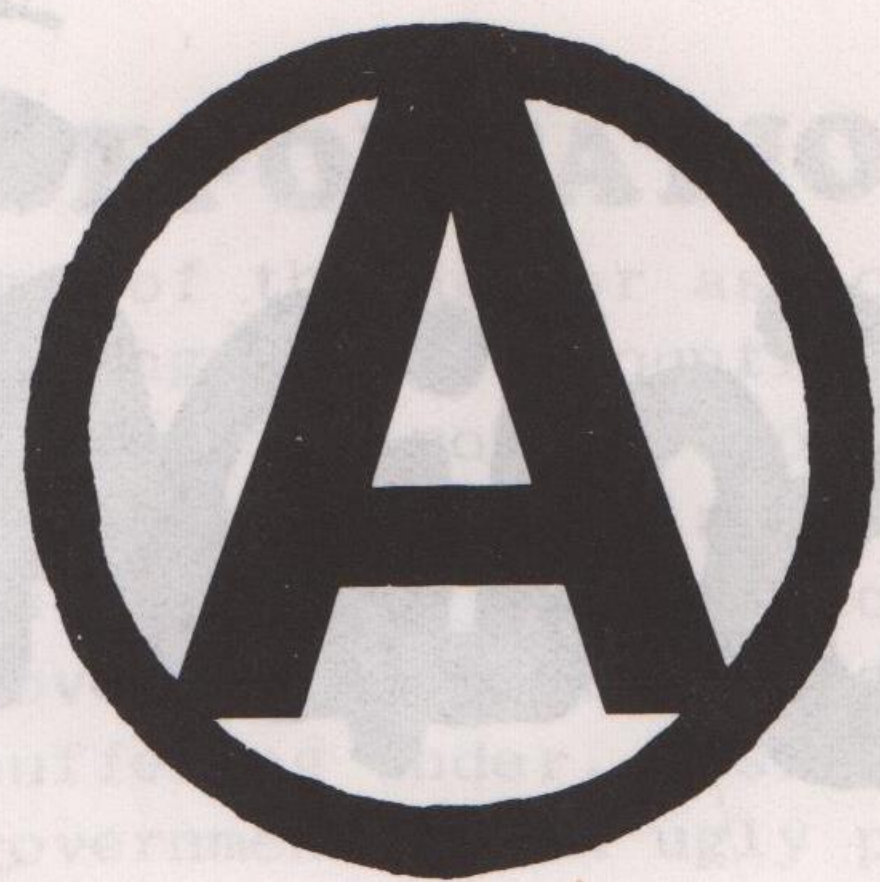


DIRECT ACTION



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POLAND
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Solidarity

INSIDE: China, Anarchy Club, Greenpeace and more

Solidarność

The Polish Governments apparent inability to deal with the economic crisis and its failure to smash the radical current of 'Solidarnosc' (including an influential Syndicalist wing) makes the possibility of confrontation more likely.

However, the Polish C.P.s trump card could be a government of national unity which would include some of the leaders of Solidarnosc, Lech Walesa and the hierarchy of the Polish RC Church. This 'solution' would accord well with the policies of social catholicism which is one of the strands present within Solidarnosc.

Basically, there are four major strands within Solidarnosc; Social Catholicism, Polish Nationalism, Dissident Marxism and Syndicalism. In the minds of some members the distinctions are no doubt a bit blurred especially when all the currents are prepared to

use Syndicalist methods but without a commitment to Syndicalist aims for the future of society.

Social Catholicism, which essentially stands for the corporate state, is perhaps the most dangerous of the various currents because it is capable of using a false Syndicalist terminology to disguise its real plans which in the short term is to share power with the CP.

Leninism in the past has assumed an anarchist or syndicalist colouring when it has suited it to do so, and the danger in Poland now, is of a Corporate State using radical and syndicalist slogans to sugar it poisonous pill.

The situation in Poland is important, and it is unfortunate that Anarcho-syndicalist in the West can have little influence on the course of events. However,

IRELAND

Its impossible for us at Direct Action (because of its irregularity) to comment upon things as they happen in the North of Ireland. Since our last issue there's been the Provo bombings in London, the killing of Robert Bradford MP and the retaliatory murders of innocent catholics. The evil Paisley could be seen milking the situation for all it was worth to further his own power politics.

We do have views, however, on the unchanging situation in the North. Firstly we don't believe that the army is a peace-keeping force but a defender of the status quo i.e. the subjugation of the whole working class.

Secondly, that the division of the working class between catholics and protestants has been maintained over the years in order to keep that working class in its place, at the bottom.

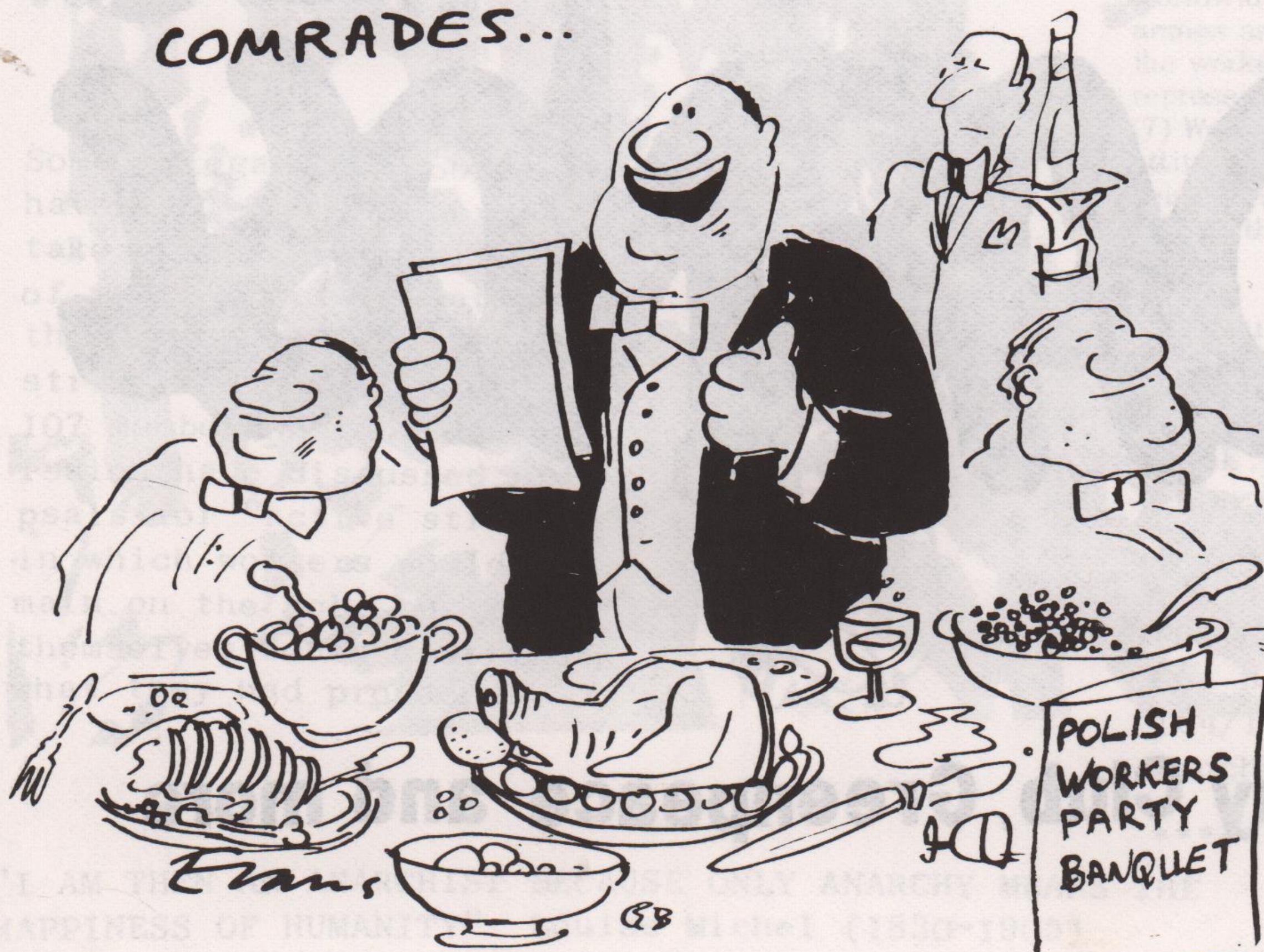
Thirdly, that the working people, both North and South, have much more in common with each other than their respective Lords and Masters, whether economic, military, or political, whether catholic or protestant.

Peace will come, not only in Ireland but throughout the world when all rulers, all hierarchies, all elites are a thing of the past.

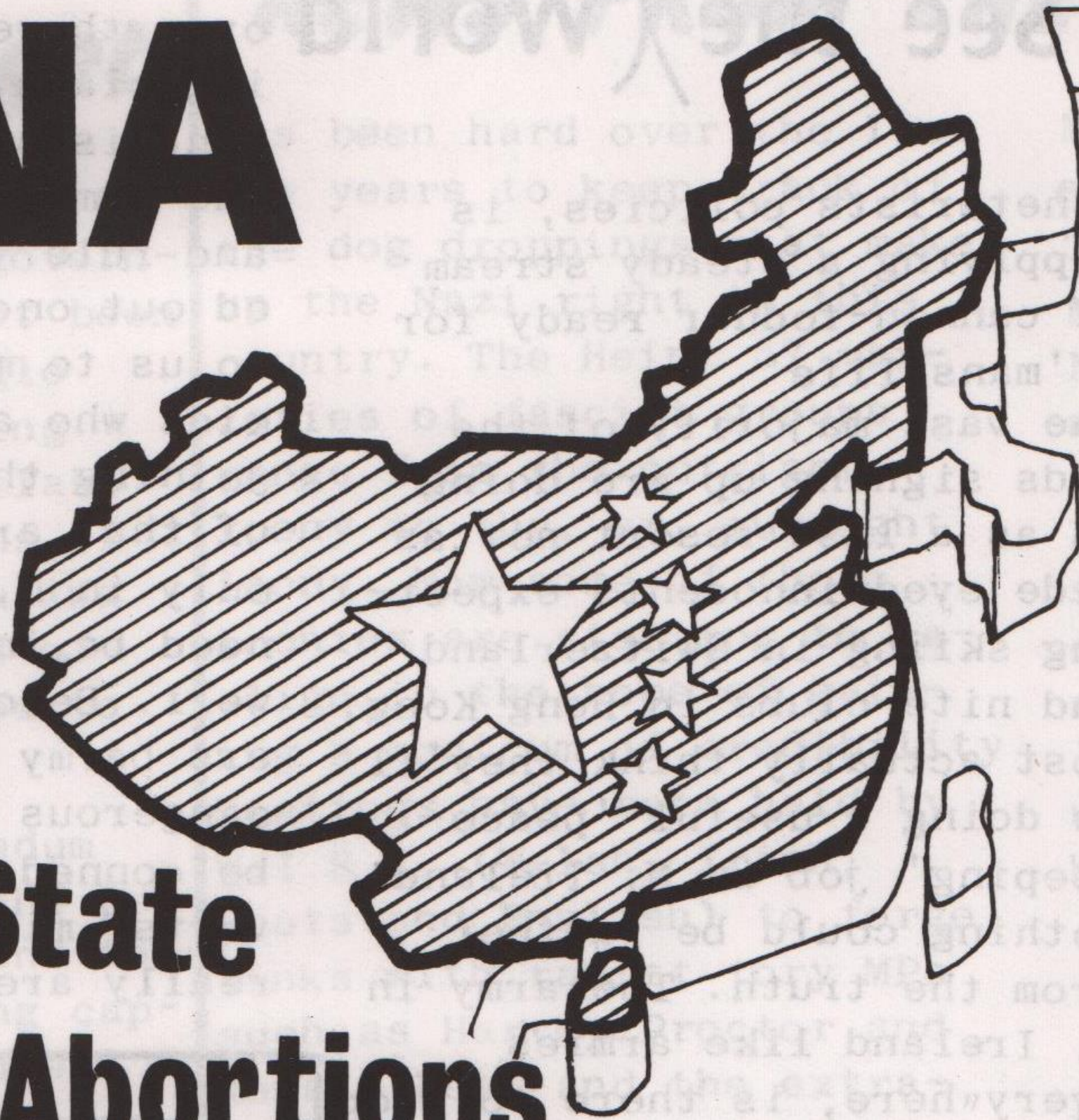
there are many valuable lessons that we can learn from the Polish working class. They have built up an independent union under the the nose of the totalitarian C.P. which claims to rule in the name of the workers. To do this the State's monopoly of communication and information had to be broken, and we believe, that a working class that has achieved such a level of maturity and consciousness will see through the lies of corporativism and nationalism.

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COMRADES...



CHINA



State Enforced Abortions

Women in China have been forced to have abortions, according to a Hong Kong paper. The Zhengming Daily states that a total of 47,000 women in eastern Guangdong (Canton) province recently had abortions. In April the area's Communist Party secretary said that the size of families should be limited otherwise the country would face 'a great disaster'. He told his subordinates that the campaign to limit the increase in population should be carried out like a military operation.

Targets of the campaign were all women pregnant without official permission. Some women were abducted from their villages and carried away by truck to local hospitals. Other witnesses reported women being handcuffed or sent to hospital in pig baskets. Warrants were issued for the arrest of pregnant women who were described as 'criminals'. Those who refused abortion had their water cut off and their front doors sealed. If women fled, their husbands were imprisoned until their wives returned and had their abortions.

These desperate attempts to slow down China's population

growth are a complete about turn from the birth control policy under Mao Tse Tung. When Mao announced his 'great leap forward' he wanted an expansion in population to aid industrial and economic growth. His idea was that the larger population China had the more powerful it would be, with a bigger workforce and bigger army.

Since Mao died the new rulers of China have decided to ally themselves with America and are expecting huge quantities of armaments, machine tools and computer technology from the west. The new, imported technology will need less labour than that produced in China itself under Mao. Hence the new brutal policies to slow the increase in population.

As in India, where Mrs Gandhi instituted mass sterilisation, China's rulers find their country's massive population surplus to their requirements.

In other words, birth control, in the hands of the State (whether Marxist or 'democratic'), instead of contributing to women's individual liberty and well-being becomes merely a device for balancing the books of available labour.

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EPOXY RESIN

There has been an increasing use of epoxy resin in compounds for grouting and tile cement, even though it is well known that these resins cause skin and other health problems. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the workers on one site suffered from rashes on their hands and arms. In some cases the rash spread all over the body. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the group suffered loss of appetite when using the compounds.

A recent study has shown that using an epoxy resin can cause symptoms of asthma, shortness of breath & wheezing. The study is important because chest tightness and shortness of breath were indicative of lung damage. The workers involved had no previous chest illness or allergies.

For further information see 'British Journal of Diseases of the Chest' 1980 Vol 74 pp149-55

JCB

Liverpool Typists'

At the time of going to press we've heard that the dispute involving typists in Liverpool has gone into arbitration. The women had spent twenty weeks on strike before voting at a mass meeting to return to work. One thing the dispute showed up was the complete spinelessness of the national 'leadership' of their union NALGO.

In spite of the national significance of the women's fight the union bureaucrats tried to treat it as of purely local significance.

The dispute proved the need for workers to be in full control of any industrial action they take and the need to avoid any reliance on so-called union 'leaders'.

Join the Army and See the ^{next} World

"It's a Mans Life", "Join the Professionals", "Can you take the Aggro?" Every-day this is the kind of dung being thrown around by TV and bill-boards. The mucho-macho appeal is aimed at the bored kids out of school and on the dole, join the army and see the world! As far as I can see the streets of Derry and Belfast are much the same as the streets here in sunny Salford.

But then again I can't prowl the streets with a loaded rifle or kick peoples doors in at 4 am. Salford may be a wee bit rough but... Anyway, like it or not since unemployment has rocketed the job of the recruiting sergeant has never been easier, and thats in spite of the situation in Ireland. Join the army and get your legs blown off wouldn't be too clever a recruiting slogan but it is fact faced by the spotty faced new recruits. Risking an Armalite bullet in one ear and out the other is seen as an occupational risk, part of the 'aggro'.

Its a very different situation from a mere ten years ago when levels of recruitment were falling and any gung-ho nutcase was wrapped in khaki and dispatched to the council estates of Derry. Unemployment has meant that the army could raise its standards and still get the numbers. Thatcher, with her

monetarists policies, is supplying a steady stream of cannon-fodder ready for a 'mans-life'. The vast majority of the kids signing up are doing so as a last resort not as wide eyed innocents expecting skiing in Switzerland and nite clubs in Hong Kong. Most actually think they'll be doing a useful 'peace-keeping' job in N. Ireland. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The army in N. Ireland like armies everywhere, is there to prop up the system, and over there it is a very corrupt and brutal system. The catholic population has been kept under the thumb for many years, first by orange thugs in the B-Specials, then by the RUC and the British army. The Nationalists populations in the run-down ghettos of Belfast and Derry have turned to the IRA and the INLA for the defense of their communities. The bored unemployed, police harrassed kids of republican Belfast are signed up by the Provos to shoot at bored etc, kids from Bristol or Sheffield or whatever. Its a sad situation but not impossible. We at Direct Action are opposed to all armies but not from a pacifist viewpoint but from a viewpoint that armies, along with the police, prisons etc. are there to keep working people in their place at the bottom. Thats the role of the army

in N. Ireland. The split over there between the working class Loyalist and Nationalists is maintained by the army. Its the old 'divide and rule' game being played out once again. Its up to us to make sure that the kids who are thinking of joining the army are aware of that armies role, not only in N. Ireland but, if need be, in this country as well. Becoming on of Thatchers barmy army is a very dangerous exercise so don't be conned by the glossy adverts, military funerals really aren't much fun. GH



Builders' on the Dole Yet...

Last year, 138,400 new houses were started in Britain. The number should have been 400,000 if the national shortage of houses was to be dealt with effectively. In addition there is the problem of houses left empty. In 1980 SHELTER revealed that 100,000 council houses were unoccupied.

All this is bad news for the hundreds of thousands of people on local authority housing lists. It is therefore not surprising that squatting is still the only option open to many people, with the problem being especially acute in the London area.

The new Squatters' Handbook gives guidance on how to set up home in an empty property. 40p from the Advisory Service for Squatters.

2 St Pauls Rd
London N1



SOFT COPS?

The Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall refused the request of the C.E.G.B. to remove demonstrators from the farmland which it wanted to survey as the possible site of a nuclear power station. Alderson refused the Boards request because there was no power to arrest demonstrators and also because such intervention would harm relations with the local community.

Chief Constable John Alderson, has been criticised by other Chief Constable for his liberal approach to the

policing of society. The Liberal Press, notably the 'Guardian' has gone overboard in its acceptance of Alderson's ideas of community policing.

The seeming 'radical' ideas behind community policing contain a flaw, a contradiction.

The police are the police, they alone have the power, and they accountable only to the Home Secretary and themselves. Alderson's idea of 'self-policing' which does not involve giving

power to the local community, means in practice an infiltration by the police into the community. This could take many forms. Some like 'being nice to people' would be innocuous.



One of the less innocuous aspects of community policing is the stock piling of data. In the GUARDIAN 22.9.81 Jean Stead in her interview with Alderson mentioned the anxiety in Truro about police surveillance of youngsters. Alderson made great capital from his idea of getting the bobby back on the beat in the age of computers and telecommunications.

The Jean Stead article put forward the idea that Alderson favours demos, free speech etc. However the barrage of telephoto lenses and other technical toys highlights another aspect of his thinking.

Alderson's methods are as dangerous as the brutal repression of the Special Patrol Group and the police practices of Chief Constables like Anderton (Manchester) and Oxford (Liverpool). You can see the brutality and violence as practiced by the police in Toxteth, Moss Side and Brixton, computer data banks and files you can't.



Do as your told, Obey the rules, Clock-in, Clock-out, Remember...

Except for the lucky few with fulfilling jobs work is awful.

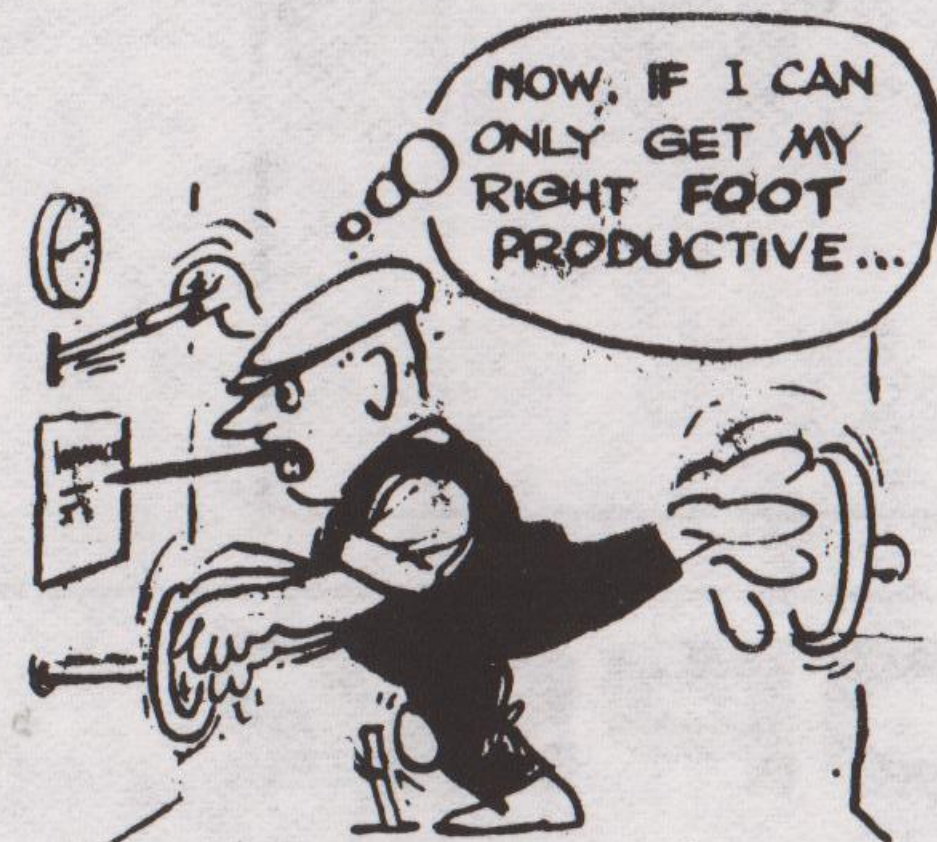
While most of us have a desire or a need to do something useful or creative, a few memories of our last jobs should dispel the illusion that 'work' has anything to do with that. Very few of us actually want to spend most of our lives in some factory, office, shop for piss-all money - or for that matter, any amount of money. Trained to perform repetitious and boring tasks of dubious social value - in a situation over which we have no control - we spend the rest of our time preparing for those eight hours - travelling at ridiculous fares to and from work, shopping, cooking, going to bed early so we can get up early for work....

controlled

Even when your on the dole, much of our time is controlled. Hours are spent waiting on lines for overpriced and shoddy goods, sitting through banal TV shows because we can't afford to go out anymore, doing the housework because the kids don't have anyplace to go. Then we've got to argue with Social Security bureaucrats over the money we should receive, while they punish us for not working by cutting our dole so we can barely eat and only pay some of our bills. The time we have is of no value because everything must be paid for and we have no money. After a while the worst jobs looks good because it will give us an extra bit of cash....

In this situation the TUC and the far left (from the

Labour Party to the SWP and beyond) is organising us to appeal to the capitalist state for jobs. This time around, the 'reserve army' of the unemployed has exchanged the traditional Right to Work orange vests for green anoraks and perhaps nice manners. The involvement of the TUC in this latest 'right to work' frolic does not reflect any real unity between employed and unemployed to actually claim control of their lives. The trade union bureaucracy is attempting to channel discontent among the unemployed into a conservative and manageable form - a vague 'campaign for jobs' that is supported by employers, the Labour Party and the clergy. They are disturbed by the prospect of people acting outside the conventional 'labour movement', potentially threatening



the fragile system of negotiation and compromise in which union officials as well as employers have a stake. Labour, left and community leaders who put the 'blame' for riots on unemployment miss the point. Many unemployed people involved in uprisings in Zurich, Berlin,

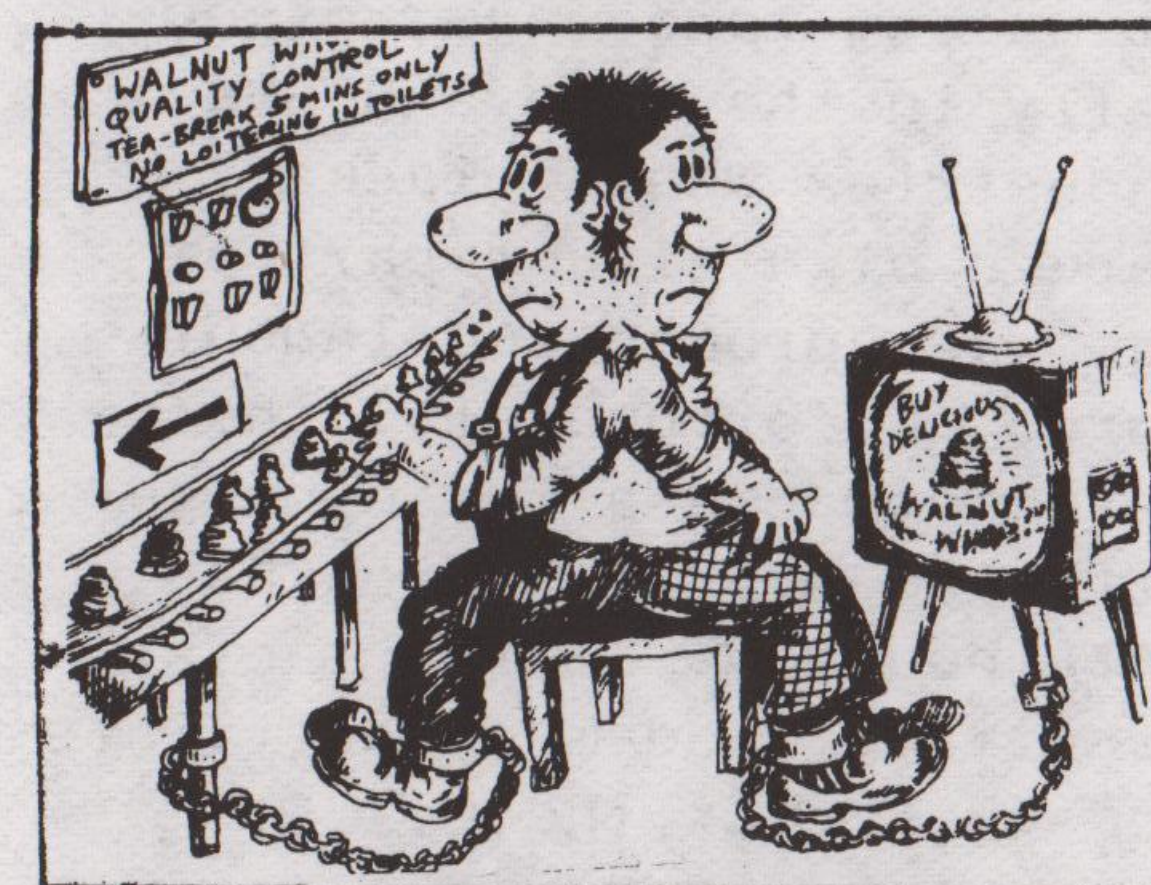
amsterdam and Derry - as well as those in Bristol and Brixton - were rebelling against all useless and boring jobs, against hierarchies and controls, and against state repression. Such demands can't be negotiated or arbitrated in a contract!

anti-capitalist

Groups like the SWP say that they're to the 'left' of the Labour Party and the TUC leadership, but don't offer anything that different. For all their claims to be revolutionary and anti-capitalist, they only want to reform the same system. An example of their 'socialist society' -: If an ambulance driver or a solicitor earned the same as everyone else, then it would be irresponsible for him or her to go on strike for more money". (Paul Foot - Socialist Worker 27.1.79) So we'll still have jobs, and wages - and solicitors - but no strikes. Their touching concern for our welfare ensures that the left can't understand the struggles that they hope to lead, they cannot see that we want to get rid of isolation, sacrifice, roles and hierarchy. The SWP betrays itself with the absurd slogan "vote Labour without illusions" - rather like asking people to pray for rain but not believe in god.

Most work is useless in terms of our real social and personal needs. For example, jobs connected with advertising, insurance,

bureaucracy, armaments, sales and the production of useless commodities - they all do nothing but directly service capital and the state. Whole industries devote themselves in social manipulation -



social work, management, law enforcement. In addition, a large percentage of productive jobs which involve repetitive assembly-line work could be done by machines. Some say we don't mind robots doing our work but we don't want them taking our wages. We say let robots do the work - fuck wages - we don't want a 'fair share' of capitalist profits - we want it all. Dignity of Labour! Crap! If people didn't have to spend eight or nine hours a day in the office, factory or site plus two or three hours travelling then they wouldn't. Whatever necessary productive and creative work that remained to be done in an anarchist/communist society would be organised and distributed equally by all of us, amongst ourselves. Technology could be further applied to lesson the few nasty jobs that remain to be done. But we control it - it won't control us.

Right to Work

Unemployment isn't going to go away no matter how many 'socialists' we elect to run capitalism. The most optimistic election promise is that it won't increase quite so rapidly, or for packages of special measures to disguise the problem - 'youth opportunities', job opportunities, 'retraining', 'early retirement'. Right to work campaigns that rely on employed workers using their industrial muscle to force 'full employment' from the state only lead to Public Works schemes and labour camps, as in the Thirties. The conservatives fancy that much 'reform' themselves just to let us qualify for any dole at all. Any intelligent capitalist must be pissing themselves laughing at the idea that people are fighting for that - and this time, they're putting up the cash. Official sponsors of the March for Jobs include Tysons Contractors, one of Merseysides largest employers, (Guardian 25.4.81.). The far sighted CBI member would find the spectacle of a hand-picked, sore-footed, uniformed 'army' of unemployed humbly petitioning state and capital for jobs a reassuring sight. Large numbers of people question and acting against the grind of employment and the poverty of unemployment would be a cause for real alarm.

We won't be forced into choosing between waged and unwaged exploitation.

We don't want the 'right to work'. We'll do what we need to survive, but basically we want to have a good time. That means we have to control what we have to do, be it surviving now or organising for a better future - not leaders, parties, cops, SWP or TUC stewards, or anyone else. No more waiting for the 'right time' or until 'after the revolution'.



All the politicians, bureaucrats, union officials and bosses have to be bypassed and ignored. Let's throw the failed slogans and fake corporate ruling class 'solutions' from the 30's on the dust heap where they belong! We can find ways to shatter the existing order if we use our imaginations - organising with our friends, neighbors workmates against the 'Proper Channels' and for ourselves.



WORK MAKES FREE!

BOOK REVIEW: "Unions' and Racism"

This useful pamphlet describes how 'divide and rule', on racist and other sectarian lines, is used as an essential tactic of the employing class - "While we're busy hitting each other over the head the bosses make hay - at our expense." Jay Gould, an American railroad magnate, was pleased to be able to boast that - "I can hire one half of the working class to kill the other half".

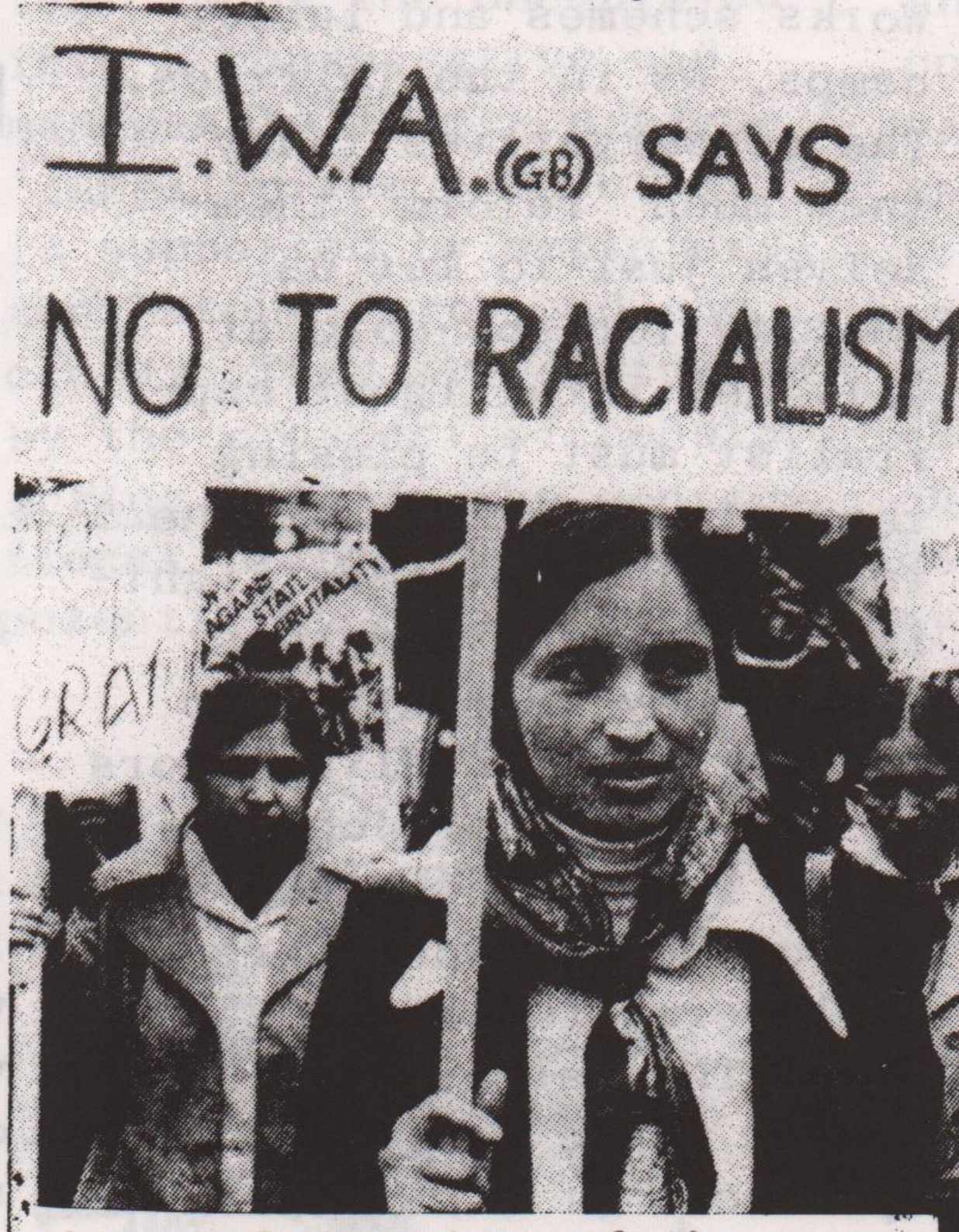
Racism is especially useful to the bosses at times of economic crisis and mass unemployment. Thus, reactionaries in the U.S. are currently suggesting the use of I.D. cards to control 'illegal aliens', while in the U.K. we are only too familiar with the systematic attempt to blame economic and related problems on black immigration. This is partly a result of the deliberate efforts made by the bosses and their mass media, But as Shapiro rightly points out, racist attitudes are often deeply embedded in workers' consciousness that no prompting is required, Which means that labour movements should be urgently tackling the problem in their own backyards.

Shapiro illustrates how racist attitudes have a direct relationship with the state of the economy, and underlines the absurdity of workers' organisations adopting nationalistic attitudes in a Multi-national context -

"There is no scientific basis for workers being divided: only Boss-imposed differences. If they can be international - why can't we?" He quotes many examples from the US and the UK of how bosses have exploited anti-immigrant sentiments to their advantage, but also cites

the case of the big Lawrence textile strike (US) of 1911/12, when the Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies) successfully helped thousands of immigrant workers to organise to win pay rises, as an example of how class solidarity has the potential to overcome such prejudice.

Obviously, unions ought to be opposed in principle to all forms of racism, but they often have a poor record. The 'Business Unionism' of the US, emerging from the craft sectarianism of the A.F.L. (the US version of the TUC), has concerned itself mainly with



the exploitation of the scarcity of its skilled labour to obtain the highest price possible for their particular skills, within the accepted terms of capitalism - a restricted approach which easily gives rise to other forms of sectarianism. A particular feature in the US is the division between black and white, with its roots in slavery, and which was perpetuated in industry partly by the practices of the A.F.L. unions, which often either excluded blacks from membership or restricted them to separate, subordinate branches.

With the emergence of the Confederation of Industrial Organisations, which did organise widely amongst unskilled workers from the 1930s onwards, partly inspired by the I.W.W. example, there was some improvement. A few initial strides against racism were made, especially in the Auto and Steel industries where blacks were a significant part of the mass production labour force. Unfortunately, there were setbacks after a merger with the A.F.L., which had retained some of its racist practises, and many activists consider that the C.I.O. has compromised and soft-pedalled on the issue since. The 'New Unionism' of unskilled and semi-skilled workers in Britain developed into the 'mass unions', like the T.G.W.U., which are criticised by Shapiro for failing to organise the influx of black immigrants after World War II. This failure added to suspicions between black and white, although it should be said that there is now in fact a greater degree of unionisation amongst black workers than white. Shapiro quotes various examples of damage caused to union activities by racial divisions, such as at the Imperial Typewriter plants in 1973, and concedes that, unfortunately, examples of racial solidarity are the exception rather than the rule. Shapiro contrasts the failure of sectarian trade unions with the fine record of the I.W.W. opposition to racism, quoting many examples from past and recent American labour history. Such opposition is seen partly as a matter of practical common-sense as well as principle, and Shapiro relates anti-racism to the need for shop-floor militancy, direct action, job control and above

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Lest We Forget

the last 56 years there have been six Labour governments and they have not been able to solve one single problem that the working class face. The Boss class still control the means of producing and distributing wealth. The essentials of life are still produced to make a profit.

The Tweedledee/Tweedledum Labour/Tory swing of the pendulum solves nothing and the workers carry on facing capitalism with its attendant poverty, insecurity and war. Whichever party forms the government the major conditions remain the same but many forget when the Tories are in power what it was like when 'Labour' was in power.

So in case you've forgotten what it was like when the Labour Party was in power here is a list to remind ourselves.

Under Labour:- 1.5 million workers on the unemployment scrapheap because it was unprofitable to employ them. The rich got richer and 1% of the population own more wealth than 80% of the whole population

Under Labour:- The T.U.s and Labour MPs supported the 'social contract' in order to keep wages down. Public spending was ruthlessly cut by 2.8% in the 1976-7 period and by 6.3% in 1977-8.

Under Labour:- The police were used to break strikes and the media was incited by the government to turn public opinion against strikers.

AS MAN SEEKS JUSTICE
IN EQUALITY,
SO SOCIETY SEEKS ORDER
IN ANARCHY...



NEWS FROM THE FRONT...

It's been hard over the last few years to keep track of the dog droppings that make up the Nazi right in this country. The Heinz 57 varieties of fascist groups range from the outright loony to the, er, outright loony. Now some of those loonies are starting to realign in the hope of gaining a modicum of credibility. Meetings have been held by W.I.S.E. (Welsh, Irish, Scots and English) to forge links with racist Tory MPs such as Harvey Proctor and Ronald Bell and the extra-parliamentary right. A recent meeting had speakers from the NF Constitutional

Movement and the foreign editor of the Daily Express. The audience comprised of Monday Club members, New National Fronters, NFCM members and smaller groups such as Self Help and the League of St George. It seems that the fascists, by courting racist Tory MPs, are hoping to gain a certain 'respectability'. It's up to us to make sure that doesn't happen.

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LETTER

ANARCHY CLUB

"Hurrah for Anarchy!", that was the cry of the Birmingham Anarchist Christopher Davis on 27th Jan 1983, when he was committed for trial before the Birmingham stipendiary magistrate, charged with breaking the window of a jewellers shop with bricks wrapped in copies of the 'Walsall Anarchist' and scattering the contents of the window into the street.

Davis, a brickmaker and gas-worker, had been deeply involved in the unemployed agitation in Birmingham. The message of this one man was clearly understood. An epidemic of window smashing followed. And Davis underscored his point at his trial: "If the whole army of unemployed workmen who had assembled outside the Council House during the month of January to demand

work had gone in a body to do what I have done alone, it would have had more effect on society than all the agitation in the world" He appealed to the jury not to bring in any verdict at all and to walk out of the court and finished, "Long live Ravochol! Long live the Walsall Anarchist!" The Judge replied by sentencing him to 15 months hard labour... A group of us have decided to take up Christopher Davis' cry of 'Hurrah for Anarchy' by attempting to establish an Anarchist centre in Birmingham. Our aim is to provide a focus for libertarian activity; somewhere Anarchist can meet regularly and find support. We hope to encourage the growth of a network of Anarchist Clubs around the country; a return to

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traditional libertarian idea of a decentralised club movement, based firmly in the local community. As a stepping stone to obtaining our own premises, we are organising a series of meetings, discos, benefit concerts and other fund raising events. We want to stimulate both interest in the centre and also serve as a springboard to local activity. Already we have raised £800. The Anarchy Club is a reality.

For more information write to:-

C. Davis Appreciation Society
c/o the Peace Centre,
18 Moor Street,
Ringway,
Birmingham.

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all, solidarity. The necessity of workers' unity is stressed - "And true unity must begin on the basis of equality", which means eliminating differentials in wages and conditions, eliminating the second class treatment of minorities and protecting the cultural traditions of all groups, as opposed to the false 'unity of Business Unionism which is used as an excuse to ignore such things, to avoid 'rocking the boat'.

This pamphlet provides a well-researched and thorough examination of racism and its real implications for workers and unions, and avoids concentrating solely on negative examples of racism at work, illustrating positively how solidarity in action can overwhelm the cancer of race prejudice.

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'UNIONS AND RACISM'
by Shelby Shapiro.

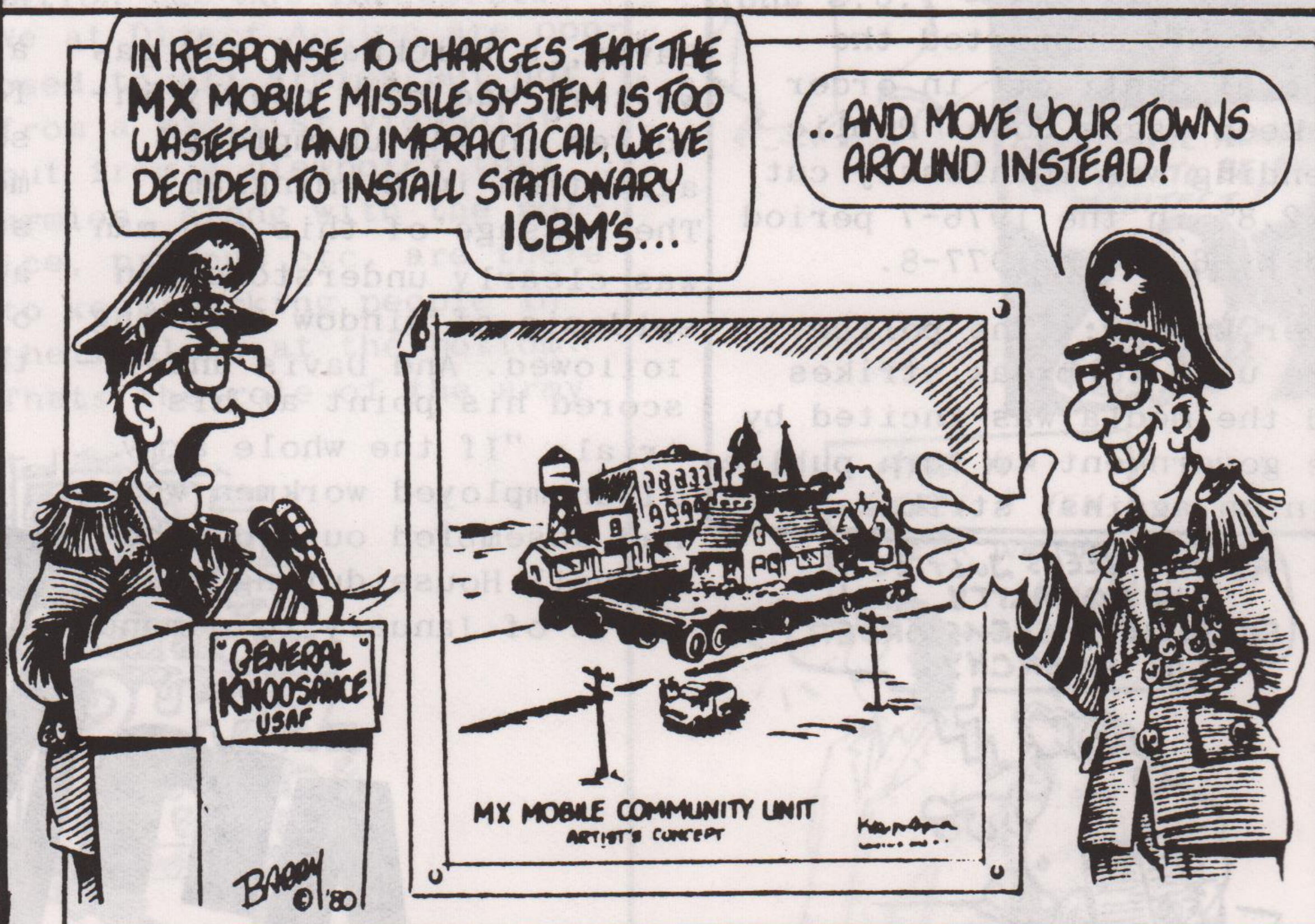
This pamphlet is available through the new 'Direct Action' Bookservice and is well worth the 50p (+12p p+p)

Dark Harvest

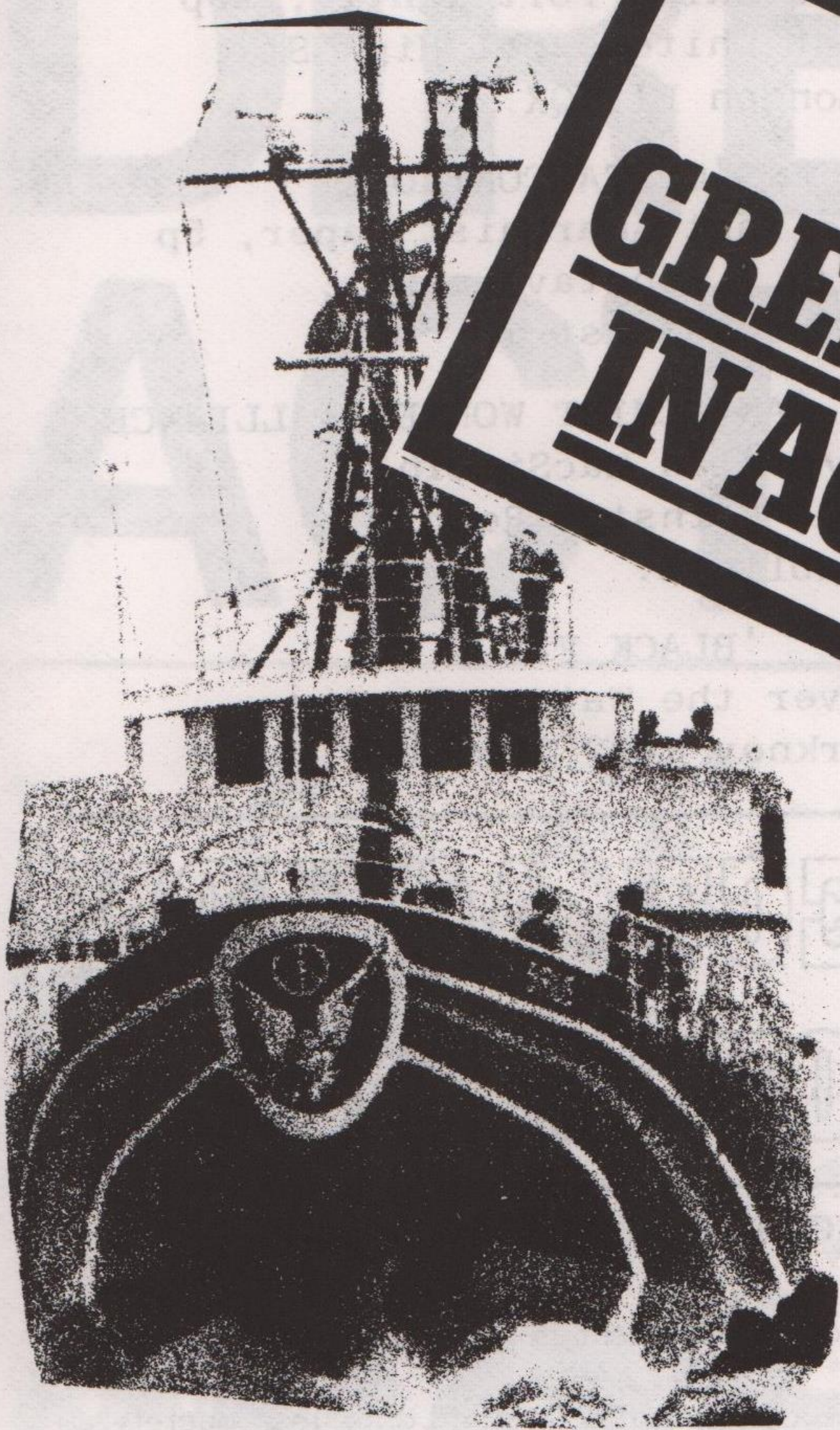
The 'Dark Harvest' Group's action in taking soil infected with anthrax from the Scottish island of Gruinard and depositing it at Portland Down and in Blackpool at the time of the Tory Conference is to be condemned as an act of folly. However, it has highlighted the fact that the island was infected by H.M. Govt. towards the end of WWII as part of a programme of developing an anthrax bomb.



On 6th June 1944, Churchill wrote to the Chiefs of Staff saying that he would 'be prepared to do anything that would hit the enemy in a murderous place'. Paradoxically, it appears to have been the military establishment that dissuaded him from ordering its use. However, it is perhaps fortunate that enough anthrax bombs were not available at this time, and also by the fact that by the time they would have been ready Germany had almost been defeated.



KEEP GREENPEACE IN ACTION!



GREENPEACE, one of the world's most successful ecological protest groups, celebrated its tenth birthday recently. Rather than rest on its laurels, however, it has continued to widen its activities.

Since 1971 when the ship Greenpeace I sailed into a nuclear test zone and forced the US government to cancel further tests, the key to Greenpeace's success has been its well-planned direct action campaigns. Activity over the past decade has been concentrated on a broad spectrum of issues: preservation of the marine environment; protection of endangered animal species; opposition to nuclear waste transport, reprocessing and waste disposal; and effective opposition to nuclear weapons testing.

Although Greenpeace has always tried to avoid violence, its members have themselves been subjected to vicious personal attacks. One member, David McTaggart was partially blinded by blows from French

commandoes who attacked Greenpeace III when it tried to prevent French nuclear tests in the Pacific. In spite of the attacks the French state was forced to abandon the atmospheric tests, reluctantly admitting that Greenpeace pressure was crucial.

Recent campaigns have continued to draw media attention to Greenpeace. Last year, for example, the Greenpeace vessel, Rainbow Warrior, was seized by Spanish authorities while members were obstructing whaling ships. The ship was de-mobilised and placed under a round-the-clock armed guard. Replacement parts were smuggled into Spain and the Rainbow Warrior made a dramatic escape.

Less dramatic activity has included a turtle egg incubation project in French Guyana, designed to prevent the extinction of two turtle species.

Here in Britain, Greenpeace has opposed seal culls and the dumping of nuclear waste in the Atlantic. More recently they have provided technical assistance to organisations resisting the construction of the Sizewell B power station in Suffolk.

Greenpeace can be contacted at: 36 Graham St., London.

DEPORTATIONS

One of the uglier aspects of living in this country is the racism common amongst the 'native' population. This is reflected in the racist government we are presently suffering under. Inside that government is an ugly piece of human debris called Timothy Raison, Minister for Immigration, who has decided to make life miserable for a few people with different skin pigmentation to himself.

Two women are at present under threat of deportation for being black; Shirley Graham and Mumtaz Kiani.

As Anarchists we don't believe in national boundaries or such idiotic institutions. If these two women have chosen to stay in this country then we defend their right, totally, to do so.

The problems of the capitalist systems, throughout the world, cannot be cured by shifting people around like chess pieces, but only by the destruction of that system. Deportations should be fought by all people who believe in freedom.

The womens defence committees can be contacted at;

Mumtaz Kiani Defence Committee
c/o Fourth Idea Bookshop,
14 Southgate,
Bradford I.

Shirley Graham Campaign
c/o Newham Rights Centre,
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FROM THE WAY SHE TALKS YOU WOULD THINK THE PARTY LEADERS WERE A BUNCH OF SCHEMING POLITICIANS.



**DON'T STRIKE...
TAKE CONTROL!**

Some delegates in Solidarosc have called on members to take control of their places of work in future rather than paralyse them through strike action. The union's IO7 member National Commission have discussed proposals for "active strikes" in which workers would remain on the job, but they themselves would distribute what they had produced.



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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 social order, the workers must take over the means of production and distribution. We are the sworn enemies of those who would take over 'on behalf of' the workers.
- (5) We believe that the only way for the working class to achieve this is for independent organisation in the work place and community and federation with others in the same industry and locality, independent of, and opposed to all political parties and trade union bureaucracies. All such workers' organisations must be controlled by the workers themselves and must unite rather than divide the workers movement. Any and all delegates and representatives 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 worldwide 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.
- (7) We oppose racism, sexism, militarism and all attitudes and institutions that stand in the way of equality and the right of all people everywhere to control their own lives and their environment.

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