

ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM FOR BEGINNERS = **BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

No free society can emerge fully formed as if from nowhere. It . can only come about through revolutionary struggle - and through the emergence of mass working class resistance.

Organisation, as should be obvious, is a fact of life. We live in an organised society and have to face an organised ruling class. If revolutionaries are to move from criticizing on the sidelines, we must also be organised - in a way that is both libertarian and effective.

There are many ways to organise, and no one form of organisation - even less one particular organisation - can cover everything. Informal organisation has its place, from family, friends, and neighbours acting together; to organisations that are formed for a specific task then fade away afterwards. But, by itself, informal organisation is not enough. A complex society cannot be run on purely informal lines. The reconstuction of society on ecological lines, the production and distribution of goods etc, will depend on coordinated planning. "It'll be alright on the night" isn't good enough when food, fuel, and life itself is at stake.

Anarcho syndicalists, as shown in the Spanish revolution, realise this need for organisation,

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this is why our unions are built on collectives. All such initiatives for political parties exploiting the power fore organising drives within such the means to bring revolutionary the basis of federalisation and workers control - in or out of the vacuum that will develop. tants. During revolution, workers councils can be taken over by BUILDING ANARCHO SYNDICAL- tionary labour movement, not an and in Spain, the food union of Anarcho syndicalist unions are political parties, as the soviets of IST UNIONS IN BRITAIN tools for making our actions russia were taken over by the bolshein themselves. As such, anarcho needed as a concrete alternative to be on the agenda.

power to the base. Revolution union - must be supported. But If revolution is to succeed it needs a to set up independent unions will be The supposed impossibility in isn't a game. Formal organisation spontaneous revolt is not enough, stong social base already prepared - a crushed by the bosses and the TUC. unionising as yet unorganised is an essential part of revolu- and is no guarantee of victory. After class base in both workplace and Our answer to this is that its not industries is a red herring. Yes, it strikes, reformist unions can re- community. Though we can't plan enough to restrict our aim to being is more difficult, but in the USA REVOLUTION - NOT RE- establish control and victimise mili- the revolution, we can prepare for it. forever the "opposition" within the IWW was able to organise mi-

more effective. They are not ends viks. Anarcho syndicalist unions are Some say that such unions will never rank and file mobilisation to replace successes of the DIWU (Despatch the union bureaucracy, but to bypass Industry Workers Union) are syndicalists do not expect "eve- social democratic or boss unionism, as Social democratic Trade unionism - it, then displace it. another example. ryone" to be in such unions a means of resisting periods of organised around the TUC - domi- Such organisations need to be based before they begin to fight back. retreat, consolidating gains, and nates the labour movement in this on syndicalist principles to ensure Setting up anarcho syndicalist During struggles new organisa- applying lessons learnt to future country. Therefore we should confine grass roots control and unions is to make our actions tions often spring up. During struggles. During revolution such our work within these unions to independence from political parties. more effective - not to create strikes these include strike unions can and should form the back- setting up an independent rank and Workplace issues need to be politi- divisions. We don't promise easy committees and assemblies; during bone of resistance - the organised file movement. Outside of these un- cised, to go beyond "bread and butter" victories. Our aim is a fighting revolution they include factory core from which to push for total ions, if people aren't organised its issues and take on board wider alternative to the bankruptcy of and neighbourhood councils and workers control, and prevent because they are unorganisable. There- class issues. Industrial networks are reformism and state communism.



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WHY WE NEED ANARCHO SYNDICALIST UNIONS.

industries are doomed. Any attempt class politics into the workplace. reformist bodies. We want a revolu- grant workers and lumberjacks "anarchist current" within the bank- the CNT is one of its strongest. In rupt existing structure. Our aim is not Britain the small but significant







BACKCHAT -

EDITORIAL COMMENT

THEY CELEBRATE GENOCIDE - WE CELEBRATE 500 TRAYED TO THIS DAY, AS IF THEY ARE LITTLE BETTER YEARS OF RESISTANCE

ON OCTOBER 12TH, 1492, CHRISTOPHER COLUM- NAZIS PORTRAYAL OF JEWS. BUS, BLINDED BY GREED AND ARROGANCE, FIST CULTURE AND CIVILISATION.

HAD EXISTED ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTI- ERS. NENT CONTINUOUSLY FOR 50,000 YEARS AND SUP-PEAN SENSE, WAS VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN.

THAN ANIMALS. THE RACIST IMAGES PORTRAYED IN WESTERNS ARE NO MORE REALISTIC THAN THE

WASHED UP ON A CARIBBEAN BEACH. NEITHER IN THIS ISSUE OF DA WE SEEK TO HELP PUT THE THEN, NOR IN SUBSEQUENT LANDINGS, DID HE SEE RECORD STRAIGHT. AT THE OLYMPICS, AT EXPO 92 WHAT LAY BEFORE HIM - A CONTINENT RICH IN AND THROUGHOUT THE SO CALLED CIVILISED WORLD THEY ARE SEEKING TO CELEBRATE THE THE COMPLEX SOCIETIES OF THIS "NEW" WORLD ACHIEVEMENTS OF WAR MONGERING CONQUER-

PORTED PERHAPS 15 MILLION PEOPLE. BY AND LARGE, WE CALL UPON PEOPLE TO BOYCOTT THESE CELE-THE SOCIETIES WERE ORGANISED ALONG EGALI- BRATIONS TO DISRUPT AND STOP THEM WHEN-TARIAN LINES, WITH PROPERTY HELD COLLEC- EVER POSSIBLE, WHAT WE SHOULD BE CELEBRATING TIVELY, WOMEN SHARED REAL POLITICAL AND ECO- IS THE INCREDIBLE 500 YEARS OF RESISTANCE PUT NOMIC POWER, AND WAR, AT LEAST IN THE EURO- UP BY NATIVE AMERICANS AND OTHER INDIGE-NOUS PEOPLES AROUND THE WORLD, WHO HAVE BEEN THE VICTIMS OF THIS RUTHLESS "NEW WORLD".

SINCE THAT POINT THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING LESS THAN A CAMPAIGN OF VICIOUS, UNRELENTING, GENOCIDE. NATIVE AMERICANS ARE STILL POR-

LETTERS

Dear DA,

builders.

To deal with the first letter from Guy Parties, but this had the aim of pro-Cheverton. He claims an "Anarcho- ducing MPs (and so the Labour Party Syndicalist faction" can take control woke up to the undemocratic nature Fraternally, of a Trades Council and indeed has of their own organisation). Likewise Albert Deptford DAM done so at Hull and this is much better than expecting people to read DA which is not available in a "backwater like Hull". True, DA may not be available in Hull since a person named Guy Cheverton but opposed to Anarcho-syndicalism was once entrusted with producing an issue in that city and instead produced a DA reflecting his own views, which killed it stone dead there and almost (but for rebuttals) everywhere else.

Cheverton goes on to say that his faction has "supported" CNT-AIT prisoners, and also held a meeting in support of the PLO. I recall a certain Guy Cheverton (can it be the same?) who tried to sabotage the campaign for CNT-AIT prisoners opposing genocidal repression, on the grounds that they were "terrorists". The PLO are patriots, which is quite different.

Alan Robertson is building a little empire of his own, the AWG, which has also denounced anarchist struggle as "terrorism". But, as he writes in the other letter, the "key is anti-imperialism" so they support nationalist struggles not just in emerging nations but in those which have achieved statehood. Actions to eliminate the Saddam Husseins of this world by their subjects would be unpatriotic. In countries where the workers have been totally crushed, a national leader can feel capable of tackling the Great Powers, and so qualify for being an "anti-imperialist" in new lefty jargon.

The reply to Cheverton says that in many other cities Trades Councils have been reduced to nothing. In fact "Militant" seized moribund Labour strike action from a "backwater".

everywhere they are reduced to ghost any faction, however tiny (provided Dear DA, towns, some of which may be squat- they remain so) can get hold of Judging from issue 79 you don't ted. They no longer merit attention moribund Trades Councils. This will In response to last months article on people have gone to prison as a result seem able to distinguish controversy from Norman Willis or anyone else, not lead to anarcho-syndicalism but S&M, whilst I agree that the court's of S&M sex practices, and of course from free adverts from minor party- but what may remain of the past is the might enable a party builder to pose ruling was typical Lord Lane nonsense prison will have no (positive) effect property or sometimes only the name. as the epicentre of international and could have serious victimi- on them. However, we should not



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SEE CENTRE PAGES.

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For a revolutionary Anarchist (Non-governmental) society through Syndicalism (the struggle for workers control) to free communism (common ownership and no state).

As the author says "most S&M sex is anarchists. based around mutual consent", un- The question of pain and consent is your partner in straight sex.

sadism.

workshop on Chilean Torture Methods at London's lesbian and gay Surely as revolutionaries and syndineed to make it clear.

ous tolerance of such atrocities.

vulnerable position emotionally as did later. well as physically, we should no re tolerate this in S&M than in Certainly "many socialists dislike other sex.

In solidarity, Philip, Deptford DAM

Dear DA,

While it is positive to see issues of sexuality in DA, "Sadism Maso- is effectively the crucification of chism" the complex subject matter sex on a block of wood. was treated too briefly.

The article seemed to contain

several contradictions and inconsistencies. It is regrettable that sation consequences, I felt that the automatically support any kind of article missed out on important is- activity per se which differs from the norm. We are not "anything goes"

fortunately some is not. It has been an important one. As syndicalists we known for some people to get off on have never ceased to condemn other having real "slaves", without con- S&M practices such as self flagellasent. Also, the "trust" needed in tion or flagellation by others in the S&M is sometimes broken, which is name of piety or the catholic church just as traumatic as being beaten by and purity, as happens every year around Easter in Spain and other There is no place in a free society for catholic countries. But, hang on, those that would seek to glamorise these whippings (often till backs stream with blood) are consensual. Fairly recently an S&M group held a Where, then, do we go from here?

centre, presumably under cover of calists we neither accept nor support the old excuse of "what we do in our the above any more than having one's own homes is our own affair". I'm penis nailed to a block of wood in gay sorry but this is not acceptable, and we male S&M? All this does is amount to the crucification of sex. If "in truth Apart from being an outright insult to most S&M sex is based around mutual those that have suffered at the hands consent", what do we do with the rest of torturers, viewing such films as of it? Do we support something simentertainment could lead to danger- ply because it is consented to? In many parts of Africa and India women "consent" to circumcision of the clito-This is not to say that S&M can't be fun ris, and males consent to castration. and safe, but the power relationship Often rapists say their victims con-IS distorted, putting people in a sented originally, only to deny they

> S&M because of the distorted power relationships inherent in it" and as syndicalists we dislike anything with distorted power relationships.

As anarcho syndicalists our sexual politics must be pro sex and pro life; we do not stand for anti sex, and what

Love and Solidarity, Richard & Ron Manchester DAM

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EDUCATION - TIME TO MAKE A STAND

dards, pay, conditions, student usually means an anti union stance asking and started taking! support and staff job security are and not a lot else. A Rank and File will tion" of education, in an attempt this last point, the need for a specific leges and schools. benefit of society, and more of a more action orientated stance. profit orientated student marketing worst of this, where concessions party politics in the

OLD SOLUTIONS

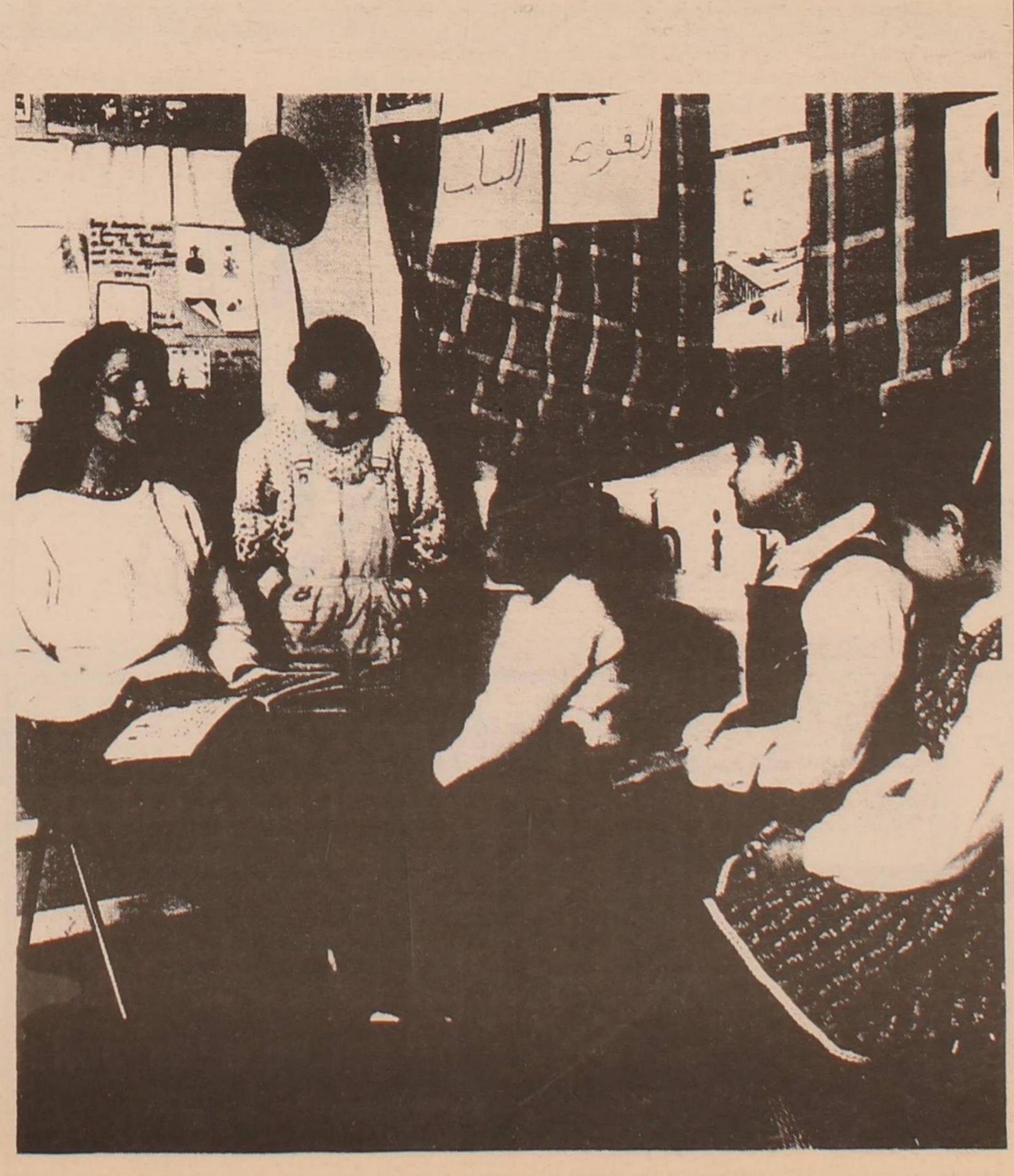
Traditionally we, as workers, have looked to our Trade unions and often to the Labour party to reverse our decline in pay, conditions and standards. However, in the post 70's breakdown of concensus politics (the cosy relationship that existed between government and unions from the war until 1979) the unions have retained little power and the leaderships of these organisations can only point to the stranglehold of Employment Legislation on their activities and urge us, who are suffering in the here and now, to "wait for Labour". This doesn't hold out much hope for working people, the Labour party remains in awe of free market toryism, detaching itself from its old commitment to watered down socialism and in the same move, from the very working class it set out to defend. Finding ourselves with few allies beyond our own ranks, its about time we started representing our own interests rather than allowing some overpaid politician or union bureaucrat to do it for us.

SEARCHING FOR ALTERNATIVES

A common solution is the concept of means we organise a grass roots based group amongst the workforce which relies on forcing the trade unions into action. A kind of pressure group. This has been tried before, more recently with the Broad Left and the National Rank and File Movement (NRFM) of the 70's. Rank and Files have however been dogged by two consistent problems. Firstly, unifying the Left in such an organisation leads inevitably to infighting. The outlook of most Left groups means that they will try to hijack a Rank and File for their own limited ends (usually recruitment to their own party), this was true of the SWP dominated NRFM, while the present Broad Left remains a convenient front for Militant in the Trade unions. The second flaw is the Rank and Files

The education system is plainly in basicaim - it can only be one to which times and they've got us bugger all, able to determine its own affairs. a state of decline. Academic stan- every Left group can adhere - this so its about time we stood up, stopped PURSUING A DREAM

all far worse than a decade ago. therefore spend much of its time criti- An organisation has been set up called Its probably pretty clear by now that Bizarre though it may seem this has cising Union inaction but doing little the Independent Education Network, the IEN is proposing a more worker little to do with the recession but about it in practical terms, as this a breath of fresh air to the relevant, radical and democratic is more a result of a deliberate would require a political strategy constantly compromised workers union than the present trade unions. government policy of "rationalisa- which the Left cannot agree on. It is movement within Polytechnics, col- The IEN hopes to embrace all workers and working class students to make it less of a provision for the political strategy, that will lead to a The structure of the IEN reflects its in education, no matter whether they syndicalist outlook - open and ultra are caterers or lecturers. democratic. Set up so that it is In the long term we hope that our institution. Polytechnics show the Prior to the ascendancy of Labour controlled by its members (not by organisation can aid in the creation of a professional elite as in the present an education system geared to people's gained for higher education by a wave workers movement a common uni- trade union set up). The IEN, as a needs and not the interests of of militancy in the 60's are stripped fied strategy in the struggle for fair result, has no permanent or paid offi- industrialists and finance capital, so away as they no longer "fulfil the pay and conditions existed in the cials, those that are given duties are that it is open to all and expands needs of business" or are no longer form of syndicalism. This was very recallable by the membership, have people's horizons not turning them compatible with the aims of profit- much grass roots based and tactically specific mandates and have a limited into robots for the career production able, educational enterprise. Whether highly successful. This is where we period in this position. It is hoped that line. we are workers or students, we are all draw our inspiration from. Plainly all members will participate in these feeling the pinch; moaning about it, we have become fed up with a self duties, and this, combined with Taken from a leaflet by Plymouth however, isn't going to solve much, appointed "Labour leadership" tell- organised self education will allow IEN so clearly its time to make a stand. ing us all to lie down and be good each member to fully understand little workers so that they can sort out their organisation and its reason for Contact the Independent Education the world for us. Well, we've let them existence. Nationally the IEN remains Network at PO Box 29, S.W. P.D.O., play at politics in parliament some- federal, each local branch and region Manchester M15 5HW.





INDUSTRIAL NETWORKS

Created to gain higher wages and a shorter working week, trade unionism achieved these and found itself at a dead end. In the long run what is the point of wage increases in the face of inflation? The trade unions have no intention to do anything beyond selling our labour power to the bosses, a road littered with compromises and sell outs.

Obviously we still have to use unions to defend ourselves where we can, and encourage workers to do so; but we don't have to accept the status quo.

Tinkering with Trade Unionism isn't enough we need something better.

DAM supports the setting up of Anarcho Syndicalist unions, which unite people, not on the basis of their craft or what tools they use, but on the basis of the industry that they work within, avoiding sectionalism, allowing us to build true solidarity.

It is the best way to fight in the here and now, also these unions have a revolutionary perspective, with no false hope in any political party, only by overthrowing the bosses can we eradicate exploitation and poverty.

Obviously such unions are not built overnight, so we support the setting up of Industrial Networks. Networks bring together like minded activists to exchange ideas and circulate information, to engage in solidarity activities; and over time to set up an Anarcho Syndicalist un-

This means building an organisation that is workplace based, open to all grades of workers, based on direct action and decision making on an open and democratic basis; without bureaucrats or careerists.

What we propose is not new, in many other countries workers organisations have and are functioning successfully with similar aims and principles. Whether it be called revolutionary unionism, anarcho syndicalism or otherwise, it is workers taking charge of their own struggles, fighting a system set up to screw the working class.

Join DAM and the Industrial Networks in the fight to reclaim our lives and the wealth we create, to prepare through taking control of our own struggles, for the day when we take control of our own industries for the benefit of the community as a whole, based on need not profit.

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Health Workers Federation, PO Box 761, Camberwell, London.

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Transport Workers Bulletin, PO Box 574, London, SE4 1DL.



The UK has more anti union legislation (and the most repressive) than any other EC state. Nevertheless, the tories are pressing ahead with plans for yet more. The latest plans unveiled in last years green paper, entitled "Industrial Relations", include the following:

Postal ballots for strikes, these would replace workplace ballots for all but the smallest disputes.

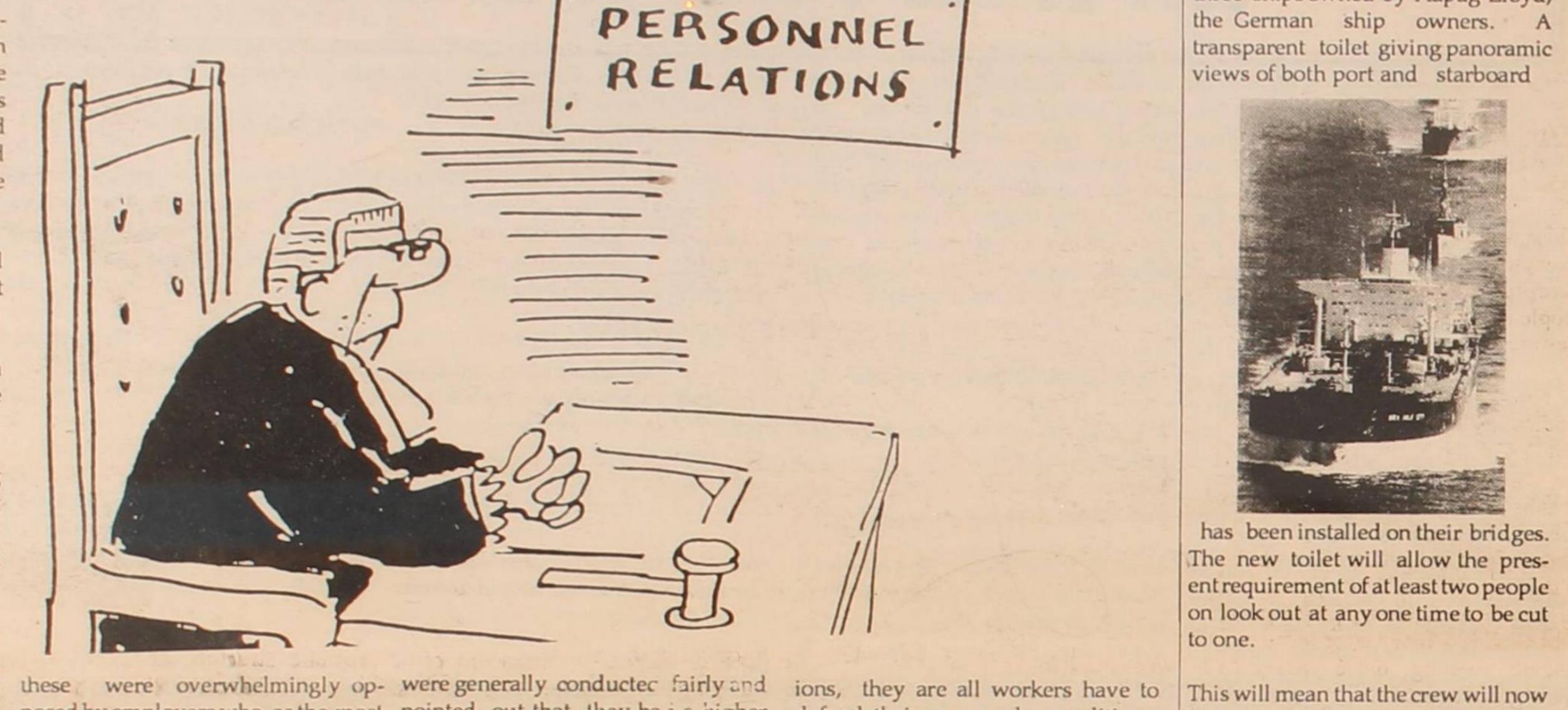
Strike Notice, a minimum of seven days notice after declaration of the ballot result.

Notice to employers, obliging unions to notify employers if a ballot was due to be held; to supply employers with sample copies of the ballot paper and the scrutineer's report.

Public right to sue strikers, any member of the public gains a right to sue public service workers taking "unlawful" industrial action.

Periodic renewal of the "check off", workers having to renew their agreement to deduction of subscriptions from pay at least every judged by the fact that they only three years.

It now looks like one of the proposals in the green paper has now been dropped by the government, legally enforcable sonnel management stated that it is true to say that there is much to concollective agreements. This is because



most to lose!

round of union legislation can be workplace ballots. received a lukewarm reception There is little doubt that this legislawas satisfied that workplace ballots demn about the current trade un-

posed by employers who, as the most pointed out that they had a higher defend their pay and conditions, be cut to thirteen on the 30,000 ton frequent contract breakers, had the return rate and the CBI again stated and while there is a crying need to container ships. German unions have that they felt that postal ballots build an alternative, workers should stated that they fear for safety with The draconian nature of this latest were not as representative as organise to defend the unions against just one person on duty at night on

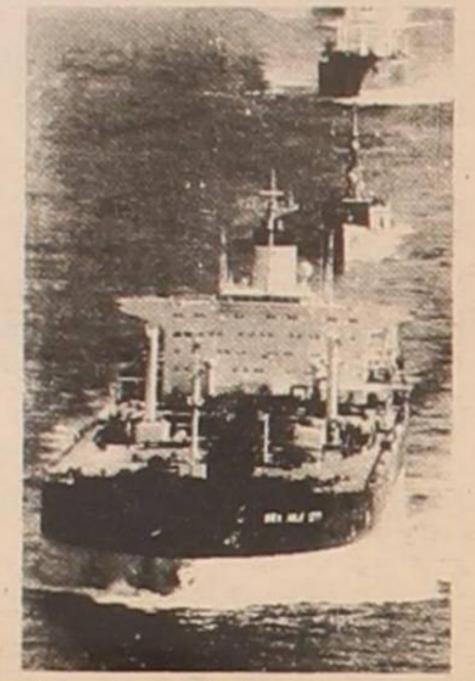
from the employers. The engineer- tion has only two aims, to further ing employers federation stated that weaken the right to strike, and they did not believe postal ballots another step in the tories' long term were necessary. The institute of per- aim of breaking the unions. While it Taken from Transport Worker bulletin.



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WORKING WHILST YOU CRAP

It seems that bosses are still not happy with the ludicrously unsafe staffing levels on ships. A new navigational aid to keep up 24hr productivity has been installed on three ships owned by Hapag-Lloyd, the German ship owners. A transparent toilet giving panoramic views of both port and starboard



has been installed on their bridges. The new toilet will allow the presentrequirement of at least two people on look out at any one time to be cut

this blatant anti working class legis- the long Atlantic crossings. Perhaps the position was better summed up by an experienced ship's pilot in a letter of protest to the German transport minister. He wrote: "To me this is an expression of utter contempt for human beings. It seems that productivity must be kept up even when shitting".

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In recent years we have seen a dramatic rise in consumer credit. At the end of the second quarter of 1991, the total outstanding consumer credit was estimated at £52.6 billion. This has been put down to a number of factors, one of them being use of credit cards. Such cards are not only used to pay for expensive goods and services, but are increasingly being used to pay for food and groceries.

Whilst wider availability of credit gives access to goods and services which were previously unobtainable, more people are faced with debts which they are unable to repay.

A report published by the Policy Studies Institute in 1989 estimated that 2.4 of the 21 million families in the UK were in difficulties with arrears which amounted to £2.6 billion. Debtors in receipt of money advice owe, on average, £4-5,000 in unsecured debts. Even more disturbing is the tendency for people in debt to borrow more in order to pay off their existing debts, leading to even greater problems such repossession of their homes.

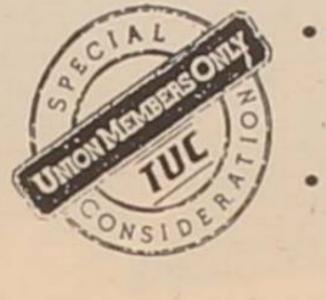
During the 80's the tories, in their bid to cut back the welfare state, proNATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL SECRETARY ALAN JINKINSON 1 Mabledon Place London WC1H 9AJ Tel. 071 388 2366

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them can make a fast buck.

owed is well in excess of £300 billion. to look to the US for methods of democratic structure and with the It becomes guite obvious from this The fact is, credit cards and loans are maintaining membership, since the only choices being whether or not to farcical situation that the unions are only given out so that those that provide proportion of the US workforce in buy into the range of services offered. failing workers in a very unions is 18% and still falling!

The Trade Unions in Britain are still to real working class values and ac-Now we also have our Trade Unions This tactic is symbolic of the move hoping to press-gang workers into tion. Let them keep their yuppie moted "credit" as a trendy attempting to pull us into debt. This towards "business unionism", where joining them by making single union cards, what we debt ridden workers alternative to debt. The pressure to idea of providing your members with unions will predominantly exist to deals with employers. But, with the need is a larger slice of the cake, if borrow to buy was stepped up, and credit cards is copied from the tactics provide "services" to members. tories planning more trade union not the whole bakery. it became easier to get credit. As a of the US union movement (AFL-CIO). These unions will function like an legislation, this may prove less attracresult, the current amount of debt It seems odd for British Trade Unions industrial RAC or AA, with no tive to the bosses.



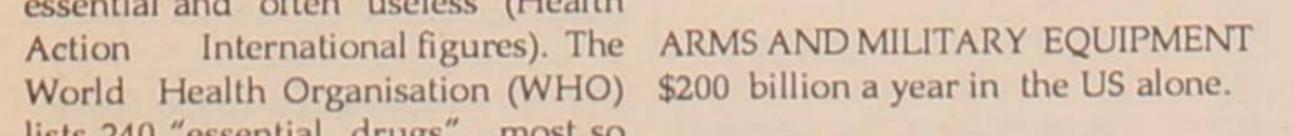
year.

"Underdeveloped" countries spend cut off foreign aid. 60% of their health budgets on medicines of which 70% are non essential and often useless (Health lists 240 "essential drugs", most so called 3rd world countries import Half of the entire budget of the US between 15 and 20,000 different drugs, goes directly or indirectly on defence, resulting in \$15 billion flowing from and the manufacturers receive up to

more on brainwashing students than may be spent on defence each year, the schools spend on training them. compared with \$115 for housing and 20% of their costs (that's \$25 billion) \$126 for education. 41% of foreign go on advertising while only 15% is aid to the third world is in the form of spent on research and development military aid, and in 1985, 43 of the 113 Third world countries are often governments receiving military aid charged 3 to 4 times the domestic were under some form of military rule. price for essential drugs by western In El Salvador the level of Human companies, many of the drugs are Rights violations has risen in direct ineffective or actually banned in the proportion to the level of US aid. west. In Kenya the biggest selling The figures may sound cliched but medicine for diarrhoea is a kaoli- three weeks global military spendpectin mixture called ADM which ing would meet the cost of primary the British Drug Guide says "has no health care needs for the whole globe part to play in the treatment of infan- for a year.

look at two more such industries, for life threatening conditions as it has which between them reap approxi- a high incidence of fatal side effects. mately \$300 billion a year in profits. When Bangladesh in the 1980's tried to stop the import of any but the PHARMACEUTICALS \$100 billion a essential drugs, the drug companies boycotted the sale of essential drugs to the country and the US threatened to

started a series of articles focusing the Parker Davis Group promoted involved in 40 wars but the character then, that lies about "clinical" and role of International Banking, and the on killer industries, where the profit an anti biotic "chloramphemicol" for of war has changed. In WW1 it was accurate modern war do not describe baby milk substitute industry, and rolls in, but the price paid is general use, even for the common estimated that 5% of casualties were the reality. human suffering. This month we cold, whilst in the US it is only used civilians, whereas today 80-90% of



poor to rich countries each year. \$40 billion in government subsidies. In Mexico drug companies spend In the US \$3000 tax dollars per family

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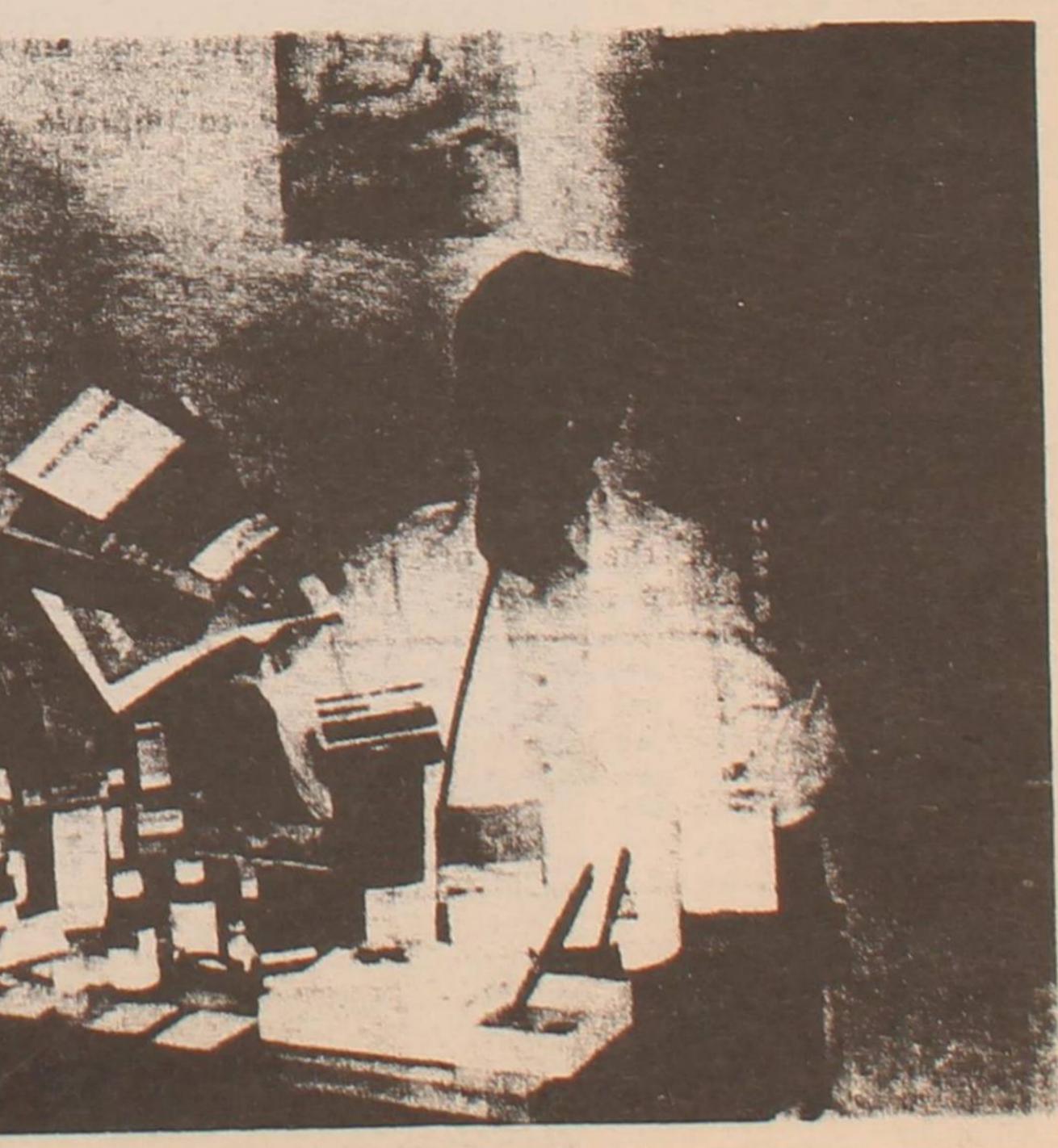
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In the last issue of Direct Action, we tile gastroenteritis". In Latin America Since 1980, 45 countries have been casualties are civilian. We can see Next month we'll be looking at the their roles in preserving poverty and inequality.



1992 marks the 500 year anniversary of the Columbus expedition, which many governments and corporations are celebrating as "An encounter of cultures". The counter movement to this, under the banner of "500 Years of Resistance" seeks to counter the myths about the Columbus voyages, and events are being organised throughout Europe and the Americas towards that end.

The indigenous people of North America are survivors of a holocaust of immeasurable proportions. In the US, when many non indian people look back through history, they cannot help but acknowledge that what occurred was an atrocity motivated by racism and greed, and many of them see cause for shame. But we all know that we cannot change the past, and maybe things would be done differently now. Also, most Americans think that these bad things ended with the Wounded Knee massacre of 1890.

But, the Indian wars did not end 100 years ago but have continued throughout this century, albeit in a more sophisticated form.

When the reservation system was set up, Indians were pushed into the lands nobody else wanted because they were not arable or good for grazing, but in the twentieth century it was found that most of the nation's mineral reserves (coal, shale oil, natural gas, and most importantly, uranium) lie under this undesirable land. So, once again, Indian people found themselves in the way of progress. The US govern- Laws have been passed allowing named Dick Wilson who favoured deaths. He has spent the past 15 years celebration of genocide. The struggles ment has colluded with private the mandatory relocation of 10,000 uranium development and routinely in federal prison for a crime he did to stop relocation at Big Mountain interests and violated every treaty Dine people, under the guise of re- murdered or assaulted his oppo- not commit, convicted and sentenced and gain justice for Leonard Peltier are made with the Indians, so that it can solving a land dispute between the nents. This led the Lakotas to ask the on the basis of evidence and testi- both good places to start. get its hands on the little land these Navajo and the Hopi, which was a American Indian Movement (AIM) for mony which the government acpeople had left.

the establishment of the tribal council have already relocated, more than half Indian people at Pine Ridge were to get a new trial, and there is now been called for on the following dates: system, which gave the appearance of whom are now homeless, or the murdered and hundreds more were renewed effort to get congress to of Native autonomy but was in fact hardships and harrassment endured victims of violent assaults. The FBI convene hearings on the matter. June 26th - anniversary of the Oglala controlled by the Department of the by those who have chosen to remain was in fact providing Wilson's Interior. Tribal councils were op- on the land. posed by most Indian tribes, but they are the only Indian voice recognised Although the relevant law has been array of military assault weapons here reflect a pattern whose outlines July 6th - anniversary of the relocaby the federal government and they ruled to violate the Convention on because the federal police were massed can be traced all over the continent. tion deadline at Big Mountain - Day of are empowered to do nothing but sell the Prevention and Punishment of the at Pine Ridge for the express The Columbus Quintcentennial is action for Big Mountain. or lease tribal land. The US govern- Crime of Genocide, as well as five purpose of destroying the AIM. undoubtedly raising the issues of ment will stop at nothing to get this other human rights covenants, it This terror reached a climax on June historical injustice and cultural October 12th - Day of action in honour land.

Dakota.

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help, which resulted in the occupa- knowledged over a decade ago was There isn't space here to describe the tion of Wounded Knee in 1973. false. Leonard was recently denied an A central plank in this strategy was fate of the thousands of Dine who Over the next three years scores of evidentiary hearing in his latest effort International days of action have vigilante squad with intelligence about AIM members and an impressive The two situations briefly described 26, 1975, when two FBI agents opened genocide, but these issues are being of 500 Years of Ongoing Native In recent years it has acted with par- Relocation was to have been com- fire on a AIM camp near Oglala, South raised with all eyes on the past. Our Resistance in the Americas out, Dick Wilson was in Washing- relocation, and malnutrition. It fighting relocation for the last 16 years. tribal council headed by a man terms for aiding and abetting in their show our opposition to this years Group.

500 YEARS OF RESISTANCE CONTINUES

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shootout - Day of action to free Leonard Peltier.

ton DC illegally signing over one means having the highest rate of the Seattle Leonard Peltier name for themselves) are facing The Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation eighth of the reservation for uranium infant mortality and the lowest life Support Group, Bayou La expectancy. It means chronic injustice Rose, Red Knife Defence/ their land so that Peabody Coal can largest Uranium deposits in the US. The deaths of the two agents led to and political assassination. All these Support Committee, Support expand its Black Mesa operation, Uranium mining has long been op- more terror at Pine Ridge and even- things are acts of war, pure and for Native Sovereignty, already the largest stripmine in posed by the traditional Lakotas but tually AIM member Leonard Peltier simple. We need to face up to the world. These people have been in the early 70's Pine Ridge had a was sentenced to two consecutive life wrongs done to Indian people and Crowners of the traditional Lakotas but tually AIM member Leonard Peltier simple. We need to face up to the seattle Big Mountain Support

ORGANISING TO FIGHTBACK

At the second Continental Gathering of the 500 Years of Indigenous and Popular Resistance held in October 1991 in Guatemala, 500 delegates from the Arctic to the tip of South America conferred.

An unprecedented 25-35,000 indigenous people from across Guatemala used the protection offered by the international nature of the event to gather and march for their rights.

The diversity at this event and throughout the indigenous movement arises from a rejection of the dominant political power structure and the necessity to change it.

These people have survived conquests, massacres, attempted genocide, and the loss of knowledge. They continue to exist and fightback to this day, in spite of 500 years of exploitation, discrimination, and repression.

DA hopes to carry more news on these struggles in the lead up to the October 12th international day of action. Please write to us and let us know of any protests and actions planned in your area.

A group in Liverpool are holding a festival and rally on Saturday 15th of August, although this may end up being a liberal cop out, there may be dissident members of the group willing to carry out more protests than just a festival.

As a member of the Spanish government may be there it may also be a chance to campaign for the release of CNT prisoner Pablo Serrano, and around the issue of the CNT's lost patrimony.

NATIVE ACTIONS TARGET NORANDA

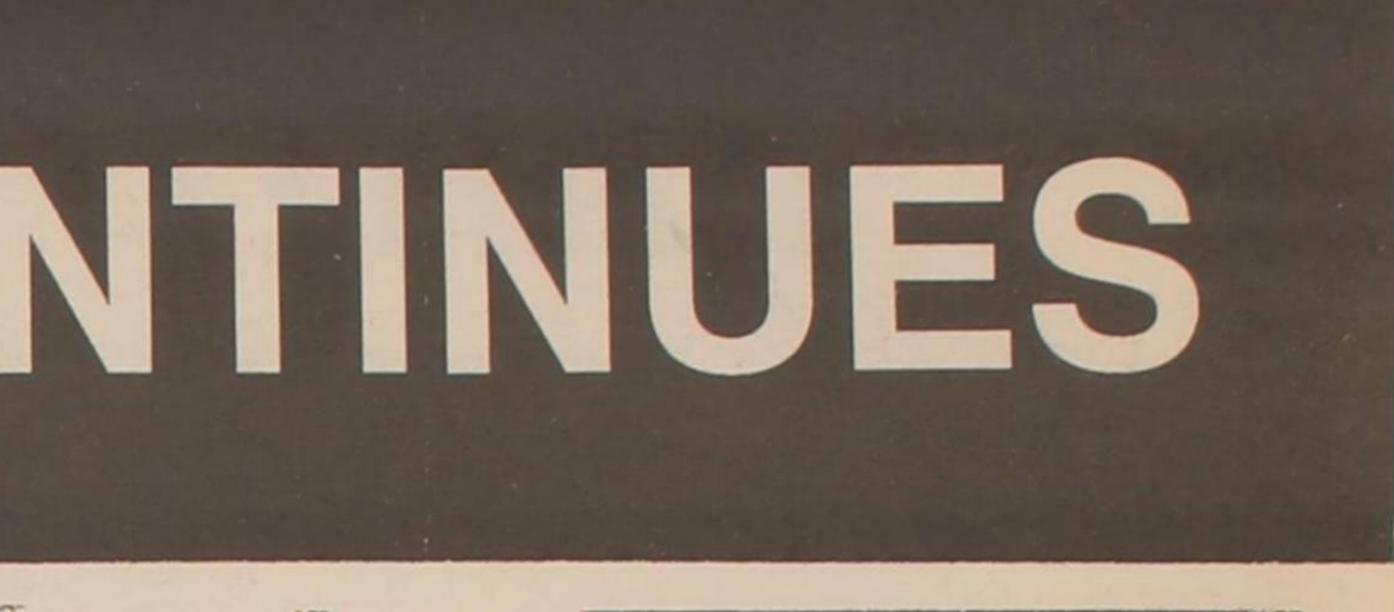
mining, forestry, and Demonstrators targeted the Canadian energy conglomerate Noránda Inc. on 6th April for their subversion of Chippewa treaty rights. The Canadian Alliance in Solidarity with Native Peoples (CASNP) rallied at Noranda's offices in Toronto to draw attention to their plans for an open pit zinc mine near the Lac du Flambeau reservation in northern Wisconsin.

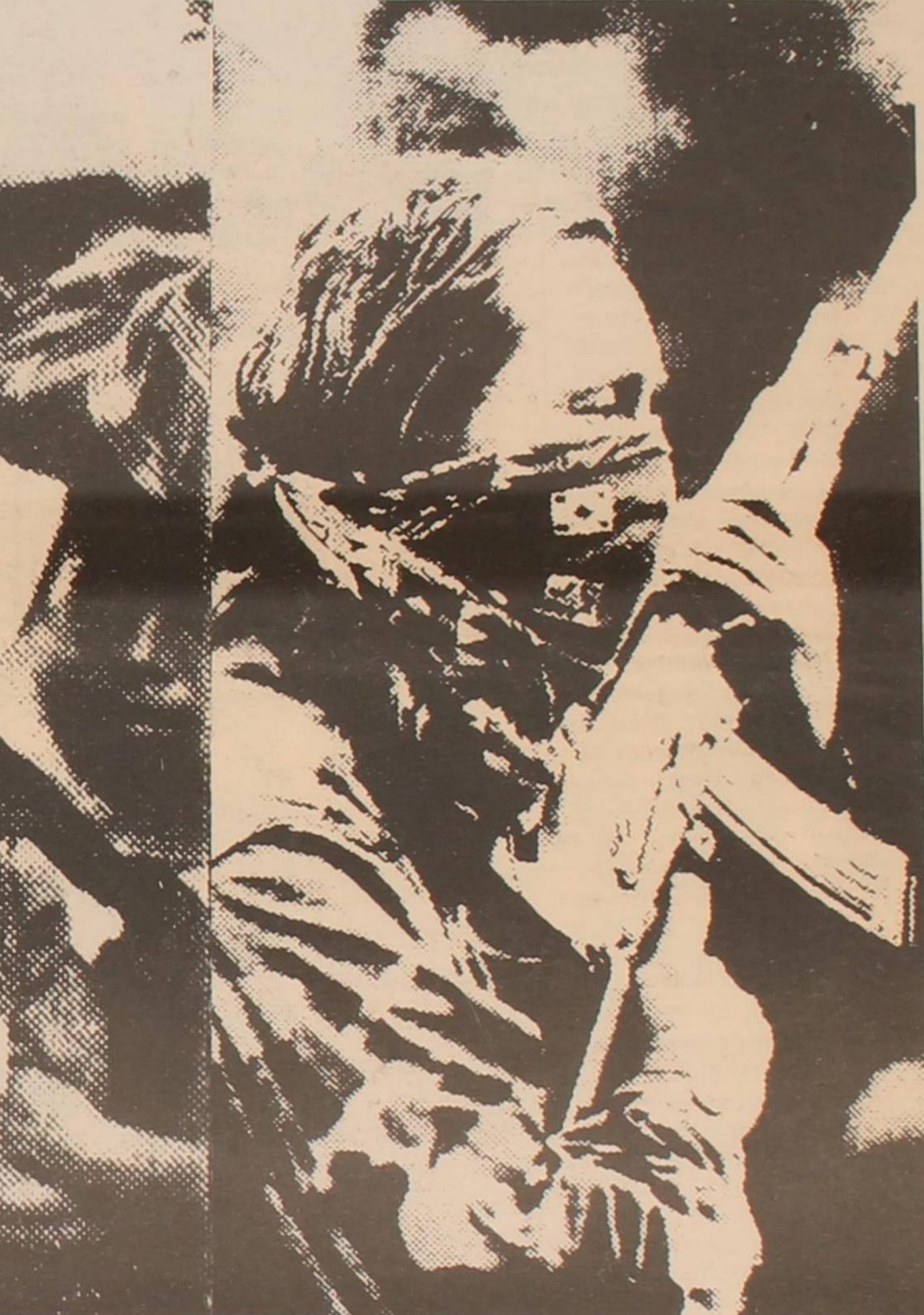
Adequately containing the acid and toxic contamination from the wastes would be next to impossible, given that the mine will be built on wetlands, directly on an open water bog. Critics fear that downstream rivers and lakes, including rich fishing areas and wall eye spawning grounds will be contaminated. This would contravene Chippewa treaty rights.

Only those willing to risk their lives are able to uphold Chippewa treaty rights to carry out spearfishing this spring. Boats have been rammed and swamped, rocks have been thrown, and rifles have been fired from the shore

This and other similar events points to insidious racist organising For more information on the trial which uses the recognition of treaty rights of aboriginal people to fan resentments and underlying racist sentiment amongst the white population.

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WARRIORS GO DOWN

After almost a year of court proceedings, two Mohawkwarriors Ronald Cross and Gordon Lazore were convicted of a total of 29 charges in relation to the defence of Kanesateke Mohawk territory in the summer/ autumn of 1990. On February 19th Cross was sentenced to 4 years 4 months, and Lazore was sentenced to 1 year 11 months.

Another was aquitted, and told reporters "We were right for what we did over there, we protected our land, the people, and we'll do it again if we have to".

The remaining Mohawk 39 will soon be tried. Jury selection began in March, it is unlikely that it will differ from the all white jury that convicted Cross and Lazore.

Donations to the defence fund are badly needed, send cheques and money orders to:

Akweks fund c/o Canadian Federation of Rights and Liberties, 323 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 7Z2 write to :

Akweks Defense Information, PO Box 633, Kanehsatake Mohawk Territory, Kanehsatake, Quebec, JON



spheric gases which filter out harm- even an immediate halt in produc- phere for so long. Unfortunately can only ever be a short term the damage? Time to finish off capiful ultra violet rays and protect us tion would take years to have an industry will always find the cheap- measure. Why should we trust the talism before it finishes off us I'd from skin cancer. With that in mind effect because the ozone destroying est way of dealing with such issues, same people responsible for wrecking say the continuing destruction of the ozone layer by CFCs is an important issue. Important enough for the worlds nations to come together at the so called "Earth Summit", even if it is likely to be scuppered by George "ozone-who needs it?" Bush, and John "what George wants, I want" Major. These two are obviously planning to set up a bit of an "enterprise" selling factor 30 sunblock cream or something. The more rational amongst us will be quite disturbed to hear the DOE say that "New scientific research shows there is significant ozone depletion over the UK". The UN estimates a sustained 10% decrease in ozone would mean an increase "considerably in excess of 300,000 cases" of non melanomaskin cancer per year worldwide.

In spite of this, and in spite of massive public boycotts of ozone damaging aerosol sprays etc, the response from the government and ICI, one of the world's largest manufacturers of ozone detroying chemicals, has been predictably inadequate. For instance, ICI have announced the closing of a CFC plant by 1993 but plan to import the CFCs they need from Holland in-

What is needed is an immediate halt to the production of these gases



GERMAN WORKERS FIGHT BACK

April, more than 300,000 public opinion was behind the stikers to our needs, for a system that is employees, members of the public while the 3.9 million strong IG Met- based on corruption, quick profit for service union, the OTV, were on strike; all union came out in solidarity. the few and poverty for the majority. paralysing the main industrial parts This resulted in the government going of Germany. Public transport, rail- back to the negotiating table to accept Only revolutionary unions indeway, post and refuse workers, as the 5.4% arrived at by arbitration pendent of all political parties and well as hospital clerical staff were before the strike. involved. Scenes of blocked motorways, idle trams and mountains of There has now been a return to work labour and union rights, less hours, undelivered mail were testament to despite public employees' demands jobs for everybody, improved health the effectiveness of the strike. The for 9.5% and the feeling that 5.4% is a and safety conditions. We can only problems of re-unification have led sell out. This comes as no surprise get these conditions in direct particito massive tax and VAT increases given the involvement of reformist pation of all workers in assemblies and, as ever, it is the workers who trade unions with overpaid bureau- this is direct democracy. are expected to pay. The govern- crats and careerists. Nothing in the ment wished to impose a 5% ceiling nature of the capitalist system will on pay rises, and were offering a change. We still have to pay for ecomeasly 4.8% to public employees. To nomic disasters, resulting in in- Taken from "Transport Worker" do this, however, the government creasing misery and more exploita- produced by the Transport Workers had to take on the power of the tion for the working people. To pay Network.

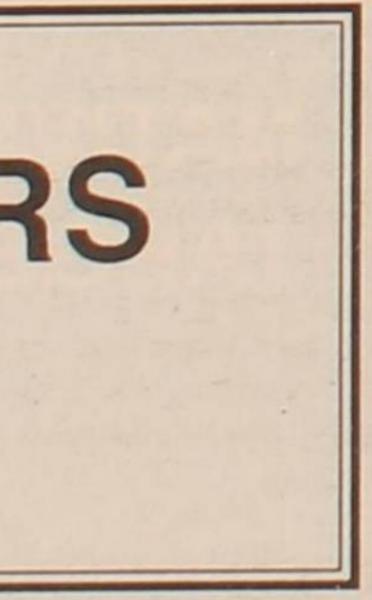
For nearly two weeks, from 27th organised working class. Public for a system that is directly opposed

state institutions can win more than only a 9.5% pay rise for us. We want

EARTH SUMMIT **BRING YOUR OWN SUNBLOCK**

I've always been a big fan of strato- before any more damage is done, gases can hang about in the atmos- and putting pressure on them to change the planet with the job of repairing

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THE INTERNATIONAL: UNION SINDICALE ITALIANA

The USI was founded in 1912 in Milan, by the end of world war one it had a membership of 500,000. Like the CNT of Spain its early years were times of great social upheaval, leading up to the seizure of state power by the fascists in 1922. Mainly because the USI were not established long enough, the social and political awareness of their membership was not that well developed and with the coming to power of the fascists, the USI were in no position to fight back. The USI held their last congress on Italian soil in 1928. During the second world war, Italy was unique among European countries, it had a large anarchist resistance movement especially in the north, but regardless of this, the USI were in no position to play an active role in the reorganisation of the trade unions at the end of the war.

It was not until the 1970s that the USI could once again begin to think of organising themselves as a union. They had throughout the 1950s and 60s worked as a small propaganda group and were at all times a part of the IWA. In 1979 they held a national conference in Parma and elected a provisional committee. By 1983 they were able to hold their first national congress as a trade union and relaunch their paper "Lotti di Classe". The USI have a long tradition of revolutionary syndicalism and have openly expressed their desire to see the IWA as an International of only revolutionaru syndicalists free of the strong anarchist influence and independent of all political groupings.

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FIGHTING THE NAZIS IS NO OFFENCE!

On saturday April 4th, the Nazi British National Party, as part of their general election campaign, met in the Lord Nelson pub in Rochdale. Rochdale has been a focus for fascist activity in the North West of England, after having no success in Manchester. The BNP see Rochdale as a launch pad for their ideas, having put up candidates in both the general and local elections. There has been a history of racist attacks in Rochdale, and it is seen by the BNP as one of their strongest areas of support outside London. The BNP state that they "wish to terminate the multi racial experiment once and for all", when they are active in an area t number and scale of racist attacks one person was beaten on the legs by Affray, they face fines and possible vermin find it impossible to organise money for legal costs and fines. We increase.



truncheon as he lay on the ground. imprisonment for the crime of in Rochdale. The BNP should be must make every effort to defend Others were arrested just because they fighting fascism. The action on the 4th by Gtr Manches- got in the way. Those arrested were

opposition. That's why anti-fascists Please send messages of support ter police seemed to be an attempt to kept in custody for up to 11 hours, Over the last few months anti-fascists were there on the 4th, and that's why and donations; cheques made stamp their authority on anti-fascists, denied even a hot drink. Two other organised by Rochdale Racial Equal- they'll always be there. while protecting the nazis. The peace- anti-fascists were arrested the night ity Council, Anti Nazi League, and ful but noisey protest was attacked before for flyposting and kept over- Anti Fascist Action, have succeeded The Rochdale Defence Campaign by the police. Anti-fascists who used night and released the next evening to in denying the BNP an open public needs your help with publicising its M.A.N.U.S. language or gestures that the police stop them demonstrating against meeting. They have had to meet case, explaining why people were c/o Steve Biko Bldg took offence to were arrested and the BNP. Those arrested face secretly or under police protection. there on the 4th, and that fighting Oxford Road dragged into the back of police vans, charges ranging from Obstruction to We must ensure that these nazi fascism is no crime. They need Manchester.



Until the sixties many products ergy" can be very dubious. were packed in returnable glass practices.

These days, we're still encouraged to throw things away, but to make make money out of them.

Recycling is now fashionable - "doing tains of segregated rubbish. The tains. reasons for recycling are often clouded with misconceptions, and In an attempt to prevent this happen- the energy.

updated and more expensive version. glass manufacture.

the idea of "recycling to save en- ing we are being urged to recycle eve-

rything. We are told that recycling So why don't we do it? After all, we before whilst appearing to care for saves energy, but is this true? Take used to. Most people over thirty can the environment. containers - from household clean- Capitalism is built on the myth of the glass industry for example: re- remember, as a kid, "taking back the ing products to Coca Cola. The economic growth. This can only cycling glass collected at bottle banks empties" to the corner shop to collect The rest of the packaging industry arrival of convenience shopping continue as long as consumers (that's and the like saves 25% of the energy the deposits - usually to be spent on has similar problems. The common and the continuing refinement of us!) can be persuaded to carry on it normally takes to manufacture penny chews. Why don't we do it? sense, and sustainable approach of capitalism in this country has buying. So the business world glass. But since only 17% of all glass Changes in shopping habits, encour- avoiding uneccessary packaging, brought about the demise of such doesn't hesitate to create new is currently recycled the end result is aged by big business, makes it incon- and re-using wherever possible would fashions, encouraging us to replace that glass recycling in Britain only venient. Look at supermarkets which have a serious effect on profit and is what we have with an improved, saves about 4% of the energy used in rely on high volume sales with not considered viable by either minimum staff (paid minimal wages) bosses or politicians. Clearly the and don't want to handle returnable changes needed for us to live in a_ sure we throw them in the right To fuel this consumerism, an ever Not that recycling is wrong, since any bottles. Thus started the throwaway, ecologically sustainable society will direction so that someone can increasing amount of the Earth's saving of energy and resources is disposable packaging era. have to come from us. The existing resources are being destroyed only to better than none, but its not the priorities of capitalism leave no end up as rubbish. Rubbish which can miracle solution that its made out to In the early seventies Friends of the room for such considerations, no longer be contained in a few holes be. Consider instead, the re-use of Earth introduced a campaign encouraging the creation of a recyour bit for the environment" - but in the ground, and will bottles. If every bottle was used twice putting pressure on the glass cling INDUSTRY and "doing our in most cases we are not truly increasingly pollute our environ- before being recycled instead of industry to reintroduce returnable bit"; rather than encouraging pracrecycling, merely creating moun- ment in the form of rubbish moun- being used once and chucked, we bottles. The response of the Glass tice of techniques which are both would need only half the bottles we Manufacturers Federation was that safe and environmentally friendly.

do now, and would save nearly half this would reduce profits and jobs. Then, in 1977 they introduced bottle When the DAM advocates workers banks to enable them to carry on as control, this does not mean that we



AROUND BRITAIN

driven back into the gutter by mass those that were arrested.

payable to Rochdale Defence Campaign to:

want to see a self managed version of the same wasteful and polluting system of production we have at the moment. Far from it, "production for need not profit" has great implications for industry. Many of the so called benefits of our highly industrialised, throwaway society amount to a choice between 50 brands of the same product or having the luxury of choosing to use either round or square tea bags! Instead of wasting time and resources on designing and marketing fashionable new tea bag designs, we could be concentrating on meeting the real needs of society and giving people the chance to do more useful and fulfilling work at the same time. Its time to cut the crap and get on with the real task of defeating hunger and poverty.

ODDS & SODS

OPEN SPACE, BBC2, 18/5/92.

community and campaign groups flying around at that point. Though are given a camera crew and half an this may be true of one small section of hour of airtime to get their message the programme, the rest of it was across. Last month Anti-Fascist Ac- delivered with such pace and feeling tion had a go. They made a truly that even the most casual viewer could shocking programme.

and police being kicked in that grabbed volvement in AFA at national and your attention as much as the fact branch level has contributed in no that here was undiluted revolution- small way to the success of the ary politics on the telly - that was the organisation. "Fighting Talk" can shocking part!

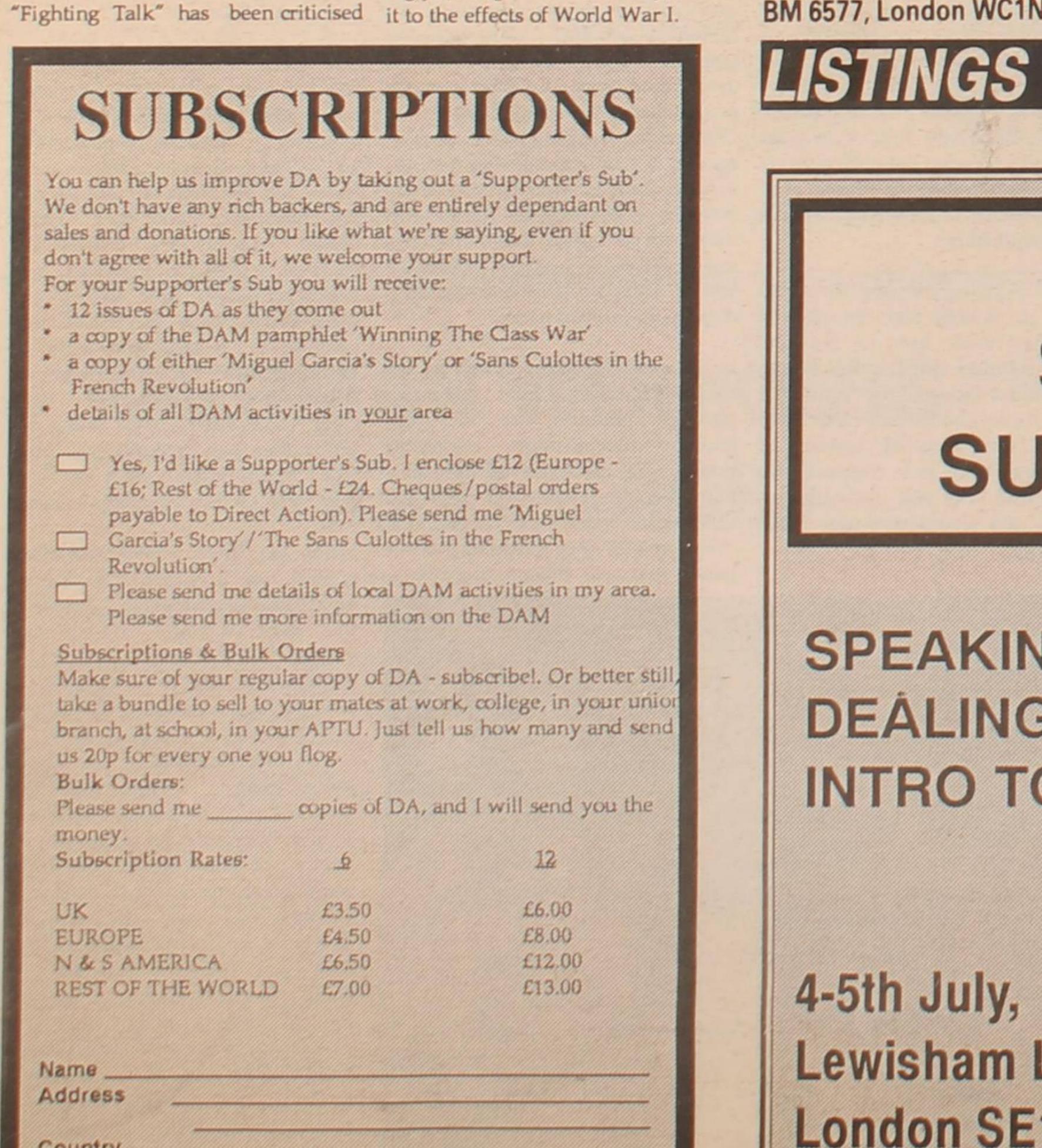
Politics in this country usually reaches the public after being filtered, moderated, analysed and codified by an endless stream of "experts" and commentators. But First Flight: : the Origins of Anarchohere were ordinary folk talking about Syndicalism in Britain Albert M the need for working class people to eltzer (Kate Sharpley Library £1) get organised, to unite against the common capitalist enemy, and to How did Syndicalism start getting smash fascist groups by any means differentiated from Trade Unionism, necessary. Heady stuff indeed! Yes, and why was the terms "Anarchothis was a (cathode) ray of sunshine, Syndicalism" coined? The subject is amongst the usual dull primetime attacked vigorously, examining the TV.

By using archive footage and inter-"Fighting Talk" traced the course of calism divided first into two categomilitant anti-fascism from Cable Street ries: those who viewed it as control by in 1936, through Lewisham in 1977 union leaders organising the workers, right up to the struggle against the and those who regarded it as control BNP today. The programme backed by the workers themselves, organised up this history with solid into unions. It was the first of these force stance taken by AFA and exposing the weaknesses of other captured by parliamentarism; the "anti-fascist" groups like the Anti-Racist Alliance (a talking shop for the revolutionaries from whom the an-Labour Left and black middle class archo-syndicalists had already differgroups) and the Anti-Nazi League (a entiated themselves. For other reasons party building gimmick run wholly the latter became isolated from the rest by the SWP).

by some for having a go at these REVIEW ; "FIGHTING TALK", groups, not because the arguements put forward were wrong, but because people new to anti-fascism may have "Open Space" is a slot on BBC2 where been bewildered by all the initials not have lost interest.

Finally, we in DAM can give our-It wasn't the real life scenes of Nazis selves a pat on the back. DAM inonly add to the progress AFA has already made.

history of the working class movement to see what happened. The interwith participants, esting fact emerges that British syndiof the workers and Albert interestingly (though controversially) traces



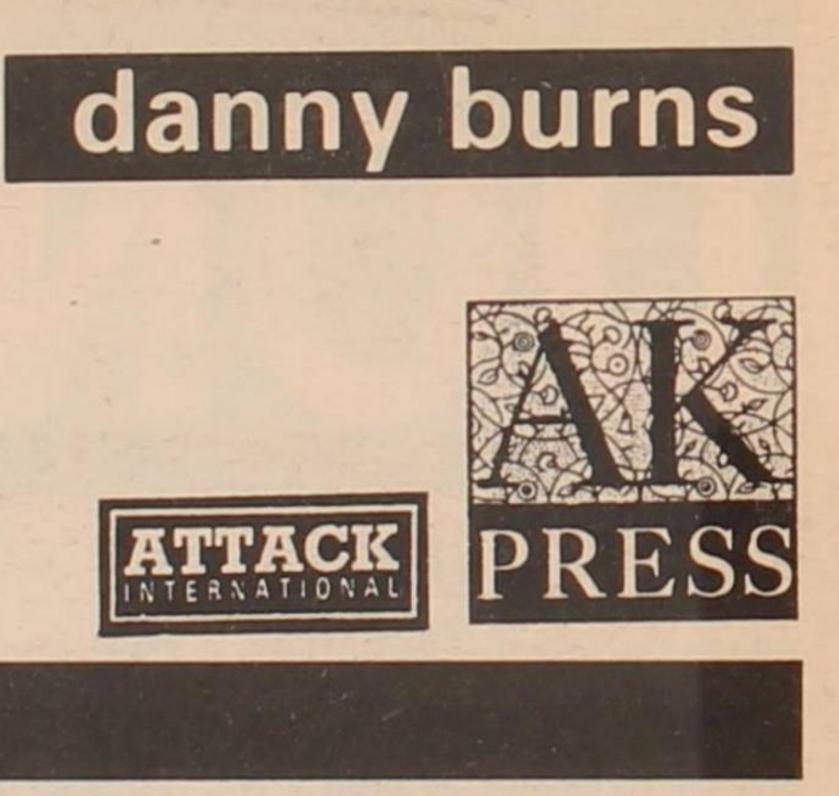
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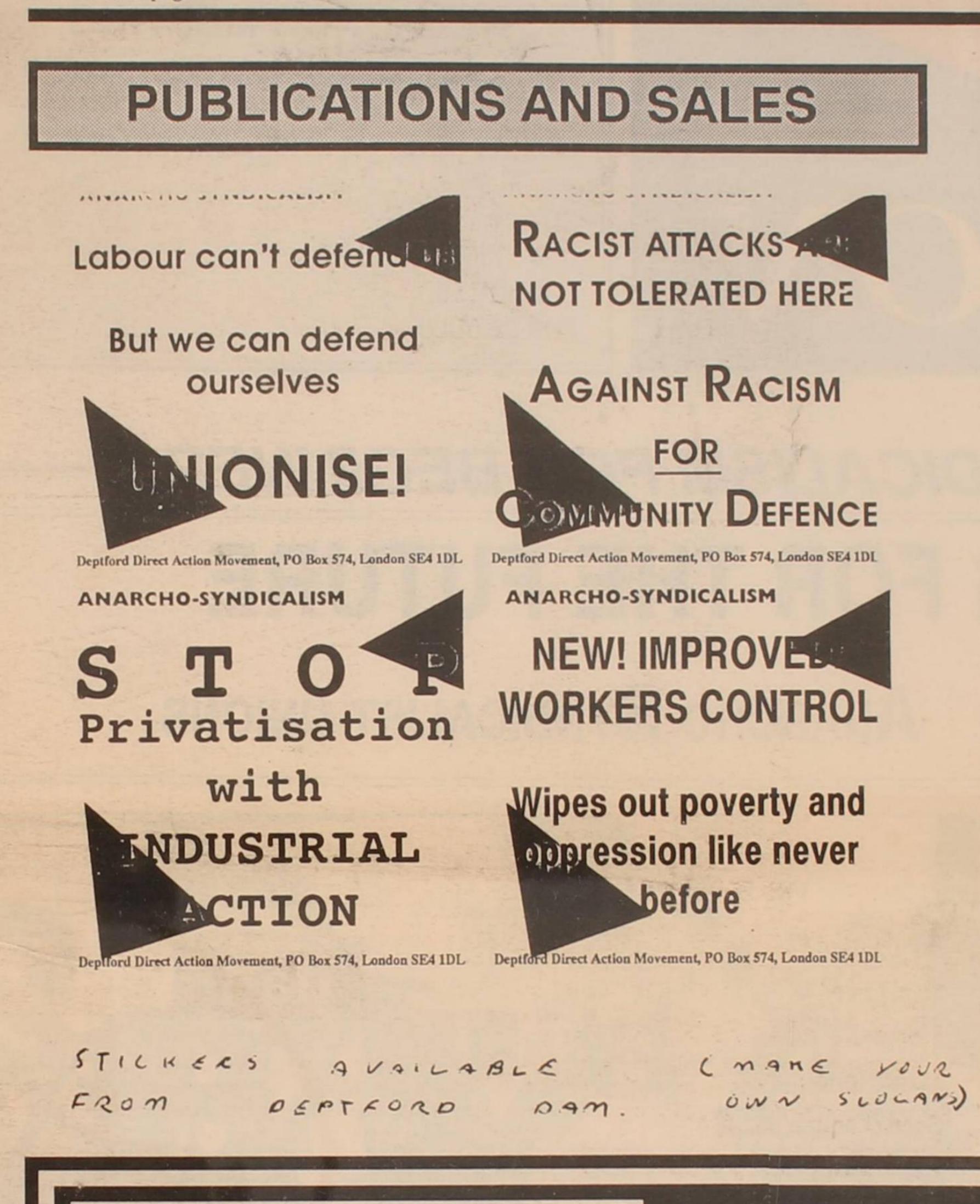
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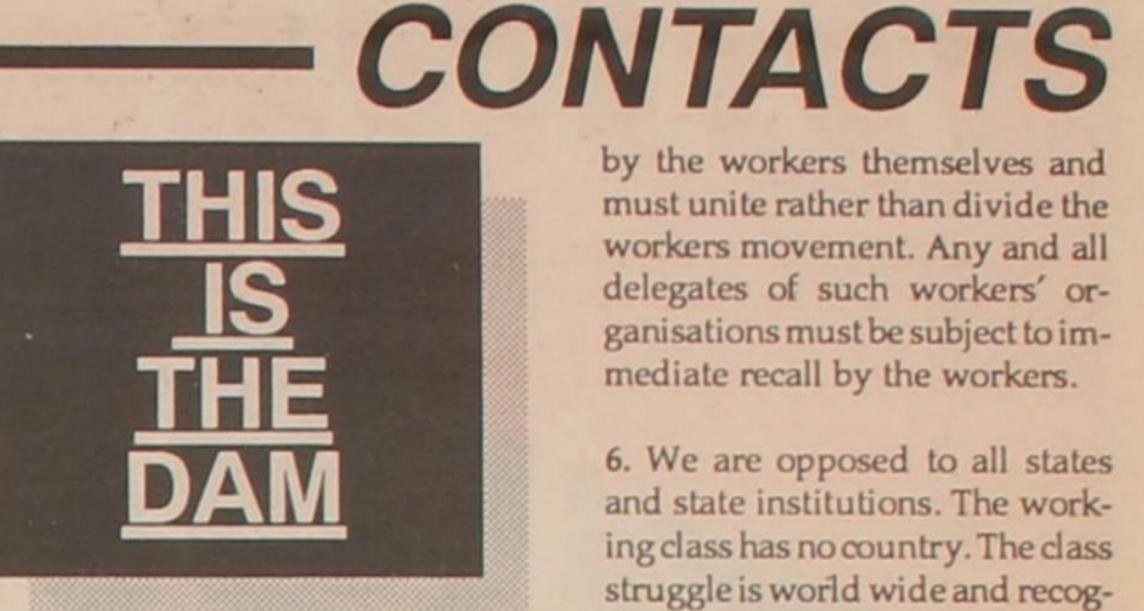
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1. The Direct Action Movement is a working class organisation.

2. Our aim is the creation of a free and classless society.

3. We are fighting to abolish the state, capitalism and wage slavery in all their forms and replace them by self managed production for need, not profit.

4. In order to bring about the new 8. The Direct Action Movement is social order, the workers must take resolved to initiate, encourage and over the means of production and wholeheartedly support the creadistribution. We are the sworn ene- tion of independent workers' unmies of those who would take over on ions based on the principles of behalf of the workers.

5. We believe that the only way for the 9. The Direct Action Movement working class to achieve this is by is a federation of groups and inindependent organisation in the work dividuals who believe in the prinplace and the community and federa- ciples of anarcho-syndicalism: a tion with others in the same industry system where the workers alone and locality, independent of and op- control industry and the commuposed to all political parties and trade nity without the dictates of politiunion bureaucracies. All such work- cians, bureaucrats, bosses and soersers' organisations must be controlled called experts.

by the workers themselves and must unite rather than divide the workers movement. Any and all delegates of such workers' organisations must be subject to immediate recall by the workers.

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

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