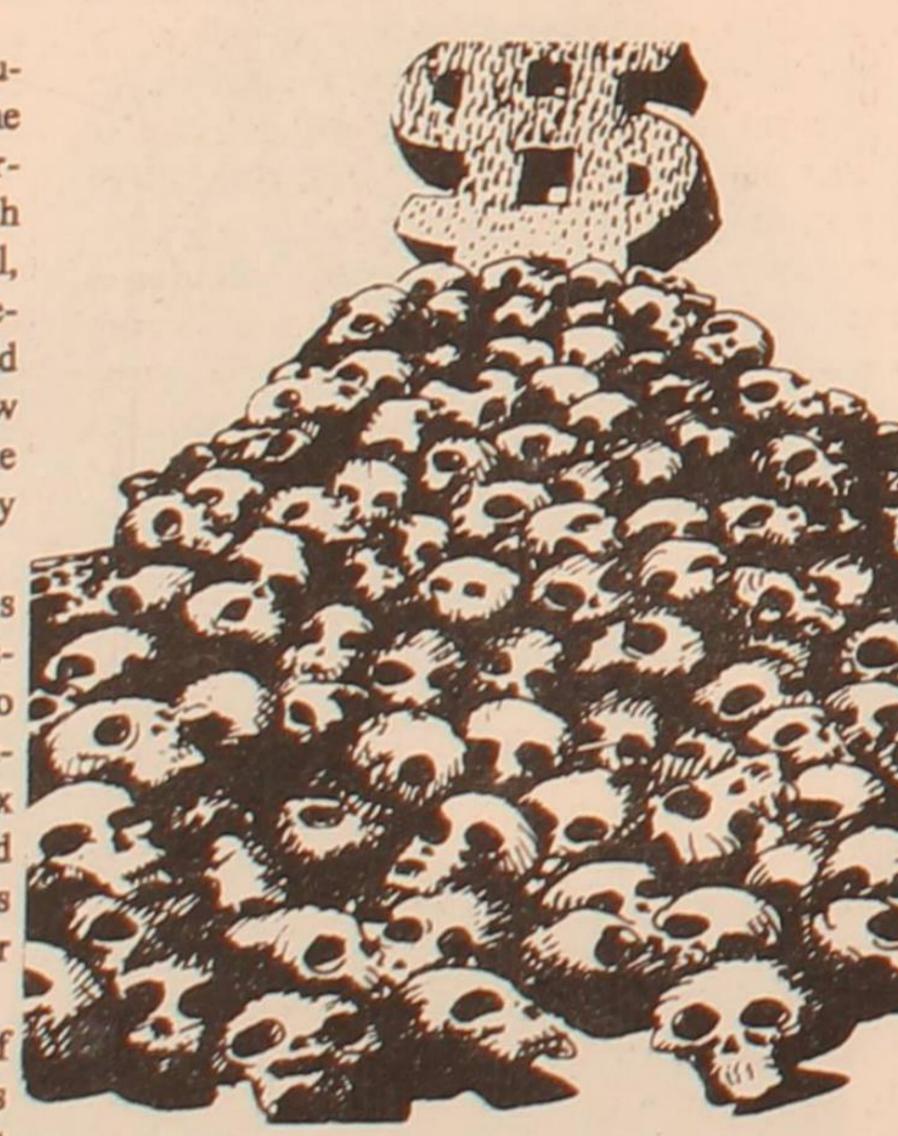
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It is fairly common as to border on insanity. freedom of choice and all

Use of the term searched for jobs which numbers participating in dence in the system slowly

It appears that peo-



unionists, we don't see ideally like to work. In the have members in different strike action as the be all '70's a group of workers at parts of the country, there and end all of fighting Lucas Aerospace devel- are also groups of back. We would like to see oped a plan for convert- anarchosyndicalists in a growing CULTURE OF ing from arms production many major towns and cit-RESISTANCE amongst to socially useful producties. These include not only and forthat matter, all other workers. Resistance can be small individual acts of sabotage; it can be goslows, non-co-operation workers in London refused "New Order" is welcome, Direct Action: c/o council tenants in solidarbe drawn into actions.

workers. This is also an Theirpowerlies in wealth Manchester, M15 example which shows how and authority - our power 5HW. the local community can lies in NUMBERS. Against the boss class at- build an industrial network

members of networks but also people interested in We should unite setting up networks in

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## WHAT TIME IS IT?

TIME FOR RESISTANCE

If you work in a job

promote a unified friendship, community, SWPDO, Manchester, whether in the public or in these dark times (espe- Public Service Workers private sector. We think cially the dark times!) we that not only can workers should not be afraid to SWPDO, Manchester,

We have to build of the direction our bosses Dare To Dream talistic organised robbery sumed until recently that alternatives within the are travelling in so we . The whole drift of today. We are not interwhich takes place daily this state of affairs would decaying shell of capital- won't harp on about cuts, the current attempt to in- ested in cliques who just and remains fundamen- continue indefinitely and ism. This takes time, effort privatisation and reduntally unchanged. The as- that the working class and a necessary element dancies other than to say markets and business selves. We want freedom. sociated complexity arises could be controlled by of uncertainty. However, that it is a strategy to frag-mentality into jobs which for a variety of reasons - placing before them a re- if the methods of creating ment, isolate and demorthe desire of so many to stricted choice of con- alternatives are based alise us. What we want to greed, authority, ambition of the industrial networks, participate in this thieves' sumer goodies combined firmly in freedom and self- talk about is what we can and selfishness. If we are then you can do so at the bonanza, the desire of the with the occasional sym- management we have do about it. The Public interested in a worthwhile following addresses: ruling class to confuse its bolic display of political nothing to worry about. Service Workers' Net- future we should build al- Education Workers work (PSWN) wants to ternatives based on Network: PO Box 29, turn back the current at- dream of better ways of tacks, but we can begin to doing things. Without organise for a transforma- dreams we are robots. The tion of society.

troduce more competition, want power for themserve the public, is to build in making contact with one fightback of all workers solidarity and vision. Even PSWN encourages peo-Unlike some trade ple to plan how they would

public service workers, tion. The bosses were not be strikes, but it can also with workers in whatever other industries. If you sector - public, private or agree with some of the voluntary who want to ideas we have expressed; fight back and union, if you want to contribute or "good work" action trade, blue/white collar anything to future issues (where workers follow divisions should not be of Direct Action; or if you rules and regulations to allowed to get in the way. have a few spare quid you the letter to slow things We should all know where desperately want to get down). It can be solidarity our class interests lie. All rid of, you can contact us action like when postal resistance to the bosses' at: to take rent payments from but the more people get together and make comity with striking housing mon cause, the better. West PDO,

PSWN wants to tempts to isolate us, we of public service workers should link up with other to produce propaganda for

If you are interested

resistance and build posi-

tive links, structures and

strategies. Other networks

are being built in Educa-

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anarchosyndicalism - an

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believe has real relevance

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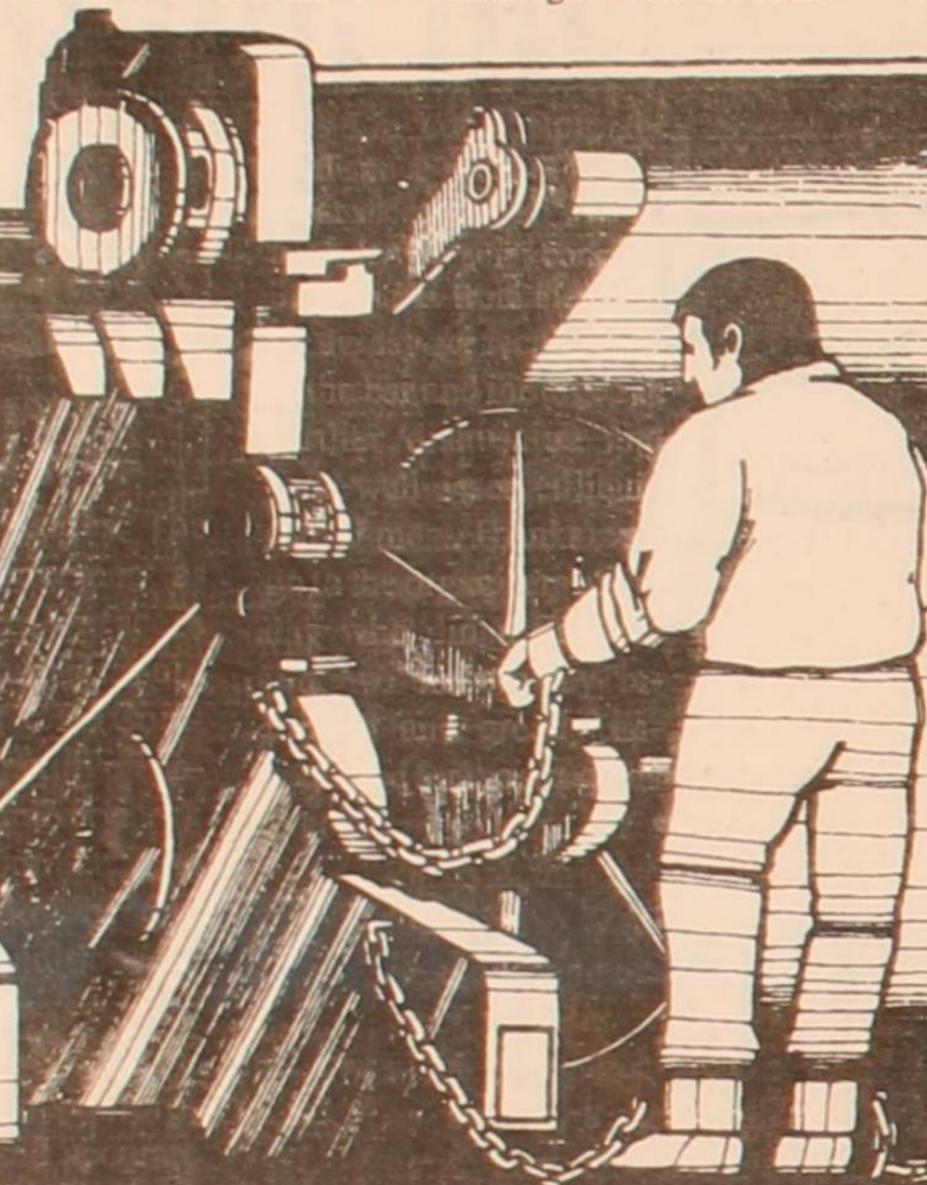
Transport Workers Network: PO Box 73, Norwich, NR1 2EB. While networks

DIRECTACTIONMOVEMENT - INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION

## THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

This is the title of a Education Workers Net- ing which we were able to its ability to promote class Solutions

conference held last October work, the conference at- browse through several ex- solidarity and a culture of



on the decline of trade unions tracted a large number of shop cellent bookstalls and a dis-resistance. Education is sion of questions from the tacks; the need to develop and the need to build a politi- stewards and workers from a play of posters about the cal and industrial alternative wide variety of unionised and class struggle made available to the shambles which passes non-unionised industries and by Norwich Solidarity Cenfor the present labour move- produced a high level of de- tre, we heard from Tony ment. Co-sponsored by the bate as well as many interest- Crowther, one of the Man-Transport Workers Net- ingandpractical suggestions. chester Piccadilly guards society and run it for need work, the Public Service After a relaxed lunch- sacked for trade union activi- not profit. This is what Workers Network and the time registration session dur- ties. Tony explained how the anarchosyndicalists mean

> novement has failed to in the shell of the old". defend working class livg standards and went n to suggest new forms of workers organisations

A New World

The next speaker tion of how revolutionary unions operate. elegate who breaks their nandate; and direct ac-

British trade union by "building a new world

Without doubt the

third speaker was the star of the day. We had the that would do so. (see pleasure of welcoming "The Fall And Rise Of Pepe Gomez, a shipyard The Labour Move- worker from Puerto Real in south-western Spain and a militant of the Spanish



anarchosyndicalistunion, our own industries. The refreshment. Thanks must enlarged on the questhe CNT. Pepe spoke substantial agreement as go to the organisers of the about the principles of the to the problems we face in day who did a flawless CNT and the 1988 strike in different industries: sub- job, we went away inworker, explained that his shipyard which he il- contracting/CCT (Com- formed and greatly ensuch unions follow two lustrated with a slide pulsory Competitive Ten- couraged for the struggles basic principles: direct show. The conference dering of council services); to come. democracy - that is, the was extremely impressed individual contracts; and members of the union by the way the mass as- the destruction of pay controlall decision-mak- semblies set up during the rates and conditions of ing and can recall any strike have carried on to employment, was echoed the present day. (see by the solutions which in-Anarchosyndicalism In dustrial networks can provide - good and accurate

information to workers After a lively ses- about management atcrucial for a revolutionary floor, the conference broke links between industrial union to prepare organ- up into workshops to dis- networks in local areas; ised workers for the day cuss how we can take these the need to be flexible and when they take control of lessons and apply them in work with other militant workers on immediate campaigns; and to provide realistic and effective courses of action for our supporters

In conclusion, the

and new members.

conference was felt to be a great success by all who attended. After some concluding remarks from the Chair for the day, we reconvened in the bar and indulged in further discussion and some well-deserved liquid

sation program workers deciding for themselves came out on strike. How- without having councilever, the CNT, through lors, politicians or other uncompromising militant action, managed to fend deciding for us. It is in this offemployers' attacks on way that the CNT - and NOT workers and secure de- industrial networks here cent retirement schemes; in Britain - ensure that INSURANCE

through a great degree of they make. yard communities in supinterlinked with the conport of the strike through tinuation of mass assemthe use of mass assem- blies in the area - strugblies of workers and their gles around education, families in the towns, vil- health, cultural issues, lages and communities opposition to the conaround the docks. The struction of a new golf tactics employed varied course, local tax increases, from sabotage of road, rail the privatisation of a cemand telephone links, to etery and numerous enviarmed occupation of the ronmental issues... All ships in the dry dock. Al-showing that lied to this was a refusal to anarchosyndicalism is sell out or compromise about more than just what despite a massive police goes on at work. In early and army intervention in October, for instance, the dispute. When the 6,000 people took part in smoke cleared from the one town assembly. Untyres around the shiptyres around the shipunions' and political parsales of policies to trade
ist system. We believe barricades of burning like the reformist trade

## ANARCHO - SYNDICALISM IN ACTION union members.

Since 1988, the CNT with a remarkable victory rating the economic, so- ing manager of in Puerto Real, near Cadiz, which has assured in- cial and political issues | Unity Trust Bank, has been able to put creased work at the yard. that affect us, in order that which is two thirds anarchosyndicalist ideas into practice in spectacu
The CNT was action our own lives, the CNT is our own lives, the CNT i lar fashion, organising people on a workplace as people on a workplace as yards. It actively involved mocracy that involves all happening today is well as a community level. the town's population in in addressing their prob- a new communica-When the Puerto Real shipyard bosses, in har- where decisions were lems directly.

(A booklet on the CNT which unions are mony with the policies of made. This is an illustra- in Puerto Real, going playing their part. He the Spanish Socialist tion of what we mean by Party, began a rationali- direct democracy-people direct democracy-people appear later this year) added that unions would now have to that the industrial net- elections. Therefore we

when there was insuffithe grass roots level inment and hostile legislathe advantage of unions cient work; and pensions stead of being concention have reduced trade from an early age."

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The time has come | der" in society is mainculture cannot be alpanies which are now set to compete for business in itself is a formidable tained by a clear demarcation between orthemselves, can offer ben- nities to conduct a ity.

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### THE DECLINE OF THE LABOUR MOVEMENT

Since the 2nd Bureaucratic World War the labour Dreamworld movement in this country has seen 2 main currents: involves the economy one which was based on being run through agreemilitancy and had its heyday in the boom years of the 1950's and '60's; and one which now dominates land of the trade union the TUC - social democracy-based on doing deals with the bosses and with the state. Both, however, a say in economic planhave failed to defend working class living standards.

of strong workplace orshop stewards' movement in the '50's flourished at a time when there was full employment. It was based on unofficial industrial action led by shop stewganisation was so strong that management could hardly walk on to the shopfloor. However, when the British economy faltered in the '70's there was no answer when the bosses opened up their books. The choice was between redundancies and wage cuts, and with no alternative vision of society to replace capitalism, pure militancy could do paid and the gains made interests. In the longer TORIES closed 203 nothing but throw in the

Social democracy economy over the last 20 rupt capitalist system is union leaders and the ing flexibilisation in the la- that revolutionary unions bureaucrats where the ing); and the consequent of such unions that memwhere union leaders have attacks on workers' bersofindustrial networks wages, conditions and are working. They are unning and where the capiability to organise.

talist system is stabilised. which came a cropper for some say in the redun- community) alike, defend- wealthy few. dancies and cutbacks.

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state. It is the promised

Labour Party is in power,

So, neither pure the Poll Tax, VAT on fuel militancy nor social de- or environmental probmocracy could provide a lems, for instance, just as way out for the working much as against attacks Labour governments class when the economic on our working condi- of the 60's closed cake began to shrink. For tions. They also need to coal mines nearly 3 our rulers to hang on to take on the responsibility the lifestyles to which for political issues instead they had become accus- of relying on professional tomed a price had to be liars to "look after" our by the working class durterm, these "new unions"

LABOUR closed would seek to go on the

ing the 2 previous dec- offensive. After all the ades started being clawed only kind of workers' orback. The result has been ganisation capable of dewholesale changes in the fending us against a bankyears: the decline in manu- one that would scrap i facturing industry; mass completely. unemployment; increas- We firmly believe bour market (low pay, part- provide that alternative. I' time and temporary work- is towards the formation

ment went cap in hand to and which also pose an workers' control of prothe International Mon- alternative to capitalism. duction, distribution and etary Fund. And still the Such workers' organisa- consumption - a system ards. In some places orTUC peddles the social tions need to based in the where production is for democratic myth, begging workplace and locality (or the need of all, not the ing us against attacks like

ions that will combine the In the face of these stewards' movement with would have been too out to make a career for scared to be seen using themselves in politics and ganisation such as the when Britain's weak posi- on-going attacks Direct a clearly defined political the same "service" as their the ranks of the trade untion in the global economy Action proposes new objective that sees the became clear in the 1970's forms of organisation to overthrow of capitalism and the Labour govern- defend the working class and its replacement with

> times faster than recent Tory ones have.

### STABBED IN THE BACK

In March last year ers including those from Hackney Trades Union outside Hackney and Support Unit (TUSU) lost those that work for, or are its council funding after funded by, Labour counrefusing to be relocated to cils. It is this work that is the new Dalston Enter- the real target of the unprise Centre to advise holy alliance of "leftemployers on workers' wing" Labour Party activrights (so they could be ists and Communist Party more easily exploited). of Britain Stalinists in the This was rejected on prin- local council and Trades' ciple - no mention was Council rather than the made of advice on trade £2,000 left in TUSU's acunion rights or helping count when it was shut workers to organise - and down. because workers in the It is a sad fact that It is also a dreamworld

New Unions

militant action of the shop

area's many sweatshops there are plenty of people

ion fuil-timers who are

However, the 2 more interested in victimworkers who were made ising those who might rock redundant, but who are the Labour Party's boat, continuing TUSU's work than in seeing working through the Colin Roach class people having the Centre are under threat of power and organisation to legal action by the Trades' take on the bosses for Council, their nominal em- themselves. ployer. TUSU is committed to supporting all work-

# INTERNATIONAL SECTION

## DOWN MEXICO WAY

state's revenge would be

to the peasants.

When the Zapatista Land-grabbers

in the New Year in Chiapas been reversed and private up-to-date information is in southern Mexico it came land ownership, backed hard to come by, there is as a surprise to most peo- by big business, has re- now no doubt that the reple. But then the Mexican turned in a big way, with bellion is spreading-which revolution of 1910 also land being grabbed off the is what we would hope came as a surprise to the Indian communities and expect. Encouraged world. Then, as now, no through a variety of dubi- by government vacillaone had predicted it and ous methods. This stark tion, indecision and conhistory is now repeating inequality in land owner- cessions to the Chiapas itself. However, you don't ship is reflected through- rebels, thousands of peoneed a degree in hindsight out Mexican society as a ple have demonstrated in to see that the causes of whole, a society which is central and southern the present rebellion go divided into a poor agri- Mexico threatening simiback to the period when cultural south and a (rela- lar actions if their needs Mexico was a colony of tively) more prosperous are ignored. industrial north. All this is

which started when the Trade Area (NAFTA) building up on President Spanish colonisers intro- which will open the way Salinas' government to duced the system of haci- up to the cut-throat busi- reverse the planned disendas or large country ness practices of US and mantling of the shaky welestates which were Canadian agri-busi- fare system. One federal worked by native "Indi- nesses. ans" kept in virtual slav- Then, seemingly (the Institutional Revoluery through debt servi- out of nowhere on Janu- tionary Party) has been tude. This was a situation ary 1st, the very day that quoted as saying that that was to continue until NAFTA was launched, "Chiapas is but a sign of 1934 when there was a dis-came the Zapatistas who things to come - a flashing mantling of the political availed themselves of the red light of warning". We power of the hacienda opportunity of causing certainly hope this proves owners accompanied by the maximum amount of to be an accurate predicthe breaking up of and the embarrassment for the tion! distribution of the estates Mexican ruling class. At first it looked as if the

National Liberation Army Since then, how- swift and bloody. But, (EZLN) uprising broke out ever, these changes have even though good reliable

All over Mexico When Mexico be- set to be even more aggra- people are declaring their came independent in 1821, vated by the creation of anger at hunger and povit inherited problems the North American Free erty and pressure is now deputy of the ruling party

'COMMANDER' MARCOS, IN A PHOTO TAKEN IN SAN CRISTEBAL DE LAS CASAS LAST JANUARY 1st