

LIBERATION!

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IT'S WAR!

THIS GOVERNMENT loves a good (undeclared) war. The most obvious was against Argentina but the main one is against you and me. It is the class war but few people on our side seem to be fighting it. They have legalised effective unionism out of existence and tooled up the pigs to smash any resistance.

The rich and powerful have always blamed the poor for their plight. The idea behind the "New Poor Law" of 1834 was that welfare provisions had to be a lot worse than the lowest wage that the market would allow.

The same principle applies today. The Tories, desperate to get the unemployment figures down before the next election (combined with a natural smugness and meanness that the well-off enjoy) are doing all they can to grind down the unemployed and the poor.

INCREASE IN HARDSHIP

Firstly, they have driven down the wages of the young. Why should firms pay more than the "going rate" when YTS schemes have fixed it in the mid £20 range? Can anyone actually do more than survive at such a level; the Supplementary Benefit rate, of course, is even less.

Secondly, they have attacked the idea of a minimum wage. As far as the market is concerned, no wage is too low if profits are being squeezed. As a result, workers (often immigrant women) face the prospect of being paid a pittance by petty scrounging capitalists who extract every last penny of profit.

Thirdly, the government has done all it can to re-define "unemployment" so as to exclude as many people as possible. Thus, those "trainees", Community Programme "workers", housewives who want a job, those who are forced to retire early, etc., are excluded from the unemployment figures, as are school leavers every summer.

AVAILABILITY FOR WORK

A new turn of the screw is represented by the "available for work" test. The underlying philosophy behind this is that a lot of the

unemployed do not really want work. Should you fail to meet the Department of Employment's criteria, you will be removed from the unemployment statistics (and benefit). So if you refuse some totally unsuitable job, which may involve unsocial hours and low pay, you will be in trouble.

The "Restart" scheme involves interrogation of the "long-term" unemployed (ie one year out of work if over 25 and six months if under) in order to catch out claimants. It must be understood that all of these measures are aimed at us, the ordinary people.

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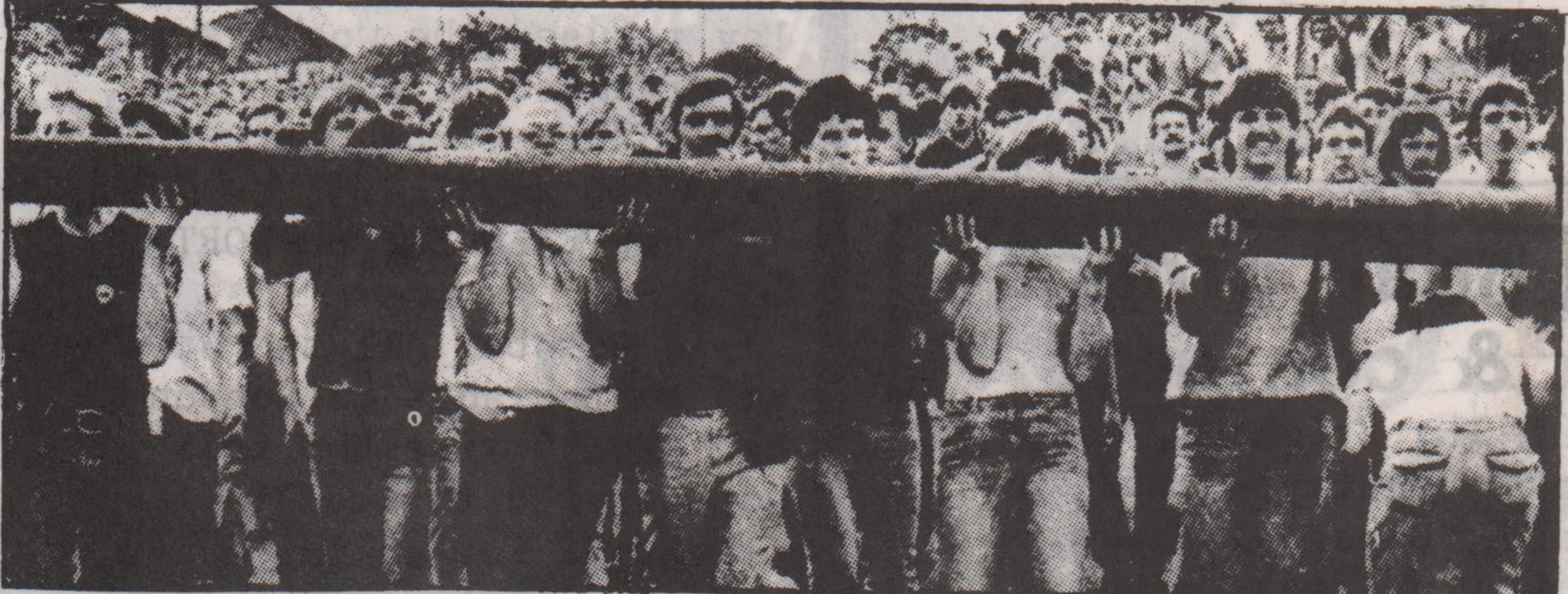
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ANARCHY THROUGH CLASS - STRUGGLE!

Where We Stand

We believe that:

1. Capitalism and other social systems, in which wealth and power are the property of a ruling class/elite, must be destroyed.
2. Reformist and statist solutions will necessarily fail and therefore revolution is the only possible means of achieving anarchist-communism. How far such a revolution will be peaceful depends upon the degree to which the ruling class clings on to power through violence and state repression.
3. Genuine liberation can only come about through the self activity of the great mass of the population. We regard parliament, representative democracy and political vanguardism as being obstacles to a self-managed society. Institutions and organisations which attempt to mediate in the fight against domination cannot succeed. Trade unionism, as it is presently constituted, plays an important part in maintaining class exploitation, insofar as it regulates and justifies it through collective bargaining and bureaucratic structures. Nevertheless, it is important to work within the trade union movement, in order to build up a rank-and-file workers' movement which encourages workers' control of struggle and cuts across sectional boundaries.
4. Workers and other oppressed sections of society will, in times of revolutionary upheaval, create their own democratic institutions, whether they be based on the workplace or the community. To this end we encourage the creation of organs of struggle based on the rank and file, independent of political parties.
5. Pure spontaneity is unlikely to be sufficient to overthrow entrenched class domination. Anarchists must indicate the libertarian alternative to class societies, participate as anarchists in struggle and organise on a federative basis to assist in the revolutionary process.
6. Capitalism is international and needs to be fought internationally. We therefore try to maintain contact with as many anarchist-communists as possible in overseas countries as the preliminary stage to the creation of an anarchist international.
7. We do not simply seek the abolition of class differences, for inequality and exploitation are also expressed in terms of race, age, sexuality and gender. Personal relationships are now often based on domination and submission. We seek not only an economic revolution but a social and cultural revolution as well, involving a thorough-going change in attitudes and organisation of everyday lives to free us in our social and personal interactions.
8. We reject sectarianism and work for a united revolutionary anarchist movement.



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Local groups & contacts

EXIST IN: Brighton, Canterbury, Coventry, Cumbria, Durham, Glasgow, Huddersfield, Lancaster, Liverpool, London, Loughborough, Luton, Manchester, Medway, Newcastle, Nottingham, Southend, Stafford, Tameside, Thanet, Welwyn Gdn. City, York.

DEATH AT WAPPING

ON SATURDAY 10th January, Mike Delaney was knocked down by a speeding scab TNT lorry on Commercial Road in London's East End. He later died in hospital. He had just come from celebrating his 19th birthday.

As Mike lay in the road badly injured, a first aider and safety worker in the print industry was prevented by the police from attending to him. The cops just told him to "piss off" and wouldn't

even let him put a coat over Mike in the freezing cold.

Anyone who has been down Wapping knows that the scab drivers tear down the roads at high speed (all with the police's blessing). It was only a matter of time before they killed someone.

Predictably, the police didn't halt the scab driver (as is normal in road accidents). They aided and abetted a hit and run driver. By preventing any medical

attention to Mike, the police may well have caused his death.

The state will stop at nothing to defend the bosses' interests and for Murdoch and his cronies the death of one of our own class is nothing. There is blood on hands and we hold these responsible: the scab (indeed all scabs), the police, Murdoch, and the government. We will not forget this.

BROADWATER FARM



WEDNESDAY 14th January was the first day of the trial of six people charged with the death of PC Blakelock who died during the Broadwater Farm riots of October 1985. Since then, over 350 people have been arrested "in connection" with his death, 160 of them charged. Many of the charges brought are serious ones such as affray and riotous assembly. Six are for murder. Five of those on the murder charge have spent more than a year in custody, one is fourteen years old and three are younger still.

Broadwater Farm has a chequered history. Before the formation of its Youth Association in 1981, the police were frequent visitors to a gangland social club exclusively for whites which had been in existence for seven years. As the council was asked to investigate the club's activities, (striptease evenings, corrupt dealings), those running it moved on.

Several youths, having nowhere to go, took over a

chip shop which the police had earmarked for a mini-police station. With some initial help from the council, the youths fundraised, redecorated the shop and laid on food free for those who could not afford it. They became the Broadwater Farm Youth Association bringing young and old, black and white together for

the first time. This demonstrated that people could successfully take control of their own lives without the interference of resident police.

The police, however, increased their presence on the Estate in retaliation (even though the crime rate had plummeted), picking up youths and pinning false

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WHEELERS KITCHEN STRUGGLES

ON NOVEMBER 10th, the second chef of Wheelers Seafood Restaurant in Market Street, Brighton was sacked for asking for a pay rise. Three other chefs came out in support and were also sacked. The immigrant workers' problems started when Wheelers, part of the Kennedy Brooks restaurant group, sold its Market Street restaurant to local entrepreneur Dennis Bailey in February last year. Established working practices were changed by the management without consultation with the workers and Mr. Bailey refused the workers right to organise in their union, the TGWU.

APPEALS FOR SUPPORT

In October all the Wheelers restaurants in London had a wage rise but this was not offered to the staff in Brighton. For asking for a pay rise in line with the Kennedy Brooks owned restaurants, Mr. Cheung was sacked. The workers have appealed for support from sympathisers,

particularly for help on the picket line. Despite the fact that the union officials have made it clear that "outside agitators" are not welcome, the workers have continued to appeal for help and support groups have been set up in Brighton and at Sussex University. There are many immigrant workers in restaurants in Brighton who are exploited by managers and most do not have the protection of a union. It is important that this dispute is won to give confidence to those workers who live in fear of losing their jobs if they press for better conditions. Deliveries and customers have been turned away, but pressure still needs to be increased.

Picketing of Wheelers has caused 50% loss in trade (Bailey's own admission) but other business interests of his mean that he can resist conceding to the strikers' demands. Thus the support group has started to use secondary picketing, and there have been isolated attacks on the premises.

The TGWU has delayed giving strike pay, and have threatened to withdraw official recognition of the strike for seeking legal advice outside the union's legal department. Thus winning the strike will depend largely on class solidarity from the support groups which can be contacted at the following addresses:-

Wheelers Support Group, (Brighton), Unemployed Centre, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, East Sussex.

Wheelers Support Group, (London), c/o Chinese Information and Advice Centre, 152 - 156 Shaftesbury Ave., WC2.

Tel: (01) 836 8291, 379 5098.

Meetings 6pm Friday. Public meeting 6pm Feb 2nd, Seven Dials Restaurant, Covent Garden, London.

IN FOCUS

Religion screws you up

2000 YEARS OF SADO-MASOCHISM

FEW ADULTS believe in fairies, pixies or Santa Claus but millions of people around the world believe that the man-god Christ walked on water, raised the dead and turned water into wine (nice one). If Christianity was as harmless as believing in fairies, things would be fine. But in reality it is a nasty piece of work which destroys people's brains.

Christianity is obsessed with suffering and death; Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar, and the whole sordid tale is about Jesus' suffering, torture and crucifixion. We get the gory story of the beatings, the crown of thorns, the hammering of nails into flesh, the spear in the side, and so on. Jesus' followers were just as keen to suffer; St. Hippolytus was pulled apart by horses, St. Faith was roasted to death, John the Baptist was beheaded and so on. No wonder that the Aztecs of Mexico took so readily to Christianity, just like

their own religion, it was concerned with human sacrifice.

"BLESSED ARE THE POOR"

Not only did the saints suffer, however. We too must have our share of the pain, and, enjoy it. "Blessed are the poor and the meek", "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesars", in other words sit quietly and take all of the shit that the system throws at you, ultimately, Christians promise, everything will be all right in heaven.

The biggest Christian cult, Catholicism, is also one of the daftest. Men and women as monks and nuns gladly give up sex and speech for God. Boy, must they be frustrated! The rest of us, less fanatical individuals, are commanded never to masturbate, think "unclean" thoughts, use contraception, abortion, divorce or be gay. In Ireland, where the Catholic Church rules supreme, most of these things are illegal. As it is, in the United Kingdom (sic), Catholics



have to wrestle with their consciences and suffer deep feelings of guilt as "wayward" adolescents. Oh, how it's good to suffer! Protestants aren't any better, just look at the raving intolerance of Ian Paisley and his pals.

FUNDAMENTALLY AUTHORITARIAN

Christianity claims to be mainly about love. But love, it seems, must not be fun and, in fact, from the

perverted viewpoint of Christianity, is directly a product of pain. Despite all the crap talked about by "liberation theologians", Christianity is fundamentally authoritarian. For in the end, not only are we subject to the laws of the state (often with the support of the Church), we are also to be judged by the laws of God. Piss off! Anarchism rejects even the rule of Gods!

BROADWATER FARM

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accusations of robbery, mugging, etc. on them. They also studied the Farm's layout and considered how it might be besieged. In November 1982, the blatant wrongful arrest of a youth on a robbery charge, led to a demonstration, SPG beat up the demonstrators and occupied the Estate, para-military fashion.

Floyd Jarrett, member of the Youth Association, was stopped by police on 5th October 1985 for "expiry of a tax disc". His house keys were confiscated at Tottenham police station and used to gain entry of his mother's home on the pretext that police were searching for stolen goods. Det. Con. Randall pushed over Mrs. Jarrett during the search. Although she was gasping for breath, police did not radio for an ambulance. The youngest son had to call one. It arrived after 45 minutes. Mrs. Jarrett was found to be

dead on arrival at hospital.

Inflamed by the paralysis of Cherry Groce in Brixton and the death of Cynthia Jarrett, the residents of the Farm held a peaceful demonstration outside Tottenham police station on Sunday 6th October 1985. Even as they were protesting, the police seized the opportunity to deploy in the neighbouring areas of the Estate. The next day it was decided to hold another peaceful demonstration. As soon as they left the Farm, an SPG van drove into them. The youths were forced back into the Estate by police armed with plastic bullets and live ammunition. The confident police hadn't counted on getting a hiding - accompanied by shouts of "This one is for South Africa". It was no riot orchestrated by "outside agitators" but an act of resistance to police harassment, just as the blacks of South Africa struggle against their own state oppression. The youth

of Broadwater Farm kept the police off the Estate for ten hours.

Since then, Broadwater Farm is still under siege, still suffering the effects of police oppression. Residents' day-to-day experiences include entry into homes by 60 to 100 police plus guns and dogs, individuals being held and left naked in police cells for more than 30 hours, and smashing of doors with sledgehammers. The Post Office were advised to stop mailing Ciro's. And even three year olds have been questioned.

As for the handling of the trials - even members of the Establishment feel uncomfortable with the police's methods. People were detained for as long as 67 hours for the wrenching of confessions. Access to a solicitor was denied, relatives and friends not informed. Many confessions appear the result of intimidation. Sentences are not as arbitrary as they appear: Jason

Cobham fined £200 for threatening behaviour ("for throwing some stones"), Simon MacMinn will do seven years for affray ("for throwing three stones"). Jason did a deal with the police. He will be a main prosecution witness. There is no clearer illustration of the power of State revenge.

Yet when it is a member of the public who is victim of the police, the contrast is sharp. Cherry Groce, paralysed, in a wheelchair attended the trial of Inspector Lovelock. The Press has done its utmost to construct a picture of poor harassed Lovelock who accidentally shot Cherry Groce.

Lovelock was cleared; at one time he might have been made scapegoat to try to prove that police too are subject to British Justice. Now the ruling class is confident enough to dispose of this practice. The police can do what they like and our only protection is resistance.

MAY IN DECEMBER

FRENCH STUDENTS RISE UP!

THE RIGHT-WING government of Chirac in France attempted to push through educational 'reforms' late last year. This would have meant more selective entry to universities. Students rejected this, wanting all qualified school leavers to keep the freedom to study in the college of their choice, and that proposed registration fee-increases should not be implemented. They wanted diplomas to keep their national validity and more spent on education.

Years ago, students rose in May 1968 against the Gaullist regime and set off a movement that united workers and students and had repercussions all around the world. This time university and high-school students came out together, marching in huge demonstrations numbering hundreds of thousands.

Following the appeal of a united student collective at Caen, the movement against the Devaquet Law, (named after the Junior Minister of Education) spread through-

out France, with many students boycotting lessons. At Nanterre, scene of some of the first student activities in May '68, a general assembly of 2,000 students stated that the struggle should be a joint one with the college teachers and manual workers.

SOCIALISTS ATTEMPT TO GAIN LEADERSHIP

From the start, the PS, (Socialist Party) tried to make up for the credibility it had lost during the period of the Socialist government. Through the PS controlled students' union, the UNEF-ID, it organised demonstrations and attempted to gain leadership of the mass movement, UNEF-ID had the intention to negotiate with Devaquet over the heads of many students who wanted to fight for complete victory. UNEF-ID agreed to an increase of inscription fees under the Socialist government! It was apparent that UNEF-ID was also preparing the ground for a

campaign for the young to vote Socialist in the next elections in 1988, and to lead the students off the road of mass direct action up the dead-end alley of electoralism!

Anarchist militants were in a minority in the struggle, but had an active role, through the CLE, (Coordination Libertaire Etudiante - Libertarian Students Coordination). At Nanterre, for example, the CLE fought for the self-management of the struggle. General assemblies were set up where each student had the chance to speak. Delegates elected in these mass meetings were given a clear mandate and had to report back every day to the mass meeting. They were subject to instant recall. This is anarchism in action! Commissions open to all students were set up - for media, liaison with the high schools, contact with the workplaces. Work carried out in these

commissions was reported at the mass meetings, where important decisions to be implemented by the commissions were voted on. The strike committee elected the mass meetings put forward five delegates for national coordination, again with a clear manda-

SYMPATHY IN WORKPLACES

Sympathy for the movement was strong in the workplaces. Again, the leaderships of the union centrally controlled by the Communist (CGT) and the Socialists (CFDT) attempted to take advantage of the movement. By 10th December it was certain that Chirac was retreating and was prepared to withdraw the Devaquet law. The demonstration planned for that day was now to be a victory demonstration. The CFDT leader, Maire, now stated there was no reason for workers to join the demo. Despite this many stopped work to join the demonstration.

FRENCH WORKERS' RESISTANCE

AS WE go to press, the massive strikewave by French public sector workers is on the wane.

DISGRUNTLED RAILWAY WORKERS

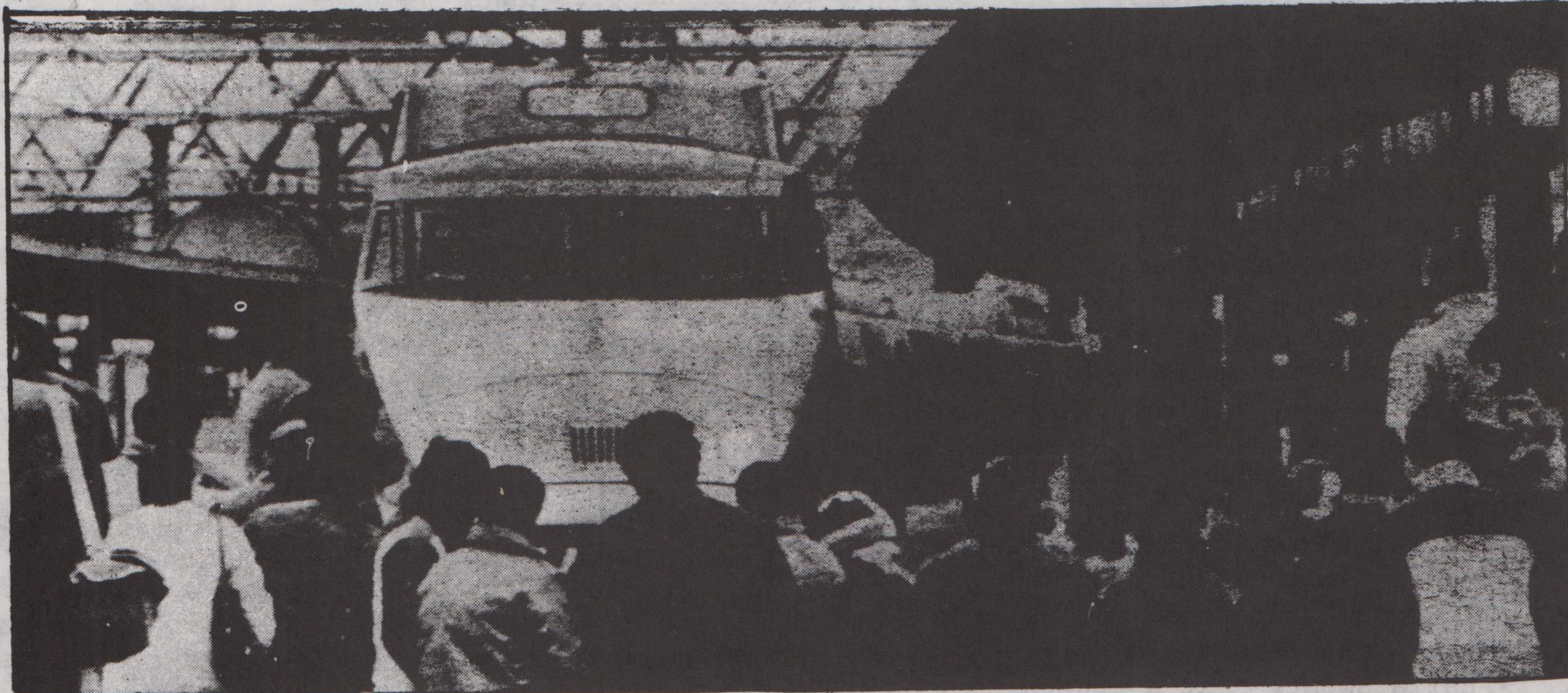
The strike began when the disgruntlement felt by railway workers at their last pay rise, which was 18 months ago, was intensified by their bosses (SNCF), who announced last March that 8,200 jobs were to be axed within a year. But the straw that broke the

camel's back was the announcement that wages were to be paid according to a management assessed 'merit' scale.

Workers' pressure led to the CGT calling a strike. But rather than just a passive walkout, strikers took actions such as cutting 'phone lines, uncoupling wagons and, in some cases, scattering their contents over the tracks.

The dispute spread across industry with dock workers, Metro, bus, electric and gas workers expressing grievances and taking actions. Some major ports were brought to a standstill by effective dockers' actions, there have been nationwide electricity cuts and on one day 20,000 workers marched through the streets of Paris. Support was also gained amongst miners, postal and munitions workers as well as others.

The main union bloc, the Communist controlled CGT, although giving out the strike call, wanted firm control of the strike for its own political ends. Not surprisingly, its policy has been one of rejecting the generalising of the disputes into a common cause. Instead it has





COPS KILL STUDENT

The government was defeated, and the way is now open for workers to march into action against it and the employers. But the struggle of the students was not bloodless. One student, Malik, was beaten to death by the riot police.

At the moment of going to press, railway workers, merchant sailors and dockers,

bus and tube workers, and gas and electricity workers are in struggle. Libertarian communist militants are very active among the railway workers.

After the victory of the Right in the last elections, a feeling of pessimism was everywhere. Students have shown that what seemed 'utopian' yesterday is possible today. The same could happen in Britain. Let's get up off our knees!

striven for workers looking no further than their own sectional goals.

STRIKE COMMITTEES OR UNION CONTROL

The Union sees its role as that of countering the policies of the right wing Chirac government. To do this it has tried to maintain tight control over the strike. But as the strike escalated, workers militancy posed a threat to the authority of the Union. Workers took the progressive step of forming rank and file strike committees in some areas of industry. This is a way out of the dead end of reformism practised by the unions and brings workers closer to control of their own struggles.

Having said this, there were many workers who didn't support the strike call and the CRS riot police were busy doing their job of defending these scabs. Now many workers are going back to work though some are still out.

Yet, the strike, following on from the students' fight has rocked the Chirac government, and the boss class is worried (with the franc having plummeted), the proposal for the new pay scale has been withdrawn and unions are doing deals with the government. Now the strike seems to be going out with a whimper but workers have shown their readiness to fight. When the bell goes for round two, we may see the French working class really give the bosses something to worry about.

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SOLIDARITY FOR THE VITORIA SIX

MICHELIN, THE French tyre multinational has been attempting to impose harsh new working conditions on their Spanish plants over the past few years (including round-the-clock operation of plants and a 48 hour working week in the heat of the Spanish summer). Consequently there has been a long and bitter dispute.

In Vitoria, the Basque country, there has been a long list of sackings, strikes, lock-outs and fighting between strikers and scabs with their allies the police. Strikers wives formed support groups and solidarity was forthcoming from other workers. Meanwhile, the Provincial Governor imposed harsh new public order laws to help beat the strikers. Michelin's plans remain unimplemented still.

At the peak of the dispute in 1980, Michelin's personnel director Jesus Casanova was fired upon by 5 unknown assailants. He survived but Michelin manager Luis Hergueta was killed under similar circumstances.

SELL-OUTS

With UGT (Socialist) and CCOO (Communist) union sell-outs, the Vitoria CNT (an anarcho-syndicalist union) went from strength to strength at Michelin as well as other Vitoria workplaces with its no sell-out policy. By 1983 the CNT was predominant at Michelin with the bosses expressing publicly concern and hostility. Bosses intimidation included the encouragement of a vicious pro-fascist union in the plant, and a smear campaign in the press.

ARREST

November 1984, just days after CNT opposition to management reorganisation plans received further approval at the workers' assembly, 6 prominent CNT militants were arrested and detained under Spain's notorious Anti-terrorist Law (criticised by several human rights bodies).

Comrades Argos, Sanchez, Guerrero, Abad, Alvarado and

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Remember BLOODY SUNDAY

FIFTEEN YEARS ago on the 30th January 1972, 15,000 anti-unionists protesting against Internment set off on a march from Derry's catholic Creggan estate to the Bogside. The sectarian state in Northern Ireland had banned the march but realised it could not be prevented due to its size. However, the state intended to restrict the march to the catholic ghetto and so British paratroopers were deployed to keep it out of the city centre.

LIVE BULLETS

After the inevitable confrontations between the crowd and the RUC and paras, the paras moved in to make arrests. Then the crowd was forced to retreat from tear-gas, but as they did so, the paratroopers began to fire live bullets into the crowd.

At the end of the shooting, 13 catholics lay dead (one more would die from injuries a couple of weeks later) and 29 were wounded.

The paras claimed they had been opened fire upon

and the RUC backed them up, however all eyewitness reports said otherwise.

GUN BATTLE?

Officially, Bloody Sunday was a gun battle with the IRA (even though no paratrooper received so much as a scratch). Four of the fatalities suddenly became people on the "wanted list". These allegations were later withdrawn by the army and RUC.

In April 1972, a government commission cleared the troops of acting wrongly.

Indeed, the Commanding Officer of the paras was given a medal! Colonel Derek Wilford received an Order of the British Empire in the Queen's honours list for 1973. Not till two years later would the government admit there had been some error.

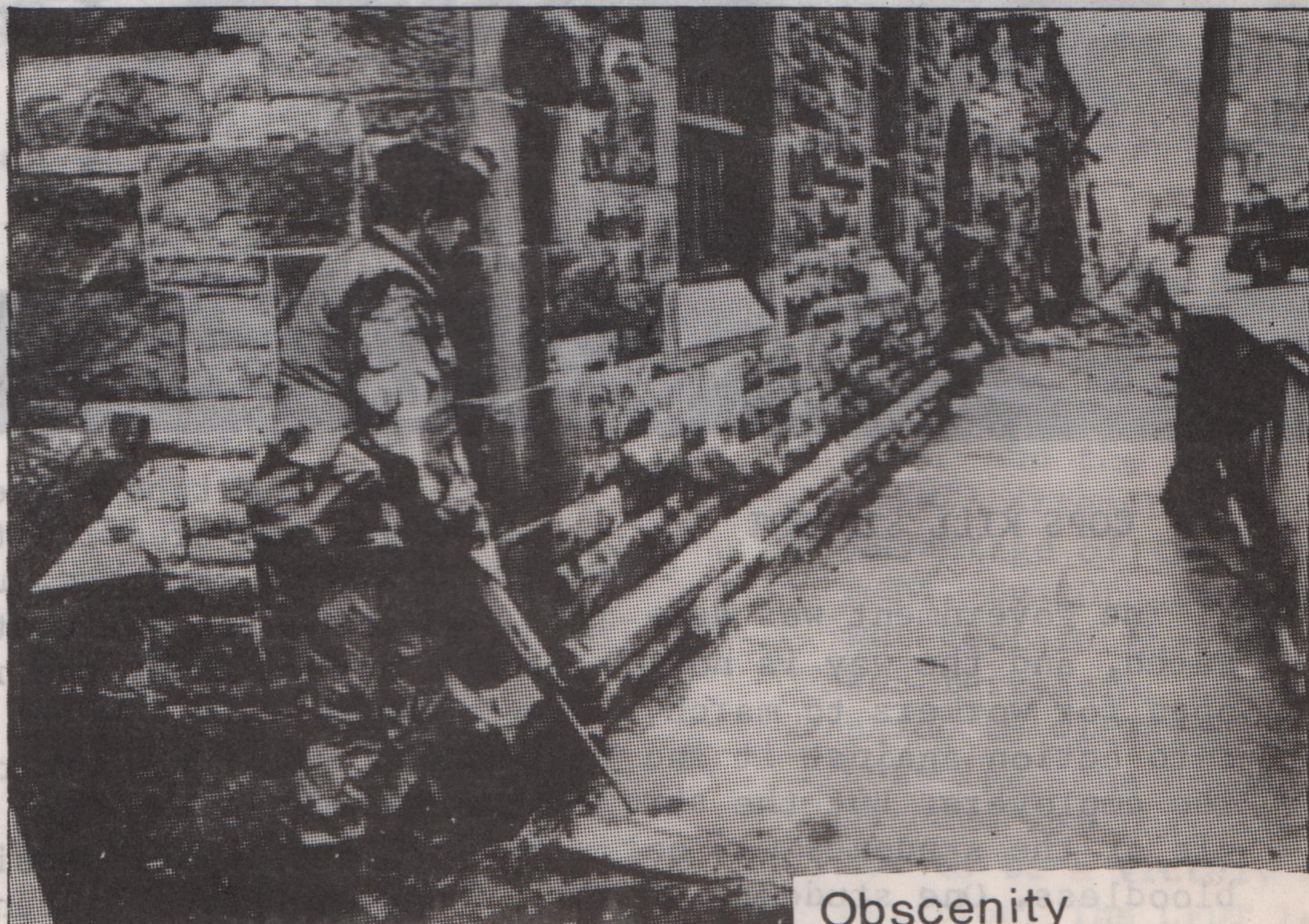
MISERY, HARDSHIP, CONSTANT REPRESSION

Fifteen years have gone by. The obscenity of British soldiers on the streets of Northern Ireland still exists. The anti-imperialist

war has not let up, and state repression is ever on the increase. For the working class of Northern Ireland, especially the catholic working class community, the story has been one of misery, hardship and constant repression.

The British state demonstrated well its readiness to gun down unarmed demonstrators that day in Derry. Today in Britain, we can

ask how long it will be before we see a repetition of Bloody Sunday on the streets of Brixton, Toxteth, at the peace camps, on a demonstration, or on a picket line? The now well documented stockpiling of police anti-riot gear ranging from CS gas to machine-guns, coupled with the increasing illegality of conventional forms of protest, indicates that it may not be too long.



Obscenity

VITORIA 6 continued

Collado were detained totally incommunicado and therefore totally at the mercy of the police. Statements were made under duress. Detainees were subjected to torture (including prolonged and brutal beatings and threats to family).

Many of the trumped-up charges were dropped (including the murder of Hergueta) but the remaining charges are serious enough. They are accused of things like petrol-bombings, armed bank robbery and assault, and five of the six are charged with the attempted murder of Casanova.

But in the words of Collado, they are "revolutionary syndicalists... but this means struggle in the workplace - a very different thing from armed struggle".

Three were released on bail in December '84, two were locked up for seven months but Sanchez was not released until early '86. The ordeal damaged the health of the militants, in Collado's case it is permanent.

All the evidence is circumstantial. Prosecution demands sentences ranging from 15 to 21 years imprisonment.

During a torture session one of the policemen said openly they were out to finish off the CNT in the Basque country.

After the arrests, 4,000 workers went on strike in Vitoria and thousands demonstrated.

There has been support for the six from workers in France and Sweden as well as from libertarian organisations in France and Switzerland.

APPEAL

Workers in Britain should not let your voices go unheard. Please write to the SPANISH EMBASSY expressing your concern over this case. Point out that Spain's income from tourism could be threatened by a bad human rights record. **PERSUADE OTHER PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS TO DO THE SAME.**

WRITE TO THE CNT EXPRESSING YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE VITORIA SIX (address is; Calle Segunto 15, 28010 - Madrid, Spain). **GET OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.**

AFFILIATE TO THE VITORIA SIX SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN PO Box 102, Hull. It costs £1.50 for individuals and £5.00 for organisations. Affiliates are kept up to date with the latest developments in the case, and organise fund-raising and other activities in support

WAPPING

Since the rejection of Murdoch's "final offer" (the third one) the feeling at Wapping has been more optimistic. The offer was

of the six. **ENCOURAGE OTHER PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS UNION BRANCHES TO AFFILIATE.** If affiliation is not possible, donations are of course most welcome. Cheques payable to Vitoria Six Solidarity Campaign please.

NB The CNT referred to is the CNT-U.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The ACF is aware of current differences between the CNT-U and CNT-AIT anarcho-syndicalist unions in Spain. The above article in no way implies our having taken sides in the dispute - we have no desire to help deepen divisions between anarchist comrades overseas. The Vitoria Six are anarchist prisoners of the class war and deserve the support of all workers, most especially class-struggle anarchists.

overwhelmingly rejected, although the strike has been going on for a year. Murdoch must have thought the printers were desperate. They are, but not for more scab deals. The printers are still at Wapping into the second winter. The same faces are there every hour fighting for jobs, streets and rights. Every extra body makes a difference, the rest of Fleet Street will learn from this, other bosses must be shown that this treatment of working people can't continue.

People have shown solidarity at Wapping but more are needed. Also, people have attacked the vans and papers in their own areas; eg. paper bundles have been trashed in the early hours after they have been dropped outside shops by the distributors before the shops open. We have heard that Liverpool St. station WH Smiths has a trolley of News of the World and the Sunday Times at about 6:30am which is usually unwatched.....

Organise yourselves on marches-don't listen to union officials, they only slow you down and want to work with the police. The deputy commissioner of the Met is seeing a "dangerous change" in the strike. Keep it up!

DON'T GIVE UP!

Silentnight

18 MONTHS into their strike, the workers of the Silentnight bed factories in Sutton (Yorkshire) and Barnoldswick (Lancashire) have spent another Christmas ignored by the bosses and the media and largely unsupported by the Labour Movement.

The strike started when top businessman Tom Clarke, reneged on an agreement to increase the wages of workers in his factories, many of whom had worked for him for 20 years. But support has been less than it should have been from the Left and the Unions. For example, on a speaking tour of Nottingham recently, striker Terry Bennet collected an average of only £2.50 a meeting, from generally well waged Trade Union and Labour audiences.

FEAR OF THE LAW

With only 40,000 members, F.T.A.T., the strikers' union, has been too afraid of the Law to risk its funds by giving material aid (including strike pay) to the workers. The strike publicity didn't even carry the union's name as it was so afraid of legal controls such as sequestration. Like so many unions since the

Miners' Strike, it has been paralysed by fear of its bureaucracy and internal organisation falling into the hands of the bosses. So ineffectual has union solidarity been that Clarke is able to get away with employing scabs to do the strikers' jobs.

Now F.T.A.T. have completely withdrawn support. This is another kick in the teeth for the strikers. It shows that unions cannot be trusted to support the working class.

Even if the strikers were receiving strike pay, this would then be taken off their D.H.S.S. entitlements. And speaking of the good old D.H.S.S., who so often play a part in crushing the resistance of the working class, their latest weapon, Restart, is hitting the strikers as hard as it is the long term unemployed. Strikers are being forced to consider training schemes which last for 4 weeks.

Strikers are also being forced by the D.H.S.S. to look for alternative work, or have their dole cut off. They are receiving surprisingly good references from Silentnight, funnily enough! In spite of being black-listed by the company.

Obviously this is an attempt to get them off Silentnight's backs.

PRESSURE AGAINST THE CO-OP

But, although the strike is small and badly supported, due to the pressure and action that has been taken against (Your Caring Sharing) Co-op, by far the largest buyers of beds, they have been forced to stop stocking Silentnight. However, this has taken months of stalling by the Co-op, in spite of its claims of Trade Union solidarity.

Bosses like Clarke won't give in to angry gestures and letters of protest from union branches. The Silentnight strikers must be supported in REAL terms in their actions against their bosses. The Trade Union movement is vast, but slow moving and weakened by its own bureaucracy, and, once again, has failed the working class.

Support militant workers' action NOW!

Contact; The Strike Fund, c/o 9 Frank St., Barnoldswick, Colne, Lancs.

12 LESBIANS & GAYS JAILED

Councillor Bill Brownhill says homosexuals should be gassed to stop AIDS. On Dec. 21 a sit-down protest in Brownhill's garden led to 12 arrests, all were jailed for a week without trial. Nazis are protected; lesbians and gays are not. Not surprisingly, all 12 got fascist, anti-gay and AIDS abuse from both police and screws, some police said they agreed with Brownhill.

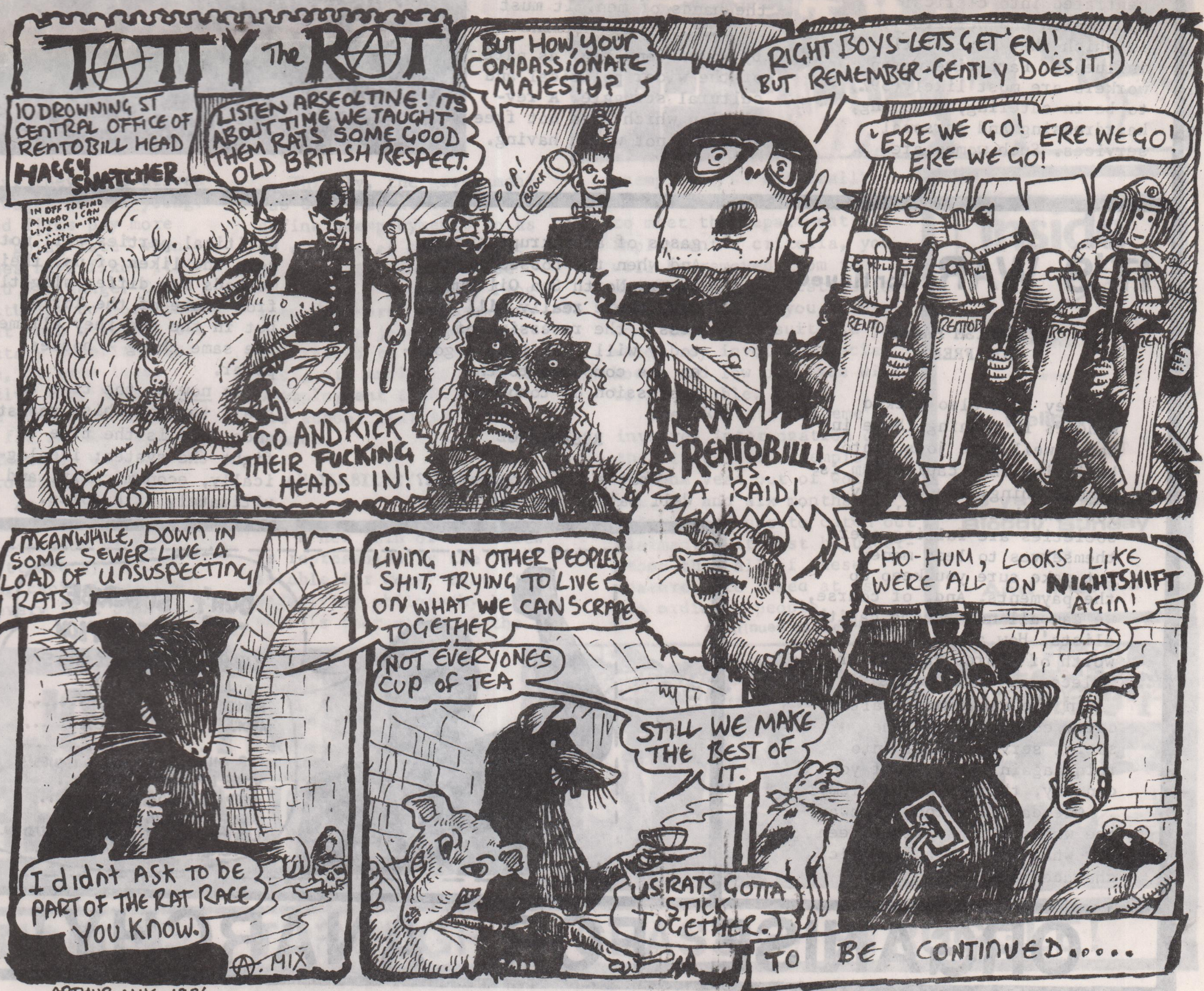
Trial date is Feb. 23/24 at Seisdon Magistrates Court in Wombourne, Staffs. A support demo will take place at the same time and place. The 12 want the trial moved to Wolverhampton, so check first. Coaches will leave London, Nottingham, etc.

Contact:-
Wombourne 12 Defence Fund,
c/o Box 11,
113 Mansfield Road, Nottm.

Brownhill lives at:-
91 School Road,
Himley, Wombourne, Staffs.
(Tel. 0902 892096).

PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 4th February 7.30 pm
International Community
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LIBERATION!

A Woman's Work...

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WOMEN ARE a long way away from equality despite so-called equal pay and equal opportunity laws.

Women are paid on average $\frac{2}{3}$ of a man's wage (the ratio varies according to job, for instance a female police officer earns 91%; a female nurse 89%; a lab technician 78% and a sales supervisor 67%). The average man's wage (say statistics) is £207, whilst women can only expect £137.

Women are brainwashed or driven to take low paid or low status jobs. Most women in full-time jobs are concentrated into clerical and health and welfare jobs in which they have little influence. Part-time women workers are most likely (39%) to be in catering, cleaning, hairdressing and personal services. Such women are

doubly exploited. Not only do they earn peanuts but they also normally have to run a household and raise kids.

YOUNG PEOPLE SEGREGATED

The state, especially under Thatcher's direction, encourages this. Young people who are pushed into YTS jobs are segregated according to gender into stereotyped job opportunities. Last year nearly 400,000 young people entered YTS (two thirds of all school-leavers) and young women were overwhelmingly grouped as being suitable for clerical, retail and caring services. This perpetuates the system of lower earnings for women and better wages and opportunities for men.

The class-struggle is an extremely important but a mere economic revolution will not do. Women's equality cannot be left for the revolution, or be placed in the hands of men. It must be fought for determinedly by women (and men) as part of the wider political and cultural struggle. A revolution which does not free women is not worth having.

WE MAY CLEAN
OUT SHIT-HOUSES
BUT WE WON'T
TAKE MUCH
MORE SHIT !!



IT'S WAR Continued

CAPITALISM MAKES YOU FREE?

They have also worked wonders in conning those in safe, well paid jobs, into believing that capitalism is a good thing. You can buy your own house - building societies are falling over themselves to lend money but make sure you keep up the payments. And, of course, we can all now become capitalists! How about a £100 worth of shares in British Telecom or British Gas?

In the meantime, health care, education and the social services fall into ruin (again, though, if you can pay, there's no problem).

One day, not too far away, the whole thing will be seen for what it is - a gigantic charade to hide the last

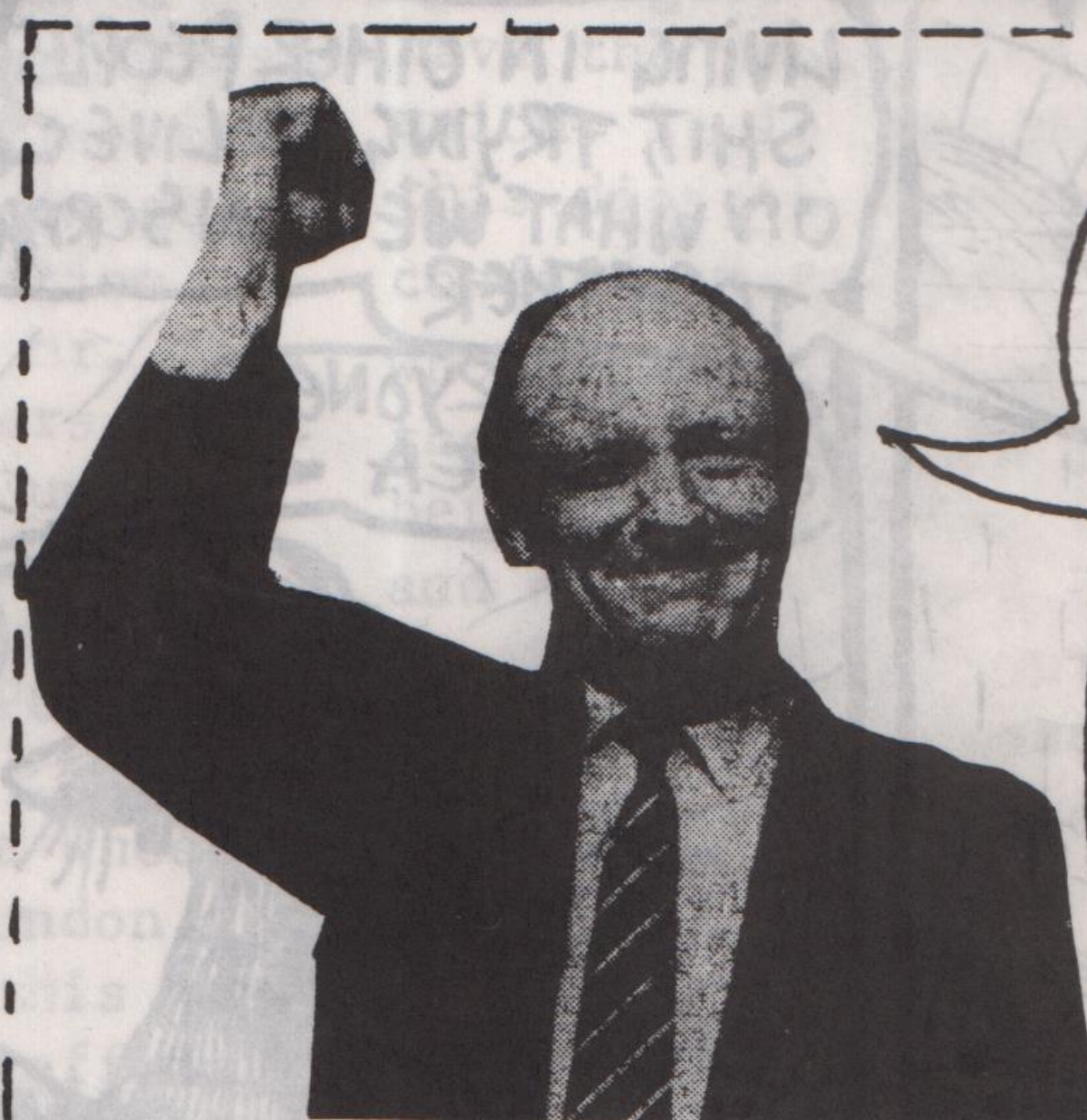
gasps of a bankrupt system. And when the bosses' life-saver, North Sea Oil runs out, there **really** will be a mess - the recession of today will look like a golden age compared to the repression of tomorrow.

RESISTANCE

What's the alternative?
Well Labour and the other

political parties will not help the likes of us, their methods may differ slightly from those of the Tories, but in the end they all mean the same thing - bosses' power.

So now is the time to start the anarchist resistance, now is the time to fight the system; ideologically, economically, and ultimately with force.



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