

DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT

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I promise not to go on about money this time (if you all promise to keep sending it!), otherwise I'll be getting a reputation for being a scrouge.

Anyway, our financil situation looks a bit better this month.

Other than that, there's not much to report, except to say that some nut managed to worm his way into our ranks. Basically what happened was that one of our lapsed members, [redacted], wrote to the South Wales branch saying how he thought "Mein Kamph" was a good anarchist work. As his membership has lapsed, he certainly won't be getting any more IB's etc., and I suggest nobody else sends him anything either, because whilst there's probably nothing to worry about, he might have more sinister freinds. Certainly, I think for the same reason, it best if members inform me (and the IB) of any harrasment from the NF etc. It's possible there may be some connection.

There is always the danger of attracting nutcases in any organisation such as DAM, and as far as I can see there's nothing we can do about it, except expel them on discovery. I believe that the risk is well worth taking - especially as the only alternatives are some sort of probationary membership or membership expm. Both of these are elitist, as we'd then have 2nd class members, and would almost certainly prove counter-productive.

Changing the subject, the International Secretary of the AIT won't be coming to our conference after all. One of our members, [redacted], visited him whilst in Spain. It seems that he's fully booked until the new year as he needs to visit a number of countries (Japan, Australia and South America) in the near future, and has only just returned from the "Solidarity" Conference in Warsaw.

Anyway, it's likely that when he does come to visit us he'll do a speaking tour, so if any group is willing to organise a public meeting for him, let me know.

As for the newspaper; how about some articles? Thanks to the small number of members who keep sending them, how about some more of you having a try? However, try not to send mini-pamphlets as "Direct Action" is supposed to be agitational. Short, hard-hitting articles are much preferred to long, boring treatises.

Finally, as everyone probably knows, the position of Secretary is up for re-election at the next conference, and whilst I'm prepared to carry on until I reach the 2 year maximum allowed (that is if you lot want me to) in June 1982, we need to start considering who should replace me from that date. I'd like to suggest therefore that a replacement is elected at the Conference after next (ie February 1982) so that they are ready to take over from the end of June 1982.

Anyway, see you all in Cardiff.

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HEDGEHOGS HAVE UP TILL
 NOW ONLY INTERPRETED
 THE WORLD; THE POINT
 IS TO CHANGE IT!

"DIRECT ACTION" ACCOUNT 28/8 - 18/9/81

Balance b/fwd		£2.42 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Plus receipts:</u>		
	Donations*	£3.40
	Sales	£73.30
	Subscriptions	£1.60
	10% Subs	£1.63
		£79.93
<u>Less expenditure:</u>	Postage	£26.69 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance c/fwd		<u>£55.66</u>

* Hull DAM £3, MG 40p

DAM ACCOUNT 28/8/81 - 18/9/81.

Balance b/fwd		£36.24
<u>Plus receipts:</u>		
	Subs	£16.30
	Misc.	£1.50
		£17.80
<u>Less expenditure:</u>		
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	Free DA's	£0.60
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DAM BOOKSERVICE 28/8/81 - 18/9/81

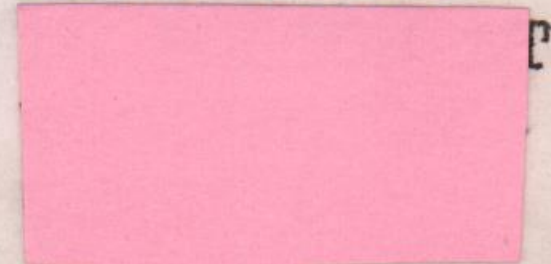
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NO!
TO MALE
VIOLENCE.

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TO KIND GIRLS.



SEND S.A.E TO:
KIND GIRLS



MARKET HALL. CARLISLE. 22nd October. 7.30pm.
Plus support bands & films & handouts & Video. The money required to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated at 17 billion dollars.....about as much as the world spends on arms.....every two weeks.
This concert is a benefit concert for a young/feminist/punk magazine called 'Kind Girls'.

There follows an account of one of the schemes the govt uses to keep down the unemployment figures. It is a personal account which has appeared in 'Angry!' and 'Dole Mirror' (of the H.U.W.U.).

TSD - MSC "Training".

We all know about YOPS and WEEPS. How many of you have heard of TOPS or ERC, or even know where Hull skill-centre is?

TOPS are training opportunities courses, held at Hull skill-centre, which is run by a combination of the Training Service Division and the Manpower Services Commission. The skill-centre and ERC (Employment Rehabilitation Centre) can be found at the Stoneferry end of Chamberlain Road.

To qualify for TOPS you begin at the job-centre. There they suss whether or not you are immediately acceptable for TOPS training. If they say "yes" you apply directly to the skill-centre, if no, then you apply for an assesment course at the ERC. Whatever you apply for your forms go to the same place, the TSD district office on Prospect Street, which takes applications from the whole of Humberside.

Lets take the ERC first. Hull, and the others like it, were originally designed to rehabilitate those who, through injury or illness, had been unemployed for an extended period. They still take up a percentage of disabled people. The original courses lasted from fourteen to sixteen weeks and could be extended if necessary. The present courses last five, but can be extended also.

There are six in all. Woodwork, machine-operating, sheet-metal work, welding, gardening, and the "miscellaneous" section where those deemed to be too thick for the other sections are sent.

The present purpose of all this is no longer rehabilitation, but "almost entirely assesment". The quote is from an ERC instructor. When you first arrive you are subjected to intelligence, mathematical, and psycological tests. Your first week is spent in the intake section performing manual dexterity tests. Your performance is constantly watched by the instructor and reported at weekly intervals to a committee of ~~instructors~~ instructors and managers.

And ALL of it, all the money spent on feeding you, providing tools and equipment, providing material for tests and reports, employing the people who file and collate them, is an absolute and utter waste of time, money, and energy that could have gone to provide something useful like proper jobs.

Because none of your papers, tests, files etc., are ever seen again. Having completed your course at the centre to the instructors satisfaction, you can then be reccommended for skill-centre training. All tests and papers are ~~sent~~ then sent to Prospect Street to be vetted before being sent to the skill-centre to be examined by the interviewing panel.

This panel consists of a trade instructor, representatives of the management and of the Union involved with your particular trade. The rep' for mine is a Miss [redacted] of the A.U.E.W. Having spent some time at the skill-centre and having talked to the trainees, I can safely say that not only have half of them never seen a panel, NONE of them have ever seen a rep' from the Union

This is important because the Unions are meant to maintain training standards at shopfloor levels, and ensure that work and safety conditions are acceptable. Which they are not. Training standards as they now stand are not acceptable.

The production of pointless exercises may teach the rudiments of the job but cannot be much of a reccommendation to an actual employer. Safety standards are no better; lathe workers if they wish their feet to be properly protected must provide their own safety-boots.

Instructors can and do abuse trainees. I have been called a "cunt", a "bastard" etc., and on occasion, instructors have used violence towards trainees. Any retaliation, verbal or physical, will lead to your dismissal. The instructor can't fire you out of hand, but an unfavourable report to the management will lead to your dismissal by them and also prevent you from training anywhere else.

The point I want to make is this; these abuses can only be remedied by Union supervision and trainee participation.

Both aims can be achieved if both the unemployed and the Unions work together. The Unions must first take up what powers they already possess for maintaining and monitoring situations, secondly, they must press for further powers to prevent on their own account abuses of trainees. Thirdly, they must
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TSD-ISC "Training".

agitate for REAL trainee participation in the running of all GVMT training centres.

These places are supposedly designed to help us achieve the best for ourselves and our families, we have the right to some say in their organisation and running.

YOU, THE UNEMPLOYED MUST BE WITH US ALSO. You must support the Unemployed Workers' Union.

YOU MUST TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL ACTIVITY AROUND YOU.
Ex-trainee.

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Edinburgh Anarchist Group meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the 1st May Bookshop. Contact address is Box 1921, 1st of May, 43 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Anarchist Group is compiling an anarchist film catalogue. We intend to include details such as title, director, description, price, availability etc. If anyone knows of any anarchist films, please let us know with as many details as possible (but do contact us even if you don't have much information, and we'll chase it up). We will be producing a pamphlet with this information, which will be available in early November. Box 1921, First of May, 43 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh.

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AUTONOMY CENTRE.

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31/8/81

Friends - Enclosed is the September issue of the Centre's Newsletter. As you can see there is a varied programme which will, we hope contain something of interest for everyone. We will be expanding the programme in October and the Centre will be open six days a week.

The idea behind the Centre is to combine a social meeting place with political activity, to set up a resource centre for anarchists and libertarians, and attempt to bring a new degree of organisation to the movement. It is hoped that the Centre will be the first of a network of such places, and already there are plans afoot for the creation of a Centre in Birmingham. A further ambition is to extend anarchism beyond the ghetto, to spread anarchist ideas, to make contact with people who have never heard of anarchism, and to ~~make~~ inject anarchist ideas into everyday life.

It was no easy task getting the Centre open, but now that it is, it is up to anarchists to make sure that it is a success. This you can help us with by:

writing to us at the Centre, keeping us informed of your activities and projects so that people who use the Centre can find out what is going on in other areas.

By coming to the Centre and exchanging news and ideas.

By holding meetings there.

By supporting the Centre financially either by joining (£15 life, £7 a year - waged - £5 unwaged), or by getting onto the mailing list - £2 a year.

Regards and Solidarity,

(for @ Centre).

meanwhile in Leeds... * * * * *

There is a proposal afoot for the setting up of a non-profit making Resource and Activities Centre in Leeds, to be available for use by anyone who wants it. Possibly based in a large, defunct building, facilities might include - light industrial workshops, a games room, an area of live music, a cafe, a skill sharing exchange, a cheap cinema and room

Leeds Centre contd.

for children's activities; Resources might include - media facilities, i.e. printing, duplicating and layout, a food co-op, a swap shop, a bottle and paper bank and workshops for cars, woodwork, bikes and general maintainance.

These are only provisional plans, and it all sounds a bit utopian, but such a project can get off the ground.! If you are interested and are thinking along the same lines, please phone Leeds 786219.

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THE CASE OF [REDACTED]

We want to bring your attention to the case of [REDACTED], which arises out of the events which took place in Brixton on April 11th. Her story began like many others, on Sat April 11th when she was caught up in a police charge near her Brixton home and charged with having an offensive weapon and of using threatening behavior and words. Here again her situation was similar to hundreds of others, police accusations resting on contradictory elements of identification in what was a crowd situation in a narrow unlit street.

It did not take police long to single her out for special treatment however when they discovered she was living in the same house as somebody on whom they had a political file and who was also arrested that evening. From that moment on there has been a deliberate and unconcealed attempt to single out these two women and frame them in the role of outside agitators in an event which has been widely recognised as a popular uprising against survival conditions and police provocations. The role attributed to Patricia, prompted by her Italian nationality, is that of the imperative "foreign link" - an Italian one to boot - where police, through the organs of the daily press, have made repeated innuendos re Red Brigades, international terror links and so on.

As an EEC citizen, she left her local government post for a year, using her full rights of mobility in this country as laid down in the Treaty of Rome, to find employment here and to study the English language. Language difficulties and ever increasing unemployment made it difficult for her to find work, but she was eventually engaged as a cleaner in a local hospital, where she worked six mornings a week. She has also gained an intermediate English certificate at Westminster College which she has attended since January.

Over the past few months, since her arrest in April, she has appeared in court on numerous occasions, and while on bail was granted her passport to go to Italy to visit her sick father. She returned early in September to face trial, and now finds herself serving a sentence of 28 days in Holloway, and on completion of this faces deportation. This as a result of being found guilty of threatening behavior under section 5 of the Public Order Act.

Upon conviction police presented the magistrate with an album of enlarged colour prints of the study of the flat where [REDACTED] was living. They had been during a raid following her arrest and showed bookshelves containing, among others, books dealing with anarchist theory and history which are freely available in libraries and bookshops. These, plus a photograph of a poster in the same room with the slogan (in Italian) "Bread, love and struggle", were taken as being conclusive evidence that she was a national security risk, so justifying the deportation order. Patricia made no attempt to conceal her interest in anarchism which, as far as she knew, was not illegal in this country.

When the deportation order was contested by her barrister, I [REDACTED]d, police overtly reinterpreted EEC law by saying that she was not a bona fide worker (this expression does not appear in the act), or student, and therefore could not benefit from no rights. She has been working for over four months and studying at Westminster College in the evenings. She was also at one time part of a libertarian book collective and worked voluntarily one afternoon per week. This was distorted by police and presented as further evidence as to why she should be deported.

On Monday 5th Oct [REDACTED] finished her 28 days sentence but is still being held by the Governor of Holloway on the grounds that as she is due for deportation she won't be released. On Thurs 8th Oct an application for a writ of habeas corpus by her barrister was rejected in the High Court by Justices(sic) McNeil and Comyn. Next stage in [REDACTED]'s struggle is her appeal. This will be heard on Thurs 15th Oct at Inner London Crown Court, Elephant & Castle, and the Friends of [REDACTED] are calling a picket of the court. Support and don-

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-ations welcome. Meanwhile supporters are urged to take up her case in their
organisations and for them to pressure the Home Secretary NOT TO DEPORT [redacted]

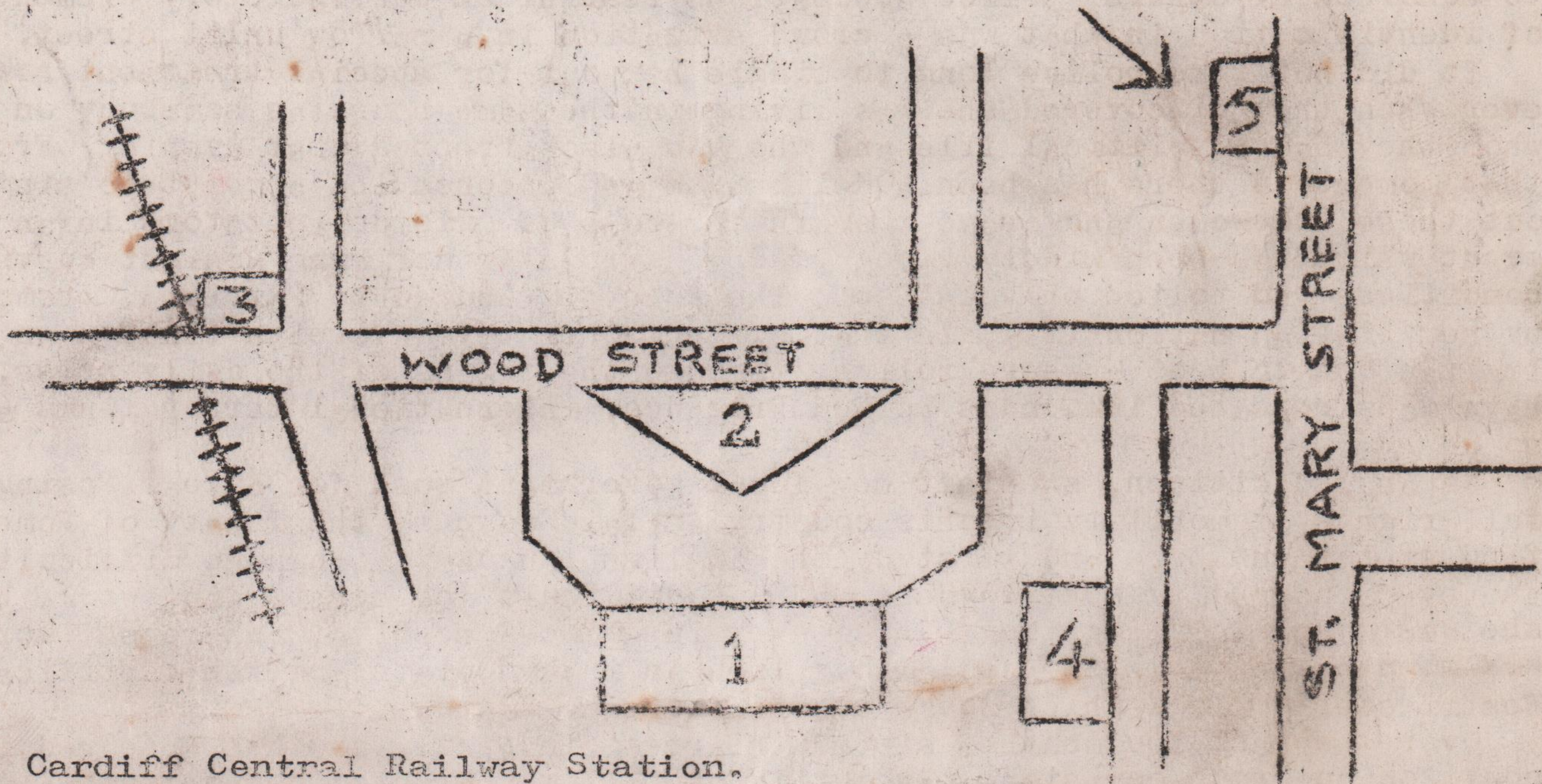
Support & donations to: [redacted]

BREAD, LOVE AND STRUGGLE:

CONFERENCE!

VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING. CARDIFF.

31/10/1981. Be there for 11.30 am, please?



- 1 Cardiff Central Railway Station.
- 2 Central Bus Station.
- 3 Empire Pool.
- 4 Multi-storey Car Park.
- 5 Voluntary Community Service Building.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (add to please).

Matters arising from minutes of last Conference.
Secretary/Treasurer's Report.
Branch Reports.
Secretary/Treasurer reselection.
'Direct Action'.
Publications.
Ireland (policy document).
? Poland.
Unemployed organisation.
The Riots.
Internal Bulletin.

Send other items to Cardiff if possible, so they can draw up the agenda.

Re. the big C.N.D demo in London, 24th Oct; if people can make it down there should be plenty to do. 'Direct Action' 5 and a DAM leaflet will given out. Loads of anarchists are going to be about with their own stuff. Keep your eyes open for the red/black flags.....

Hull DAM 20/10/81.