

FEEDBACK

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HULL ANARCHIST PRISONER WANTS CORRESPONDENCE

We have been asked to print the following by Birmingham DAM: A comrade from Hull is at present incarcerated in a 'Youth Treatment Centre'. He is hoping to get out soon, and in the meantime would welcome correspondence. To contact him please write to his support group (Birmingham DAM, c/o The Peace Centre, Moor Street, Birmingham 4). His name is Debashis.

SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST CENTRE

A new anarchist centre has been squatted in Sheffield. As we go to press, we hear that they have been served with an eviction order, but intend to fight to stay on.

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Anarchism and anarchists have had a run of luck in the independents just lately: Stuart Christie wrote an article for 'New Musical Express' and also for 'City Limits'. The latter publication also printed an article by Stuart Christie now researching on Londons freemasons. Altogether it is about time that anarchist ideas got a wider airing and it is hoped that other libertarians with a talent for journalism and investigative reporting will do the same and extend the message of non-statist socialism outside our often self-imposed ghetto. Generally the only time we ever seem to get the chance to do this is when one of us is accused of a crime or when the authorities look for a scape-goat on which to hang the cause of all discontentment. That is why, perhaps, it is imperative that anarchists - whether through their respective federations or through the smaller specialist groupings - delegate someone to take on the task of trying to use

RESISTANCE, June/July 1983 15p. Anti-Abortion Amendment; A disillusioned Republican; exporting pollution/nuclear rubbish dumping; unemployed; K.C. Bakery Strike. News and views from the Dublin Anarchist Collective, P.O. Box 1305, Dublin 1.

'Seditious Whispers', No. 11. Free. Produced by the Doncaster Anarchist Group. Issue 11 includes local news, election analysis, the Falklands vote factor, etc. All well argued stuff.

TRIUMPH OF LABOUR

a history of trade unions, an exhibition at the LIVESEY MUSEUM 682 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1JF. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Ends 23rd July 1983. ADMISSION FREE. Trains: Elephant & Castle (2 miles), New Cross Gate and Queen's Road (1 mile) Buses: P5,21,53,78,141,177. Look out for Enoch's Hammer and the CNT mention.

the Media to our advantage. Each federation, for example, could have their own press secretary, issuing regular reports on the kind of news that would normally go unreported. It would go without saying that such press releases would never resort to the use of misinformation, as do the bourgeois press; the more reliable and newsworthy our reports, the greater the chance that they will be used. Of course it would be naïve to think that such reports would not be distorted and rewritten to suit the whims of the publications editor. But that is always a risk. What is perhaps more important, though, is if and when the resistance reaches a stage where, for a whole variety of reasons, open communication is near impossible, then those individuals still operating within the 'legal' sphere can perform a useful role extending and elaborating upon the propaganda put out by comrades who, because of restricted circumstances, would find this impossible.



Police Chief Nervous

Newman's recent PR offensive against 'the left' clearly showed that he was feeling vulnerable. The police felt the need to defend themselves and so went on the attack. Newman was embarrassed by the Mets inefficiency: the time to publish the latest crime statistics was coming up and their performance was poor. Only 16% of all reported crimes were cleared; random burglary and car thefts scored high, while street robberies, especially against women, rose by 23%.

But what really triggered the press release was the statement issued by the Colin Roach inquest jury criticising the local police in their handling of the case. Newman couldn't get back at the jury, so instead he attacked the campaign supporters. He blamed the trotskysts 'who deliberately trawl for issues which they can elevate to the status of a cause celebre.' He also hoped to use the opportunity to place the anti-police protests at the doorsteps of the local and GLC police accountability committees, where he thought lay the origins of much of the agitation.

But on the whole Newman failed to make his impact. His press statement would have had more force behind it had he arranged for it to be released coincidental to a spectacular crime bust. Instead, out of nervousness, he sent out the statement prematurely.

He also succeeded in demonstrating just how out of touch he is with what is happening at street level. His criticisms of the trots as opportunists are undoubtedly correct, but his assessment of the degree of their involvement in some of the more recent campaigns is way out. Certainly trotskyst groups made their usual bid to party build at the expense of a cause, in the case of the Colin Roach campaign, but they were quickly relegated to the sidelines; the Roach family and friends needed no lessons in trot spotting. And as for the recent 'Kill the Bill' march, the trots were nowhere to be seen: as the GLC had withdrawn their backing because of the pending general election, they did not want to be seen on any march that was less than gigantic. Newman should, on the contrary, be praising the trots and the Labour Party activists, rather than criticising them. They only wish to reform the police; whereas we wish to eliminate them entirely! It is the trots belief that policing can one day be acceptable that makes them the real lunacy fringe. Newman's enemy is not these parasites, although it is an interesting indication that he believes they are. Rather it is those who instinctively steer clear of political agitators (week-end 'activists'), the issue related package deals of the left, etc, who Newman ought to be concerned about: the low paid, the industrially organised, the people whom he purports to police and who will, without the assistance of trots or anyone else, confront the police with the only issue - class war and the destruction of the apparatus that protects the exploiters and authoritarians of every hue.

NEWS BULLETIN

FORTNIGHTLY

ANARCHISM & THE PRESS 1

Recently 'Black Flag' got a mention in the 'New Statesman' when it printed a story on 121 Bookshop in Brixton. The report came about because of incorrect information printed in a previous issue of NS when it was stated that 121 was an illegal drugs and blues club - a part of the 'front line' set up. The reason why the NS printed this piece of misinformation was because one of their free-lance reporters simply did not obey the golden rule of basic journalism and checked sources. Instead the reporter literally printed word for word a section of a press release issued by the Brixton police. The handout was issued to all the national press, the independents as well as to the broadcasting media (we know this because we checked it out directly with the BBC). The reason the press release stated that 121 was an illegal drugs centre was because of pure mischievousness on the part of the police: they still had hopes - despite Lambeth Council's intransigence (due directly to the determination of those they wished to evict) - to get rid of the Brixton anarchists once and for all by using smear tactics aimed at discrediting their activities. However, no such luck. The police had not allowed for the integrity of the NS or for speedy counter-action taken by the anarchists to correct the matter. As soon as the NS knew the facts, one of their reporters came down to Brixton to apologise and do a 'proper story'. Hence, the more or less accurate report that appeared two weeks later. In addition a new contact was established on a paper that has a largish national circulation and is often sympathetic to libertarian ideas. The lesson to be learnt here is obvious: not all journalists are automatically hostile to anarchism or have closed minds.

United against anarchism

A SHAMEFACED *New Statesman* plodded against the tide of the Brixton peace marathon last week, posing the friendly fire officers who were hosing down the hot runners at 121 Railton Road. By editing a sleight of hand we had converted this building, in the previous issue, to a den of illegal drink and gaming. It is, in fact, an

Police and council officials appear to be united in their desire to get the anarchists out. Although the police know the premises are not used for any illegal activities - and have never searched it for drugs for instance - they are not happy that anarchists from round the world wend their way down Railton Road to the centre. It was, at one time, a co-ordinating centre for information about Greenham Common, and it produces regular material on the peace camp at Comiso and the anarchist paper *Black Flag*.

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TGWU SELLOUT

AIRE VALLEY

18 of the 21 sacked workers at Aire Valley Yarns have been given their jobs back after negotiations between the bosses and the TGWU. The management also claim to have agreed to full union recognition, the right to select shop stewards and elect health and safety representatives, etc. BUT, the snag is, the three 'ring-leaders' have not been given their jobs back. Their case is still being heard at a tribunal and we hope to report on the results of the tribunal in the next issue. The case against Liaquat Ali's two defence witnesses is that they are in breach of contract (for striking!). Ali is accused of encouraging other workers to neglect their work by coming out on strike in protest at his dismissal 15 weeks ago. Ali has stood up well in the tribunal, making it clear that his fellow workers arranged among themselves to show solidarity when they discovered what had happened. But his co-defendants, Sulieman and Malik, found it difficult to not be brow beaten by the smart-alec of the prosecution. By intimating their untrustworthiness he is hoping to discredit the testimony of all three. If the court finds against them, then the management can then argue that the law is on their side. The TGWU presumably will have their hands tied. The bosses will be doubly pleased as the three are the only ones who can speak English well (and therefore the only ones who are most capable of formulating demands). If the three are not reinstated the others, who have got their jobs back, have already made it clear that they are prepared to come out again to show support. But will the TGWU - the union the workers wished to belong to - continue to back them? Would it be prepared to reject the tribunals decision and ignore the legal system? We doubt it. The TGWU have already come to an agreement with the Aire Valley Yarns management to ensure that future supplies to the firm are not blacked by TGWU members and that there would be no further strike action against the firm for at least 3 months. How binding this agreement is only the TGWU can say. All the way through the dispute the two directors of the firm have attempted to pose as liberals and to pretend that they are not anti-union. By appearing to compromise and to work hand in hand with the union the management have got the situation tied up - or so they think. Whether the three are reinstated or not the workers of Aire Valley yarns will have gained some first hand experience of just how devious and ineffective some unions can be. It will only be when unions will reject compromises and reject the legal system that they may serve some use. In the meantime, the dispute is by no means over: what about pay, hours, etc, - or are they meant to be separate issues? Even reinstatement for Ali,

HAMBURGER POLICING

Four MacDonald's restaurants (biggest food-chain in the world) in Orange County, Florida will sponsor free finger-printing sessions for children. The sessions will be in co-operation with the Orange County sheriff's office.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the restaurants for finger-printing, a five-minute process which officials say will supply valuable identification for run-away and missing children.

Gerther Foods, franchiser of five MacDonald's restaurants, paid about \$150 for the printing of 2,500 fingerprinting cards, said a spokesman for the Orlando company.

About 40 children were finger-printed at the first sessions in June this year.

Source: GB

HINDLES TROUBLE

As we go to press, members of the AEUW in Bradford are intending a half day stoppage throughout the city in support of fellow workers on strike at the Hindles Group (Hindle Power, Hindle Gears, Hindle Reconditioners, Hindle Perkins and Hindle Trucks). Already the workers have occupied the factory for four days after a 13 week picket. Currently there is a 24-hour picket of the firm and others are coming to help out.

The dispute is about low pay and threatened redundancies. Over the last three years the management have made 40% of the workers redundant and the shop floor wages have increased by only 8%. Every time demands for wage increases were made, Hindles claim that they couldn't afford it and there would have to be redundancies. This time around, the workers decided they had enough and after a series of one day strikes they decided to go out on strike indefinitely.

SOURCE: DAM

Sulieman and Malik would only be a partial victory - in fact merely a return to square one. Legitimately the workers could argue that as none of their original demands have been met, then they could resume the strike until they are. If they decided this then they would have to do so without the official backing of the TGWU. The workers of Aire Valley Yarns would then turn to the same supporters who came to their assistance when they most needed it: workers who do not wait for union approval to demonstrate solidarity, TGWU members in other firms who are prepared to risk union expulsion if need be in order that they can help out by blacking supplies, and the jobless who have nothing to lose by lending a hand.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS INTERNATIONAL

IRAN

RED-HUNT

In anticipation of Khomeini's death the Moscow-line Tudeh (Mass) Party, Democratic Union and the Majority Fedayeen members have been accused in the Iranian media of plotting to seize power from the Mullahs. The 'Holy War' against 'the Soviet Satan' has seen the Iranian 77th Infantry Div. take up positions near the frontier with Afghanistan. Expulsion of Soviet Diplomats, house arrest of Soviet citizens, 1,000 pro-Moscow 'plotters' imprisoned, and mob lynching of 'communists' in provinces adjoining the Soviet Union.

WAR, WAR UNTIL VICTORY

The war with Iraq has lost 300,000 Iranians their lives, 500,000 injured or maimed. 2 Million refugees have fled the war zone. Teenage volunteers are no longer wishing to "please God" and as martyrs "enter Paradise" it seems after forced marches across mine-fields and into Iraqi firing lines so that 'Revolutionary Guards' can advance behind them. Stories of desertions are widespread. Train-loads of corpses have used up all the cold stores, refrigerator vans and rail carriages while awaiting burial. To celebrate the 4th Anniversary of Iran's Feb. 11 'Revolution' a Literary Prize Competition was organised: the first 200 winners were sent to the war front. Consolation prizes included a trip to the Holy City of Mashad and autographed photos of Ayatollah Khomeini..

RESISTANCE

Kurdistan shops and schools closed for 4 weeks in a general strike protest at Khomeini's Guards' terrorism. Resistance forces have attacked numerous Guards bases; killed a top Commander of the Guards Corps; Officials involved in the arrest, torture & execution of Opposition; blew up a Personnel Carrier for the Pasdaran Corps & its passengers; and several informers.

CHILD LABOUR

In the small town of Kamyaran the Islamic Republic's so-called Construction Crusade (Jahad-e-Sazandegi) has set up a cloth-weaving workshop. The majority of workers there are children and youngsters. The working day is 10 hours long. Each child receives only 35 tonans per day (less than £2) and the wages of adults are 70 tonans... In order to meet a small part of their living expenses, which along with soaring inflation, has drained the workers of their vitality, they have to do a number of hours overtime. In this workshop the workers have to work on Friday (the customary day off) or else they are finished.

GILAN-RASHT STRIKE

Over 30,000 textile workers struck against the theft and anti-working class activity of the factory's Islamic Society. The workers' slogans was 'Death to the Islamic Society must be dissolved!' and 'Death to Sharify' (the Society's head). Sympathy strikes broke out in the Rasht battery company which were eventually crushed by the regime.

MOTOR AND TEXTILE ACTIONS

The General Motors factory in Tehran had a strike, Guards broke in and arrested 250 car workers. 3,000 workers at Renault Tehran struck against unpaid wages (taken for the War Effort), excessive hours, lack of safety (body paintworkers lost their hands when they were moved to work in the pressShop without training). Textile workers in Hashan tried to form a free trade union and stop a dismissal, forced overtime (at a normal rate of pay) and pay stoppages also struck recently.

CONSTRUCTION SIT-IN VICTORY

The bosses in the Majdiyan-e-Noh Co of Tehran - a construction firm with a 3,000 workforce - were forced to give in when the workers struck against their attempts to force them to do overtime and in protest at the death of one worker. 'The workers realised that wages for the strike days and also the wages for days they had worked were not being paid...The workers then started their sit-in, the police arrived, entered the workshop, arrested a few of the strikers and took them to the Evin prison.' But the workers continued their struggle and formulated their demands.

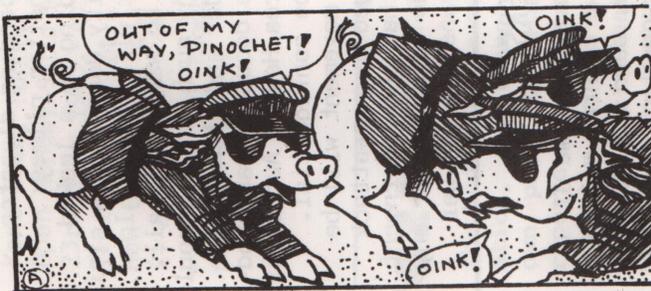
Eventually the management backed down in the face of the united action of the workers and accepted their demands. The workers immediately received the wages of the 4 days of the strike and the strike ended.

N.B.

It will soon be illegal in Iran for women to walk the streets without a veil. The principal judge of Tehran's courts has made it clear that if the law proves ineffective, then true believers should be encouraged to take matters into their own hands. Within days of this announcement, Tehran was filled with gangs roaming the streets shouting anti-wimmen slogans. In one main street some women were attacked and one woman knifed for not hiding her hair behind her veil. Ironically, with the shortage of male troops for the war with Iraq, female conscription to the military is now compulsory. This volte-face comes about after only 4 years since the government outlawed military service for women because it was against Moslem principles.

PHILIPPINES

Manila, the capital, has been virtually cordoned off and is now under siege due to guerilla advances in the rural areas and on the outskirts of the city. The guerrilla organisations include the April 6 Movement (independents), the MNLF (Muslim separatists, aided by Iran) and the NPA (communist, aided by Moscow). President Mavros is facing increased militant opposition all round: at the last general election only 50% of the electorate bothered to vote at all; on the industrial front strike actions, despite the threat of armed police intervention, have not been infrequent. The forced exodus of much of the islands population and the industrial exploitation of the once-rural communities in the free-trade zones has intensified the general oppression that is characteristic of Phillipine life. One strike that took place in June 1982 in the Bataan free enterprise zone lasted for 4 days, with over 10,000 workers (¾ of whom were women) walking out of the factories (23 were affected and temporarily shut



down). The strike was about atrocious: low pay, long hours and bad working conditions. Initially only 200 came out and were on their own for the first 15 weeks; but as soon as the police began to attack the strikers, others came out to show support and those arrested were immediately released. Although those who took part in the strike on the whole gained from their action (better conditions all round), in later months the authorities got their revenge when they arrested some of the activists, injuring others. Meanwhile the government sponsored trade union, the KMU, and the main opposition party ('moderates') are attempting to cool things down, fearing all out war.

CHILE

In the middle of the demonstrations in one of Santiago's main avenues, three pigs, perfectly dressed up in military uniforms, were let loose. Passers-by stopped and gave military salutes to the animals before the police could arrest the terrified pigs, throw them into a van and drive them to an unknown fate.

INDIA

In May three people who killed a woman who had failed to meet her dowry requirements, were found guilty of murder by a high court: in this respect a precedent was set. More importantly, in a village near Bhatinda, a 15 year old woman took action of her own and shot dead her father after he had repeatedly raped her: the whole village came out to support her during her trial.

SOURCE: OUTWRITE

RED-HERRING RAID

A catherine wheel, a packet of bangers and a golden rain were expropriated in a dawn raid when the famed information-gatherers of the Anti-Terrorist Squad raided the home of an information-gatherer of the equally famed Black Flag group. The raid, which took place on June 29, was also characterised as one of the few - if, perhaps, the only thus documented-where the officer in charge - Burke (sic), Detective Inspector - was summoned to the 'phone, while his colleagues were sniffing around, only to find that the caller was none other than the solicitor of the person whose home it was that was being raided. The solicitor then proceeded to give Burke a lecture on the application of the 'judges rules'. While this was going on two of Burke's colleagues were in another room rummaging through the poster files, only to come across an old 'Persons Unknown' poster with the title, 'Watch Out, There's an ATS about!' and depicting a photo of D.C. Deaney entering someones home in the 'usual course of his duty'. The two were asked whether they knew Deaney. But, alas, it seemed not: 'Black Flag', it would appear, has been in the business of counter-terrorism a lot longer than our two intruders. Burke and his colleagues - altogether seven officers took part (4 in plain clothes, 3 uniformed) - got on with their job of meticulously (and tidily) sifting through the contents of the house. Finally, after spending almost an hour probing every nook and cranny, one officer proudly presented Burke with the 'find of the year': a biscuit tin, containing a few old fireworks left over from a November 5 party, dating 2 years back. Jubilation abounded and they prepared to leave, making sure first that they acquired a signature giving them permission to take away their prize. 'We've got to have your signature', they pleaded, 'otherwise we can't take them with us'. So, even though a scruffy little notebook was all they could produce to note down the items, their request was fulfilled and they did not have to leave empty-handed.

But why, we ask, did the raid take

place at all? Surely if they wanted to check out the place, they could have simply broke in when there was no one around. Was it ha rassment? Only in as much as the raid was circumstantial and unnecessary. Was it in any way connected with the recent publicity over policing? From one quarter it was suggested that it was coincidental that on the same day as the raid Commissioner Newman of the Met. issued a major PR offensive blaming political agitators of the extreme left for the rising crime rate and the decline in public support for the police. But while it is undoubtedly true that the timing of the raid took place when all this was going on, it is also true that the ATS had their own strategies incidental to this wider drama; their pre-occupations were of a different sort. And why the fireworks? Well, that was the red herring - they had to leave with something, after all their search warrant was specifically to look for evidence concerning possible 'criminal damage to property, or injury to persons' (or something like that). No, there are no easy answers. For the truth is it is the ATS who are the ones who are up to something, in their constant quest to incarcerate the politically active (or in-active). To them everything is suspicious, and everyone a suspect around whom a 'case' can be constructed. They are the conspirators in our midst, collecting information, abiding their time until the right moment when a 'political trial' can prove advantageous.

COPS WHO PLAYED IT SAFE

Police launched a major operation when they were told about a safe abandoned at a roadside.

A Panda driver was ordered to guard it and a back-up team was sent to assist while forensic experts rushed to the scene.

After fingerprint checks, half a dozen bobbies attempted to heave the 5'6"-tall safe into the back of a police Land Rover - but failed to move it.

They roped it to the Land Rover and tried to drag it to the kerb but again it refused to budge.

That was when they discovered the "safe" was an Electricity Board junction box, concreted into the grass verge.

A police official: "It is better to be safe than sorry".

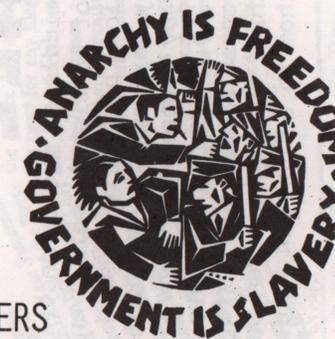
SOURCE: CV/Mirror

NO WARNING

It is often argued that we will have plenty of warning of a nuclear war in that in order to condition the public into a state of acceptance and into a jingoistic hatred/fear of the enemy without, a preparatory period of war-mongering and suitable propaganda will ensue. The argument goes on to explain that this will then lead to, inevitably (if the propaganda is successful), a general war psychosis, with the blame for the expected holocaust placed firmly against those 'we' are preparing to attack. The 'signs of war' can therefore be predicted in advance and, so the argument continues, we can attempt to warn against the impending disaster before escaping to better climes. But no. That, according to a leaked local health authority document on civil defence, is not what will happen. Instead there will be no warning at all, on the basis that any such warning could lead to civil disorder and attacks on the authorities. The document was produced by the Trent Area Health Authority and is supposed to be confidential. It says: '...random movement will be stenuously discouraged by pre-attack broadcasts warning that the government has deliberately made no plans for any evacuation.' and 'transition to war

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measures will be taken covertly to avoid aggravating international tension and disquietening the public.' and 'it is confidently predicted that there will be no survivors.' Another document produced by the BMA (British Medical Association), gives an indication of what we can expect if our resistance is not organised and effective: 'The responsibility of the police force will be to keep the law.... (but) with certain modifications to the British penal system.' In other words there will be an attempt - and here it is documented what we have predicted all along - to incarcerate and possibly eliminate all those likely to resist or promote resistance if the war news leaked out. Undoubtedly there would be dawn snatch squads of the sort familiar to dissidents in Poland or in a south American country, etc. As workers in Poland have demonstrated, 'spontaneous' or 'autonomous' organisation needs to be complemented or, preferably, superceded by more advance preparation (well trained), combined with more explicit defence measures, if local and wider resistance is to mean anything. The time to practice such defence measures is now (we are neither devoid of the opp-or excuse) when tactics can be tried and tested - not for some future 'when the time is right' occasion, when it may be too late, but as a means of taking on the State and its institutions at our discretion and in our time.

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Bail restrictions were eased at Leeds Magistrate Court late June for the woman charged with involvement in an arson attack on a porn cinema.

Connie O'Donovan will be pleading not guilty to charges of conspiracy to cause criminal damage and aiding and abetting persons unknown to cause criminal damage.

The cinema was attacked on the 21st March and responsibility was claimed by Angry Women.

Three months later, the court was told that the police file on the case had only just landed on the prosecution desk so they were not yet able to procede with the committal hearing. The trial will eventually be heard in August at the Crown Court.

SOURCE: CV