

WAR - ON THE ROCKS



THERE IS NO PERCENTAGE TO BE GAINED IN DECIDING WHO LEGITIMATELY OWNS THE FALKLANDS. THE ARGUMENT ON BOTH SIDES IS BASED ON THE LIE THAT A COUNTRY BELONGS TO THE STATE TO WHICH THE FIRST WHITE MAN WHO SAW IT OWED ALLEGIANCE.

The first white man known to have seen the islands was English. Hence the United Kingdom claims that the Falklands clearly belong to it.

But the Spanish "Conquistadores" in a series of gross criminal actions, subjugated the Americas and stole the huge mass of the southern hemisphere. Argentina revolted against them, when they were tied up with war and the King had run off. The Republic lays claim to the "inheritance" of the Spanish empire it toppled. As the Pope had given all the Americas - which weren't his to give! - to the Spanish Empire, Argentina's claim is also clear.

For the last 150 years the islands have been in British possession. We are now told how "British" the Falklanders are. But this did not avail them when the patriality Bill was being passed.

For the last forty years Argentina has been under the sway of a fascist regime most of the time. There is a determined resistance trying to get rid of it. Torture, murder, disappearances are the order of the day.

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reagan visit: bombings

As we go to press - just before the Reagan visit to England, we learn of the attacks in Germany on American bases and in France on US premises.

Two US office blocks (incl. IMB) in Dusseldorf and several military bases in Frankfurt, Gelishausen, Hanau and Bamburg, were damaged by bomb attacks. The attacks were simultaneous and caused a total of \$180,000 damage. Responsibility was claimed by the Revolutionary Cells.

At Saint Cloud, near Paris, the American School was bombed. Responsibility has so far been claimed by Action Directe, but we are still awaiting confirmation. A few days earlier, Action Directe claimed responsibility for firing shots at the Paris branch of the Bank of America. Twenty-five people have since been arrested, but all were later released. The London anti-Reagan/disarmament demonstration organised by CND, totalled around 250,000 marchers, many of them pacifists. However,

there was a large contingent of anarchists who early on ensured that they were at the front of the march, with anarchist banners and chants for all to see and hear. CND stewards and cops collaborated - unsuccessfully - to persuade the anarchists to take on a more low key stance. On arrival at the destination point the anarchists ran ahead and were greeted by applause.

Later, after 2 hours of boring diatribe from liberal and Church speakers, it was decided by the anarchists (who were then numbered about 500) that they would head down Oxford Street, the main shopping area shopping thoroughfare, to try and cause trouble. The contingent, could be easily identified by their numerous black and red and black banners, ran screaming past all the shoppers whilst chanting FREE SIMON LOS - 3 YEARS FOR PRISON FOR GIVING OUT LEAFLETS!. About half-way down Oxford St, the cops attempted to provoke trouble and so the group split trying

to use side-streets to escape and then regroup. Several comrades disappeared down the side streets, the cops followed and there were some arrests. But other comrades who came under attack fought back and freed themselves. Some cops were beaten with wooden sticks and two business types who were helping the police were beaten up. Charges against those unfortunate to get away included assault threatening behaviour, possession of a dangerous weapon etc. And finally, we have heard that the cops were allowed to film the demonstrators from the rear of the speakers platform. Their camera's would have been pointing at the anarchists who were right out at the front and encircled by SPG thugs....

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ABC OF FRAUD
A booklet with the above title is being put out soon for wide distribution. Any contributions, detailed examples and anecdotes to Box F, c/o Black Flag.

anarcho quiz



1. What was the pun unintentionally made by Napoleon I that cost hundreds of lives - at least according to a contemporary joke?

2. What was the pun deliberately made by Mohammed Ali Jinnah that cost hundreds of thousands of lives, and was no joke?

3. During a South African strike in the twenties the (white) Afrikaans trouser makers objected to unity with their sisters, the (mixed race) Cape Coloured button-holers. What was the famous reply made by the union organiser?

4. What comment did Anarchist theorist Peter Kropotkin make about the now popular slogan "The Right to Work"?

5. What comment did the Edwardian music-hall comedian Gus Elen make about it?

6. Why are printshop assemblies called "chapel's"?

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(Don't forget the Anarcho Quiz Book 80p available from us, through @ Distribution & better bookshops..... we may plan a sequel if we sell a few more of them).

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If only people would renew their subs the Flag would come out more regularly. But please cancel subs or notify us of renewal. We go on sending issues out reluctantly to cut people off - and then get curt notes saying "Moved two years ago!" (which means we spend about £2 on postage for nothing). We hate being 'business like' but will have to prune the sendings out soon.



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IMPORTANT RESEARCH PROJECT

We are establishing a national and international clipping service and need the support of our readers in this project. Please send us clippings of matters of interest from your local or national paper, or specialist magazines, for our files. We are particularly interested in the activities of neo-fascists and the cocaine and heroin trade.



DIRECT ACTION No. 9
Articles include:
CND – an Anarchist Alternative, Poland – Don't Mourn, Organise! Life in Socialist Lambeth; Reviews & News. 20p
Direct Action Movement, 164/166
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M4 3BN.

HAPOTOC, THE PRISONERS AID COLLECTIVE BASED IN AMSTERDAM, IS FINALLY FOLDING AFTER SEVEN YEARS. THIS IS LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF AUS GREIDANUS WHO STEPPED IN WHEN SOME OF THE PIONEERS OF HAPOTOC HAD LEFT IN 1980. CORRIE COURTENS AND WILLIE SNOECK, WHO HAVE DONE MUCH WORK IN THE DIRECTION OF PRISONERS AID FOR

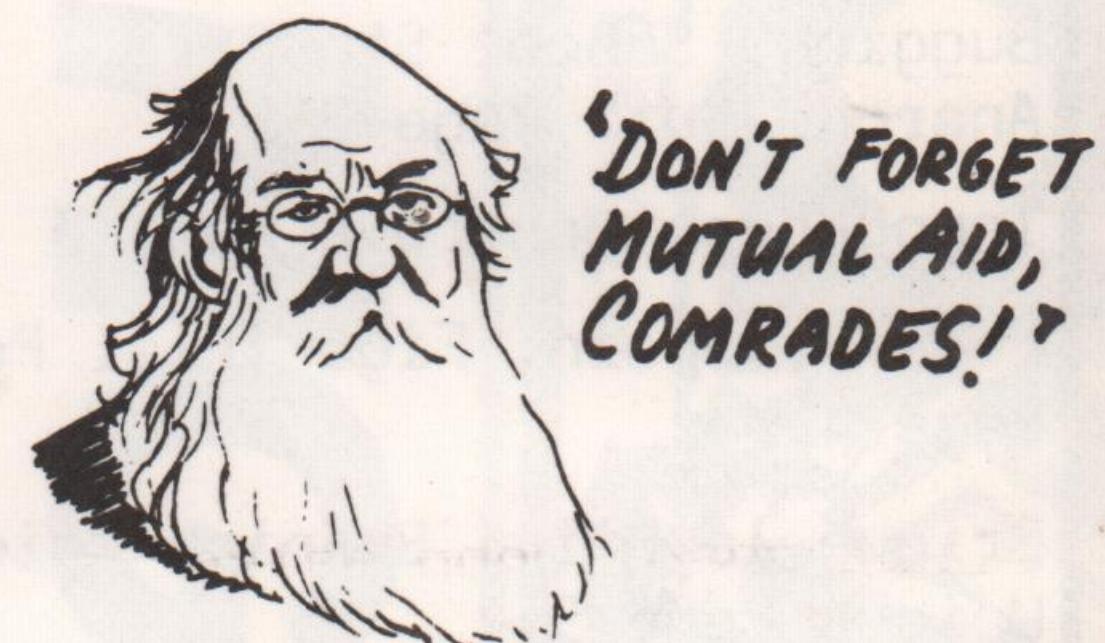
HAPOTOC, FEEL THEY CAN NOT CARRY ON.

bugging

Get that nagging feeling you are being spied on - well do not fret because all you have to do is get hold of a copy of Exchange & Mart. In the leisure section - Radio, there is always a myriad of ads from small electronics firms who specialise in anti-bugging (and bugging) equipment. No catches, you can even purchase through the post. For the ambitious try getting hold of the Big Brother Game published by Lyle Stuart INC 120 Enterprise Avenue, Sea-caucus, New Jersey 07094 USA (\$10 plus postage & inflation) It has details and diagrams on making your own anti-bugging devices. As well as info on such interesting topics as transmitters, laser-guns, a device that blocks out localised short-wave transmissions and scanners. If you can't find a copy, then write to BF and we'll send photocopies on - but don't forget to send a Self Addressed Envelope and a contribution to costs of photocopying.

School Stoppers

The School-Stoppers Handbook (88 ways to sabotage your school) first published in 1968, has recently been reprinted and Anglicised from the US version. Its free, and available from most @ Bookstores in the UK. The publishers have instructed that anyone who comes across a copy should reproduce it and give away as many copies as possible. Some of the suggestions include: 'If you still have to wear uniforms, try wearing them back to front in protest. Or dare boys and girls into wearing each others' uniforms if this doesn't work try a blanket protest.' and 'get a small group to always carry screwdrivers, and slowly dismantle the school.'



CIENFUEGOS DISASTER FUND DRAW

Drawn at 121 Bookshop Benefit on May 2nd 1982 at Alternative A Centre, Centro Iberica, 421 Harrow Rd, London W10.

1st Prize: 2 Matching Lopi Wool Jumpers handknitted in Orcadian "Magus" Patterns.
Mrs. Clough of Glasgow.
2nd and 3rd Prizes: Orcadian Food Hamper including Highland Park Malt Whiskey Len Still of London & Bob of Swaney.
Other Prizes: Marian Blanchard of Retford, Notts, P. Bielski of London, Gary Brown of Florida, Robert Johnstone of Belfast, Susan Dex of Alaska, Paul of London & Joe Thomas of London.
Notices have been sent to the addresses of all of the above.

on the street

innocence

Terry May was killed after a group of black youths took revenge on a known National Front haunt, a pub - the Wilton Arms - not far from their HQ in Thornton Heath Croydon. The incident took place against a background of racist attacks in the area - not that there need be any justification or excuse for giving fascists a good going over. Attacks by fascist groups on Left-wing premises with little or no response in return - and on Asians and blacks generally - are too numerous to detail here. More recently the National Front attempted to break up a Troops Out (of Nth. Ireland) meeting at Brighton; and in February the old Race Today premises were gutted by arson.

The NF had it coming therefore. The tragedy is that Terry May, who was just in the wrong place at the wrong time became a casualty of black/white tension and the ineptitude of those who were the targets of fascist agro to deal effectively with the problem. No one person is to blame for his death although it was inevitable that the Courts would find a scapegoat.

Racial tension was still further encouraged in the Croydon area both during and after the trial. Racist leaflets were distributed and blacks harassed to the extent that the whole black community was beginning to wonder if it were not under siege. A defence group was formed - the Black People's Action Committee. The police continued with their raids. However when the cops unwisely attempted to hold one of the members of BPAC he was quickly released as soon as the Police Station came under siege by the detainees comrades.

BPAC in the meantime have concentrated their efforts in setting up a centre to

monitor fascists activity & that of the police in the local area. Their newly launched paper, the Sniper, recently published details of how the Croydon police came under criticism by the area Community Relations Council for their strong-arm methods in a recent raid on a black couple's home. These criticisms were noted down in a confidential memorandum which found its way to the Sniper's editors. Not surprisingly the centre where the BPAC operate from was raided by the police. On the same evening as the raid, not long afterwards, an office block nearby was damaged!.... Anyone who would like to obtain copies of the Sniper should contact BPAC c/o 43 Wellesley Rd. Croydon.



MAKING PREPARATIONS

Molotovs were found in a South London School recently and police made four arrests. After the petrol bombs were discovered the school-Kingsdale in Dulwich was laid seige by police. About 150 youths left en masse by the rear exit only to return again to make a stand against their attackers. Fighting broke out after they attempted to force their way through the middle of the line of cops. Four youths were arrested on a variety of charges and their case is pending.



mangrove again

In Notting Hill the police faced a direct challenge to their Authority and were surprised at the speed in which the forces against them were mobilised. A few days after the Anniversary of the Brixton riots, three cops attempting to harass a couple on suspicion of possessing drugs were prevented from doing so by the intervention of locals. The police were chased out of the area....The overreaction to the incident in which the police quickly sent in anti-riot reinforcements left people in the vicinity no

choice but to protect themselves the best way they could. Makeshift barricades were erected and during the ensuing battle in All Saints Road about 150 local people attempted to defend the area. The battle lasted for 3 hours culminating in the trashing of the Mangrove Club by the cops in retaliation.

Several vehicles were set alight. Five police were injured and Superintendent Tony Moore was attacked while trying to make a get-away in his car. Several caches of

molotovs were later discovered in the area.

Meanwhile Lord Scarface speaking in the House of Lords recently, warned that if it were found that the police were unable to gain the confidence of the local community and there was a breakdown in Law & Order, the Government would have no choice but to call in the troops. The Criminal Justice Bill which will strengthen police powers of stop and search will also introduce a curfew scheme for young people involved in acts of trouble.

More news stories welcome.

BRADFORD 12

12 Asians charged with making and conspiring to make explosive substances appeared in Leeds Court recently. One of those charged, Jayesh Amin, has had both charges dropped. Two other defendants have had the charge of manufacture dropped. This was because of insufficient evidence and the Judge was forced to order the jury to bring in a not-guilty verdict.

Many of the defendants are members of the United Black Youth League, an independent organisation committed to combat racism and help defend the black community against fascist attacks. Some had

been active in the Campaigns to stop the deportations of Anwar Ditta and other Asian women.

The 12 were originally arrested after the July nation-wide disturbances when 38 petrol bombs were found and after some 'confessions' were extracted. The molotovs were to be used against some fascists who it was rumoured, were on their way to Bradford in a large number. Earlier a large fascist presence at a skin-head Oi! concert in the suburb of Southall in London had led to attacks on Asians and an uprising of locals to prevent this arose.

Further details can be got from the Bradford 12 National Mobilising Committee, Box JK 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds 2.

----- HAVE YOU HEARD ? -----



Despite attempts by the State and the media to suppress (or at least delay) news on any outbreaks of localised rioting / attacks on the police, information is nevertheless getting around. Specifically Toxteth (nothing in the papers until 4 days after the event) and Notting Hill (hardly mentioned in any of the papers - nothing on the telly).

The events in Toxteth went on for 3 nights running with the police vehicles being systematically attacked. The cops were unable to account for the efficiency of their opponents methods and so blamed 'Left-wing agitators' as possible organisers (a bit of a contradiction). Similarly after the Brixton uprising of April last year 'white anarchists' were blamed as its leaders. An article in a recent issue of Race Today went on to describe the storming of the police station at Moss Side during the July 81 riots. In that instance it began with a group of youths from one area coming across a group of youths from another area, saying a few

words and together marching off to the agreed target. No conspiracy, no organisations, no Leaders - just the right people at the right place at the right time. What really got the cops worried this time around was the way everyone seemed to have formed a strategy of action; obviously based on their experience during the first outbreak. Tactics included using the element of surprise to its maximum effect attacking from all quarters when least expected and then disappearing into the darkness of the night before the enemy had a chance to retaliate. The desired effect was to gradually wear down the morale of the opposition. Classic guerrilla stuff.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

poland

After the riots, the Roman Catholic primate of Poland issued an attack on those that took part and sided with the military rulers and the Communist Party, blaming "interferers, manipulators and agitators" and Western propaganda for having instigated demonstrations and said "it is forbidden to manipulate the patriotic feelings which live in the hearts of our youth" (not, of course, forbidden to do so in time of war!)

Archbishop Josef Glemp, the Primate, thus takes a stand familiar enough in capitalist countries. The

only difference between him and other R.C. prelates is that he is speaking in a State Communist country. The church condemns State Communism but is no barrier against it. Ultimately, with the Catholic Church, the side it supports is the one in power. The Church, like God, is on the side of the big battalions. It is inbuilt Statism.

Predictably, some of the Solidarnosc 'Leaders' in prison on hunger strike are talking about going along with the compromise solution. Are they acting on behalf of the resistance movement, we ask, or simply attempting to consolidate their own future? Martyrs or/and representatives are not required.

SPAIN

On the night of 9 February, 8 members of the CNT's Banking union in Madrid were beaten up by armed fascists from the Primera Linea organisation while putting up posters that advertised a rally on the doors of the AEB (Bank Employe Employers' Association).

It is now 4½ years since the strange affair of the Scala began. The result of this State provocation against the libertarian movement has been so far: Around 100 arrests in Barcelona and Rubi; Imprisonment of seven comrades; The chance for political slander of the CNT by Martin Villa, Minister of the Interior. Meanwhile the very people carrying out the persecution have been attempting to overthrow the State by violence, and some of them are awaiting trial in easy conditions.

Francisco Romero Garcia, Anton Antonio Navio, Adrian Satue (all of the CNT) and Jose Sanchez are held in the Modelo Barcelona, charged with robbery and alleged murder. The charges arise out of an industrial dispute. They have been tortured under the notorious anti-terrorist Laws.

On 9 February Roque Cano Perez Antonio Marfil Aranda, Jose Lozano Cano, Jose Antonio Caravaca Martinez and Jose Hernandez Escamez were tried on charges of possessing arms and explosives and each sentenced to 6 months and a day, except for Roque Cano Perez who got one year. They had originally been picked up in Barcelona in 1977 along with 45 others, allegedly aiming to re-found the FAI (Iberian Anarchist Federation). They were all released under an amnesty whose provisions were later rescinded (in their cases alone) by the Interior Minister, Rodolfo Martin Villa



USA

Congratulations for ingenuity to the inmates of Nevada State Penitentiary. Over the past few years some of them had quietly and slowly been putting together a structure to fly them out of the place. They were just short of a top blade when unfortunately their deed was discovered. Warden George

Sumner is now a laughing stock. Last year, when he was Warden of the notorious San Quentin he was made to look a fool when it was discovered that his offices had been bugged by the cons. He claimed to have no idea as to when the bugs had been planted - it may have been years back!



FIGA TRIAL

On 14 May 1982 in Madrid, several members of the FIGA (Iberian Federation of Anarchist Groups), an organisation based on the affinity group, are to stand trial in connection with bank robberies and on charges of membership of a terrorist grouping. In June 1979 FIGA member Agustin Valiente was shot dead in a brief exchange of fire with police (some policemen were wounded); police had surrounded the hiding place of Valiente and Alejandro Mata. After that, Spanish police swooped on around 20 people throughout Spain and, with the aid of Portugal's Anti-Terrorist Squad some were also picked up on Portuguese soil. In Portugal FIGA militants had seized weapons from a Guarda Fiscal post. In Spain they had carried out expropriations of banks. Alejandro Mata, for instance, stands accused of 22 such bank raids. What follows is a list of the accused and the sentences being demanded by the prosecution.

Alejandro Mata - 168 yrs
4mths and 1 day
Isabel Cobos Sorente -
14 years.
Jose Carlos Santillan
Moreno - 17 years.
Javier Serna Rives - 2 yrs.
Eugenio Garcia Presa - 2 yrs.
Charo Belinchon Belinchon -
2 years.
Javier Martinez Onecha.
Pedro Chamorro.
Luis Angel, Antonio Ventura
Redondo, Alberto Serna
Rives, Fernando Roman
Arnedillo, Martin Viruega
Rodrigues, Leandro, Nacho.

italy

Lest his arrest pass unnoticed the anarchist Orazio Valastro having refused to be incorporated into the Italish Armed Forces, organised a meeting /Rally in Catania on 4 March 1982 along with the Radical Party, Lotta Continua and conscientious objectors' groups etc. Valastro was soon hauled away in full view of everyone, and none too gently. His friends tried unsuccessfully to snatch him back from the police. Valastro is now being held in the military glasshouse in Palermo, Sicily. After the meeting (which was a spectacular statement of the objector's case) 6 anarchists... Salvo Marletta, Jean weir, Alfredo Bonnanno, Turi Oteri, Melina Di Marca and Nerina Scuderi (Valastro's wife) were arrested, held, and released, but not before they were charged with obstruction and assault on a public official, assisting an attempted escape, insulting a Public Officer, etc. Rob Roberto Fuzio was thrown into solitary in Catania prison.

On 19 April the Florence Assize Court will hear appeals by various people accused of having belonged, in various capacities, to Azione Rivoluzionaria. Those involved are: Monica Giorgi; Maria Luisa Felici; Giorgio Signori; Salvatore Cirincione; Maurizio Jacono; Cajcal Palleja Ferrer; Marie Noel Dominique; Fernando Castro Reyes; Pasquale Vocatur Vocaturo; Juan Soto Pai; Gabriele Fuga; Sofia Crusca; Nicoletta Martella; Marina Ceretto Castiglione.; Daniele Pifano; Fernando del Grosso, and Alessandra Di Pace.

Milan Courts have acquitted the anarchists Agostino (Anacleto) Mariotti and Libero di Gaetano of Membership of the so-called "Antonio Lo Muscio" armed group. This was something of a success in that that the trial boasted the highest number of 'pentiti' (repentant prisoners turned State's evidence) etc., this includes Mariotti's own brother, Pietrangelo, who had no hesitation in trying to incriminate Agostino.

Another notorious 'pentito', Enrico Paghera, is the only witness against Rocco Palamara who stands accused of possession of dangerous weapons -- firearms. Paghera claims to have been present when Palamara was given the guns. In the Livorno trial, 3 people accused by the same Paghera were absolved; another 2 accused of membership of an armed group on his evidence were also found not guilty. Yet Paghera's accusations have already cast Rocco Palamara 5 months, spent in preventive custody.

brique les flic

Interior Minister Defferre is pushing for increased police powers to shoot down 'suspected criminals' in the street and to check identity cards of 'suspected illegal immigrants', to the point where a *de facto* 'pass law' system exists for all blacks in France.

During the Giscard d'Estaing government, ROCK AGAINST POLICE held a series of outdoor rock concerts and distributed broadsheets in the immigrant suburbs of Paris. A general counter-attack by immigrant workers against the power of the State began. Now RAP moves on to organise in order to meet the threat posed by Giscard's socialist successors and build a wider movement to oppose the criminalisation of immigrants.

More details from the new 'free radio' station in the immigrant Barbes district of north Paris:

RADIO SOLEIL, 35 rue Stephenson, 75018 Paris, tel. 606 1568
Interview from a booklet edited by Mogniss Abdallah
JEUNES IMMIGRES HORS LES MURS No 2 of the series Questions available from EDI, 29 rue Descartes, 75005 Paris @ 20FF Tel 3295520

"We have taken off from the experience of those who organised big concerts such as 'Rock

Against Racism', but with two main differences: big concerts held on a neutral ground like Hyde Park or the Pantin Hippodrome would be futile, because people come there just to consume. We have always organised our concerts on the terrain where the cops hit our mates...

We have rightly preferred Rock Against the Police to Rock Against Racism because everyone claims to be anti-racist but in our everyday life the recourse to the police is racist in itself. Anti-racism has always wrung its hands, 'Oh, these poor immigrants they must be protected, etc.' And of course at Bondy (Immigrant district hit by the fascist group FANE), when the cops arrived, it was to help us. The proof: they attacked the young immigrants who were arming themselves!

This is well known...FANE is encouraged to invade our areas in order to make legitimate the presence of the police there - supposedly in order to protect us. They really take us for fools! It's necessary to add that the youths of the suburbs, immigrants and French proletarians recognise each other through Rock groups. In the schools, especially the technical lycees, the names of rock groups have come to replace political slogans, because these groups recount the daily life of our areas."

IDEOLOGICALLY UNSOUND OR THE SOUND OF IDEOLOGY MORE AND MORE CULTURE IS POLITICAL.....



pissing in the wind

Naked Guerrilla

PARIS-MATCH: The French press are continuing their campaign of harassment against Action Directe. Joelle Aubron, who has been charged with possession of arms and membership of Action Directe has successfully brought a court order against the French journal *Paris-Match* for publishing photos of her without permission. The magazine could hardly believe it's luck when it was offered the photos of Aubron - in the nude - and published accordingly, overlooking the important fact that she had not been brought to trial, yet alone found guilty. The court ordered that all copies of the edition - issued on April 21 - be withdrawn. However this order came 48 hours after distribution so any reader happens to come across a copy, without the deletion, comrades in France would no doubt, be delighted to receive it as it could cost *Paris-Match* a deal more than they bargained for.

The present Socialist/communist Party Government has as its Minister of Defence Charles Hernu known as 'Hernucleaire'. To placate the Military the decision was taken to equip the French Army with neutron - destroys only people not property - bombs and to build new strategic nuclear submarines. All the proposed sites of nuclear reactors generating and reprocessing plants with the exception of PLOGOFF where popular resistance has been strongest are to go ahead. The media debate by experts and Parliamentarians right down to local Councillors has followed the 'boosting the economy' and fighting unemployment clichés. Ecologists and local anti-nuke groups who worked and voted for politicians now realise they were conned so protest remerged: The semi-State company COGMENA which is in control of the whole nuclear fuel cycle, reopened the file of a project for nuclear waste storage in a disused uranium mine in St. Priest Lapargue in the Centre Mountains. Local people remobilised and demonstrated massively and many scientists also opposed it so the State was obliged to drop it. New prospecting licences for uranium mining in the Esterel Mountains close to the Riviera have been granted (what next then? Bourgeois Chalet owners Against Uranium mining?)....the French National Anti-Nuclear Coordination CNAN has stated that they

would not condemn violent actions since any hopes of stopping the nuclear programme have been dashed. In Cherbourg opposition to the Le Hague plant for reprocessing French and foreign nuclear waste continues; the unloading facilities in the Port were blocked so the State uses the Naval base now! In South West construction work has been delayed by sabotage, clashes with the police, bomb attacks and even shots were fired. Paratroops were brought in and a 60 year old man along with some youths were kept standing naked all night.

The public Enquiry in Chooz (near the Belgian border) about a second nuclear plant was disrupted and the State retaliated violently.

In Creys, Malville in Eastern France a military attack - 5 rockets from an RPG 7 - was launched in January against the fast breeder reactor being built there damaging the concrete mantel. A group calling themselves PACIFIST ECOLOGISTS (ed. note: shorley shum micshtake ere? claimed responsibility. Without the 'help' of the Socialists, CP and their affiliated Trade Unions and the 'left' the French anti-nuclear movement now has to oppose its former 'friends' as they are now in power continuing the State's nuclear programme. Outside France too the bitter lesson is being learnt: To vote is to piss into the wind.

Irish traveller.

which agree to toe the employers line would be held in other countries to be corrupt. But the idea of financing this with stolen property surpasses all audacity. The socialists and communists in this country, while applauding their Spanish colleagues, attack Tebbit and his new Bill. But in Spain they are accepting far more rigorous measures providing they get their paws on the CNT property. Is it wondered why they were never trusted and are now regarded as fascists?

Make this known abroad - especially if any Socialist or Communist "fraternal delegates" turn up. Their despicable sell out should be well advertised internationally.

Other unions such as USO, ELA, STV etc are also trying to get in on the attack. The CNT at least will not stoop to being bought with its own money.

SPANISH UNIONS

When Franco won the Civil war, everything belonging to the unions was confiscated. Not merely were the collectives they established destroyed as such, but all the union funds and as assets - benefit funds, premises, branches, printing presses - were expropriated by the State.

The fascist syndicates were given all the property of the CNT and UGT. In Barcelona, for instance, the daily paper Solidaridad Obrera, with a new printing press was handed over to the JONS (Falange unions), and came out as Solidaridad Nacional.

The introduction of democracy meant that demands were made for the restoration of the union property. The fascist unions

have been dissolved and there is ample provision to pay back what was stolen. There has also been ample time. But the Government wants to use the money to buy the unions, to buy them with CNT & UGT money!

The Comisiones Obreras (so-called Workers Commissions, in effect the Communist trade union) known as CC.OO., and the UGT have voted to accept the swag. The condition is that they must sign the pacts regularising the unions. This means that they are selling their members short - for clearly the pacts are anti-strike - in order to gain assets with which to pay the bureaucrats and build up the organisation.

An agreement giving 400 million pesetas and dozens of halls and printing presses to unions

WHEN WILL THEY EVER
LEARN? DEPARTMENT

An informative and interesting supplement on Anthropology and Anarchy in Freedom (March 6) contains the following gem of hackneyed pacifistic moralising (quite out of place in context): "One might think the ultimate form of coercion - threatening to take the life of another - would be universally opposed by Anarchists, but Anarchists have not ordinarily been pacifists. They have not adequately explained how violence can be wrong for the State, but right for a self appointed body of world saviours. Among Anarchist

theoreticians only Tolstoy and, in modern times, Paul Goodman, seem to be consistent in this regard for the logic of Anarchism would appear to suggest that Anarchists should be pacifists just as the logic of pacifism would appear to imply Anarchism."

I can't think of how many times one has dealt with this fallacy. Anarchists cannot be pacifists because to offer no defence against violence is to encourage violence; those who would go down without fighting against fascists tyranny may be libertarians for all that, but not revolutionary libertarians (pacifists, and sincere ones too, but scarcely Anarchists (ie. believe in no Government).

The "world saviours" bit is an absurd myth, putting up an Aunt Sally so as to knock it down again. Self-appointed world saviours have also to be opposed by Anarchists.

But finally, Tolstoy again! Tolstoy himself didn't think he was an Anarchist (but self-appointed Tolstoys think he was); be that as it may, the author of War and Peace was no pacifist, and as an old man he DID believe in self-appointed world saviours (a non-divine Jesus for one). But above all "only Tolstoy and Paul Goodman"? "Freedom" trotted out apologists for this idea for years and finally pissed most of us off.



ROON 'N' ABOOT

jardine suicide

Racialism in the police should be a criteria for dismissal according to the Scarman Report, but not according to Jim Jardine, Chairman of the powerful Police Federation. He claims that if any policeman/woman is dismissed or demoted on grounds of racial prejudice it will be over his dead body. Any offers?



Black Flag Page.6

TERRORISM RULES O.K.

For the fascist Right that is. The police conveniently turn a blind eye to their attacks on left-wing premises and Asian households. In the meantime the Anti-Terrorist Squad raid Freedom Press and Little @ printers to nick some copies of the Riot Not to Work pamphlet, only to find as well copies of an even more (in their eyes) subversive publication. To which they then proceeded to expropriate. The fascists can however publish what they want, they know they will not be raided. Pick up any copy of their papers and you will see the advertisements - sabotage tips, Army type manuals, how to fire-bomb, etc. The fascists can get hold of anything we publish the easy way - through their friends at Special Branch copies of the recent will end up in some very

No doubt copies of some of the loot from the recent raids will end up in fascist hands. Of course, there's nothing to stop us from sending off for copies of what the Right publish. Its best though to use a false address as fascists, like the Scientologists, tend to follow up all enquiries in person.



BM

The British Movement is again in the throes of deciding to expel Black members. It seems - to say the least - bizarre that the fascist group can even have Black members, but they do. There are West Indian guys prepared to run around with fellow skinheads dotted around all the Nazi groupings (only the BM it seems admits them to membership), talking of going "coon bashing" and "throwing the niggers out" ... "niggers" being a term that apparently means all people of black skin bar themselves.

But don't think this is the limit of lunacy. After all, the National Front has fielded two Jewish candidates for Parliament (wouldn't it have been lovely if one had got in as the sole Nazi?) And down at Tottenham Hotspur - where the fans were once largely of Jewish origin and the thickheads have labelled Spurs as the "yiddos" - the term has been accepted by football fans who are appearing on the terraces with all the NF and swastika drag plus the Jewish skullcap (to keep it on they have to tape it to their shaven skulls) and chant away: "We are the yiddos".

Can it be wondered therefore if occasionally some of the type wear circle A badges together with the double-cross? The explanation is simple. They have been kidded by the media that Anarchism equals the worst type of criminality, and that Hitlerism (criminal Statism which belongs to the past) is equally portrayed in the films. They choose the circled A and the swastika because they think they are bad, not because they think they're good. Once convinced by National Front propaganda that the blacks or the jews are equally bad, they will embrace them too. From such an embrace may our fists preserve us, our tongues enlighten them.

Funeral Dirge

IN THE FIRST OF THE AD HOC PEACE MARCHES ON THE FALKLANDS THROUGH FLEET STREET, PRINTWORKERS BEAT UP THE TROTSKYISTS, WHO IMAGINED THEY WERE PRESENTING A CLASS LINE.

The reason may have been mixed - some printworkers were clearly motivated by patriotic reasons but far from all. The fact was that the trots were doing the usual idiocy on passing the Express and Telegraph buildings - giving the fascist salute and shouting "Sieg Heil". This is usually interpreted as being sarcastic - it is indeed meant to be so - and a dig at the papers, in which the printers usually good-humouredly join and respond with clenched fists. They could hardly be expected to do so when the trots were shouting "Victory for Argentina" and supporting the fascist junta. How was anyone to follow the deviousness by which the N.F. Fascists don't support the junta, but the Trots do?

The trotskyist movement generally has been totally disgraced by its attitude to the Falklands crisis. It was bad enough in the Ho Chi Min days - victory to the Vietcong. At least the fascist regime in Vietnam didn't say it was so then. The Argentine government murders and tortures its opponents. But the trots, from the absurdly-socalled Spartacists through to the "Revolutionary communists" call for victory for Argentina, triumph to the fascist orderers.

The Socialist Workers Party in a leaflet says: "The war is not against a fascist dictatorship. Tory MPs and the previous Labour government were only too willing to supply arms to the Galtieri regime until a month ago". - that does not disprove that the regime is fascist, it confirms it! - "Those who have been really fighting fascism in Argentina" - but we thought it did not exist - the Argentine trade unions and the Left, rightly believe that the Falklands should belong to Argentina as they were stolen by British gunboats 150 years ago".

By the "Argentine trade unions" what is meant? Not the fighting O.R.A., the anarcho-syndicalist union built up in the struggle against capitalism, that was subject to genocide under the Peronistas. But the Peronista trade unions built up to supplant them! The Left means the Trots who have promised to come out of hiding if the generals will stop persecuting them - and then they can serve them loyally.

For years the cancer of Trotskyism in the Labour movement has been sneering at the Spanish workers because in the struggle against fascism they had representatives in the bourgeois government - contrary to the Anarchist principles they professed. But the trots show what they really believe in when they are prepared to support the victory of an ally and TO SUSPEND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM in the interests of national unity. What would "Old Man" Trotsky and Felix Morrow, say? They would probably approve. Let this be the funeral dirge of trotskyism.

HERNE HILL WARD

LAMBETH BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - Thursday May 6th



ALEXANDER GREY (SDP) has lived in Lambeth for nearly 30 years, and in the posh part of Herne Hill since 1970. He is married with 3 children at local schools, and has been involved for many years in voluntary work for the local community in order to gain support. He now has a highly paid career in local government, and has previously been a treasury bureaucrat and a Management Consultant. In spite of the damaging Tory government cuts he is convinced that Lambeth can do much to improve his new political career. But there has to be more publicity before he can work his way up through to Parliament.

If elected, he will see that prompt action is taken to get himself a nice office. On matters of concern to people in Herne Hill, such as improve poor condition housing, bringing idle land back into use, and making it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross roads he will do nothing to rock the boat. He is sure that more can be done to help politicians in difficulty: not by doing anything worthwhile but by taking populist measures to win even more support.

JOHN MORE (Liberal) is 23 and lives in Ferndene Road and has not done a stroke of work in his life. He began his education at Jessop Rd Primary School and recently graduated from Bristol University with a degree in politics. Whilst at Bristol he became interested in the welfare of foreign students and served on various committees as practice for the future. At present he is involved in starting a small business but hopes that a political career will mean he never has to work at all.

John believes that he knows best for the people of Lambeth and is in favour of increased power for politicians. John is particularly concerned about the number of vacant houses (which can be squatted), and the rising level of unemployment among young people which may lead to riots on Ferndene Rd.

MARGARET WATKINSON (SDP) also lives in Ferndene Rd and has been connected with Herne Hill for most of her life. She is married with four grown up children. She is a retired teacher and bullied in grammar and awful comprehensive schools in Lanarkshire, Northwood and New Cross. Recently she has done voluntary social work with Victim Support and with Lambeth Bereavement Counselling service where she tells people what to do and how to run their lives. In teaching English as a second language she realised she could exploit this in order to come across as very concerned with other peoples problems. She also sticks her oar in at the Methodist Church. As a senior citizen, she would like to make you feel guilty and vote for her.

Some years ago she was a Labour councillor in Scotland, but since moving back to this area became disenchanted with Labour's chance of winning her a seat.

Margaret believes that homes should be wrecked rather than given to homeless families to squat in. She will encourage housing associations and tenants and residents associations to vote for her. If elected she will do her utmost to keep her seat and gain as much power as possible.

If you want to help us get power above you all and are willing to submit to our authority in every way please contact Brixton SDP, 13 Roltscourt Avenue, SE24. Tel: 733 5678.

SDP/Liberal Alliance

YOU have THREE votes

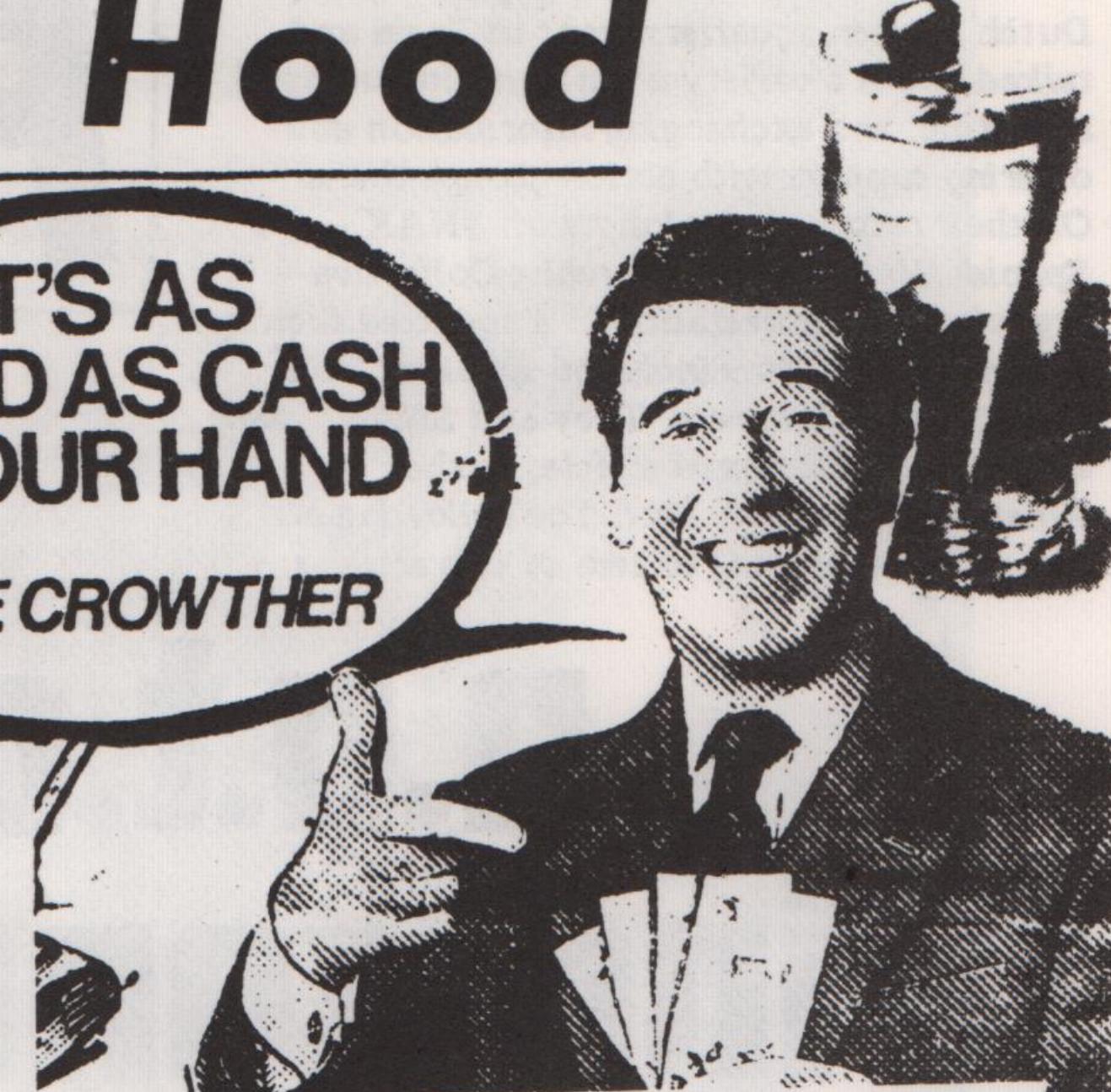
VOTE FOR ALL YOUR ALLIANCE CANDIDATES

GREY X MOORE X WATKINSON X

Published by B. Lovell, Poplar Walk, London SE24. Printed by Staff Politicians (All The Same), 999, Police Way, London 1984.

Robin Hood

IT'S AS GOOD AS CASH IN YOUR HAND SAYS LESLIE CROWTHER



Expropriation has recently become big news in Oxford. The Oxford Shoplifters Collective - newly formed - hit the headlines after they sent letters to all the city's major stores, as well as to Thames Valley police HQ and the local MP. The local press reproduced some of their claims! The collective claimed that their members were shoplifting 'as a means of undermining capitalism' and that it is a 'necessary weapon in the immediate struggle against everyday economic oppression under capitalism and in the longer term struggle to transform society.' Some practical suggestions went further: 'We

I feel that the way forward is for people who shoplift to get together to exchange their skills (as we do in the collective) and to discuss ways in which it is possible for shoplifters to cooperate with each other and to forge links with other progressive groups within the community so that shoplifting becomes genuine social expropriation rather than just the actions of isolated groups and individuals'. The letters were signed by a Robin Hood and the police suspect.....?

HOLIER THAN THOU

Labour spokesperson for Scottish Affairs, Donald Dewar, said at a recent meeting in Edinburgh that the present Conservative Government had failed to hold back the increase in crime in Scotland (20% over the last two years) and demanded that

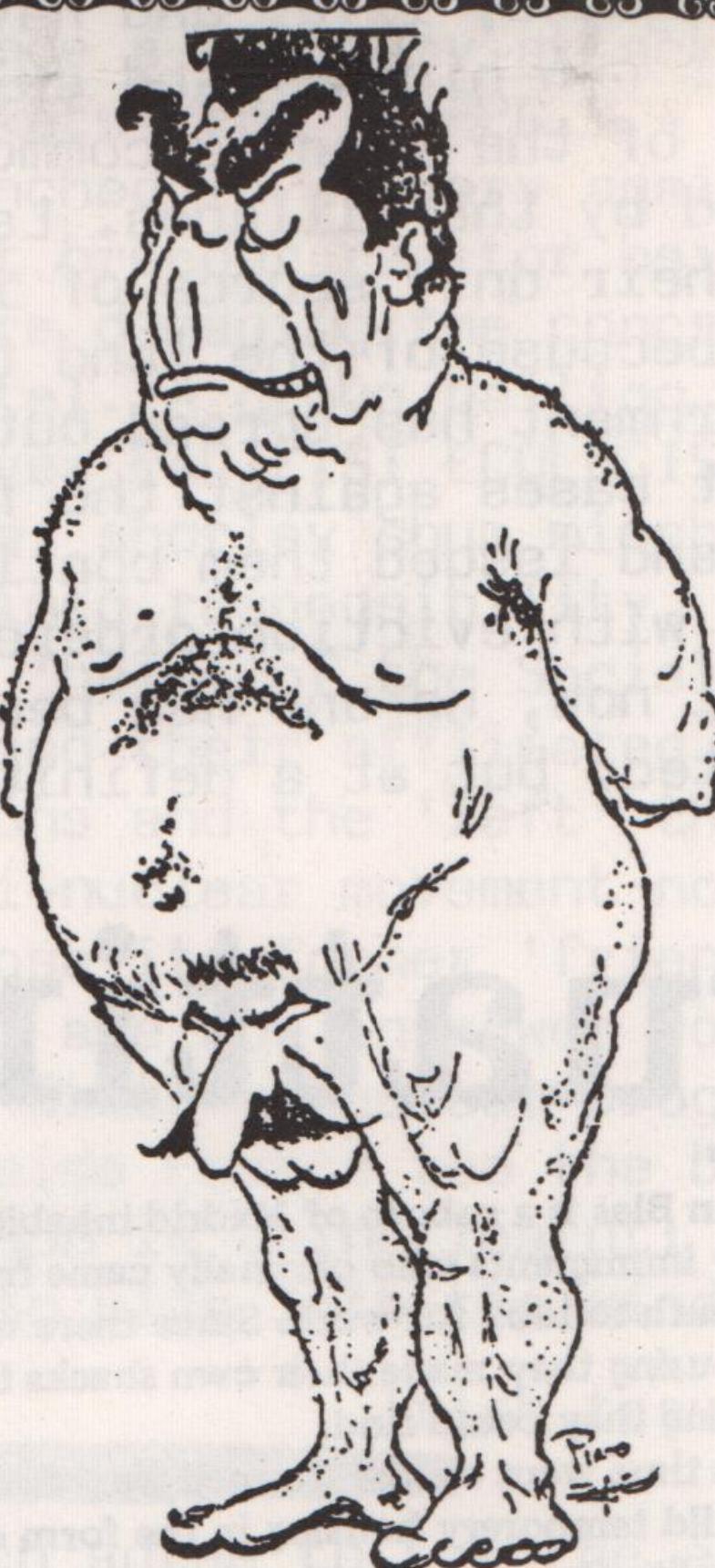
police numbers be strengthened accordingly to deal with the problem (sic). Other Labour speakers moaned about the lack of money made available for police pay this year and generally criticised the government for cutting - yes cutting - it's contribution to policing.

SDP

Stephen Haseler, who has been closely involved in the ultra right wing Freedom Association (sic) and the Heritage Foundation - a Reaganite think tank, was - surprise, surprise, - one of the signatories of the SDP Limehouse Declaration and a member of the SDP policy committee.

The Freedom Association also helped to pull the strings at the (unsuccessful) attempt to prevent deselection of right-wing Labour MP Reg Prentice in the mid 70's. The F.A. helped to fund the campaign to support Prentice.

The SDP meanwhile is still having difficulty in maintaining its image as a MOR Party, especially when it was discovered that their election candidate in a Croydon constituency was none other than a British Movement member and a leading-light. Meanwhile further up the road at Herne Hill, local dissidents doctored an SDP election leaflet (reproduced here) and distributed their version on the evening prior to polling day. Isn't life unfair?



PUBLISHING APPEAL CARL HARP

A group of Anarchists are planning to reprint Carl Harp's 'Love & Rage' along with 'I wanna be free' and unpublished material about his killing etc. The plan is to link the book to ongoing anarchist prison struggles. Any help, advice, materials or MONEY - contact: 121 Books 121 Railton Rd Herne Hill S.E. 24.



In February and March of this year a group of Dutch women squatters went to Spain and talked about a variety of subjects including squatting, and exchanging information and offering support with action groups there. On their return they along with SNAK - the Spanish/Netherlands Anarchist Collective - organised a manifestation in a squatted factory in Amsterdam. This included speakers from Spain, music, films etc. They and SNAK have also written a series of articles in the Amsterdam weekly, Bluf. The following are translations (edited) of two of these articles:

FRANCO'S GHOST

n.a.t.o. firing zone

16 VILLAGES THREATENED.

"But we find ourselves still in the time (of the coming martial law?) in which we can certainly say that the Spanish army (and all armies) is a police army, and is little less than an army of occupation, whose enemy is not from the army."

In dolencra dec. '81
(autonomo weekly paper)
In the Northern province of Leon the state wants to evict 14 villages, to make way for a NATO Firing Zone. They will take the farmers' land - altogether about 60kms - because they know the farmers will then have to re-house themselves, since they can't work without land. As compensation they are offering 16 pesetas (about 8p) per sq. metre.

These 14 villages form the greater part of Maragateria, an area where a distinctive community of people, the Margagatos, live, and have their own history and culture. Most of the land is commonly owned by the villages. Land is their only source of income and because of the land the government has spread out the court cases against the farmers and issued them continually with eviction orders. Until now, no-one has been evicted, but at a definite

date their pieces of land will be declared forbidden territory. The farmers are organising demonstrations (also in Madrid) and occupation actions are beginning. They want to, for instance, sit down in front of the tanks. A journalist and a professor of the Madrid university have been prosecuted because they wrote that the army was only interested in destruction. It is forbidden to write anything against the army or say such a thing in public.

LAND OCCUPATION

All anti-militarist and support groups are getting together to organise an occupation camp in the villages for the summer months. They are also inviting all anti-militarists from outside Spain to come also. We hope to have more precise info on this in our next issue.



women and anti-terrorism in spain

Jimena Alonso and her two daughters Viviane and Alida were picked up on 18th October and accused of support for ETA. Jimena was arrested under the anti-Terrorist Law, and is still in prison, without any trial. Both she and her daughters were tortured in the notorious DGS centre. Before her arrest Jimena was an active feminist in Madrid, where she had set up a bookshop as an information point for women, and to see what other women's projects could be organised.

The bookshop also provided her with vital independence from her husband, who she could not formally separate from without losing custody of her four children, who were constantly assaulted by their father.

A VISIT TO JIMENA ALONSO.

Hanneke got in to see her through a lawyer. Between them was a thick glass plate, and a wire screen, the same when the children visited. It was hard to either see or hear through it, but the visit was a success: they talked mainly about feminism, about her arrest, interrogation and torture. She was held without charge, under the Anti-Terrorist Law, she was abused: You are a slut, a bad mother, no wonder your husband left you, you are ugly, etc. They threatened to rape her daughters, who were also held and interrogated. She was made drunk, threatened, beaten, questioned again. Day after day. The Anti-Terrorist Law means the police can hold people up to 10 days without a court appearance. After ten days Jimena came before a judge, where she was forced to declare that her injuries came from falling over furniture, in order that her daughters, Viviane and Alida, would be freed.

could be held for 72 hours. Now it is 10 days. Many have made confessions or died under torture within these ten days. It is important that Jimena's support group is also fighting this Anti-Terrorist Law, as in many other countries these types of laws and methods are used, or beginning to be used - officially to 'fight terrorism', but easily turned to crush any other form of resistance. As here (in Holland) for instance, with snatch squads, isolation cells, etc. The only way for us to resist this divide and rule tactic is for us to declare that we are all, in that case, terrorists.

(From Monique. Apologies for translation!).



YESERIAS WOMEN'S PRISON.

Jimena told about the other women in Yeserias. There are 35 women political prisoners in a special gallery, completely separated from the other prisoners. All the 35 suffer beatings. Only 3 of them have had a court case, the others no trial, the longest of them has been there 3 years 2 months. Jimena has been in 7 months, with no sign of a court case. Among the political prisoners solidarity is high, discussion is constant, and food packages, money, reading materials etc are shared. The women are packed four to a cell. By contrast morale is low in the 'normal' part of the prison, where the prisoners are alone in their cells, most of them arrested for drugs, shoplifting, prostitution etc. There is little political detainees can do about that as contact is virtually nil. Children 'may' stay with the mother till the age of six. In effect this means the child is automatically locked up. After the age of six they are expected to go out and take care of themselves.

SOLIDARITY.

Jimena herself has already got a lot of support in Spain, and even abroad. In April/May 82 there was an 'International Support Month' for Jimena, which was extended to demand the release of all the women imprisoned without trial. In Spain her feminist support group is split in two, one group objects to her other political leanings. Hanneke also discussed herself, and the squatting and feminist movement in Holland.

THE ANTI-TERRORIST-LAW.

Jimena's arrest shows it is now possible for all activists (not just those engaged in armed struggle against the State) to be picked up and incarcerated without evidence. In her case the link was made... that feminists are automatically potential terrorists.

Under Franco people arrested in this manner

squatting—san blüs

San Blas is a suburb of Madrid inhabited mainly by immigrants who originally came from the South to look for work. Since there was no housing they made their own shacks from anything they could find.

As time went on the Council were forced to build temporary housing in the form of poor quality flats. Desperation forced people to squat these whenever they became empty, but it didn't always go well. For instance on Nov. 80, 14 families (with 50 children) squatted a block of newly built flats. They were evicted on 2 Dec and spent a month in tents by the road.

The housing distribution system there is chaotic with many flats lying empty. Families are evicted literally at machine-gun point.

The Amsterdam women described how they learnt Spanish, saw a news item about squat-

ting in the paper, and went to San Blas to meet the squatters. They were warmly welcomed. The situation was explained - no money, no dole, hardly any housing, families begging in the streets - They organised a squatters meeting, the first in Madrid, which was attacked and disrupted by fascists, but more squatters were brought in and discussions / organisation continued.

The Amsterdam women explained how the Dutch squatters movement had begun originally as a group of individuals, without support or publicity. The San Blas squatters were enthusiastic, but in Spain squatting is a crime, and an accusation from any neighbour is enough basis for an eviction. There is no Right to Social Security, and no Right to housing. Occupation of property is a revolutionary act.



MADRID 11th May. Trouble broke out after police broke up a demonstration, organised to raise money for the defence of Jimena Alonso, and other victims of the Spanish 'Anti-Terrorist Laws'.

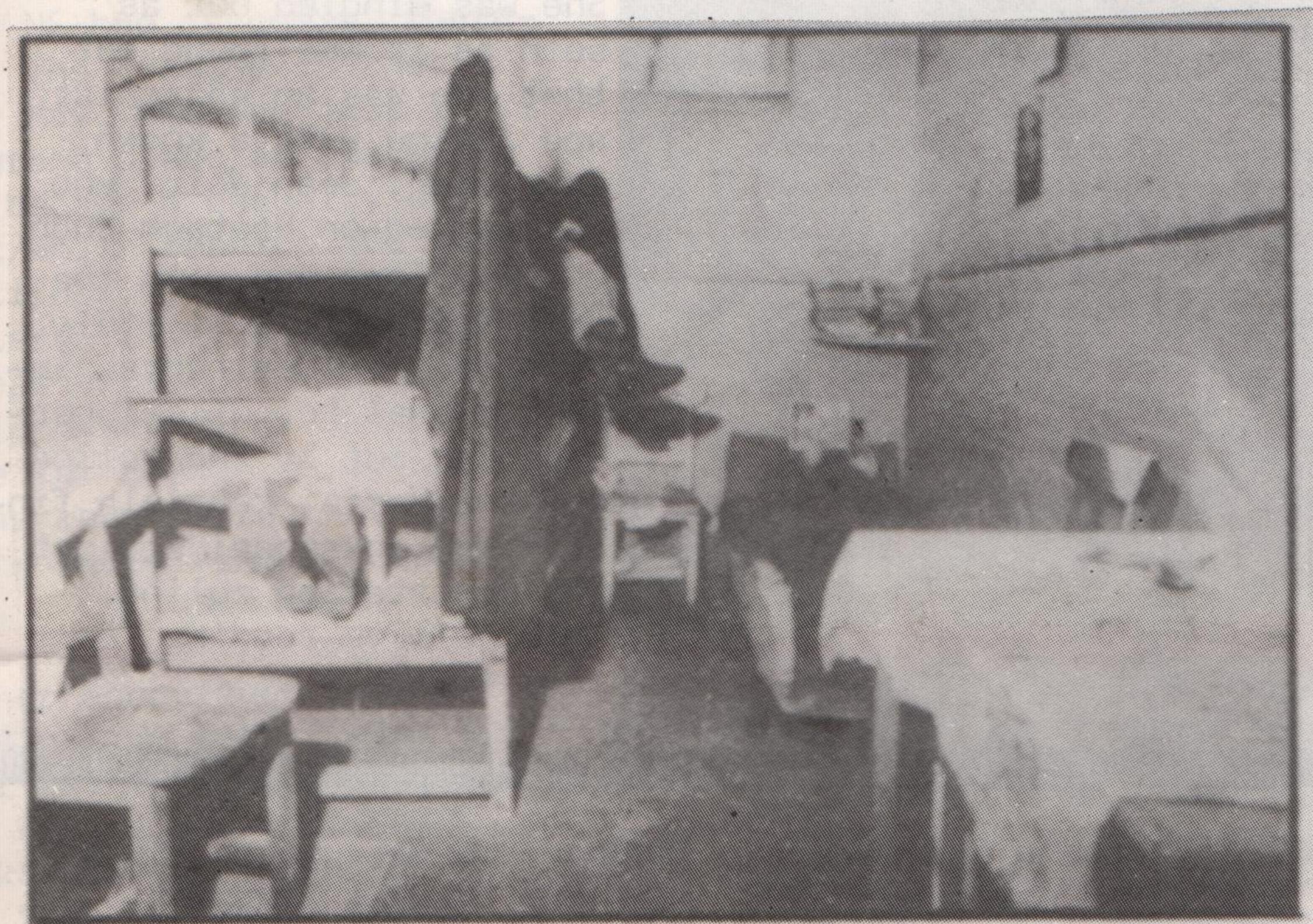
Eight hundred people attended the event, of whom up to 500 were picked up when the police attacked in force. Fifty-two of these are held in prison. The police claimed that the trouble started in a different street because they didn't want the demonstration to catch on and added that the police action was necessary to preserve law and order on the streets, in the roundup to the World Football Championships.

CLOSE TO HOME?



The conditions and treatment experienced by Irish political prisoners in English Jails is much worse than that experienced by their comrades in Irish prisons, H Blocks included. Victims of the British State intent on revenge, they are virtually in the proverbial position of being locked up and the key thrown away.

In the case of the Birmingham, Guildford and Woolwich bombings, and of the supposed Harlesden bomb factory, it is patently obvious to anyone not obsessed by revenge that a number of innocent people were put away.



(They are not the only ones; for example, Judith Ward, jailed for 36 years for the M62 coach bombing, was working with a circus hundreds of miles away from the bombing.) These cases are therefore worth examining in some detail.

BIRMINGHAM

After two bombs went off in pubs in Birmingham, five men were arrested at Heysham on the way to Belfast, and a 6th man was later arrested in Birmingham. The six were: Gerard Hunter, Billy Power, Hugh Callaghan, John Walker, Paddy Hill and Richard McIlkenny. The total evidence against them consisted of the fact that the five at Heysham were on their way to the funeral of IRA man James McDade, recently killed in England by his own bomb, and were therefore obviously involved; that one forensic test on the five (the Griess test) had given two positive, two negative and one inconclusive result (a further spectrographic test resulted in five negatives); and that all had signed confessions (which they later repudiated). Despite that, all six were found guilty.

In the case of the Woolwich and Guildford bombings four people were finally convicted - Gerry Conlon, Paul Hill, Patrick Armstrong and Armstrong's English friend Carol Carole Richardson. The sole evidence against them was their confessions, which they claimed in court were beaten out of them. In these confessions, not only did each person contradict the others at crucial points, but frequently one person made a number of confessions (Hill made six in all), each of which contradicted the other. In addition Armstrong and Richardson took drugs, lived in a squat and were thus well known to the police - hardly the sort of 'cover' one would expect of members of an active service unit in the heart of the beast! Richardson had a cast iron alibi, having been seen at a dance 48 minutes drive (in a police car at full

speed) from Guildford 45 minutes before the bomb. The four were found guilty, and not even the admission later in court by those IRA personnel captured at the Balcombe St. siege that they had carried out the Guildford and Woolwich bombings was enough to bring the ones now in jail to a retrial.

MC GUIRE CASE

Another case is that of Annie McGuire, her husband Paddy, their sons Vincent, aged 16 and Sean, aged 13, Annie's brother Sean Smyth, a neighbour who had come in to ask Annie to babysit (just before the police raided) and Giuseppe Conlon, father of Gerry, who had travelled to England despite pulmonary tuberculosis on hearing that his son had been arrested for the Woolwich and Guildford bombings, were all found guilty. The evidence in their cases came from forensic tests administered by an 18 year old Laboratory Assistant who destroyed the samples when finished - he should have not done so - and did not photograph the results - he should have done so. In addition, the person who devised the tests is himself on record

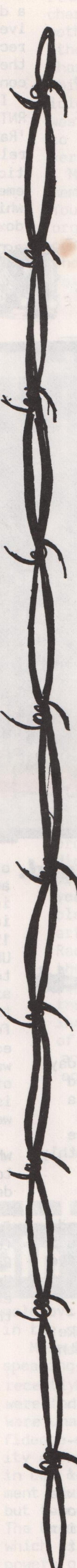
arguing that the tests are insufficient proof alone, that someone had handled explosives, as a positive result can be obtained by handling many household products. And that was the entire substance of what the media delighted in calling 'Auntie Annie's bomb factory'.

SEVERITY

In a situation where a highly visible security presence surrounds the trial of any political prisoner, it is easy to believe that the dictum 'innocent until proven guilty' does not apply in such cases. Hence the ludicrous ease with which juries can convict innocent Irish people. This is paralleled by the incredible severity of the sentences handed out by judges. For example, in sentencing Gerry Conlon to 'not less than 35 years' the judge stressed that he meant just that, adding that Conlon should not expect that he would necessarily be released when that time expired. In Hill's case the judge was even more severe. *In my view your crime is such that it must mean life. If as any act of mercy you are ever to be released, it could only be on account of great age or great infirmity.* Hill thus has the unfortunate distinction of serving the longest sentence of any Irish prisoner in England.

TOP SECURITY

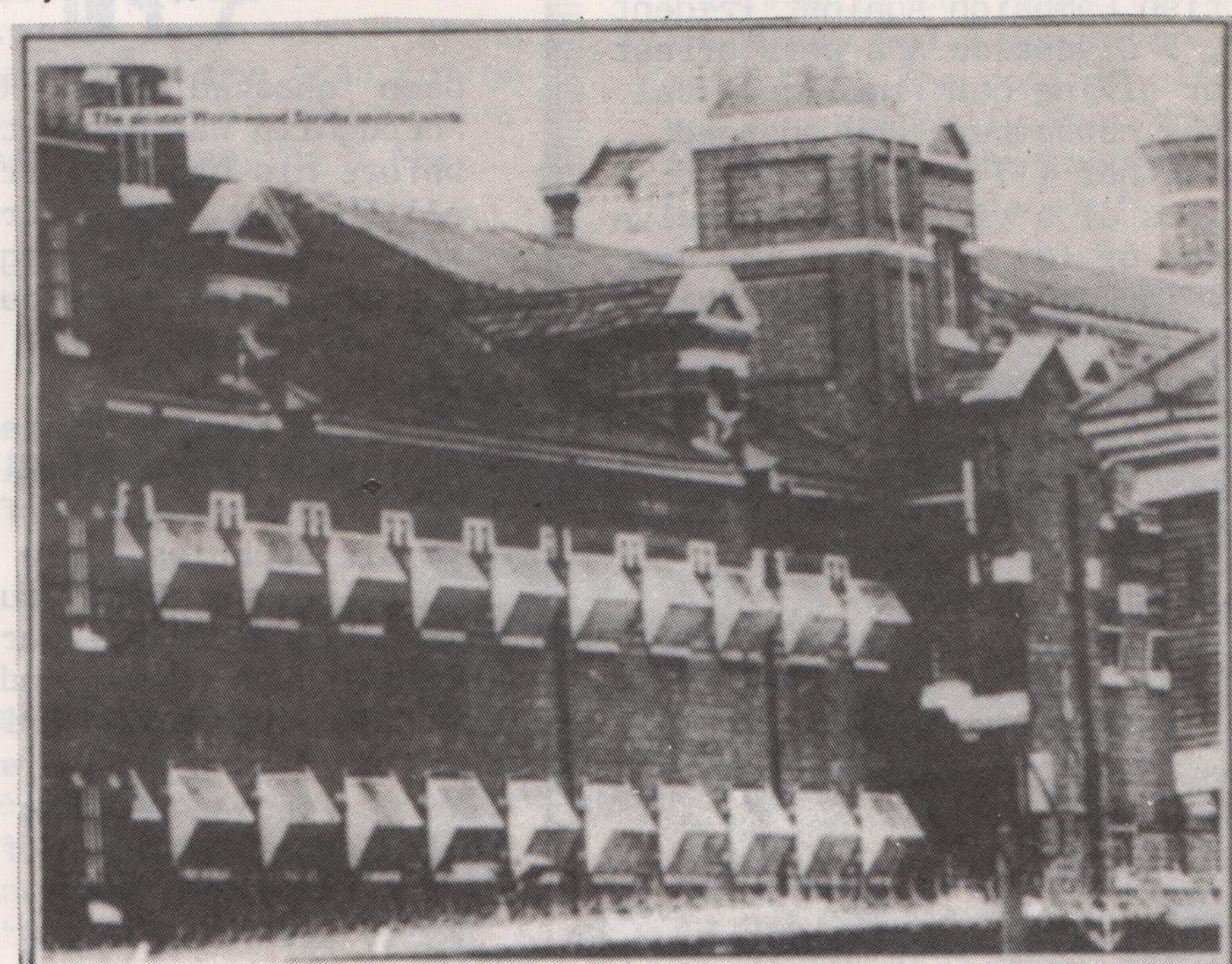
In prison all Irish prisoners are automatically classed as Category A, that is, very dangerous prisoners. In fact, even the prison authorities will privately accept that they are Special Category A.



do at present. For the most part male Irish prisoners are in seven top security prisons - Albany, Parkhurst, Wormwood Scrubs, Gartree, Long Lartin, Wakefield and Hull - and the women are in the top security wing of Durham. They are yet further isolated from each other by other ploys. One is that they constantly moved around not only in these prisons but also other smaller local prisons at whim, often 'ghosted' away in the middle of the night without anyone being informed. For example, between 1975 and 1977 Paul Hill was held in ten separate prisons. Another ploy is that they are held in long periods of solitary confinement in the hope of weakening them individually and breaking their collective solidarity. Hill has spent 800 days in solitary - that is 2½ years - since he was imprisoned. A third tactic is to put them on the 'E' list, classifying them as 'likely to escape'. They are then required to wear special clothing immediately distinguishable by its yellow stripes, and are isolated from other prisoners for the most of every day.

ISOLATION

These tactics also serve to disorient relatives. It is often difficult enough for relatives to make their way to visit prisoners in England, not least because of the meticulous screening that is carried out on them before they are given a pass. And to this the scrimping and saving to get the money to go, the knowledge that the prisoner will be strip searched and that relatives have been similarly treated,



As such they are often subject to even more severe treatment than that meted out to ordinary Category A prisoners. They are dispersed throughout the prison system on the grounds that if they were kept in one place together, they would resist more emphatically than they

the frustration of not being allowed (up until very recently) to touch the prisoner because of screens, and it is obvious that visiting a prisoner can be a harrowing experience. Imagine the consternation then to arrive at the prison only to discover that the prisoner has



LETTERS

Dear Black Flag,

ACCORDING to a letter in Breakout (Feb. 82) there now exists a "Hereford Black Cross", "Midlands Anarchist Federation" and "Solidarity groups affiliated to specific nicks"....all seem to be confined to a certain individuals fertile imagination. I thought you'd like to know that Black Cross's name is being taken in vain...it seems it's the same guy who launched off a prisoner's bookscheme that took money off prisoners for books which were promised but never sent, which Rising Free and Anarchy exposed some time back....The Midlands Illuminato are investigating further.....

R.P. (Birmingham)

Hello!

We are a new radical bookstore in Toronto, Canada, operated by the anarchist community. We have requested your catalogue through Soil of Liberty but haven't received it yet. Perhaps you could send it to us and we'll pass it on if we receive another copy from Soil of Liberty?

Thanking you

PM

*Focus Books and Art,
71½ Queen Street East
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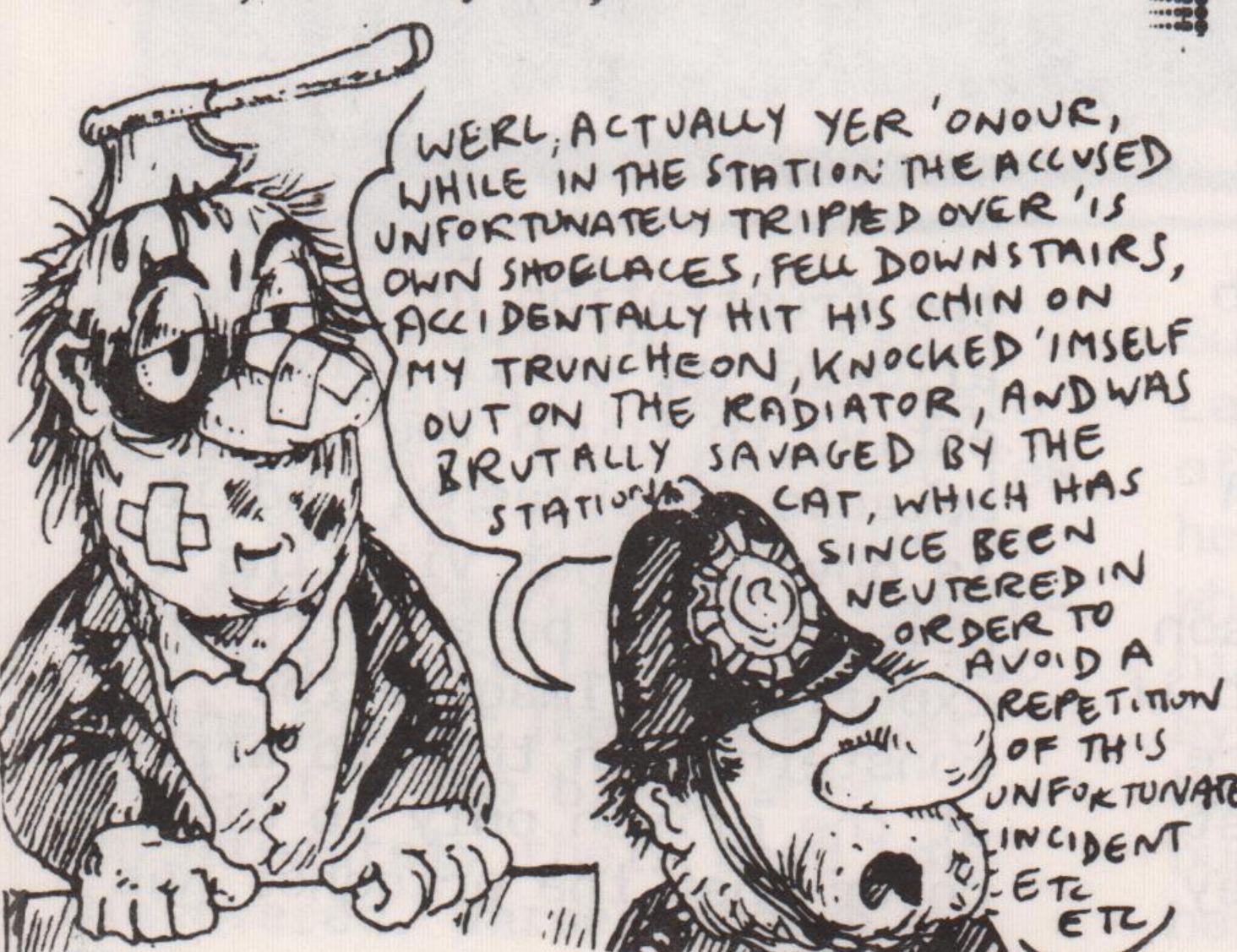
Dear Comrades,
We are setting up a place run on anarchist lines for anyone who wants to drop in. We are in need of money to finance this project and would be grateful for any received. Cheques payable to the Northern Communications Collective, please. Further details will be sent on later.

Some Leeds Anarchists
23 Royal Park Road,
Leeds 6. UK

On Saturday 10th April at the Scottish Campaign Against Trident demo, 5 Clydeside A's were arrested for giving out free Practical Anarchy newspapers and charged with either (1) Distributing leaflets of a violent & offensive nature, or (2) Breach of the Peace depending on which station they were taken to.

The reason for the arrests was in no way political but due entirely to the use of the word "fuck" in the headline Fuck the Falklands.

Anyone wishing further info etc. write to Glasgow Bookshop Collective Box 3, 488 Great Western Rd Glasgow G12 (A SAE would be appreciated) Gordon, N Secy Clydeside A's



'We want to Riot - Not to Work' published by the Riot Not To Work Collective and available from A Distribution. The notoriety of this collection of essays on the Brixton uprising of April 81 preceded its distribution unnecessarily. The anti-Terrorist Squad used its publication as a pretext to raid Little @ and Freedom Press, making certain that when they left the said premises they were well stocked up for the police college. The booklet is an uneasy mixture of subjective reports on the one hand, and a critique of the commodity orientated economy and the potential threat to its survival on the other.

Not necessarily the sort of 'hot stuff' that would set the Met. squaking in their size 11 boots, but at least, a determined and provocative attempt to set the record straight, as far as the role of the Left is concerned.

In their introduction the RNTW Collective explains: 'Rather than scrutinise relative employment statistics, we look at the newly emerging class composition which defies both orthodox class composition

and the state's containment strategies. and 'unemployment' can be said to have 'caused' the uprisings only in that it has served to shift a major point of class confrontation from the workplaces onto the streets, but it has certainly not generated mass demands for yet more wage labour.

The booklet also criticises the role of the Left or rather lack of it - in the uprisings and their attempts to apologise - poor housing, unemployment etc. etc. - for the actions taken.

Tactics and communication during the fighting are also looked at and comparisons are made with similar action that have occurred in Europe.

The publication concludes with a review of the Patricia Giambi case, and attempt by the British state of deport her as a result of being convicted for 'threatening behaviour'. She was singled out as soon as it was found out that she was an anarchist and living with a known anarchist, Jean Weir, who had worked on Bratach Dubh publications and with the Anarchismo group in Italy. Despite the inevitable 'international terrorist' garbage put out by the police and the Media, Patricia finally won an appeal against the deportation ruling.

Compulsive reading for riot fetishists.



Irish prisoners contd.



been 'ghosted' away. Ray McLaughlin was moved the day before his brother arrived all the way from Australia for a visit. John Higgins was moved two hours before his wife came for the monthly visit.

Needless to say, there is next to no hope of Irish prisoners being transferred to six counties jails closer to relatives. Only four have been transferred - Gerry Kelly, Hugh Feeny, and Dolours and Marian Price - but it took a hunger strike, force feeding and the death of Michael Gaughan before that occurred. (Feeny and Kelly are now in Long Kesh where they have political status, and the Price sisters have been released on licence because they were close to death with anorexia nervosa, a condition obviously related to their earlier experience of the brutality of force feeding).

Compare this to the treatment

of UDA prisoners in England and of soldiers convicted in the six counties. Statistics available as long ago as 1976 showed that already 12 UDA men had been transferred to serve their sentences in six counties jails, and that transfer to English jails for British soldiers convicted in the North of Ireland was almost automatic: 30 out of the 32 jailed for 'terrorist type' offences up to 1975 were transferred.

Despite the many ways in which the authorities attempt to isolate, demoralise and depoliticise Irish prisoners in English jails, the amazing fact is that they continue to resist. For example, Patrick Hackett and Michael Healy have been on the blanket for almost 2 years, and there have been numerous

hunger strikes. Irish prisoners were to the fore not only in the Hull riot of 1976 and the Gartree riot of 1978, but in every major act of prison resistance in English jails during recent years. This is most ironic point about the State's 'solution' when the 'Irish problem' strikes close to home. In ancient times the scapegoat was sent off into the desert never to be heard of again, and the population rested easy. The Irish scapegoat it seems is not so easily removed.

Article shortened from the Belfast Bulletin No 10. which is available from Just Books 7 Winetavern Street Belfast 1 Note: Prisoners Aid Committee Box 9, 2a St Paul's Road, London N1 has up to date info

Five Irish prisoners in English jails have died. They are:

Michael Gaughan, who died after being force fed while on hunger strike on June 3, 1974;

Frank Stagg, who died on hunger strike on February 12, 1976;

Noel Jenkinson, 'found dead in his cell' in Leicester on October 9, 1976; his wife was refused an independent autopsy 'for security reasons';

Sean O'Connell, who died on October 1, 1977 of cancer a few hours after having been 'released on licence' from Parkhurst; an independent autopsy confirmed that the presence of the cancer should have been obvious for at least one year before his death; prison records show he had been given only aspirin and rubbing alcohol to ease the pain;

Guiseppe Conlon, who died in hospital on January 11, 1980 as a result of the tuberculosis which had kept him out of work and confined to his own home (except for the visit to England to see why his son had been arrested, a visit that led to his own arrest) for twelve years.

GARY JEWELL

Would all comrades please note that Gary Jewell, one time Defence Secretary of IWW Defence Local 2, Toronto, Ontario, Canada has now "come in from the cold" and reverted to his original ideology of National Socialism. Gary (aka John) Jewell's present political position is derived from "Strasserism" and the German S.A. (Brownshirts). He is extremely critical of Francoism and Hitlerism, and it appears two attempts have been made on his life because of his opposition to Hitler cultism. He is considered influential in the ideological field by the more "revolutionary" sections of the international fascist movement, particularly among the young NF cadre based around Nationalism Today. He has been attacked and denounced as a "brown Bolshevik" by Colin Jordan.

Son of an extreme right wing and racist police officer, Jewell spent most of his life in Germany where, at age 13, he organised the National European Party and engaged in racist agitation in Southern California and West Germany 1960-63. Jewell's father trained his son to "three basic principles: one allegiance only, the White Race; eternal hostility to Zion; the most vicious and deadly enemy of the white race resides in the New York/Washington cesspool". Further, "the internal



"The movement today is infiltrated and manipulated by the Zionist ADL from the top to the bottom (even more disgusting has been the elevation of homosexuality from a private vice to a movement epidemic). Only a blood purge will cleanse it."

"I am willing to stand on my own record, syndicalism and all. In fact, I know few better slogans than that of the Bolksburgh Kommando in the 1922 Syndicalist Revolt on the Rand: 'White workers of the World Unite and Fight for a White South Africa'. Whichever way it goes, I will continue my present course of action and I will not fear the threat of death nor its commission over me."

We publish the above information merely to alert any comrades who may still be in contact with Gary Jewell, or wondering at his disappearance. We do not believe there is any more reason for attacking Jewell for his apparent reversion than if he had joined the SWP or the Catholic Church, or even simply dropped out altogether. Although we do NOT believe Gary Jewell threw himself into IWW activity, including very generous support for the Anarchist Black Cross and Spanish prisoners, as an infiltrator or as an agent provocateur, but from sincerely held beliefs, WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE that anarchist groups are a prime target for fascist infiltration and we know of at least three Cienfuegos subscribers. Remember the Rome March 22 Group was not an isolated example.

PS Jewell's paper is still called DIRECT ACTION and his organisation BLACK AND RED FRONT (Revolutionary Aryan Social-Socialists).

BERLIN

STREETS

SATURDAY 24th APRIL

Demonstration against evictions and criminalization in Schoneberg city hall. Police surround the area beforehand and instead 2000 of us march around the city. Good spirits, and no trouble.

MONDAY 26 APRIL 7.00 am KREUSBERG.

The expected eviction finally happens. Kopischstrasse No 5 is lost. The police take it with military precision, they have had all winter to prepare it. We go around the area, about 60 of us, waking the squatters and neighbours, within 5 minutes police are everywhere. In the afternoon 100 people disrupt a council meeting. Sympathetic people in the area Strike for the day, as agreed. From every squat music is screaming out. We agreed beforehand to demonstrate the night after the eviction, but on the Monday itself about 1500 people try to emble at the Hermannplatz. We never get there. The whole square is packed with riot police vehicles. We are driven back, then running as the cops charge. Police buses driving straight at us, then tear gas, and police everywhere hitting any and everybody with their solid sticks. Jumping in and out of their armoured vans on both sides of the street. Certainly at least 20 of us were caught and dragged off. Later the police toured the hos-

pitals, identifying wounded to charge them later with 'public violence' or 'disturbing public order'. Since there was no licence for the demo it was illegal from the start.

TUESDAY 27th APRIL

The planned demonstration. Before hand the organisers are told it is declared illegal. 5,000 people turn up, and we march, in close ranks to the area of Kopischstrasse 5 - spirits are high until we reach the heavy police preparations. On route we throw up small barricades, using cars and building materials. As we reach the police someone with a megaphone is shouting that the march is now illegal. The police fire tear gas and charge again and again. We are driven back into a broad street. The rioting and barricading spreads. The police beating and charging. Our group has to flee down into the metro, but the police followed, stopping the trains and plucking people at random off the platforms. The ex-Dutch woman squatter Inge is also wounded. This is only the beginning of the repression. I cannot tell it all. Even the Berlin krakers find this a totally heavy riot. But it is the only possibility of doing anything to stop evictions - and show that squatting goes on.

Geert.



ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Napoleon's famous "whiff of grape shot" on the people of Paris was said to have been caused by his having a fit of coughing and exclaiming "Ma sacré tous!" (my damned cough), misheard by the Guard as "Massacrez tout!" (Kill the lot).

2. Mr Jinnah opposed Indian Independence demanding a "sacred nation" of Moslems based on Moslem communities. But as this was impossible he demanded a separate country based on Punjab, Afghanistan and Kashmir (PAK) - a pun on sacred (paki). This would have been equally impossible had not massacres taken place in the mostly Moslem part of India, and the mostly Hindu part, each remnant of the minority community taking refuge where it was in the majority.

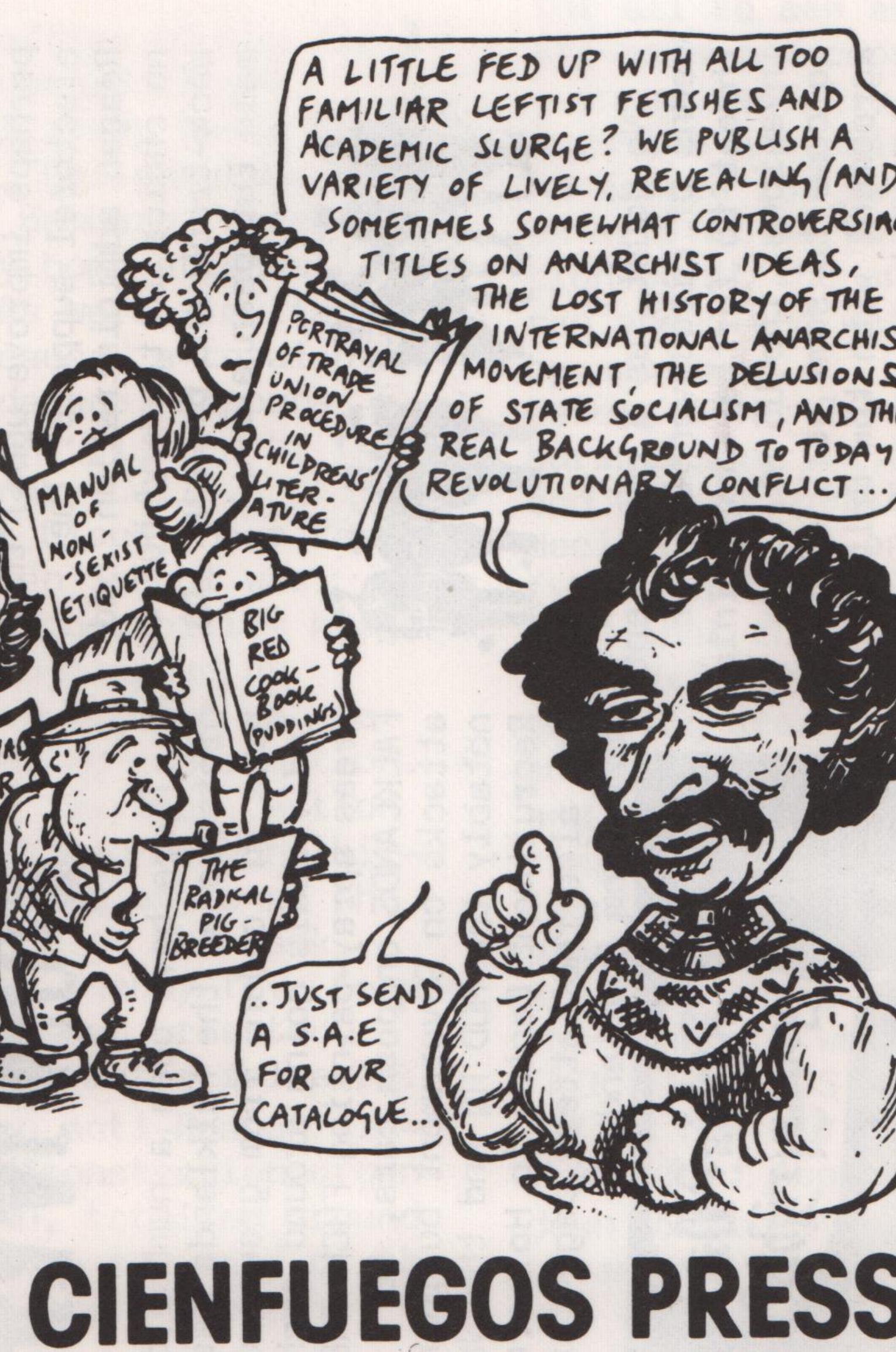
3. She said, "If your grandfathers had kept the flies of their trousers buttoned up, there wouldn't be any Cape Coloureds".

4. That the slogan amounted to a request for exploitation, and the correct slogan for the working class should be "The Right to Well Being".

5. He sang: "If you can't get work, you can't get the sack, that's a sentiment that's sensible and sound. Lie upon your pillow and read the Daily Mirror, And wait till the work comes round".

6. The printing industry pioneered union organisation and so - had to take its terminology from the church; but the term probably originates from the privilege of wearing a skull cap ("capella") worn by printers from earliest times and even today in Fleet Street at times.

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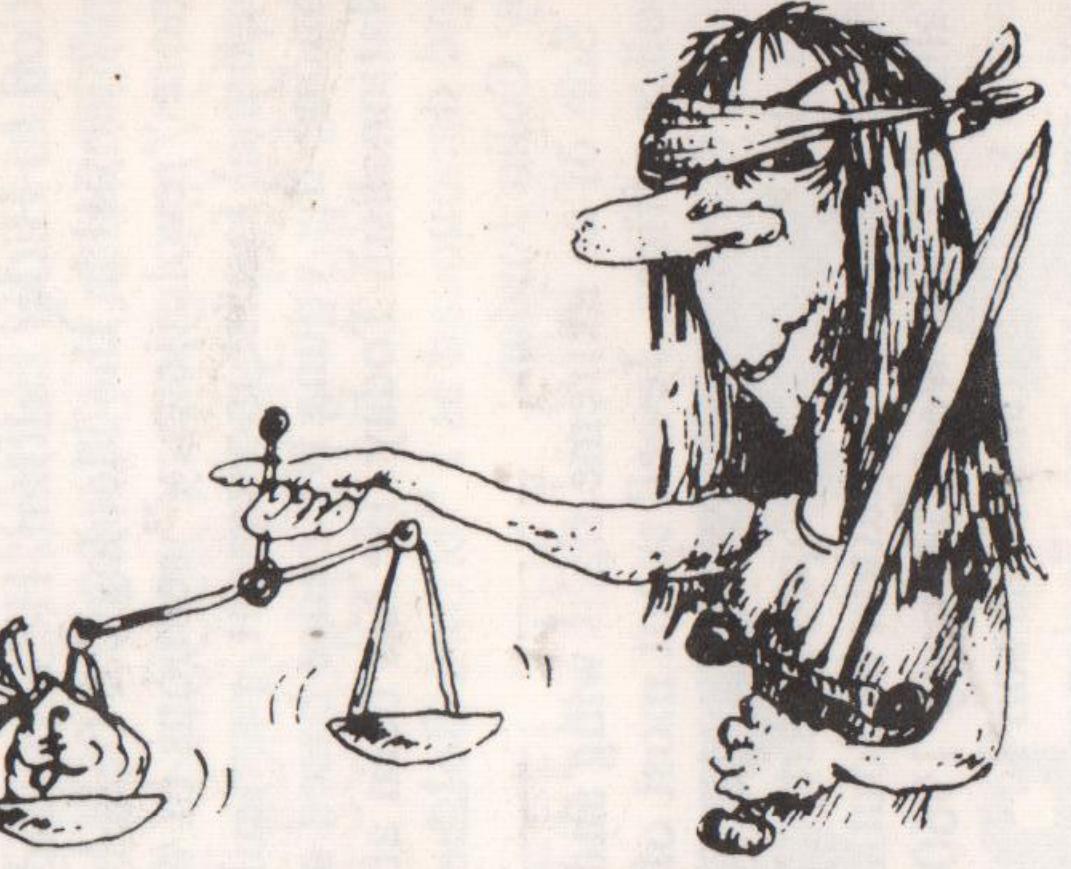
PFN

As reported in our previous issue Fascist attacks in France go on and are receiving little media coverage here. Since the Synagogue bombing in Paris, there have been about 80 attacks made by fascist groups. These include a bomb at a cinema in Beziers, an attack on the Polish transport Company in Paris (before the clampdown on Solidarnosc), and a bomb at the offices of Air Algiers. The latter was claimed by PFN. More serious in February a factory in Isigny in Normandy, which was being occupied by the workforce, was attacked by a group of 200 armed ex-paras. A few days later a similar attack was made on a factory in Clichy where the immigrant workforce was involved in an industrial dispute. Fighting broke out and one of the workers fell to his death through a skylight.



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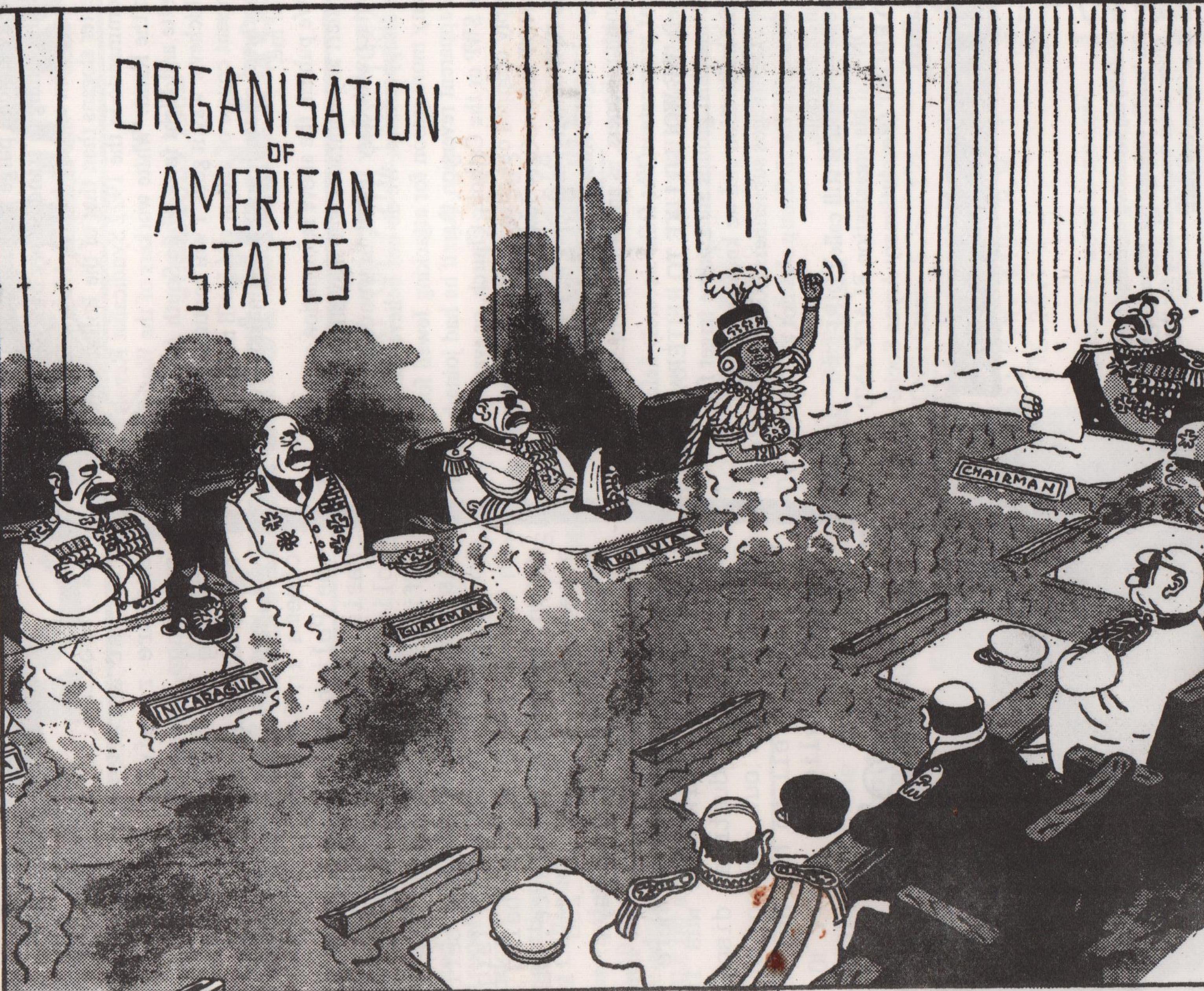
Not only has no help been given to the resistance by other powers but Britain in particular has added the Argentine police and police and military to suppress the resistance. Yet it is plain that a military dictatorship must always look to foreign aggression to form national unity when it looks like losing out in its long battle against its own people. There are always plenty of liberal opponents of the regime who will cross over and support the government, as there are people who will be convinced by the patriotic argument.



While it may be argued that within the logic of statism, "Britain" had no alternative but to resist "Argentina", it also follows within natural logic that its leadership will be of traitors....

The whole of British Intelligence has long since been devoted to shoring up the Argentine regime (among others, but this one has needed it more). How simple it would be, when the fascist military junta upsets "our" interests to overthrow it either by giving aid to their

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"I'm from the Incas, and we'd like South America back!"

and we must make sure that no aid is forthcoming from the British leaders to save the junta that has looked after their interests for so long.

We must work to see that the people in Britain are not fooled by those who call for victory (whether for British capitalism or Argentine fascism). At present a war-heated civilian population is counting up planes shot down and people burned to death or drowned in an icy sea - as if they were football scores; indeed the whole conflict is being treated as an extension of the World Cup and the armchair terrorism of the population in general is titillated by horror deaths in the Arctic. Some "go so far" as to want the World Cup called off - after all they have a good substitute in the South Atlantic war.

Now we see the hypocrisy of world statism with its cries against terrorism, using pacific slogans to justify imperialism until their own interests are threatened.

Limit the casualties-strike only at the guilty!

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS?

Just over a year ago, in our March 1981 issue, the lead article of *Black Flag*, entitled 'Signs of War', predicted



elections were on the way and that the Tories would have to resolve the crisis satisfactorily in order to maintain (and perhaps improve upon) their electoral support. The Reagan administration had no choice in the end but to back-track and prop up its main European ally.



that within the next 12 months Britain would find some excuse to go to war. Civil disturbances last year were commonplace, but this year we learn of fans from Toxteth at a recent Liverpool soccer match singing the national anthem to show their contempt for the 'enemy without'.

Conspiracy theories on the South Atlantic affair are rife - except in the British press where there is nothing short of jingoism at its worst, even in the 'quality' papers. One of the more plausible theories originates from Brazil where there are several reports suggesting that US involvement prior to the invasion was extensive and that the Reagan administration even knew of the plans to invade well in advance. It is thought that the US gave their blessing to the Argentine takeover of the islands on the condition that they would be allowed to establish an American naval air presence there as

No doubt, as a convenient means of circumventing the threat to further Argentinian invasions, the US will try to come to some sort of agreement with the British government on securing a military base on the islands, whilst at the same time pumping more dollars into the now depleted Argentinian economy.

Meanwhile the Trots, who have consistently supported Argentina in its Malvinas cause (see Roon 'n Aboot), may find that they have backed the wrong horse. Or as Reagan would say: heads

I win, tails you lose soon as all the fuss had died down. Needless to say both the US and Argentina were taken aback by the British over-reaction - forgetting that the local



There have been a number of protests at the Falklands issue here in London, from groups of individuals going around rich areas spray-painting FUCK THE FALKLANDS on posh cars, to attacks on Government buildings, notably the MOD HQ and the Naval Recruitment Centre in Holborn. See also the letters page for news from Scotland.

