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FIGHTING THE **FORTRESS**

AS THE European Community furthers its attempts to create a 'Fortress Europe', and racist and fascist violence Europewide is on the increase, so the fightback continues.

1 August - 25000 people attend Anti-Racist Alliance festival in South London.

15 August - 2000 people demonstrate their support of '500 years of Resistance' in Liverpool.

The same day - the BNP's biggest planned meeting of the summer is reduced to a tiny fifteen-minute rally just outside Halifax. Despite police 'warnings' to members of the black community that it might not be safe to go into their own town, 700 anti-fascists prove that neither fascists nor the police can intimidate them.

21 August - Faced with a Tory proposal to bring in legislation forcing Gypsies and other travellers to settle in houses, Tommy Lee of the Romany Guild promises, "They'll never get this to work...There are 13000 gypsies with vehicles, who can block the streets of the City of London."

22 August - 3000 people bring Manchester city centre to a halt demonstrating their sadness at the deaths of Mohammed Sarwar and Siddik Dada, murdered in January, and anger at increasing

racist attacks in the area.

31 August - the black community in Elswick, Newcastle organise a strong demonstration of 500 local people to show their anger at the fatal attack on Mr. Miah outside a mosque on 24 August.

12 September - fascists from Britain and Europe get a taste of working class justice when they meet with massive anti-fascist opposition at Waterloo station, advertised as the redirection point to a gig by the Nazi band Screwdriver. Of the 2000 bopping Nazis expected, only 500 make it to the gig in Eltham, a number find themselves in hospital, and a car displaying a BNP poster is completely written off.

- Among others, William Weekes and Mamta Chopra, with large community support, continue to fight racist immigration laws

being utilised in attempts to deport them.

13 June - 2500 people attend solidarity demonstration for refugees attacked at a refugee camp in Mannheim, four days after a similar, 400-strong demonstration was brutally terminated by massive

police action.

Kreuzberg, Berlin. Vietnamese people, forced to live in a house for asylum-seekers, drive off fascists attempting to attack them. 29 August - Rostock sees 20000 anti-fascists take to the streets in response to the large-scale attacks on refugees and immigrantsbasically amounting to Nazi riots—over the previous week. Solidarity demonstrations in other German cities, despite police attempts to restrict the movements of anti-fascists. Meanwhile racist attacks on refugee hostels continue at a rate of up to 20 a day.

Italy in Ferment

Strikes are sweeping Italy. Workers' grass roots committees (COBAS) are rejecting the sell-out of the official trade unions. An activist in the Centre of Anarchist Documentation in Padova sends this first hand report:

"THE ECONOMIC measures approved for 1993 by the Amato government cut public spending by around 93,000 thousand million lira.

Thousands of workers, pensioners, unemployed, young people and students have strongly protested against the economic manoeuvres of the government. Manoeuvres which immediately followed the financial whirlwind in Europe, the devaluation of the lira, and the recognition that Germany and market forces are the driving force of European unification.

The government is freezing recruitment in the public sector. stopping any new wage negotiations, ending assistance with health

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care for 2/3 of families, imposing a new tax on houses, and - through the July agreement with the Unions - abolishing the scala mobile (automatic wage increases linked to inflation).

But perhaps the most important aspect of the response to these measures has been the generalised opposition to the trade union leaders and their political line from the workers and citizens in the streets of every Italian city

BOMBARDMENTS

r all 22 September, Florence: 100,000 demonstrate

as a regional strike hits Tuscany. Thousands of workers, chanting GENERAL STRIKE, bombard the CGIL union leader Bruno Trentin with volleys of eggs, potatoes, tomatoes, bolts, etc., forcing him to quickly close his speech.

austerity Unions

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23 September, Milan: 100,000 strike and demonstrate. A UIL union leader, protected by sheets of transparent plastic, tries to speak : but the "street" hurls eggs, bolts and other objects, forcing him rapidly to flight. The self-organised workers, including the Committe of struggle of Breda Fucine, COBAS Ansaldo di Sesto S. Giovanni, COBAS Alfa Romeo, and the Federation of United Metal Mechanic Workers, hold an alternative rally.

25 September, Turin: 80,000 people on the streets, but above all the strike succeeds at Mirafiori-Fiat. The CGIL union secretary, covered by plastic sheets, leads off a rally which is clamorously booed and the target of a nutritious bombardment of vegetables. The union leaders flee.

Numerous other demos included Naples (80,000), then Bologna, Bari, Genova, Parma, Padova, Venezia, Taranto, Brescia, Bergamo : everywhere the trade unions were challenged, and what's more now there really is a consciousness of an alternative organisation of the workers. Especially militant were the public sector workers.

The demand from the workers is

- a country-wide general strike!"

2 October: A national public sector strike with 3 million participants, a general strike in Lazio and dramatic street clashes in Rome as 150,000 - 200,000 demonstrate. The police make unprovoked attacks on school students. Missiles soar towards the Union leaders' platform. The police, aided by the union stewards, violently charge. Over 60 injured and over 100 arrested. Later COBAS and other selforganised workers hold their own march and rally.

In a bid to reassert control over the workers, the 3 main Union Federations have called a half day general strike for 13 October.

COBAS are controlled from below, with mass assemblies taking the important decisions.

Specially strong in the public sector, COBAS have resisted the state's plans for restructuring at the expense of the workers. The railways sections of COBAS have been at the heart of numerous strikes since 1988. The Schools COBAS were to the fore in action to win a much improved contract for teachers in 1989-90. Now the COBAS are starting to spread to the private sector. [Info from Centro di Documentazione Anarchica, c/o Casa dei diritti sociali, Via Tonzig, 35129 PADOVA, Italy.

ACT LOCALLY

Old McDonald had a farm

McDONALDS Hamburger Cop. is the largest retail property owner and food service organisation in the world, with annual sales of nearly £20 billion. Behind the glossy and cheerful "Ronald McDonald" is a reality of exploitation of workers and consumers, destroyed environment, unhealthy food, dead animals and a junk food culture.

In 1985 London Greenpeace started an anti McDonalds Day to be held every year on 16 October. Mega rich McD's took offence at this and are now prosecuting 2 activists it accuses of libel (the McLibel 2!) The McLibel 2 are not mega-rich so they need financial support, any 'dirt' on McD's and letters of support to McLibel Support campaign, c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1.

CENTRES FIGHT ON

HARINGEY unwaged centre is seeking community support to defy a Council eviction notice. Another independent unwaged centre resisting attack - Edinburgh - is still open and active.

Meanwhile claimants face Government proposals to cut umemployment benefit to 6 months, and to penalise unemployed judged not to be "actively seeking work" by cutting off all Income Support without warning.

* Restart advice leaflets, and info on National Claimants Fed. conference in Swindon on 21 November: SUM, Room 20, Pinehurst Peoples Centre, Beech Ave, Swindon.

* Haringey Unwaged Centre 081 802 9804 Edinburgh Unemployed Workers Centre 031 557 0718.

Block Telethon

"ON 18 July disabled people held a demonstration to block Telethon - against the system of charity in this country and to bring to an end this attack on our rights, humanity and citizenship.

Unless we actively and publicly show our anger they will not stop.

We believe, through strength, we can stop Telethon ever happening again."From Block Telethon, 3 CrawleyRd., Woodgreen, London N22.

Reclaim the streets

AROUND 300 people protested at the 'Karmagedon' demo against the car on 1 August. With 5,000 people dying every year due to cars 'Reclaaim the Streets' want more cycle routes, better public transport and pedestrian areas. Info: Reclaim the Streets, 435 Coldharbour Lane, Brixton London SW9 8LN

The scales of justice

PARCELS of Royal salmon from an exclusive £1,000 per week estate have been mysteriously turning up on the doorsteps of elderly villagers in Helmsdale, Scotland.Each package bears the printed message: "From your Caring Poachers. We take from the rich and give to the poor." (Source: The Scotsman)

STUFF THE SUMMIT

Fresh from the National lottery of squandering billions on the sinking $\mathfrak L$, a new round of Summits bring together the Fortress Europe States. After Birmingham, Edinburgh plays 'host' to a massive junket on 10-12 December and a warm welcome from thousands of protestors is expected. Groups such as Scotland United and Scottish Democratic Resistance are agitating for a Scots Parliament and Scots Republic respectively, but internationalist/anarchist opposition is also being organised. An Edinburgh group coordinating resistance is PO Box 447, SWDO, Edinburgh

PETER McBRIDE

300 PEOPLE blocked a main road and demonstrated outside the local police station after 18-year-old Peter McBride was shot dead by British soldiers on September 4.

McBride had walked away from a stop-and-search after answering only a few questions. Pursued by troops he ran into the next street, where he was shot twice in the back. He had already been searched *before* he walked away: in his pockets were a packet of crisps and a paintbrush. Eyewitnesses described it as 'cold-blooded murder.'

McBride lived and died in a working-class Catholic area, where he had always been hassled by the army and police. Obviously Northern Ireland's unique in many ways, but it has to be put into context, since the

lessons our rulers learn in one place are usually saved up for applying elsewhere. In some ways the North is no different from elsewhere in Europe: poverty, unemployment, and bad housing are facts of life, while legal and practical tricks learnt by the police are 'exported' to the mainland.

Meanwhile in eastern
Germany the cops allow ethnic
and cultural divisions to fester
so as to better divide and
rule—and justify a heavy police
presence on estates in the
East—while unemployment
figures go through the roof.
With deepening recession, it
looks as though the New
Europe will have more than a
touch of Northern Ireland about
it. It's a Europe we're determined to fight.

SINSIDE INFOS

JOHN PEROTTI BACK IN SOLITARY

AFTER an attempt by prisoncrats to use an informer "wired for sound" had failed, our old friend John Perotti was flung back into solitary, where he has spent most of the past 8 years as an IWW prison-union organiser, and is being held in an "observation cell" under closed-circuit camera and microphone surveillance.

The prison powers are still trying to manufacture a reason for keeping him there.

PROTEST LETTERS; The Warden, Mansfield Correctional Institution, Mansfield, OHIO 44901, USA SUPPORT; John Perotti #167712, PO Box 1368, Mansfield, OHIO 44901, USA. INFO; Contact the John Perotti Defence Fund (JPDF) c/o Counter Information. DONATIONS ARE MUCH NEEDED.

EDINBURGHABC NO LONGER HAS ITS PO BOX AND CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE CI ADDRESS FOR THE TIME BEING. DONATIONS MUCH-NEEDED.

SOME GOOD NEWS

NOEL & MARIEMURRAY were freed in August after serving 16 years in prison for a cop-murder that they've always denied. They were the Irish "Republic"s

longest serving prisoners.

All at the Counter Information Collective send their best wishes for the future to Marie & Noel.

Kiranjit Ahluwalia, serving Life for killing her violently abusive husband, was freed on appeal in September.

The decision was made on the basis of new medical evidence however, and not on a legal re-definition of "provocation".

Bill Dunne, editor of the prison paper "Marionette" has been transferred out of Marion Prison after serving 7 years and 7 monthsin the US' most notorious hellhole. Nice one Bill.

PERUINFO LEAFLET VIA CI-SAE

ABSENT MINDED

RESISTANCE to the Child Support Act (CSA) continues to grow. This Act will force lone parents to supply information on the absent parent, and then compel these absent parents to pay maintenance. The Treasury will pocket all money saved.

The act is aimed primarily at single mothers, the great majority of lone parents, and has been nicknamed The Absent Father Act.

In London the Campaign Against the Child Support Act (CACSA) has successfully defended single mothers against DSS harrassment.

In May a Manchester mother won a written apology from the DSS Child Support Unit after she complained of harrassment when the DSS tried to force her to attend an interview under the CSA. Until April 1993 it is illegal for the DSS to threaten to cut a single parent's benefit if she or he refuses to provide information about the absent parent. DSS interviews are not compulsory.

In Brighton, the Unemployed Centre has been leafletting the local market, hospitals, nurseries, schools, post-offices, etc.

post-offices, etc. INFO; CACSA, PO Box 287, LONDON NW6 5QU.

BUCACSA, Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, BRIGHTON BN2

GUILTY OF BEING IRISH

IRISH prisoners continue to be brutalised in English jails.

Eamon O'Donnell and Sean Cruikshank are facing allegations of arson and criminal damage. They are being systematically deprived of sleep, and regularly subjected to vicious stripsearches. O'Donnell is now staging a blanket-protest. Support is urgently needed.

Eamon O'Donnell CX1344, HMP Wakefield, 5Love Lane, Wakefield. Protest letters to the governor of Wakefield prison.

ACTION FOR ANDRE

ANDRE Villaverde is a Peruvian Anarchist prisoner. On 27 October 1991 he was arrested and accused of committing sabotage. Andres is held in Peru's maximum security prison, even though police are unable to rovide any substantial evidence.

An International Day of Action has been called for 30 October for the release of Andres. Letters faxs etc to sent to Sr. Presidente alberto Fujimori, Palacio de Gobierno, Plaza de Armas, Lima 1, Peru.

Water rip off!

"THE CHEEK of it! They plan to make us pay through the nose for using water!"

Yes, the government wants to privatise Scotland's water industry - but massive public opposition threatens a flood-tide of resistance.

With privatisation plans still 3 years off, local groups and meetings are already declaring that they will refuse to pay the private water bills and will stop water disconnections and the installation of water meters.

One such group is Ibrox Cessnock Anti Poll Tax Group in Glasgow. Their leaflet declares

"After running down investment in water treatment, the government now wants to privatise the supply of water to create profits for their backers. By selling off the water plants to private companies...the price will be forced up, and meters introduced.....

Water privatisation in England and Wales reveals a horrific 55,000 families threatened with disconnection....

MASS REFUSAL

We have to fight this at all stages, campaigning against implementation to scare off investors; to threaten the introduction of meters, and to launch a campaign of mass refusal...

The anti poll tax movement shows the government can be beat. This time the apologists for this rotten system, the Labour Party, other politicians and Union leaders are seeking to take over the

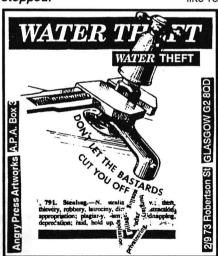
campaign from the word go. This must not happen.

Only local groups combining education at streetstalls and demonstrations, and prepared with others to engage in direct action involving the people, can beat the new Water Barons. Labour invests public funds in Private Water Companies, Labour-led Councils are fitting meters to new buildings and they always sabotage our resistance by telling us to remain 'within the law'.

87% against water privatisation.
4% in favour.
Poll conducted in Scotland and published
Glasgow Herald 5.9.92

This is impossible. The law is rigged in favour of big business and profiteering, with plans to sell off land owned by water boards.....

If you are angry at this threat to our health join us... This water theft can be stopped."



HANDS OFF OUR WATER Demo in Glasgow 21 November 1992 Details 041 227 5604

MUSHROOMING

Local meetings against the water sell-off are mushrooming. The Hands Off Our Water campaign was launched in September in Glasgow with a reported 176 reps from 70 different organisations, and a policy of non-payment and direct action.

The experience of the anti polltax movment shows the need for genuine grass-roots control. Though very active in areas like Glasgow, Scottish Militant Labour tend to subordinate grass-roots struggles to their own efforts to replace the Labour Party as the "representatives" of the working class.

Anger at water privatisation, combined with continuing mass poll tax non-payment and the likliehood of widespread council tax non-payment, highlights the possibility of community self-organisation that unites all 3 struggles - and possibly also takes on other struggles like resistance to racist harass-

ment. Groups like Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network in Edinburgh are attempting to develop in this direction. Community resistance will hopefully be joined by anti privatistion industrial action by the water workers, whose 7,000 jobs are under threat.

Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network 031 667 4299 , 332 7547

Autonomous Assembly, All-Scotland coordination forum -c/o free university network, 28 King St., Glasgow G1 5QP.

A WORLD TO WIN

The A.N.C. leadership demon-

BUSINESS AS USUAL

strated their statist plans when they gave asurances in advance of the general strike on 3rd & 4th of August that protests would be "controlled and orderly" and outlawed occupations or sabotage The 28 deaths at the hands of troops of the Ciskei puppet homeland on September 7th revealed the alliance of Homeland states and South Africa military circles. Mandela has used Judge Goldstone's report chiefly blaming the Ciskei troops to back away from mass action and resume talks with De Klerk

PROTECTING THE WILD

4,000 people demonstrated in the Valee d' Aspe, France on 30 May against a Motorway planned to go through a nature reserve. In Glasgow, a lone protestor has camped on the route of a motorway extension through the countryside of the Pollok Estate, winning support from nearby Pollok residents.

OWN GOAL?

Two Iranian journalists have been gaoled for depicting the late Ayatollah Khomeini as a footballer. REMEMBERING CHATILA

Despite the election result, shootings continue in Israeli occupied Palestine. On 17th September, the 10th Anniversary of the Sabra & Chatila massacres by Lebanese Falangists encouraged by Israeli commanders, 6 were shot during a demonstration in the gaza strip.

CHAD CLASHES

Hundreds of women clashed for 2 hours with Police who blocked the route of a march through the Chad capital N'Djamena on 20th July protesting against harsh austerity cuts.

COSMÉTIC CAPITALISM

120 women workers sacked by Avon Cosmetics in Mexico City have launched an international appeal to press for reinstatement. The Unions colluded in the redundancies.

JAPAN RIOTS

On 1st & 2nd October 1,000 unemployed Japanese workers rioted in a poor district of Osaka. In Airin, grievances exploded when emergency welfare payments were withdrawn for the day labourers.

DUTCH DEMOS

Anti-militarist action took place at Enschede Airbase and 10 other military sites in support of Jailed activist Kees Koning.on 3/4th May.(A Infos, Netherlands). TO HELL WITH SHELL

80 unarmed villagers were massacred and 495 houses razed by federal Nigerian troops after the Shell Oil Company was beseiged by demonstrators in River State complaining about polluted land a suppressed Judicial Commission confirmed (reports: 8-10-92).

SWEDES PROTEST

Tens of thousands demonstrated on October 6th against welfare cuts,tax rises and astronomical interest rates.

Uncollectable!

£400 MILLION of unpaid poll tax has been written off by councils countrywide as uncollectable, the Dept. of Environment reports.

Non-payers in England and Wales owe over £1 billion! In Scotland the non-payment rate for '92-93 poll tax income is 37% (Scotsman 25.9.92). Taking into account those on rebates and not registered, this means about half Scotland's population are not paying.

Prison threats are not intimi-

dating non-payers in England and Wales. Most beat the jailing threat by just not turning up to the committal hearing. Camden Council's plan to start committals suffered a set-back on 15 July angry anti poll tax protestors pelted councillors with eggs and stinkbombs, successfully stopping the Council meeting!

The Council Tax starts April 1993. Though concessions have been won - Income Support claimants and students pay nothing - this tax still protects the rich, penalises many on low incomes, and attacks local serv-

ices. Many will not pay. Groups like London Fight the Poll Tax and Tottenham Against the Poll Tax are now starting to campaign against the Council Tax too.

* Write to the 5 Colchester demo prisoners, Trafalgar Sq. prisoner Tim Donaghy, and jailed non-payers -PT Prisoners Support Network 071 738 7586.

* Info on planned all-Britain apt/anti cuts conference: NW APT Forum 061 707 1584

* New apt leaflet from Haringey (40,000 printed!): Hornsey & Wood Green Solidarity Grp. 081 341 3372. * London Fight the Poll Tax bulletin 081 692 9181 (John). *Clwyd APT Fed., PO Box 661, Wrecsam LL11 1HQ. *Lothian APT hotline 031 557 0718.

HOT AUTUMN IN GREECE

On 10th September police clashed with demonstrators during a march on the Parliament Building in Athens by 100,000 Public Sector workers. Austerity measures to slash Pension provision has angered workers who have proved resistant to attempts by the State to deflect anger by the diversion of the 'Macedonia' dispute with the former Yugoslav republic. Attempts to ban demonstrations in nearby Salonika were ignored by thousands. Thousands of busworkers continue on indefinite strike against redundancies and privatisation. However, with little emergence of independent rank-and-file committees as in Italy, the Unions sold out the strikers in a revised cuts package.

HEIGHTS EXPLOSION

The Washington Heights area of North Manhattan in New York errupted in rebellion against the Police and big business from July 6th. The killing of 23 year old Jose Garcia sparked the unrest by the mostly Dominican neighbourhood.

After a march on the 34th Precinct Pig Station was blocked, fighting spread as far south as Harlem. Banks and fast-food chain outlets were hastily boarded up, and masked young women kept watch over a peoples memorial at the site of the Police killing. Mayor Dinkins, a black liberal politician hated by the racist Police defused the unrest by promising an inquiry, although powerful drug barons also moved in after 2 days to restore 'business as usual'.

(Source @ Wire NYC Eco-Media bulletin).

BACK IN THE CIS

AS HYPERINFLATION continues—around 1000% since January—the rulers are quite aware that the only solution to the crisis, especially given the recession elsewhere, is to smash living-standards even more than they've done already. Disagreements are over when and how: thus Arkady Volsky's Employers' Union (equivalent of the CBI) calls for reform to be slowed down, whereas some of the yuppies of the Yeltsin era hold such 'radical' views as to make the coke-heads of City trading-floors look like Guardian-readers.

RUSSIAN ROULETTE

Meanwhile Yeltsin fiddles while the underlying antagonisms get deeper and deeper—his latest move being to give everyone 18000 roubles' worth of free shares in hived-off firms (about a month's wages). Most people are expected just to flog them, but they may get less for them than expected, since many of the firms will have had their assets stripped before privatisation.

Struggles are numerous—usually local, but often of no mean size. In Novosibirsk 18000 workers in the defence industry struck against loss of work due to conversion. Transport workers in St. Petersburg successfully struck for more wages, and Russian air traffic controllers are involved in a bitter struggle for pay and conditions. Coalminers struck in Vorkuta to force bosses to pay them on time (nearly a billion roubles were rushed in in a single week); and anger rises in the Donbas as working conditions

deteriorate (one miner is killed every day in the Ukraine alone). Meanwhile, there is increasing distrust of collaborationist union leaders steadily building up their careers in negotiating and keeping things calm.

In Latvia the Government has introduced bread coupons for the poor even as the Prime Minister announces that everyone should either work harder or eat less. Bread riots remain a strong possibility.

CET INVOLVED.

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Whitechapel High St., London El 7QX Attack International, BM 6577, London WCIN 3XX

Ciass War : PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW : PO Box 496, Glasgow G14 0PG

Direct Action Movement - IWA, PO Box 29, SW PDO, Manchester M15.

London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1 Norwich Solidarity Centre - write PO Box 73, Norwich NR1 2EB

Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network, c/o J.Ball, 24 Dean Pk. St., Edinburgh EH4 IJT Tottenham Solidarity Network, c/o 72 West Green Rd., London N15

(If your group would like to be considered for listing, please write to CI in Edinburgh.)

HEALTH FIRST

THE FIGHT over a woman's right to reproductive choice dominates American politics. With the high media profile of anti-choice groups like Operation Rescue, many young and militant feminist groups are coming onto the scene and joining the battle. Women's Health Action and Mobilisation (WHAM), Women's Action Coalition (WAC) and the punk-feminist Riot Grrrl have got support from young, pissed-off women, and often work together with gay rights groups like ACT-UP and Queer Nation.

The massive prochoice rally in Washington DC on 4 April, organised by the Mainstream National Organisation for Women, attracted over 700,000 people. The anarchist contingent was a noticeable element, both for its extreme chaoticness and for its banners saying 'We're Pro-Choice and We

Riot.' Part of the group trashed the 'cemetery' which some anti-choicers had set up for" victims" of legal abortions, and the entire contingent found itself chased through parks and bushes by cops on motorbikes. No-one was arrested.

WE'RE PRO-CHOICE AND WE RIOT

BEATING THE BACKLASH

On 3 June the US Supreme Court handed down a decision upholding most of the the re-

strictions on abortion, including laws on parental consents and rules on 24-hour waiting periods.

Two weeks later, during the Democratic Convention, Operation Rescue (OR) came to New York City for an assault on abortion clinics. As in Buffalo, NY, earlier in the spring, the bastards found themselves in hostile territory. At every point OR militants were outnumbered by

well-organised clinic defence, and didn't shut down a single clinic.

Because of the Court's decision, the abor-

tion battle now moves to State level and to the streets of each State's capital city. The fight also continues against Operation Rescue, who in Houston plan new offensives in the autumn. But keeping clinics open is not enough: women need to reclaim healthcare for themselves. More and more groups are distributing information about herbal medicine and

gynaecological self-care, and are learning techniques of menstrual extraction, a safe, home method of abortion.

Contacts: info on self-healthcare: P.O.Box 544, Ironband Station, Newark, NJ 07105, U.S.A; ongoing work for reproductive choice and struggles around all kinds of women's health issues, contact: WHAM!, P.O.Box 733, New York City, NY 10009, U.S.A. (tel: 212-713-5966).

WAR ON WASTELAND

With Glasgow Celtic Football Club wanting to move to Cambuslang, the problem of industrial waste from old industries has surfaced. In Cambuslang, the cocktail of toxic chemicals like arsenic, cyanide, cadmium and asbestos has led to health problems such as cancer, breathing problems, and spontaneous abortions.

A local group, Cambuslang/Carmyle/ Rutherglen Against Pollution (CCRAP), has been set up to highlight the environmental damage which has occurred in the past and they hope to avoid in the future.

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