

COUNTER INFORMATION

February, March, April '94

STOP THE ROBBIN VATMAN!

35,000 PEOPLE die every year from the cold. Now the Tory government plan to cause an extra 10,000 deaths annually by adding Value Added Tax to fuel bills. This will mean electricity and gas bills going up 8% in April and 17 1/2% a year later. The government's paltry "compensation scheme" will do little to help.

But some communities are preparing to resist. Drawing on the experience of the successful anti poll tax fight, activists are working towards:

- * Mass non-payment of the Value Added Tax (VAT) part of electricity and gas bills.

- * Direct action against British Gas and the electricity companies.

- * Local community networks to support non-payers and organise blockades to stop disconnections.

- * Appeals to electricity and gas workers not to carry out disconnections.

It appears that electricity companies may have to enter consumers' houses to re-set the meters of those on power cards. A mass denial of entry would set back their plans! April and May will see those on payment books especially hard hit, and widespread actions against gas and electricity showrooms are

needed then.

In Edinburgh local groups pledged to resist the robbin' VATman are forming in Broughton Inverleith, Gorgie Dalry, Muirhouse Pilton, Stockbridge New Town, and Wester Hailes. A Lothian-wide conference is planned.

The Welsh Socialist Party (Cymru Goch) are discussing an anti VAT strategy based on mass non-payment, community action to stop disconnections, and pickets and sit-down protests in showrooms.

In the Midlands, Loughborough Pensioners Rights Group are calling for non-payment, and local groups are forming in Birmingham.

In London, Hornsey and Wood Green Solidarity Group and Green Lanes Community Action organised a NO VAT ON FUEL public meeting in February. They say "We can't rely on politicians or leaders to do things for us - we've got to organise and do it ourselves."

CONTACT: Edinburgh-Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network 031 667 4299. Wales - Cymru Goch, PO Box 661, Wrexham LL11 1QU. Midlands - No Fuel Tax c/o PO Box 85, Balsall, Birmingham B12 9RL. London - Haringey's Solidarity Groups, PO Box 2401, London N8 9LR.

BACK TO BASICS

LIGHT, heat and fuel for cooking are basic needs. There is no shortage of gas or electricity. In a sane society, where resources were communally owned and used directly to meet human need, fuel would be supplied free.

The resistance to VAT on fuel will hopefully develop beyond a defensive single issue battle, and become part of the struggle to build up a people's counter-power. The aim should be to enforce the right to warmth and other human rights through mass direct action.

Crunch Time for McDonalds

AS McDonalds tries to silence its ever more numerous critics, 2 unwaged London Greenpeace supporters are defending themselves against the transnational corporation in a major libel case.

The trial starts 28 February. The Judge has ruled there will be no jury. There were protests worldwide against McDonalds in October including 500 marching in London and 48 London branches of McDonalds being leafleted.

Demonstrate at the start of the trial - High Court, the Strand, London 9.30am 28 February.

Protests against McDonalds and in support of the McLibel 2 - Sat 26 Feb. **everywhere.** Saturday after the verdict - picket your local McDonalds.

21 May - Free Speech Day - picket your local McDonalds - again!

"Now is the crunch time in terms of defending free speech. We must defy these censorship threats before, during and especially after the trial," said a Support Group spokesperson.

CONTACT and donations - McLibel Support Group, c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1 9DX. Tel 071 837 7557 or tel/fax 081 808 4265.

Leaflets £12 per 1,000 0602 585666.

Clashes Europe-wide

WITH the bosses trying to maximise their profits throughout Europe, with mass unemployment, wage cuts and low wages - workers across the continent have had enough:



Workers in Italy take to the streets

GERMANY

Oct. - 120,000 construction workers protest against government plans to end winter lay-off payments. 200 towns and cities see the unemployed demonstrate against the proposed dismantling of the welfare state.

FRANCE

Late Oct. - Air France ground staff strike to oppose 4,000 lay-offs. As thousands of workers occupied the runways at Orly and de Gaulle airports, postal, telecom, rail, Metro and bus workers come out in solidarity - and join a 30,000 strong demo through Paris.

Farmers, also in dispute with the government, gave the strikers food.

As the strike went on transport minister Bosson resigned - and the government promised to look into the strikers' demands.

This strike was won without the role of the Unions - most strikers are non-unionised. The Unions, however, negotiated a return to work.

29 Oct. - ground staff hold a sit-in at Air France HQ in Paris.

26 Nov. - Students demanding better conditions clash with police in Paris. Paris metro workers strike

against cuts in public funding.

ITALY

A fierce, though fragmented and not always successful, resistance to redundancies has seen workers' demos, occupations and blockades. Taranto workers occupied their steelworks in December, while in September in Crotona, Enichem workers successfully used phosphorus bombs to defend their occupied factory against the police!

Tens of thousands march in Rome, Milan and elsewhere to support the "self-organised" 12 Nov. national strike.

Thousands of schools and colleges have been occupied and run by their students. 11 Dec. - 600,000 students demonstrate in 70 cities against privatisation and cuts.

SPAIN

25 Nov. - millions demonstrate against economic policies and labour "reform" proposals. 28 Jan. - 1 day general strike paralyses the country.

BELGIUM

26 Nov. - 1 day general strike to oppose proposed 3 year wage freeze on public sector workers meets with widespread support.

EVERYTHING NOT FORBIDDEN....

"BUT IT'S THE LAW". How often have we heard that plaintive whine during the anti-poll tax campaign. The law. Whose law?

The latest batch of government draft legislation illustrates, yet again, whose law it is. The right to silence is to be abolished. Squatters, hunt-sabs and Travellers will be crushed in the name of 'public order', as will raves and all night parties. Protest and alternative lifestyles will be criminalised. This same legislation will inevitably be used against pickets and demos.

Britain's regional police forces are to be centralised into a National Force. A state police, in effect, oiling the wheels of coercion, easing convictions, and turning the heat beneath the pressure cooker prisons. Great Britain PLC already jails a greater proportion of its citizens than any other European country, bar Turkey. The overwhelming majority of prisoners are working class, most sentenced for offences against property and money. 2,000 have done time for poll-tax refusal.

Privatised prison-ships might pressure-valve the seething jails, but the lid must inevitably blow. Meanwhile, prisons will be built for children. Suffer, little children. **.....is now compulsory**

Snoopers, bailiffs and sheriff-officers abound, and those areas as yet unreached by pig and prison are policed by a legion of government agencies. The Child Support agency is creating havoc. Means-tests are increasingly strict and humiliating. Work-for-dole schemes run rampant. Homeless youngsters are commonplace.

The new tax on domestic fuel means freezing misery for millions. Privatised water companies have already disconnected thousands, leading to a resurgence of typhoid fever amongst the very poorest. But it's the law.

'The Law', wrote Robert Anton Wilson, **'isn't supposed to make sense. It's just supposed to make us frightened of the government.'** The Law is a set of rules designed to maintain the tiny elite of rich parasites in their position of ease affluence and luxury, using uniformed thugs and bewigged blunderers to enforce this mass-repression. Meanwhile the rich elite continues to rob and exploit us, raping and pillaging the planet in the process. Shoplifting and benefit fraud are savagely punished while corporate tax evasion and monstrosity-corruption are smilingly tut-tutted. Demonstrators get harsher sentences than those who willingly poison our rivers. The real criminals go free.

'But it's the Law'. So was the poll tax, and that was smashed to smithereens by mass grassroots revolt. Stuff the Law. **RESIST!**

NO CHANGE THROUGH SECTARIANISM

What is the Anglo-Irish "Downing St. Declaration" all about?

At the risk of over-simplifying:

- There have long been secret talks between British secret services, MI6 and Sinn Fein.
- MI5 have been involved in supplying arms to the loyalist paramilitaries.
- The British state will gain economically if it can gradually withdraw from the north of Ireland.
- Greater North / South ties may benefit Six Counties businessmen.
- But politically the British government cannot be seen to be defeated by the Republican movement.
- The slender Tory commons majority gives the Unionists the power to stall progress indefinitely and behind them stands the threat of war waged by the loyalist terror gangs. Centuries of carefully fostered bigotry are blowing up in the British state's face.
- The "Catholic" ghettos have seen much genuine community resistance to British state repression, from the army to the rigged judicial system.
- But as long as the IRA / Sinn Fein control this resistance, it will remain in a nationalist dead end with no prospect of links with "Protestant" workers.
- Eager to progress towards some share of political power, Sinn Fein are emphasising nationalism even more. Their always bogus socialism (of the state top-down variety) is becoming less and less prominent.
- The prospect of class interests becoming predominant over sectarian ties is unlikely in the near future - but class struggle remains the only way forward.

LILLEY SHOWN THE DOOR

On 25th January, 20 protesters from the Campaign Against the Child Support Act daubed the front door of Lilley's London house with slogans.

The mysoginist manoeuvrings of Peter Lilley, Social Security Minister, the Child Support Act is meeting with resistance. The Child Support Act is just part of the Tories moral crusade which has at its heart the desire to protect capitalism.

While the mainstream media has been concentrating on cases of dads being made to pay more than they can afford, on the whole

it is women who suffer. Womens groups across the country have begun advice leafleting and poster campaigns.

There has been a vigorous campaign against the Scottish and English CSA HQs. where staff have received abusive phone calls, bomb hoaxes and boxes of shit through the door. The CSA agency is so unpopular the Falkirk office couldn't even make a booking for a Christmas party.

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INSIDE INFO

MENTAL TORTURE

In June '87, Gary Hayes was questioned, beaten and tortured by police in Scarborough, Perth, W. Australia - an attempt to get a confession from him for robbery. Following this brutality, Gary saw a doctor, who, favouring the police, minimised the injuries. After a voluntary consultation with a psychiatrist, who told Gary he was stressed but would be o.k., he was arrested and taken to Graylands psychiatric hospital for assessment. There he was told the police hadn't beaten him but that he was having 'paranoid delusions'. Then Gary was forcibly given chlorpromazine, making him feel as if he'd been poisoned and suicidal - side effects of the drug.

In late '87, Gary was convicted of robbery and continued getting beatings from the police. Fearing for his life he bought a gun. When the police next raided his house, Gary was charged with possession of a firearm. Court date was set for 28 April '93.

Knowing the court would not listen to reason or truth, Gary decided to bring attention to his plight. He took an 11 tonne armoured personal carrier from army barracks and at dawn on 28 April '93 drove to the pig station where he'd been beaten and then to the police HQ, ramming police vehicles at both before

smashing into the front of the central law courts.

Gary was remanded in Casurina prison and on 25 August '93 was forcibly injected with fluphenazine, which can cause permanent brain damage. The effects on Gary when we last heard included memory loss, dribbling and speech impairment. Since Gary has become more complacent, Grayland's Dr. O'Dea, seeing this as an improvement, intended to keep Gary on fluphenazine for 12 months without review. Fluphenazine, in effect, is a chemical lobotomy.

Gary was due to be sentenced in late '93. It is likely that Gary was convicted and is still being forced to take fluphenazine. For updated info' and to find out how you can support Gary, contact: Angry People, PO Box 183, Waterloo, NSW 2017 Australia.

SHORT SHARP SHOCK

ON 5 January, only hours after a leaked Scottish Office memo warned that prison-spending cut-backs would inevitably cause 'disturbances', 22 prisoners in Glenochil Young Offenders Institution in Scotland took over and wrecked the prison's A-hall. A screw was held hostage for 15 hours before the mutineers called off the occupation which was reportedly occasioned by the lack of treatment for HIV-positive prisoners.

Dublin: communities resist hard drugs

Recent months have seen the re-emergence of the Dublin-based Concerned Parents Against Drugs movement which in the 80's single-handedly tackled the problems of hard drug addiction and the anti-social crime it caused in the city's working class communities.

The open, democratic CPAD groups held public meetings open to the whole community, addicts and alleged dealers included, and were responsible for evicting proven pushers who refused to stop dealing and lobbying the health services to provide treatment for addicts whilst organising what assistance they could. (Report Class War No.61)

Once the authorities realised they were being undermined by such community self-management, they set out to attack the movement and the subsequent assault by politicians, media, police and the courts caused it serious damage.

Now the movement has re-emerged in response to Dublin's worse than ever hard drug problem, which has been encouraged by unemployment rates which run as high as 80% in some inner city areas and run down housing estates lacking adequate amenities allied to the drug culture which has developed over the last few years. In a recent demonstration, 100's of people marched on the council, demanding the right to prevent known pushers from moving into their areas and that suitable community and recreational facilities be provided.

In a flats complex, some dealers were given 24 hours to get out after their homes had been marched upon and others have been confronted on the streets. A vigil took place at the entrance to another flats complex where a woman was intimidated by a dealer and "Anti-pusher patrols" have taken to the streets again.



Viva Zapata! Land and liberty!

On October 12th '93, 10,000 native Indians gathered at Santa Domingo in San Cristobal, Chiapas and pulled down the statue of Diego de Mazariegos, one of Mexico's Spanish conquistadors. It was also the 501st anniversary of Columbus' landing in the "New World".

Less than 3 months later, on January 1st, the Urban Front of the EZLN (Zapatista National Liberation Front) issued the following: "We are fighting against the violence of poverty, the violence of hunger and of electoral farce," when it called on students and trade unionists to join its insurrection and "to attack in a thousand ways".

The EZLN was named after Emiliano Zapata, a main figure in the Mexican revolution of 1910-11 whose call-to-arms was "it is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees" and who was always in dispute with the ruling elite.

The uprising started as a peasant revolt in the Chiapas, Southern Mexico, demanding land reform, a change of government and the scrapping of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement which moved Mexico into a "free market" with the USA and Canada).

The EZLN captured four towns; Altamirano, San Cristobal, Chanal and Ocosingo. 238 prisoners, many of them Mayan Indians in land disputes with rich white landowners, were liberated from 4 prisons.

It is also stated that the police disappeared and "were hiding under their beds".



der their beds".

In Guadalupe Tepecyac, under Zapatista control, there is no official authority. The community is run by a committee chosen by a village assembly which decides which steps to take.

The government has moved a third of its armed forces into the Chiapas area to recapture the towns which the EZLN has control of. The army started bombing and burning the surrounding villages, carried out summary executions and closed off the area to reporters.

The EZLN regrouped in the surrounding mountains where numbers are said to be in the "several thousands" and released a statement aimed at the army: "We warn you, Mexican soldiers, young like we are, that this struggle will be going on for years. Your generals don't care about you. They are using you. Don't

kill innocent people." In another statement, they affirmed their commitment to women's full equality.

On January 11th, the Mexican President de Gortari sacked his interior minister who was unpopular with the Mayan people in the south.

After 12 days the army said it had regained control of the Chiapas area, although electricity pylons were being blown up throughout Mexico and on January 16th, the President proposed a general amnesty to all rebels in the Chiapas.

As the dust settles for the present, the latest peasant uprising proves that the dispossessed still have nothing to lose and their dignity is still worth fighting for.

(We have received several EZLN communiques and reports from Love and Rage. Please send a SAE if you require copies.)

which cause 70% of the road deaths in Bangladesh. Protesters want lorries restricted to night-time driving.

7 DECEMBER - 200 police and 150 security guards evict protesters - some of them residents staying in a 250 year old tree! - who are opposing the building of the M11 road through London. The road will cost in excess of £200 million - money that could be used for hospitals or education. Squatting protesters have saved 16 houses from destruction and delaying tactics have cost £20,000 per week.

1 JANUARY - 100 local demonstrators walk to Twyford Down, Winchester, to "first-foot" the M3. Protesters laid lumps of coal to signify an accident black spot.

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A WORLD TO WIN

CORRIDORS OF EMPOWER

A victory to prevent the closure of Springdale Under-Fives Centre led to jubilant dancing in the corridors of Islington Town Hall on 22nd Nov '93.

SOUP WITHOUT BATONS

134 Foods not Bombs activists were arrested in San Francisco during September, with 27 charged with felony conspiracy "to commit lunch". This follows State harassment in nearby Santa Cruz and Boston (Mass) (info *Slingshot*)

RUSSIAN CUTS RESISTED

Anti-Privatisation struggles by workers continue throughout the former USSR. In Novosibirsk, barbers occupied their premises to resist a lease association which would have ended their self-management. Residents of Dachny (far-north of Siberia) resisted a decision to bypass consulation with them before transferring their food store to a private company, and blockaded traffic and forced Yeltsin to sign a resolution keeping their workers collective at the foodstore.

FREE EAST TIMOR!

Darwin demonstrators splattered red paint over the Indonesian Airline office on 19th November to highlight the 270 killed in a 1991 demonstration in Dilli and the 250,000 killed by Indonesian troops since the invasion.

BOOKER HA HA HA!

40 sacked mushroom pickers from Middlebrook picketed the Booker Prize awards in London on October 26th '93 against the multinational company. Surprisingly, the protestor's book "Our Bitter Harvest" was not shortlisted! Pickets continue at Whitley, Yorkshire.

VICTORIAN VALUES?

An occupation at Richmond Secondary College has become a symbol of resistance to the authoritarian Victoria State Government of Bjelke Kennett.

ACT UP IN LEEDS

Organised a March through the City centre on International Aids day promoting 'safe sex' and highlighting HIV research cuts.

GOVERNMENT SHAKEN

After angry demonstrations on 5th January in Sanaa, Hodeida & Taiz, the Yemeni President announced measures to control spiralling prices & deployed troops to deter a repeat of the violent December '92 riots.

NO WAY FELIPE

In December, over 1,000 people demonstrated in Madrid in support of civil disobedience against the imprisonment of *insumisos* (objectors to military and social service conscription). There are currently 115 *insumisos* in Spanish state prisons. At least 45 have taken advantage of the open regime by not returning to prison after being released.

On the 30th October, 5 Asturian districts of Nalón were on general strike following a call by workers at the Duro Felguera company after the sacking of 232 of their colleagues. The entrances to the company's central office and local government offices were burned. It's the 6th general strike in the area in the last 28 months during which there have been demonstrations in Oviedo.

ROADS TO RUIN

WITH the car industry making millions for the government through taxes, road tax, petrol etc., plus the power of the giant car companies, it's no wonder the go ahead for so many

road projects has appeared - but not without world-wide resistance.

NOVEMBER, Dhaka, Bangladesh - 5,000 children and adults demonstrate against lorries,



The "Old Chestnut Tree" occupied by anti M11 activists in London (photo Black and White and Green)

Taking the Offensive

Community based campaigns are becoming more prominent in the fight against racism and fascism in a way outside initiatives alone could not.. *Newham Monitoring Project* was set up 12 years ago to monitor and campaign against racist attacks. It has since provided support and advice to individuals and groups in the area, including recently the *Tower Hamlets 9 Defence Campaign*, the *Newham Community Defence Campaign* and the *Justice for Oliver Campbell Campaign*.

These organisations highlight the need for active community defence using any means necessary, to counter racist and fascist attacks, including those from the police & the State. *The Tower Hamlets 9* face charges of riot after defending a peaceful vigil for racist attack victim Quddus Ali from attacks by the Police.

Contact T.H.9. Defence Campaign, POB 273, London E7.
Tel: 081-548-0099
N.M.P., 382 Katherine Rd, London E7 8NW. 081-552-6284 (Emergency 555-8151).

Recent anti-fascist resistance includes:-

- Front National leader Jean-Marie Le Pen's visit to Montreal on September 21st led to the hall being splashed with paint and its windows being smashed.
- In Chattanooga, Tennessee an illegal anarchist demo was held against the Ku Klux Klan's plan to disrupt a Gay Pride demo & support the killing of a black motorist by police. (Source L&R *)

- Ka\$ a l facua, anti-fascist skins have been attacking fascists in Madrid, Spain. Info KR@, APDO 156.225 28080 Madrid, España. * 100 anti-fascists engaged in violent scuffles with police protecting a right-wing Reform Party election rally on October 22nd in Victoria, B.C., Canada (Source: Resist! +*)
- Anarchists mobilised in New Hope, Pennsylvania, U.S. to counter a planned Nazi rally. (*Info: Love & Rage)
- After the BNP election victory in the Isle of Dogs and at a time of escalating racist and fascist violence in the area, 40,000 marched on 16th Oct calling for the closure of the



- BNPHQ in Welling. Demonstrators fought back against 2,000 police when they sealed off the route, dozens were injured.
- The Anarchist Revolutionary Movement have been active in Johannesburg, South Africa opposing White Alliance Nazis and taking part in a multiracial Gay Pride demo, in October '93.
- On 8th November a demonstration in Brisbane was mobilised after an aboriginal prisoner died in custody.
- Tear Down the Borders mobilised 60 to a San Francisco protest outside the Immigration Service on Nov 9th, the anniversary of Kristallnacht (* see below + Resist!-).
- In Athens, Greece masked

- demonstrators threw stones and set a fire engine alight during clashes with police after an anti-nazi demo on 12th Nov. (from Greek @ bulletin)
- On 27th Nov, 3,000 on the annual anti-racist march in Glasgow. After the demo anarchists chased nazis through the streets.
- On 30th November, Anti-fascists in Sweden mobilised to prevent a nazi celebration of warrior king Karl XII
- Faced with inhumane immigration restrictions on her husband, Lejla Ibrahimovic, a Bosnian muslim, committed suicide on 4th December.
- *Class War* (Winter 93/94) reports BNP Councillor Beackon was hospitalised in Oct 93 after an attack by 3 masked men in a park near his

bunker.

- Hundreds of Jamaicans visiting relatives for Xmas were deported under the Asylum Act, not allowed any defence.
- On 15th January '94, 150 nazis were attacked outside East Ham Underground Station by anti-fascists as they attempted to commemorate dead skunk Ian Stuart Donaldson, the Screwdriver singer who graduated from the Bonehead School of Motoring.
- *Tear Down the Borders* International Day of Actions against Immigration Controls and anti-immigrant violence is planned for Monday 9th May '94 (*Love & Rage*, POB 853, Peter Stuyvesant Sta, New York, NY 10009- tel 212-460-8390).

GO SLOW IN FASLANE

38 'peace campers' including 9 months pregnant Fiona MacVee, were arrested during a sit-down protest by 100 at the Faslane Trident Base on September 23rd '93. Actions to monitor & delay nuclear convoys continue with 2 arrests on 21st January '94.

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DAMN THE DEBT

NIGERIA'S military rulers were rocked by rioting and a general strike in resistance to massive fuel price rises in November. 3 million took strike action. But Union leaders negotiated a sell-out, red-ucing the rise from 600 to 360%! Such austerity measures are demanded by international capital to enforce the repayment of debt. CONTACT the libertarian socialist Awareness League, c/o S.MBAH, PO BOX 28, AGBANI, ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA.

SMOKING RUINS

Rioters reduced government buildings to smoking ruins in Santiago del tero, Argentina in mid-December after protests against President Menem's draconian austerity programme.

PROPERTY PULPED

An attack on the power of multinational corporations was made recently in Karnafike, India by 200 peasants aligned to KRRS whose "non-violent direct action" included razing a seed unit to the ground and ransacking the Office of Cargill Seeds in Bangalore. (info Freedom)

FORCING SPUC OFF

Rallies of anti-abortion SPUC in Glasgow & Edinburgh in mid-March will be opposed by pro-choice protesters determined to prevent the harassment of Clinics, successfully defended in North America from 'Operation Rescue', in Philadelphia, Minneapolis, San Diego, and San Jose. Liberal mainstream tactics were not sufficient & only direct action was effective.

HEALTHY OCCUPATION

The University College Hospital Community Action Committee organised the occupation of a closed ward at the London hospital from 19 October to resist health care cutbacks. Police 'upheld democracy' by evicting the occupiers shortly before Xmas. On 20th November, 20,000 demonstrated in London. Source: BM CRL, WC1N 3XX.

PISS ON PITY

On 26th November '93, members of the Disabled Peoples Direct Action Network and their supporters disrupted a regional "Children in Need" event in Leeds. Protestors, angry at the patronising attitude of such events- stormed into the building shouting and chanting "Rights not Charity", forcing the organisers to cancel the TV Broadcast.

RICE ROBIN

4 gunmen hijacked a truck with 500 sacks of rice in Manila on 27th December & gave it away to squatter colony families before escaping.

GET INVOLVED !

We invite you to write to us, and also to the other groups listed below :

- **AK Distribution**, 22 Luton Place, Edinburgh (write for catalogue)
- **Anarchist Black Cross** National Secretary, c/o PO Box 3241, Salfrey, Birmingham B83 DP (prisoner solidarity).
- **Anarchist Communist Federation**, c/o 84b Whitechapel High St., London E1 7QX (contacts Britain-wide)
- **Anarchists in London** Fax 071 326 0353 (24 hours) to contact Contraflow, 56a Infoshop, Anarchist Black Cross, 121 Centre, and Bad Attitude.
- **Angry People**, PO Box 183, Waterloo, NSW 2017 Australia.
- **Attack International** BM6577, London WC1N 3XX
- **Class War** : PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW : PO Box 772, Bristol BS99 1EL (groups Britain-wide & international)
- **Contraflow**, c/o 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17 (European Counter Network, London)
- **DS4A**, Box 8, 82 Colston St., Bristol (mail order distribution)
- **Glasgow Anarchists** : write Box 1008, Glasgow G42 8AA.
- **London Greenpeace**, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1
- **Norwich Solidarity Centre and Norwich Direct Action Movement** - both at : PO Box 73, Norwich NR1 2EB
- **Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network**, c/o Peace & Justice Resource Centre, St Johns Church, Princes St., Edinburgh.
- **Tottenham Solidarity Network**, c/o 72 West Green Rd., London N15
- **Wind Chill Factor**, PO Box 81961, Chicago, IL 60681, USA.

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