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SUPPORT THE MINERS!

From the very beginning the government has dictated the parameters of the present miners strike: nothing short of class war, the objectives of which are the defeat of the National Union of Mineworkers and the crushing of militant trade unionism and syndicalist direct action.

The government's final strategy is one of desperation: to restrict and contain the resistance within the mining communities and to prevent any wider resistance or uprising from materialising and detracting from the process of Coal Board intimidation that goes under the name of "talks".

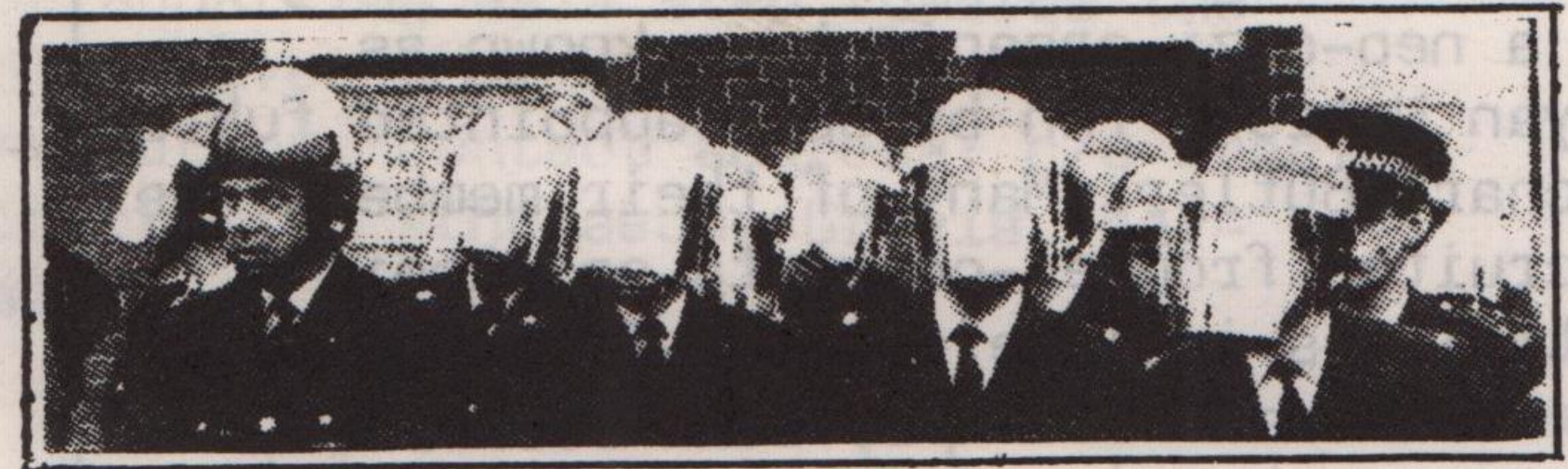
But away from the glare of the NCB "call my bluff" game, the mood at pit level is one of anger, and the demand is for retribution and for the strike to move into a new phase, onto the offensive, in order that a speedy but victorious conclusion be imposed.

To date, measures have been defensive, given that many mining villages have virtually been under police occupation and that government and NCB propaganda in inducing scabbing has been unprecedented.

Now, in this, the possible final stage of the dispute, there are many who are insisting that the strike returns to the offensive and that such offensive measures be deployed outside and beyond the mining communities and be taken to the heartlands of the ruling class.

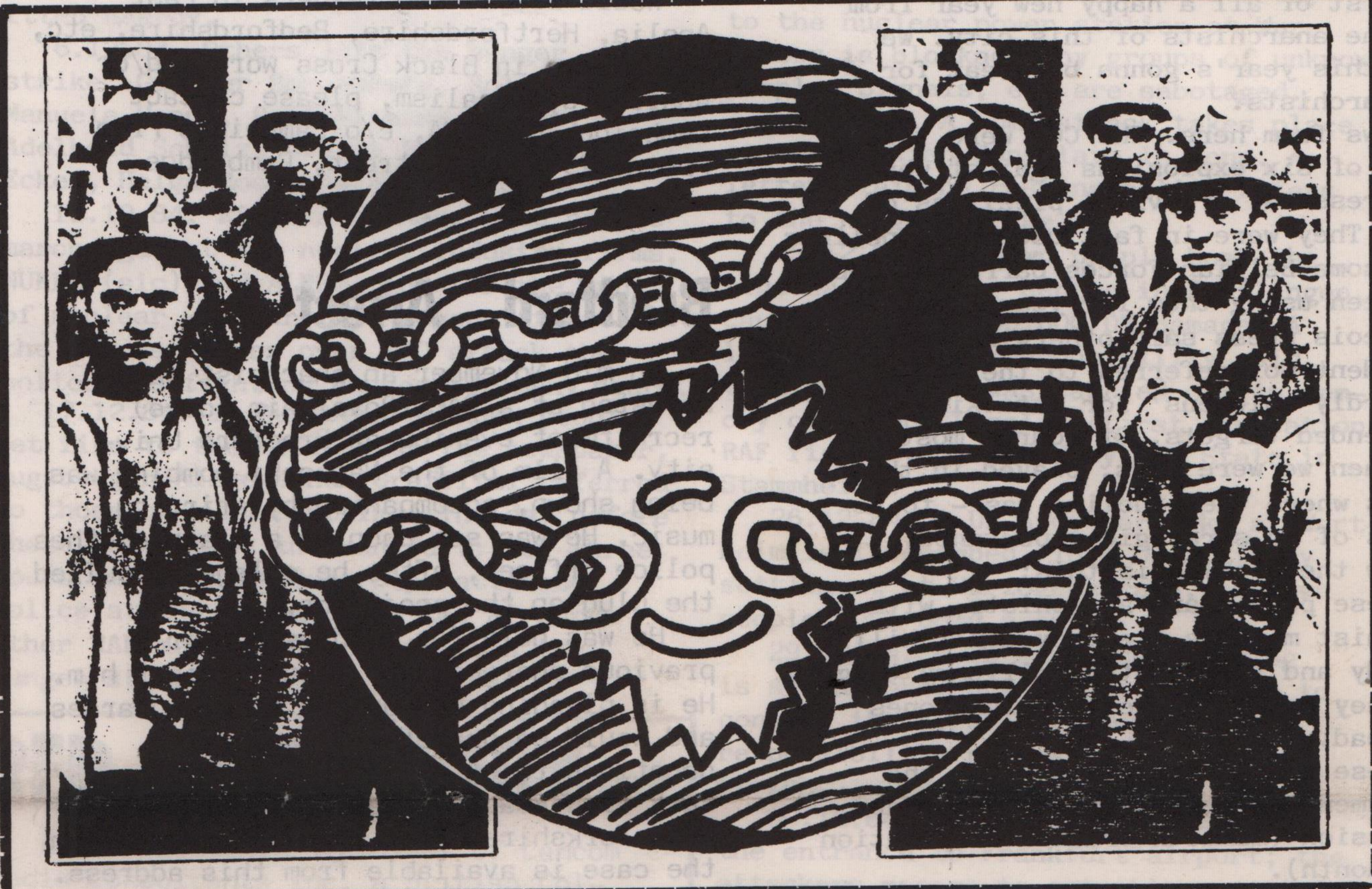
If any such offensive were to take place, it would presumably include a stepping up of the campaign to encourage secondary industrial action, backed up by massive sabotage aimed at weakening the power, fuel and communication lines. March 9th, the anniversary of the strike, could also function as the culmination point for any coordinated action: if the strike was still going by that date, it would not be at all unfeasible for miners and support groups to organise, say, a mass picket aimed at besieging parliament itself.

The potential for escalation is there. The folly of a militant government, resolutely seeking total surrender, may be all that is necessary to light the fuse.



Stop Business as Usual

"On 30th April we should all hit back at this evil rotting system whose reality is measured by the fact that it is willing to annihilate all in order to "defend" itself "....At 12 noon on that day - fight back against multi-national companies all over the world.



INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Strikers at a doll factory in Perpignan, southern France, have sent dolls to the children of striking miners in Britain, in an excellent example of working class solidarity.

The strikers (mainly women) have been strike since September last year. It's their second strike in three years. In June '82 the 1000 workers struck against the closure of the factory, resulting in a new ownership, but with the loss of 685 jobs.

Five months ago the boss announced the closure of the factory - the only doll factory in France. In response the workers occupied the factory and continue to do so. There have been demonstrations in support of the strikers, which have been attacked by riot police.

One point the strikers are stressing is that the French ('Socialist') Government gave the new owner Fr11m (about £1m) in 1982 and nobody seems to know what happened to it. The Government doesn't seem at all concerned about this state of affairs.

Messages of solidarity would be very welcome at the following address: Berchet Industrie SA, 193 Avenue Languedoc, 6600 Perpignan, France.

SOURCE: Groupe Puig Antich (Perpignan anarcho-syndicalists, members of the Federation Anarchiste).

Cambridge Anarchists and DAM (Direct Action Movement) have helped to arrange a visit to France by striking miners from Shirebrook Colliery in Derbyshire. The invitation came from some Parisian anarcho-syndicalists (members of the Federation Anarchiste), who are arranging factory visits and a large public meeting in Paris, and another meeting in Lyon.

FRANCE

Radio Libertaire, the radio station of the Federation Anarchiste, intends to devote a complete day to the miners strike and it is hoped that the Miners Videos will be shown in places the visiting strikers will not be going to. The strikers will be accompanied on their visit by a comrade from Doncaster DAM.

AUSTRALIA

Over 6000 Australian miners, dockers and seamen have been laid off because they have refused to cooperate in the movement of coal to Britain.

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BELGIAN LETTER

FROM A COMRADE IN BELGIUM

Hello friends,

First of all a happy new year from all the anarchists of this city. We hope this year's gonna be great for us anarchists.

News from here. The CCC were the cause of six explosions against what the press say are vital pipelines of NATO. They were in fact useless pipelines near some Belgian Forces barracks. Nobody has been using them for years, but the bourgeois press said otherwise. Vice President Gol referred to the CCC as 'cowardly chickens' for attacking undefended targets. Of course most of us, when we were kids, played in these fields where the pipeline was - to us it was of no strategic importance.

Now the problem is this:

1. These people are anarchists, with anarchist methods (ie they don't kill anybody and they destroy military targets. But they don't choose the right ones (too bad...)).
2. These people are cliches for the government to reinforce its power and repression (mammoth crackdown operation last month).

Well anyway, we must try here to avoid the action-repression circle: not to be trapped in a game where odds are against us.

A. Vice President Gol declared that there are connections between the RAF in Germany, Action Directe in France and the CCC in Belgium. If they succeed in letting people swallow that, we'll have some problems because some of us have been to Court and to jail for having helped Klaus Kroissant, the RAF's lawyer extradited from France. At that time, in 1978, we were considered terrorists for having merely signed a petition in favour of Kroissant. Vice-President Gol intends to crush the revolutionary movement in Belgium and to use any means at his disposal to frighten the burghers, especially with the elections being in December.

B. In Germany, these documents happened to be found in Frankfurt at a time when Kohl's CDU, Genscher's FDP and Brandt's SPD are all involved in the Flick scandal. There is now more on German TV about the 'children of the Red Army Fraction' than about the Flick scandal. Strange isn't it?

C. In France, near the Belgian border (Lille, Villeneuve d'Ascq) a police blitz operation took place in an attempt to track down members of Action Directe and the CCC. They found no one. But they did manage to prevent a paper being published. This paper, *Otages* (Hostages), dealt with the conditions of prisoners in France and disturbed Mitterand's administration very much. This paper was put out by anarchists.

R.T.

(The above letter has been edited)

CONSPIRACY

Seven Alconbury peace campers are being done for 'conspiracy to cause criminal damage'. They face up to five years in prison. Alconbury is a US spy plane and nuclear weapons base and will be the control centre for the 64 Cruise missiles being installed at nearby USAF Molesworth.

The conspiracy charges are yet one more attempt to intimidate and silence dissent and direct action. Contact: Alconbury 7 Defence Campaign, c/o 54 Allison Street, Digbeth, Birmingham.

EASTERN CONTACT

Would Black Flag readers in East Anglia, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, etc, interested in Black Cross work and/or anarcho-syndicalism, please contact Cambridge DAM-IWA, c/o Cambridge Free Press, 25 Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

Bradford Arrest

In mid-November an anarchist was arrested at a RAF (Royal Air Force) recruitment evening at Bradford University. A film of the Nagasaki bombing was being shown, accompanied by stirring music. He was set upon by a plain clothes police officer, after he allegedly pulled the plug on the projector.

He was held for 19 days, after previous charges were found against him. He is pleading not guilty to all charges and would be grateful of support/donations to: A. Hemingway, c/o 35a Park View Road, Heaton, Bradford 9, West Yorkshire. Also more information on the case is available from this address.

NEO-NAZIS

There has been an increase in 'White Supremacist' (ie Nazi) activity in North-West America recently. The latest incident involved 29 year old nazi, Garry Lee Yarbrough, who was arrested in November last year after a shoot out with the FBI at a motel in Portland, Oregon. Fellow nazi, Robert Jay Mathews managed to escape only to be killed a month later in another shoot-out with over 100 FBI agents on Whidley Island (near Seattle). Yarbrough was charged with shooting at an FBI agent near his home in Sandpoint (Idaho) in October and is also suspected

GET WITH IT!



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Gay Fightback

On Monday 7th January Rugby was covered with posters and slogans condemning Rugby Council's discriminatory policy regarding Lesbians and gays and threatening direct action against Collett (Leader of the Council). Two people were arrested for 'criminally damaging' the Town Hall which was splattered with pink paint.

The next day was a full Council meeting where it was decided to continue not employing lesbian and gay people. Some protesters managed to get into the public gallery and hurl tomatoes and smoke-bombs at the Councillors below.

Further action against Rugby council and Collett is going to happen in the future. Hopefully the annual lesbian and gay pride march in June will be switched from London to Rugby.

FASCISTS

Military personnel, including a Col. Amos Spiazzi, have been charged with aiding and abetting (by supplying arms and safehouses) the fascist terror group, Ordine Nuovo (New Order). One of those charged, Marcello Soffietto, is himself a member of ON and a contact in the shadowy Della Chiaie network.

Soffietti had links with CIA operatives who, it is revealed, set up training for fascists at Camp Derby, a US base in Tuscany. It is now thought that the CIA has had a direct hand in falsifying 'supergrass' testimony, via their contacts (namely a Lt. Col Giuseppe Belmonte and Petro Musumeci - both currently under investigation) in the Italian counter-espionage agency, SISMI.

Secret Service connections with the Della Chiaie network and Italian fascist circles generally (not forgetting the freemasonry) were spectacularly demonstrated with the arrest of agent Guido Gianetti (together with fascist operatives Franco Freda and Giovanni Ventura) in 1979, although their life imprisonment sentence for their part in the 1980 Bologna bombing massacre was overturned on appeal.

Crimes linked to neo-Nazis in West

Mathews killed in explosion of hideout containing arsenal (after fugitive repulses heavily armed FBI agents in two attempts to storm the building). Dec. 8.

Armored car robbery netted \$500,000 in cash. April 23.

FBI agent wounded in motel shootout by Mathews; Yarbrough arrested. Nov. 24.

FBI agents shot at by Yarbrough at his home. Oct. 18.

Brink's armored car robbery netted more than \$3 million in cash. July 19.

Radio talk-show host Alan Berg slain with gun found in Yarbrough's home in Sandpoint, Idaho. June 18.

of murdering a Jewish radio chat show host, Alan Berry, in June '84 after the murder weapon was discovered at his home.

Yarbrough and Mathews both belonged to a neo-nazi organisation known as Aryan Nation, run by self-appointed fuhrer Richard Butler. Many of their members are recruited from ex-convicts and their activities include counter-feiting, armoured car hold-ups, bank robberies, synagoge burnings, death threats and murder. Butler is known to have hosted at least two sessions of the annual 'National Aryan Congress', attended by members of the KKK, the American Nazi Party and Posse Comitatus. Butler also runs a 'Church' which holds regular Sunday Services and a 'Christian Academy' where a handful of local children get their 'education' near Butler's headquarters near Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Police Thugs

Police officers were alleged to have hurled bricks and concrete from a bridge at a car being chased along the M57 motorway recently. Two Liverpool men were finally stopped after a two hour high speed chase through Cheshire and Merseyside during which time at least nine police cars were damaged.

The two men were then placed in a police dog's cage in a police van and savaged by the dog, according to their defence solicitor. Both men have been charged with stealing the car and making off without paying for petrol worth £23.75. One wonders how the media would have reacted if these men had been killed!

Snowman

Pickets near Rotherham angered local police by building a snowman and decorating it with a toy policeman's helmet. One Superintendent was particularly angry and ordered the removal of the helmet. When the miners refused his request he jumped into his police land-rover and demolished the snowman. He also demolished his landrover (and was badly shaken) as the snowman had been built around a concrete post!

Brother Scab

A Notts miner's daughter was threatened with suspension from her school for wearing anti-scab and pro-strikers badges, for writing on her satchel 'my bother's a scab' and for trying to organise debate in the school on the strike. But she refused to accept any punishment and accused her teachers of being hypocritical - after all they wear their CND and NUT badges. She told them that if they can be political, then she couldn't see any reason why she should have to stop supporting striking trade unionists.

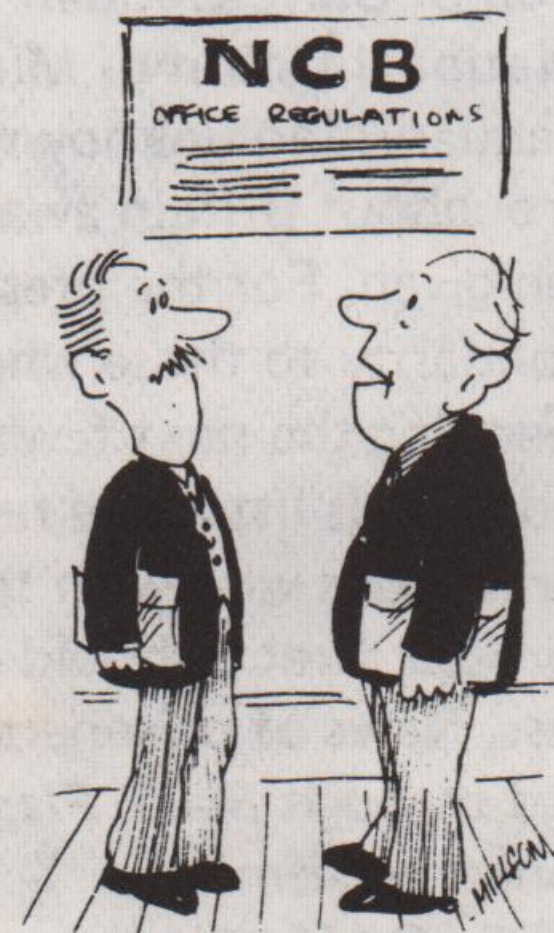
Her father told Hatfield miners that if she can stand firm against a whole school of scab's children and teachers and refuse to give in, then the rest of the striking miners movement can follow her example.

Arsonists Jailed

Four miners were each sentenced to two years for an arson attack - causing £75,000 worth of damage - on a scab coach firm, Thomson Tours of Trentham. A fifth miner was sentenced to two years Youth Custody. The five all come from the Potteries. In the same case, another miner had charges dismissed and a second got acquitted.

Scab Spotting

On the M25 from the Dartford tunnel to the M1 - many scab coal deliveries are being undertaken by Three Rivers Haulage, in navy blue artic tippers, mainly Dodge units.



MacGregor's office? Sure, it's just down the corridor and follow the trail of stabbed backs.



Wages Sabotaged

The NCB's central wages office at Fryston Colliery was broken into and smashed up. The raid took place on New Years Eve when security was lax. Nine offices were ransacked and records destroyed. The offices stored wage records for the whole of the North Yorkshire area, thus payment details for scabs in that area were sabotaged. A Board spokesman said that it would take months to sort out the mess.

Hatfield Arrests

News on the four pickets arrested outside Hatfield Main Colliery (see last issue). They were all charged with various public order offences, and were held for 24 hours. Dave Douglass, NUM organiser for Hatfield Main, was beaten by the police, getting a gash from his hip to his knee, and bruising to the liver and legs. He has been charged on four counts. A woman had her coat and shoes taken away, and was kept in a freezing cell. One man, who had been involved in a car crash a few days earlier, was released with internal bleeding.

MacGregor's Heavies

Wackenhut, the US security firm employed by NCB Chief Ian MacGregor (then head of AMAX) to intimidate striking miners, have now opened up an office in Britain: Unit 3, Britannia Estate, Luton (tel - 0582 30556).

Neasden Pickets

Brent Miners Support Group is picketing every Monday from 6.30am. On Wednesday there are pickets by Richmond and Twickenham Miners Support Group. There is a need for other support groups to fill in other mornings, to build up support and as a lead-up to the mass pickets of February 11 and 13. Neasden Power Station is in north-west London and is on the Jubilee Line.

Collections

Money is being collected for single striking miners who are living over a wide area of South Yorkshire. Single workers on strike do not get any Social Security payments at all. Donations can be sent to Dave Douglass, PO Box 96, Doncaster, S Yorkshire.

Mass Pickets

With the failure of the NCB-NUM talks - no doubt encouraged by the government in the first instance in order to build up false hopes and so lead to demoralisation - miners at pit level have turned to action to demonstrate how they feel the direction of the strike ought to be heading. In South Yorkshire mass picketing has resumed and the indications are that it is here to stay.

Kiveton Park and Hatfield led the way, followed by Cortonwood, where more than 3000 gathered to prevent scabbing, but also to drive it home to the NUM leadership that there's to be no sell-out. At Cortonwood they came from all over Yorkshire - and Nottinghamshire too - and the police were clearly unprepared for the mass turn-out. Riot cops were seconded, as an emergency measure, from other areas. Some fighting broke out, but arrests were few.

But it was at Houghton Main where picket line anger at the games the NCB are playing was so impressively shown. Again the police were unprepared as over 2000 pickets converged. When police reinforcements arrived, the usual riot gear was quickly got out, which in turn led to a justifiable response from the picket line as stones, concrete posts and other missiles were hurled at the cops. Nine cops were reportedly injured and later the police cut off the village in a mop-up operation.

The question is will the mass picketing remain a defensive measure, ensuring that the police retain their siege conditions in the pit villages, or will pickets decide to adopt offensive measures and go for the power stations, the fuel depots, the centres of government, etc?

Back Miners Defence

A Miners Defence Committee congress is due to take place in Sheffield on February 9, with delegates from trade union organisations and speakers from the NUM. The MDC bulletin is Black Dragon, edited by GLC Labour leader Ken Livingstone. On the whole it contains useful information as to picketing arrangements, etc. According to the paper (sub details on application from 31 Cranwich Rd, London N16), NUM delegates have now taken a central role in organising the MDC.

Europe Supports

It is highly encouraging that so much interest is being taken on the Continent in the miners' strike, which is recognised as a key issue in resistance to the encroaching totalitarian State. The Direct Action Movement has received sums of money, from European comrades to pass on to miners support groups, and other sums have been sent direct.

From comrades of the CNT in Spain has come several thousands of pounds for the miners' families; this is especially heartening bearing in mind that the traffic isn't one way - not only have thousands of pounds been collected for Spanish prisoners and veterans, not least by the Anarchist Black Cross, but with the rebuilding of the Spanish movement anarcho-syndicalists here sent offset lithos, duplicating, photocopying and other machines, as well as training people to use them; and we organised a regular shuttle during the period when, in the last days of Franco, large numbers of young women were discovering a freer life but were unable to obtain contraceptives and had to seek abortions, or contraceptive devices, outside Spain. It is nice to know that from the people we helped is coming the impetus to help miners in their hour of need. That's what solidarity is all about: mutual aid!

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ABOUT ENRICO FIDELE

Enrico was born 29 January 1957 in Mazara del Vallo, Sicily. He lived in Palermo until 1980, he was politically active in the Anarchist Federation there, from 1970 until about 1978, when he broke away from the federation because of political disagreements.

Enrico moved to Arhus, Denmark in 1980. He obtained a 5-year residence permit, and got married. He supported himself by working with the handicapped. In 1983 Enrico moved to London. He knew he was charged and wanted in Italy, and didn't feel safe in Denmark. Then in June 1984 he moved again. This time to France, Paris. He thought he'd be safer there.

On the 16th of June 1984 while hitch-hiking he was arrested in connection with his identity, and was taken to prison in Dijon, where he is still confined.

The address is: Enrico Fedele, *Erou Extraditionnal, Maison d'Arret de Dijon, 72 Rue d'Auxonne, 21033 Dijon Cedex France.*

He is charged with the following: 2 armed robberies; illegal possession of coins; participation in an armed group. All this is supposed to have happened in Italy in 1978.

The Court in Dijon has dealt with Enrico's case, and has concluded that he should be extradited. The final decision lies in Paris. Enrico has a lawyer: *Thierry Fagart, 48 Rue de Rivoli, 75004 Paris Tel: 272-27-99.*

Dear comrades,

It is a great help knowing that there are people outside these walls who are willing to do something for me. The greatest help would be, if you could contribute to making sure that my trial doesn't just become isolated and unnoticed, something which I'm afraid might happen.

Because of lacking knowledge about the organisational situation that my Italian friends on the run in France are now living in, it has been impossible for me to get in contact with them, especially because I haven't got names and addresses.

In the following I will briefly relate my circumstances. I went to France at the end of May, after I had stayed hidden in another European country for a year. My reasons for going to France were that I thought that I would be able to step out of the role of refugee here, because of the presence of other comrades, that were forced to live hidden, like me.

At the beginning of July I received information from an office in Paris about the possibility of getting a job in the South of France. My wife and I went to Avignon, and later on down to the coast. There wasn't even the remotest chance of a job. The result of the journey was therefore a holiday. That wasn't bad at all actually, apart from the Pope's palace Avignon is very beautiful.

But my money situation was dwindling day by day. Thus I was forced to go back to Paris in a way that was fatal to me; hitching. What can I say? I must have believed in my own luck too much. But it didn't work. On the 16th July at 1pm we were stopped near Dijon (Pavilly en Auxois) for an 'ordinary' police check. They found out that the police in Naples had issued an international warrant to arrest me, and I was arrested. After 24 hours in the cells, the police had confirmed my identity with the Italian police. I hadn't tried to hide my identity, as I've always carried my documents on me. The police transferred me to the remand centre in Dijon (Maison d'arret de Dijon), where I'm still being held. On the 16th of August my lawyer demanded that I be set free, but that was refused. The Prosecution authorities should decide.

The Courts indictments mention connection with a subversive group, armed rebellion against the State, attempted civil war by forming an armed gang, and armed robberies connected to it, in order to finance the abovementioned grand project!

All this is nothing new, and I won't have my case surrounded by a halo. I have never liked being a martyr, and I still don't. I think that the (hopefully unsuccessful) attempt by the Italian State to bury me in a prison for many years

together with other political prisoners, is just one incidence of that policy which has justified all its repressive and terrorist acts towards all of the revolutionary opposition during the last few years. It is characteristic that the prosecution demand incredibly harsh sentences. They are doing this to justify all those years that people were kept in custody while they were waiting for their case to be finished with and also partly in order to be able to arrest people on still more and more weak grounds or with total lack of evidence.

As for me after having read my dossier, I haven't been able to find a single proof to support the charges, since this, as they say, can't be revealed because of 'security reasons', apart from 2 'offences' (as you know, the history of Italian justice isn't perfect) that they've bestowed upon me, and which are totally new to me.

When it comes to where I stand politically, I can tell you that I've always been anarchist-communist. I was an active member of the Italian Anarchist Federation for about 5 years. In 1976-77 I left the federation because of disagreements about how the political struggle ought to be fought in the residential areas in my town, Palermo rather than anything to do with fundamental principles. I chose to confront myself with the massive reality of the popular anarchist organisations which was developing all over Italy during those years.

By 1980 I didn't feel capable of providing an analysis of the mentioned realities any more, and as to how I could now participate in these wasn't vital to me. I made, not without a crisis, a choice that most likely is easy to criticize from many points of view: I gave myself leave, left Italy and went to Denmark. My sisters' friend was arrested in June 1983 (he later became my codefendant). I went back to Italy to talk to him, but the judge refused to let me see him; after I had returned to Denmark, the same judge issued a warrant for my arrest.

Arresting people from the same family is another characteristic 'made in Italy' which has developed during the last few years.

How 'bizarre' the French would probably say, that I, as 'guilty', contacted a lawyer during a court case that I should have been involved in, with risk of being arrested on the spot.

I'll finish here. You can use the information I've given you whichever way is most appropriate. I hope to see you again soon and embrace you all,

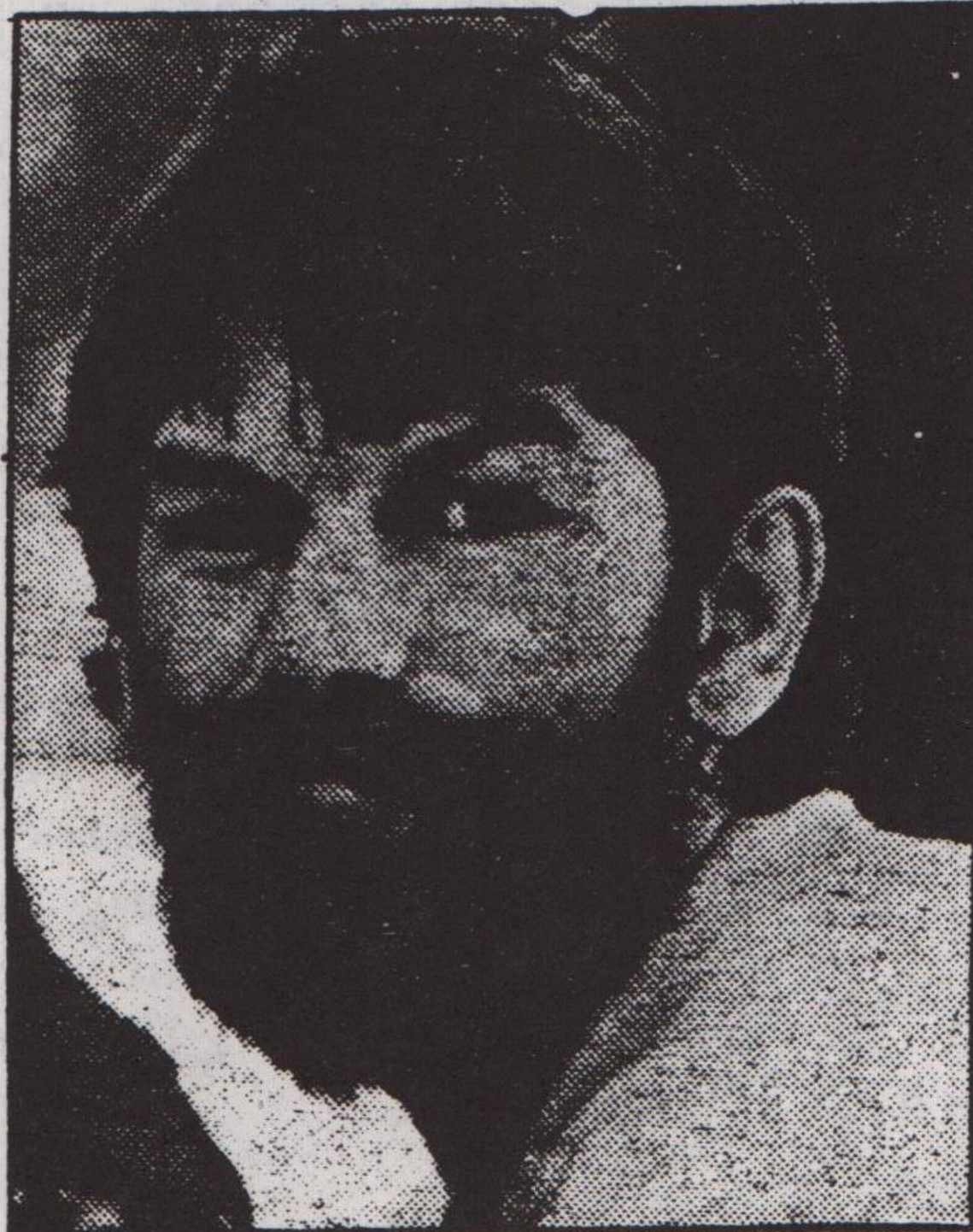
I salute you with a clenched fist,
Enrico Fedele

(translated from the Italian)



NEW YORK

Last October eight Black activists were arrested in New York by a sweep of 500 FBI agents. Accused of conspiracy to free jailed Black activists and to rob armoured trucks, they were not officially charged but were 'offered' bail of \$1m pending a grand jury probe and are still being held. Contact address: New York 8 Defence Committee, 2415 Coney Island, Brooklyn, NY 11223.

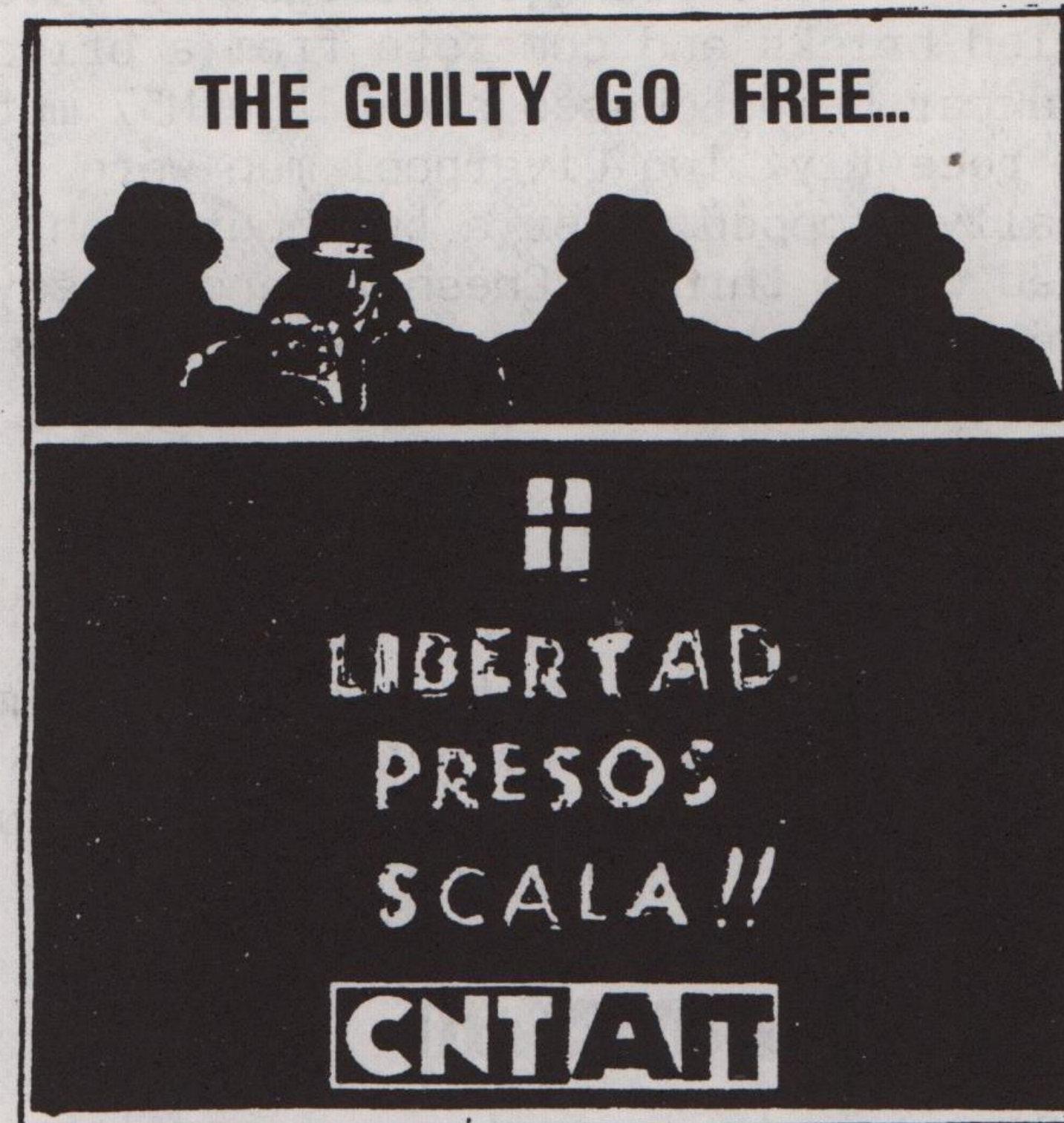


KEN

DERYARMOND

Ken Deyarmond was acquitted of assaulting an 'Internationally Protected Person' (ie, Margaret Thatcher during her Canadian visit on Sept 27, 1983.) but convicted on two counts of assaulting the police who arrested him. He was sentenced to six months in prison on Nov 21 and has been in the infamous Toronto Don gaol ever since. Support, both moral and financial (an appeal is being organised) to: KDDC, PO Box 6326, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Jesus Fortes Gil



Jesus Fortes Gil, one of several CNT-AIT (Spanish anarcho-syndicalist union) militants implicated in the infamous 'Scala incident' has finally been extradited back to Spain following his arrest in Monterotondo, Italy on 12.1.82.

He has spent the last two years in Rebibbia prison (Rome) where his visits were restricted to his family and lawyer. He now faces the prospect of a heavy sentence despite his obvious innocence.

Note: The Scala Incident or 'Caso Scala' goes back to a bomb explosion on 15.1.78 at the Scala Exhibition Hall, Barcelona. The CNT-AIT caught the blame for the bombing even though two of their own members (along with two other workers) were killed in the explosion. It has since been proved that the real culprit behind the bombing, Joaquin Gambin Hernandez, had been paid by the police to infiltrate and discredit the CNT-AIT.

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TRADE UNIONISTS IN PRISONS-1985

Name	Home Town	Sentence
David Gaunt	New Houghton, Derby	3 years
Kevin Beal	as above	2½ years
Steven Goodall	as above	2½ years
David James	as above	2½ years
Paul Jones	as above	2½ years
Ian Kestle	as above	2½ years
David Mason	as above	2½ years
Michael Southwell	as above	2½ years
Peter Pearson	as above	2½ years
Philip Sterland	as above	2½ years
Terence French	Deal, Kent	5 years
currently being held in HMP Wandsworth No: B73383		
Christopher Tazey	Deal, Kent	3 years
Michael Southwell	Longton, Staffordshire	2 years
Michael Jones	Hanley Staffordshire	2 years
William Bannister	Bucknell, Staffs.	
Gary Mould		

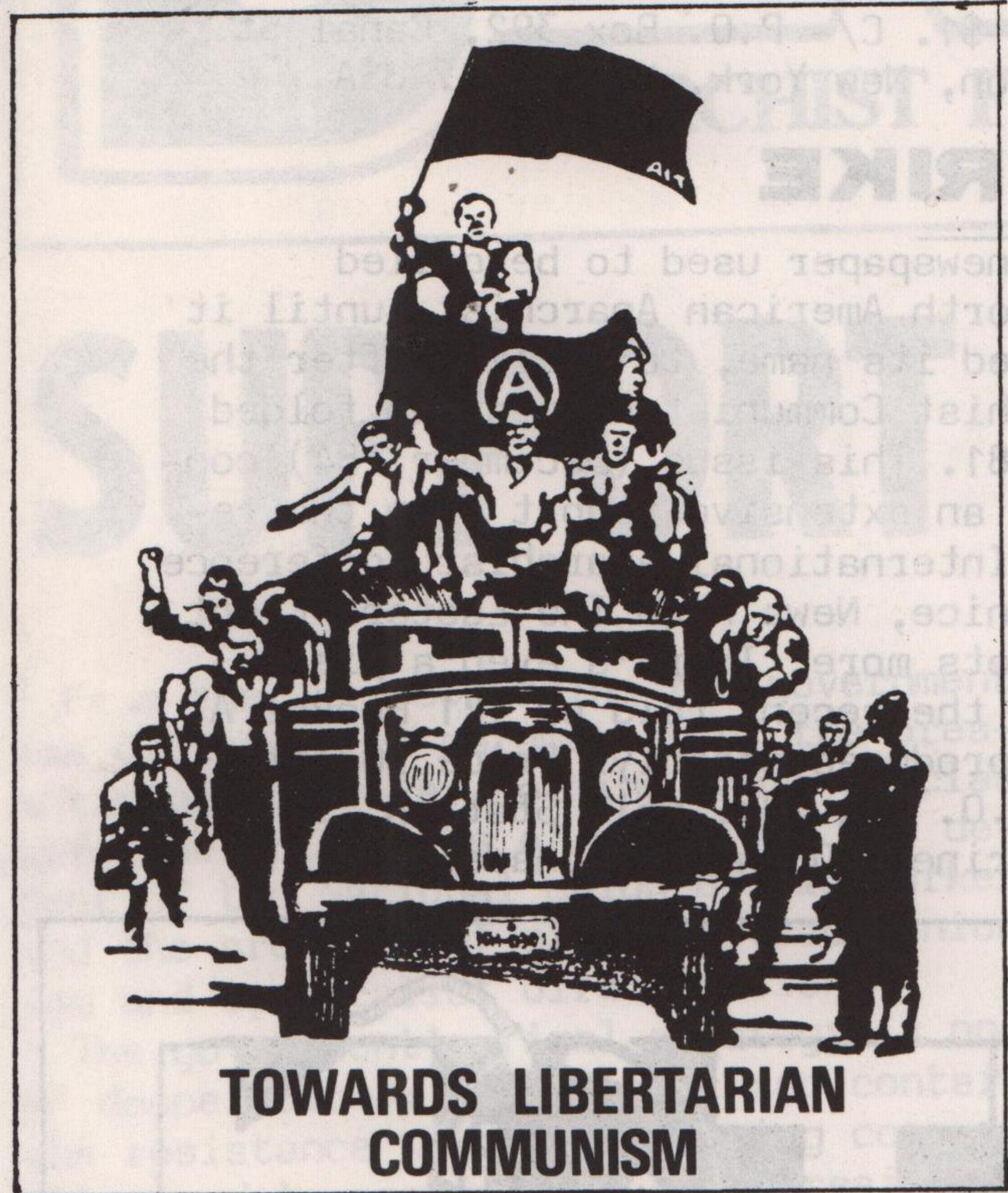
All the above with the exception of Steve Goodall (a farm-worker), are members of the National Union of Mineworkers.

There are at present (mid January), an unknown number of trade unionists in prison throughout Britain awaiting trial, figures as high as 100 have been given. For the present, it is most important that we give solidarity to those who have been sentenced and shall be spending the next few years in prison. We shall attempt to update this list as we receive more information, Groups and Organisations who wish to contact trade union prisoner support groups direct, should contact the DAM at the London address. News of prisoners situations and new cases will be publicised through *Black Flag* as they are made public with the prisoners agreement.

SOURCE: DAM-IWA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS INTERNATIONAL

BARCELONA



A group of young anarchists in Barcelona are attempting to begin a squatters movement in the city. On 7 December, in their biggest action yet, they squatted a small ex-hospital in Gracia, intending it for accomodation and a youth centre. The action was supported by the Libertarian Atheneum (anarchist community clubs) as well as the Gracia Residents Association and the local CNT-AIT. The property was occupied at 9am, while other groups leafletted outside and organised a press conference.

After 2½ hours riot police arrived in strength, but without a court order, and attacked the crowd and building, in scenes reminiscent of the recent eviction of the CNT offices - the police baton-charged the crowd and opened up with rubber bullets and 2 live rounds, while trying to break in by reversing their trucks against the front door. The place was quickly evicted and altogether 20 people arrested and several injured.

By next morning new leaflets were going all over the city, as well as a declaration signed by various organisations. A mass fly-posting began as well as a march to the evicted house. The police were hard pressed, machine guns in hand, to pull down all the posters. Another press conference was held. The prisoners were all released at 2.30 on Sunday 9, to cheers from the waiting crowd.

The Barcelona Squatters Collective are well organised (even publishing a detailed anarchist manifesto!) and see squatting as a step towards the collectives they had in the Spanish Revolution. Contact address: c/o Gracia Libertarian Athenaeum, Gracia, Barcelona.

RAPE GAME

The latest video game from Japan has the aim first to catch women, while evading policemen, and then to rape them without them escaping. The "game" has been found in West German video halls, but according to the Health Ministry, has now been taken out of circulation.

Source : Webspinner

HUNGER STRIKE DIARY

4.12.84. Two RAF fighters announce a hunger strike. Brigitte Mohnhaupt and Christian Klar, from the Stammheim prison, Stuttgart, demand prisoner of war status and the re-grouping of all such prisoners.

5.12.84. Unknown people attack a Union Carbide (the company that was responsible for the 1000's of deaths and even greater number of injured in Bhopal, India) office in Mildstedt. Two molotovs are thrown and the words, 'pigs' and poison-murderers' are graffitied nearby.

6.12.84. Others join the hunger strike: Gunther Sonnenberg, Roland Meyer, Manuela Happe, Rolf Klemens Wagner, Adelheid Schulz, Gisela Dutzi, Christa Eckes, Helga Roos and Rolf Heissler.

15.12.84. Riot in Hannau. 5000 people march against two nuclear industry firms, NUKEM (sic) and ALKEM, and for the end of nuclear weaponry and power. After the demonstration over 100 attack the police and fighting ensues for many hours.

17.12.84. In Augsburg unknown people set fire to the offices of the newspaper, Augsburg Allgemeine. Graffiti referred to those on hunger strike. The day before there was a riot in Frankfurt: for three hours small commando groups attacked police at the entrance to the airport. Other RAF members decide to join the hunger strike.

18.12.84. Siemens, the multinational, is firebombed - damage is estimated at around 10m DM. Claims are made to the firebombing and again refer to the hungerstrike.

19.12.84. RAF members attempt to bomb a NATO school in Oberamergau, but the fuse didn't work.

21.12.84. Unknown people attack the US Army vehicle depot in Frankfurt. Two trucks are set alight, causing damage to the tune of 100,000 DM.

22.12.84. Rail traffic on its way to the nuclear power station at Wurgassen is blockaded by groups of unknown people. Signals, etc are sabotaged.

24.12.84. A bomb attack takes place at the Turkish Consulate in Bonn. A letter claiming responsibility refers to the hunger strike.

25.12.84. Unknown people bomb the regional computer centre in Reutlingen, causing around 100,000 DM damage. A letter claiming responsibility said that the attack was carried out in memory of Gudrun Ensslin (first generation RAF fighter, murdered by the State in Stammheim).

26.12.84. A US Army barracks at Wertheim is firebombed. In a US military settlement at Herzogenaurach, unknown people burn down a car.

29.12.84. A US Airforce building is set alight, but police are able to contain the fire. A letter claiming responsibility refers to the hunger strike.

30.12.84. Police are attacked at the entrance to Frankfurt airport; the attackers manage to get into a restricted zone. On the same day the RZ (Revolutionary Cells) claim responsibility for a bomb attack on a US Army patrol vehicle.

RED HOT STORY

Action by women employees of Cancom Media Consultants Inc, a British Columbia Firm, has caused them to drop production of a catalogue of video pornography.

There have been complaints before as the firm has done similar catalogues for Red Hot Video over the past two years, but this time the women brought their protests to the management, only to be told that the catalogue would be printed anonymously as the firm feared reprisals and firebombings from the women's movement. The firm also wanted to avoid higher insurance rates which might result from the dangers.

One of the women then informed local women's groups and the day the work was to begin phone calls of protest started first thing and continued every five minutes until Cancom cancelled their deal with Red Hot Video.

Anne Hansen and Julie Belmas, of the Vancouver Five, are doing long prison sentences for firebombings of Red Hot Video outlets in Canada.

DENMARK

On November 8 around 100 people occupied a Copenhagen bank to protest against South African involvement. During that night 18 sub-branches of the bank had their windows smashed.

SOURCE: Ekomedia



FIVE LEFT

On Sunday, February 3rd - Exactly 2 months after R.A.F. militants Klar and Mohnhaupt commenced the hunger strike - R.A.F. issued a statement explaining that, as part of a preplanned and strategic withdrawal, the hunger strike (which involved 35 people) has been terminated for all but 5 of those taking part. The assassination of Zimmerman became a signal for the bulk of those on hunger strike to initiate their coordinated withdrawal.

Mass demonstrations in support of the hunger strikers have already taken place in Berlin (18th Jan) Amsterdam (21st Jan.) and Karlsruhe (26 Jan), while demonstrations have been staged in Hamburg and Giessen. Offices of the "Alternative List" Party (leftist) have also been occupied by supporters of the hunger strikers and are being used as a press office. The address of the office (for further information about the strike, etc) is : Badensche Strasse 29, 1000 Berlin 31.

EYE FOR EYE

Someone recently tried to burn down a church attended by three people accused of bombing 4 abortion clinics in Pensacola, Florida. The unknown arsonists also daubed the door of the church with the biblical maxim, 'An eye for an eye'.

SOURCE: AANN

ANARCHIST FILMS

The Anarchist Film Society's Winter Catalogue, 1985 is now available from c/o 121 Railton Road, London SE24. Membership fee is £5, which entitles you to all available video tapes (VHS only). Tapes can be borrowed for £5 deposit or a three hour video tape (blank) which you get back when you return the borrowed tape. The AFS is also interested in exchanging tapes and receiving any information about past and present anarchist films.

QUESTION AND ANSWER ON ANARCHISM

Q: Isn't your attitude to the whole question of violence totally inconsistent? Sometimes you denounce pacifists as quietists, sometimes you laud the petty bourgeois Greenham Common women. Sometimes you laud terrorist elitists, sometimes you don't. Surely you could make your position clear once and for all?

A: We can't make it clear to people who don't read BLACK FLAG and attack it for what it hasn't said. We have never 'denounced' pacifists who are activists. We despise quietists, i.e. people who believe - whether because of sincere pacifism, cynicism, or academic pretension - in no form of action at all and make a cult of never doing anything. Some of the Greenham Common women may be pacifists but none are quietists and we doubt if any are petty bourgeois in the modern sense of the term (displayed by the local residents who fear their land values are being reduced), though some might be in the older sense of the term (before the language changed) of being self-employed workers. *Elitism* is a word favoured both by quietists and by those cynics who look forward to 'the masses spontaneously' doing the dirty work for them - every form of action including 'violence - inseparable from social disorder from Millwall winning the FA cup to social revolution - needs someone or some few to start it off. They do not become an 'elite'; though some use early struggles to make themselves one. Pacifism is not synonymous with peace movements, but implies 'non-violence' at any price, including no self defence. The alternative to 'non-violence' except for psychopaths isn't 'violence'. 'Terrorism' now used often as a synonym for any illegal violence not carried out for personal gain, has (like 'petty bourgeois & 'gay') changed its meaning: that is not our fault. When individual terrorism was almost synonymous with anarchism, it meant individual attacks on dictators responsible for mass murder, of that we approve. Today's nationalists, labelled by the media as terrorists, or even sometimes as anarchists to mislead, are simply carrying on war by illegal means, and are Statists, not anarchists, unrecognised by treaty. Dialogue between pacifism and the State has resulted in both quietism and a debasement of the language by the State, denouncing any form of resistance in terms better applied to the State itself.

Grapevine Bookshop has moved down the road to: Unit 6, Dales Brewery, Gwydir St, Cambridge, CB1 2LJ (tel - Cambridge 61808). Open 10am - 6pm, Mon-Sat.

LATE NEWS

We've just heard from Michel Noury, an anarchist prisoner in France, that Shane Green has been tortured - his arms and legs have been spread wide apart and tied to bars - he's been left for six days and nights without water, and beaten savagely by screws. Threatened with death by the screws, he has been supported by his contacts outside, around the world.

Shane has also been threatened with execution by an American fascist group, the "Aryan Brotherhood". Shane belongs to the Anarchist Black Dragon group, who produce a paper and have taken direct action in solidarity with other prisoners. He's 29 years old, and condemned to prison until the year 2,000. For further information, contact: Claire Gabriele, 54, Ave de la Marne, 06100, Nice, FRANCE.

FIFTH ESTATE

Fall '84. This issue contains articles on the recent Nato manoeuvres in West Germany, news from Detroit, a Vancouver 5 Update, and a detailed look at the media. Price 50 cents. C/- P.O. Box 02548, Detroit, MI. 48202. USA.

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STRIKE

This newspaper used to be called the North American Anarchist, until it changed its name, to Strike, after the Anarchist Communist Federation folded in 1981. This issue (December '84) contains an extensive report from the recent International Anarchist Conference in Venice, News From The Eastern Front and lots more. There's even a piece about the recent raid on 121 Books! A well produced monthly. Price 50cents, C/- P.O. Box 284, Main Station, St Catherines, Ontario, Canada. L2R 6T7

