



Apartheid isn't just based within South Africa. It's economy depends upon massive investment from the rest of world Capitalism. The USSR, Israel, USA, and W. Europe are all involved. British big business is especially heavily implicated: around 40% of all international investment in S. Africa is by British companies. 47% of the uranium mined in the apartheid colony of Namibia is for Britain's nuclear power / weapons industry.

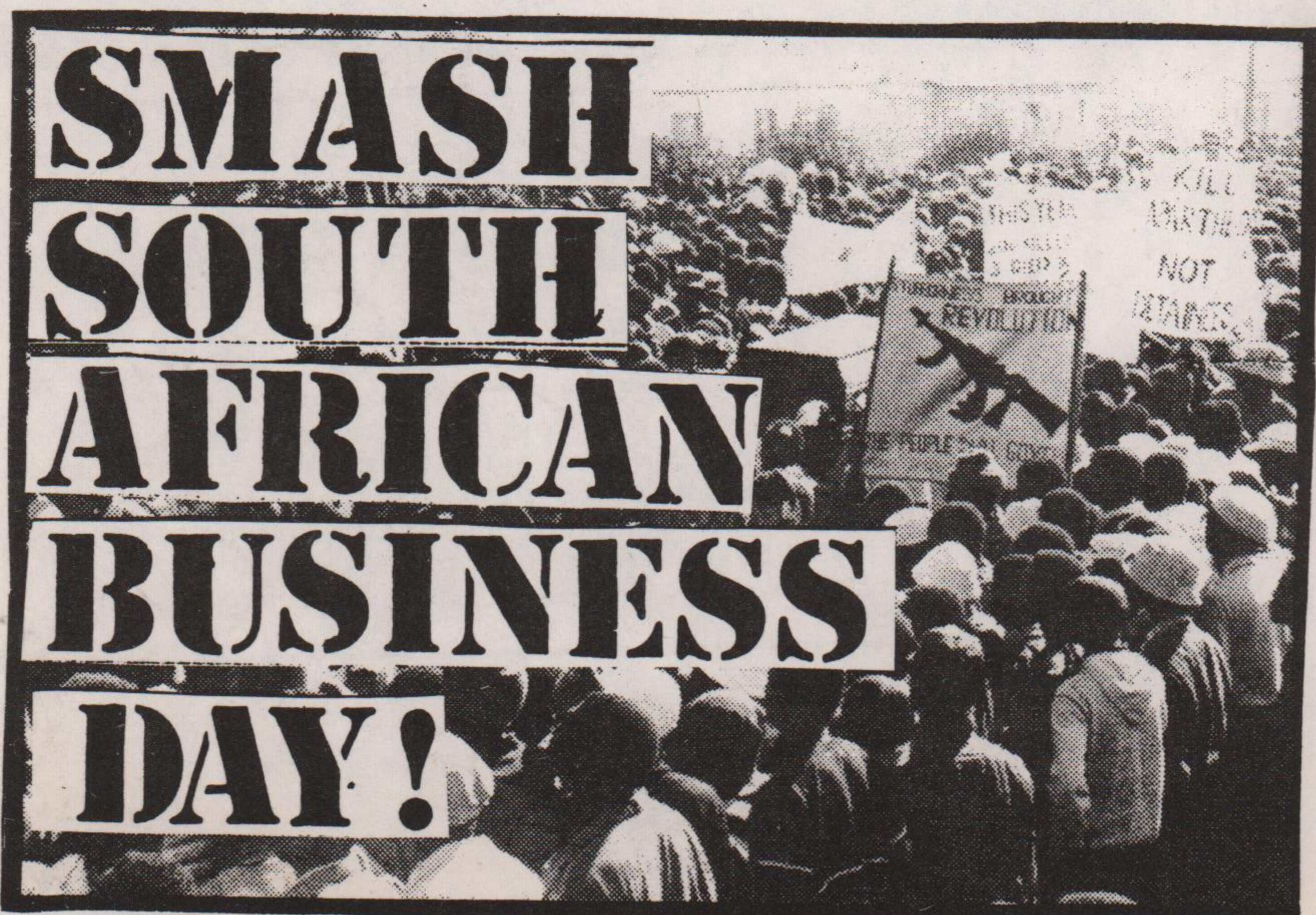
On Monday, 30th september, people all over Britain and beyond will be taking direct action against big businesses who collaborate with the S. African murder machine.

The most notorious criminals are well-known — Rio Tinto Zinc (mining), Barclays Bank, Hill Samuels (finance), the Dept. of Trade (military technology). Many other High Street businesses profit directly from apartheid (e.g. Midland Bank, Next, Radio Rentals). South African brands in the shops include Armour (fish and meat), Cape, Outspan, John West, Del Monte e.t.c.

There are hundreds of easy targets all over the North East. Direct Action can take many forms — disrupting business, pickets / leafletting, phone blockades...of course we could suggest other tactics, but it's not worth the hassle of Having the po-lice jumping on us for it — so we'll leave the rest to your imagination.

It is up to us to put maximum pressure on the bastards who profiteer from racism and murder in S. Africa. We owe it to the people of S. Africa who face guns, elephant whips tear gas, and internment daily in their struggle against their oppressors — they have called on us to do all we can to smash the apartheid economy. We are betraying them if we don't respond to that call. Organise actions with friends and people you trust in your own area and do whatever you safely can.

Ordinary employees may not be aware of their employers' dealings, and anyway have no immediate control over them (although industrial action would ultimately be the best weapon...) — so select your actions; where possible, so as to hit the bosses and managers of the profiteering companies.



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THE PRISONERS MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

NUM & the forgotten men

After all the talk from the N.U.M. about the miners' struggle being everyone's struggle, they seem to have forgotten some of the men who gave the most during the strike. That is those men who were not miners but whose commitment to the strike has meant them ending up serving prison sentences.

The York Miners Support Group has been contacting the families of miners and non-miners serving sentences at H.M. Youth Custody Centre Wetherby to see if they required any help when visiting (Wetherby is close to York) and to see what other support they were getting.

It then turned out that three non-mining families contacted were receiving no help (financial or otherwise) from the N.U.M. either locally or nationally. The three men concerned are: Brian Little who was in the Royal Navy, but was dismissed immediately on being convicted; Gary Kristenson, who has also lost his job as a warehouseman; and Stan Gregory who was already unemployed. Bryan Gregory, Stan's brother, told me that not only had the N.U.M. not been in touch with them, but that union representatives had been to visit N.U.M. members in prison at Wetherby but had not bothered to visit those who were not miners.

Whether this position applies to all the non-miners imprisoned we do not know, but pressure must be brought to bear on the N.U.M. to recognise their responsibility to these men. Both the Support Group and Bryan Gregory have written to the N.U.M., and over a month later not received replies.

J. Barker (York Miners Support Group)

Red & Black

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This is the second issue of "Red & Black", a paper produced by a group of anarchists/libertarian socialists in the north-east. In this region, there is a serious gap in news and discussion of the class struggle (in the broadest sense) - "Red & Black" is one attempt to fill that gap.

As well as providing information and discussion, we hope that the paper can be an outlet for people to document their own experiences of the System and resistance to it.

As libertarians, we argue that the fight against capitalist/hierarchical society can only come through people collectively organising themselves - and in this we oppose the belief that any vanguard Party, union bureaucracy or intellectual elite must do this on our behalf.

We welcome the constructive criticism we received after issue 1, and would like to appeal to anyone who sympathizes with the aims of the paper to send in news, information, articles or to help with production.

We make no apologies over the amount of attention given to South Africa in this issue. There is much that militants in Britain can do in solidarity with the struggle against one of the most hated and repressive regimes in the world. An informed understanding of the situation can only strengthen this solidarity.

SUPPORT GROUPS

What have Miners Support Groups represented for the labour movement? Were they an ad-hoc response to one particularly dramatic strike, or could they show the way forward to a whole new form of working-class organisation and solidarity? Have Support Groups shown a way of bypassing the stranglehold of the Labour/T.U.C./Communist Party bureaucrats and the Left sects?

We are hoping to produce a discussion article on the lessons of the Support Groups for the next issue of "RED & BLACK", so we'd be very interested to hear any relevant experiences and comments from readers. If you can help, please write as soon as possible.

Another issue we'd like to discuss is that of union ballots. Most libertarians will agree that real struggles cannot be 'ordered' by union leaders; does this mean that we support secret ballots? Let's hear your views...

RADICAL SCIENCE GROUP

If anyone in the York area is interested in setting-up a Radical Science Group, or has experience of this sort of work, could they please contact us c/o this paper. The purpose of this group could be to: examine and discuss the political implications & uses of science; to create an information network for radical research; to help undermine the academic divisions set up by the educational & research establishment; to help build an informed opposition to the technicians of repression and State science.

NEWS



The reactionary and racist nature of 'population control' has shown up once again - guess where?

The growing imbalance between the black and white populations has been causing alarm amongst South Africa's rulers. In response to projections produced by its Population Development Programme, the government has,

"increased its spending on family planning programmes among black people and is considering introducing tax penalties for big families and even free abortions."

The myth of 'overpopulation' has long been used to place the blame for poverty onto the poor themselves - not on how society distributes its wealth and resources. 'Population control' has nothing to do with giving individuals greater control over reproduction - it has everything to do with the eugenic* plans of racist regimes. Of course 'population control' programmes have also given pharmaceutical companies the opportunity to rake in vast profits out of testing/dumping dangerous contraceptive drugs (eg. "depo provera") on 'underdeveloped' societies. (eugenics = the racist science of population planning: determining which ethnic groups (or social classes) are 'fit to breed')

(information from: New Internationalist, September 1985) LM/MH

BENEFIT FOR SACKED MINERS

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PLASTIC BULLETS

The Troops Out Movement have produced a video about the use of plastic bullets in Northern Ireland. The video highlights the use of the bullets as an assault weapon by British troops, and contrasts British and U.S. news coverage of their use. The video will be shown in the York area some time in the near future - further details to be announced.

CO-ORDINATING MEETING

There will be a national co-ordinating meeting for student anarchists at 121, Railton Rd., Brixton, London SE24 on November 2nd: write to that address for further details.

CLAIM BEFORE THE CUTS

AS THE DEPARTMENT OF STEALTH AND TOTAL OBSCURITY ISN'T EXACTLY A MINE OF READY INFORMATION, HERE ARE SOME USEFUL FACTS ON HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE FEW BENEFITS WHICH STILL EXIST...

The two most underclaimed benefits are Family Income Supplement (FIS) and Housing Benefit. FIS is a weekly payment for people bringing up children on low wages if you are in full-time work (30hrs/week for couples, 24hrs for a single parent). FIS is means-tested and the amount you get doesn't vary on the number of adults, it just depends on kids and income. The kids don't have to be your own, but they do have to be living with you, and be at school or under 5yrs old.

ELIGIBILITY

If your gross income (which does not include child benefit, one-parent benefit, childreans' income or any rent/rate rebates) is less than £90/week and you have one child (add £10/wk for every other child) then YOU CAN CLAIM FIS. Claim - it can mean anything between 20p and £23 each week, plus an extra £2 for each additional child. Because you just have to send off a form from a Post Office, you don't even have to visit the DHSS (yipee!). Also additional health benefits such as prescriptions, glasses, dental treatment, fares to hospital, free milk & vitamins for prgnant/nursing mothers are available to FIS claimants - and to Supplementary Benefit or Housing Benefit Supplement claimants.

CLAIM - even if you don't get much cash, the health benefits can save alot over a year.

HOUSING BENEFIT

You don't have to be on SB or unemployed to get help with rent & rates. Self-employed or employees can claim Standard Housing Benefit from their local authority - though you'll have to have evidence of earnings. People on apparently higher incomes can often claim but don't! Extra allowances are obtainable if the claimant is a single parent or if you are a couple, with more for any children.

If, even with Standard Housing Benefit you're below SB limits (about £28/£45 for a couple, plus age-dependent amounts for kids) after having paid the rent, then Housing Benefit Supplement should be claimed. The procedure for claiming this varies: details of the above benefits can theoretically be obtained from the DHSS (leaflet FB2, "Which Benefit?"), and your local Welfare Rights/Citizens Advice Bureau can calculate your eligibility...SO CLAIM ALL YOU CAN BEFORE THE CUTS!

S.F.

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR POST...

(just as long as you're not a union militant, CND activist, trot, anarchist or other subversive...)

York Anarchist-Socialist Group has recently heard of several letters and parcels sent to us, which seem to have been 'borrowed' indefinitely by Post Office/Special Branch snoopers. We don't know the full extent of this, but we are certain that at least two bundles of the paper "Direct Action" were posted to us some months ago and never arrived - along with various other packages.

Hull Direct Action Movement, who produce the paper, report that this is a widespread occurrence...in fact so few are getting through to sellers that they haven't got the revenue to bringout a September issue of D.A. They tell us that "Complaining will do no good and it seems they're out to break us financially by forcing us to use registered or recorded mail."

A sure sign of interference is if packages frequently arrive loose in a GPO plastic sack, with a label announcing that the parcel 'broke in the post'. Another indication is if no mail is received for, say a week, and then several items all appear in one post. We'd be interested to hear of anyone elses' reports of this State spying. If other groups who order "Direct Action" are not getting them, please write immediately to Hull D.A.M., P.O.Box 102, Hull.

MUSIC COLLECTIVES

After the article on Music Collectives in the last issue, it'd be a good idea to mention that the Middlesbrough Music Collective has its planning meetings every Sunday night at 8.00pm at the Albert pub, Albert Rd., Middlesbrough - anyone interested in the work of the collective (musician and non-musician alike) is welcome to go along. Gigs with local bands are every other Monday at the same place, plus the Collective puts on bigger concerts (usually benefits) in the Town Hall crypt fairly regularly.

NEWS FOR GREENHAM?

A company called Military Ordnance Defence, of Marbella, recently advertised for sale, commodities such as antipersonnel mines, fragmentation bombs and napalm in bulk.

The adverts were spotted in Jane's Defence Weekly - a mine of potentially explosive information! A recent headline announced "MK 19 grenade launcher for troops at Greenham Common" and Jane's news editor claimed that 15 of these weapons had already been delivered. The MK 19 can be used against light armour or as an anti-riot weapon and can fire various kinds of grenade at a rate of 350 rounds per minute.

A US Air Force spokesman said that they would only be used in times of war and were not obtained to control riots. Neither the XM-674 nor the XM-675 C5 gas grenades have been purchased. What have been delivered are multi purpose M430 high explosive impact grenades "which fragment in an antipersonnel situation".

SOURCE: CLEVELAND PEACE NEWS SEPT '85.

NUT: Preparing a Sell-out?

At the National Union of Teachers North Yorkshire Area rally in Northallerton on 18th June, union bureaucrats did their best to avoid the most crucial issues behind the teachers' dispute. The NUT see the dispute as primarily concerning hours and wages, and fail to recognise that it is the attack on teachers' bargaining power which is central to government strategy.

The government want to add 14 points to teachers' contracts, which would effectively rule out many forms of industrial action - such as walkouts, half-day strikes or working to rule.

BLACKMAIL

Keith Joseph has said that if the NUT does not accept the contract changes, he will not negotiate pay rises for up to years. Yet another example of blatant economic blackmail...and it looks as if it may again pay off.

OFFICIALS

At the rally, NUT officials were hinting that they were prepared to concede to at least one of the points, that of teachers being contractually obliged to do unpaid supervision during lunch hours - something which very few other groups of workers are made to do.

As teachers are relatively highly paid, and many live in two-wage households, the union's emphasis on wages and hours is seen as a recipe for failure by some NUT militants.

RED & BLACK BOOKS

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THIS IS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM A PRISONER IN LANCASTER GAOL WHO IS SERVING THREE YEARS FOR AN ARSON ATTACK ON A COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION BELIEVED TO BE PART OF THE NUCLEAR 'FORWARD WARNING' NETWORK...

6.45 am. The lights come on - for some bizarre reason a screw walks all the way around the jail, turning on each individual light 1 hour before we need to get up - the door is opened at 7.45 am.

The cell is approximately coffin shaped, being built around the perimeter of the castle keep. It is 15 ft long, by about 7' in the middle of the cell. I share this space with a lad of 23 named Gary.. He has served 6 previous sentences and has recently had his parole refused, meaning an extra year for him to serve. - He is a good humoured youth, though his selfish and desperate attitude to life reflects his treatment by society to date.

This is a very easy going jail. We get out of bed and re-make it, empty the accumulated excrement - from 8 pm the previous evening - a bucket is provided for this. The landing I am on has 20 inmates upon it. The toilet facilities are:- one large sink for accumulated wastes, 3 stand-ups, two sit-downs (with half doors) and 3 wash basins. Because of the latter we fill bowls and wash and shave in the cells.

At 8.00am the breakfast is brought over to the wing. This morning's was fairly typical; I am on a vegetarian diet and my meal consisted of a small slice of soggy toast with cold spaghetti upon it, so much dry bread as requested, enough butter for one slice, and a ladle of porridge. All this is served upon a steel tray. we que up, pick up the trays and have the items dumped thereon. We then take it all back to the cell, along with a mug of tea. The other meals are better than breakfast, although the tea is sometimes worse. All meals are consumed in the cell with the door locked. the worst thing about the meal farce, is that while we are queing up, 10% of the inmates push straight to the front of the que; thereby openly insulting those queing, and also guaranteeing themselves a choice at dinnertime, when for those on meat diets there are sometimes two dishes to chose from. Soon this business is going to result in bloodshed; from time to time there has been some trouble over it.

Straight after breakfast we go to work. For most people this involves sewing - machine work of the most repetitive type, or cleaning some part of the prison. Quite a lot of us are on some form of education. The course I'm on is very good; all the teachers are left-wing, some very much so. There are 5 of them, and only 9 of us on the class. We have some pretty good discussions/arguments. The teachers are all from outside the system, and there is no other supervision during the education periods.

At 11 am we break for exercise - walking anti-clockwise around a small yard, or sitting on it if it is sunny. Then dinner, one hour in the cell, exercise, work/education, tea, and 14 hours in the cell less one 10 minute break for a mug of tea at 8 pm.

Although every other night we can go to the association room for 2 hours for television, table-tennis, snooker, darts, bar-billiards - I never go as I despise the other prisoners too much to be with them any longer than needs be. Most of them are very, very sad casualties of this corrupted system, and could never be trusted now under any circumstances. They steal from one another, bully one another and are generally conservative in their attitudes. However, those on the course with me are O.K. and so are a few others whom I have become friendly with. Unfortunately there are only about 5% of them that could be described as rebels, the rest have merely maintained the position they have been kicked into. - Probably 60% or more have come from some sort of children's home originally, and have then graduated through reformatorys, borstals, etc. - Also it is absolutely amazing how many of them are in for drug offenses, - 40% Heroin I would estimate. Three years is the commonest sentence being served here, a few are doing less and maybe 25% are doing more - up to 5 years. There are also 10 or 12 lifers here, on different stages of their sentence, they are moved around the country you know...I can't write anymore now as the censor may get upset, I'm already a page over the maximum limit...

Roger.

FRYSTON TRIAL

On Monday, 14th October, seven miners from Fryston pit near Leeds are to appear before Leeds Crown Court charged with riot and affray - if convicted they could face prison sentences of up to five years. The charges arise from an incident last November when Supersab Michael Fletcher was attacked by strikers. The men facing trial are all still sacked, and if the prosecution is successful a further 18 miners from Fryston (who were eventually reinstated) could also face trial.

We do not know how the trial is likely to go - although a hopeful precedent has been set by the farce of this summer's 'riot trials'. But anyone who thinks the Fryston miners 'deserve' to be sentenced should just remember the violence and bloodshed inflicted by the police, and to a lesser extent scabs, on strikers throughout the dispute. Those responsible for this violence are never put on trial because they were defending the state and the NCB, not fighting for their livelihoods and the survival of their communities. Pigs who beat injured pickets into the ground are more likely to get promoted than to be disciplined - let alone sacked then tried.

The original arrests at Fryston (26 detained) were part of a calculated police operation to intimidate solid, militant mining communities - and to clear the way for scabs to shit on their former colleagues unhindered.

The sacked men at Fryston are in a vulnerable position - apparently collections for them at the colliery have been gradually falling off. We're trying to find out what kind of support the strikers want at the trial - so if you interested in giving support, please contact us as soon as possible. Send a stamped/addressed envelope and we'll write back when we have some details.

the Union makes us strong?

Ken Ambler, the only miner on the Selby coalfield still sacked, is coming under increasing pressure from his union to toe the line and 'keep his head down'.

Ken is one of three men who were sacked at Wistow pit as a result of the strike. The other two went before an industrial tribunal some months ago, and won their cases - although the NCB still refused to reinstate them. Subsequently, one of them decided he didn't want to work in the coal industry anymore, and the other was found contract work on the Selby coalfield.

This took pressure off NUM officials to support victimized miners: the two were no longer 'sacked miners', but neither had they been reinstated at the pit.

VICTIMIZATION

Kenny, however, intends to fight his forthcoming tribunal case on the basis of victimization - and the union are very reluctant to support him on this basis. Area officials say that Kenny should not fight his case because he has already been found guilty, in court, of handling stolen coalboard property. Kenny argues that it is not consistent NCB policy to sack workers for this, and he wants to use a case which occurred a few weeks ago to make this point.

At the end of a shift, one miner was searched and found to have coal board property on him. This man was fined £200 by the pit manager, given a warning, and that was the end of the matter - the police were not even involved.

In response to this, the officials claim that this case was dealt with at a local level, and if Area management had been involved there would have been a sacking. Now anybody who believes that the manager of Wistow colliery is going to act against Area NCB policy to keep a man's job - and risk his own neck in doing so - has got to be pretty naive. The difference is quite clearly that Ken Ambler was victimized because he was a highly active militant during the strike.

Another example of the union's concern for sacked miners is the fact that they haven't organised any collections in the Selby area pits for sacked miners. The union officials say that none of their members care, but they could set an example by donating something themselves. This alone could mean a collection of about £50 a week.

FIGHTING ON

Hopefully Kenny will fight on and make his case at the tribunal - although even if he wins it, he will still probably end up with a job with contractors rather than being reinstated at Wistow.

York Support Group are still helping fight Kenny's case, and meet at the T & GWU offices, Nunnery Lane at 7.30pm every other Tuesday (next meeting 8th October). Feel free to come along.

(J.B.)

**Support
sacked
miners**

SOUTH AFRICA: TOWARDS A SOCIAL REVOLUTION?

DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE CRITICAL NOT ONLY TO THE POSITION OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE IN THAT COUNTRY, BUT TO THOSE IN THE WHOLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA - AND BEYOND. IN THIS INTERVIEW, WE TALKED TO KARIPALMA KAREMUNDA, A REVOLUTIONARY FROM NAMIBIA WHO IS CURRENTLY IN EXILE IN THE U.K. MANY OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THIS INTERVIEW ARE USUALLY AVOIDED OR OBSCURED IN BOTH THE LEFT AND LIBERAL PRESS. REVOLUTIONARIES IN BRITAIN HAVE TENDED TO EITHER PREACH THE 'CORRECT COURSE OF ACTION' TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, OR UNCritically SUPPORT THE A.N.C./U.D.F. LEADERSHIPS. WE FEEL THAT NEITHER POSITION IS ADEQUATE, AND HOPE THAT THIS INTERVIEW WILL PROVOKE SOME MORE CONSIDERED DISCUSSION AND ACTIVE SOLIDARITY.

RECENTLY, THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WAS HOLDING SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CAPITALISTS IN LUSAKA. IT'S NOW EVIDENT THAT IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF BIG BUSINESS NOW SEE APARTHEID AS A LIABILITY - HOW IS THIS GOING TO AFFECT THE ROLE OF THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AND THE A.N.C./U.D.F.?

The first thing to consider is the business community's interest in S. Africa - they are there for profit, and if they aren't getting enough profit, their position is insecure. In the beginning they probably thought 'OK, the government is going to put down the uprising' - so there wouldn't be any interference with them maintaining the high rate of extraction of profit. But now they recognise that the situation is taking a very different shape, so in order for them to secure their position in the future, it is necessary for them to recognise movements like the A.N.C.... Another element is they might be trying to confuse the position of the uprising in S. Africa...

On the part of the A.N.C., they have been advocating a policy of sitting down and negotiating for a long time. So it's not really a new approach, meeting the business people in Zambia. It's to say to the international community 'we told you we had been ready to talk to anybody involved in the South Africa problem.' But on the other side, the A.N.C. has to be careful because people realise that the business interests have been maintaining the South African government for many years; so the military aspect of the A.N.C. will continue, and at the same time they will talk to the capitalists because it seems that their main concern is, after independence, to secure capital to be invested in S. Africa to maintain the high rate of growth of the economy. So they won't be involved in trying to exclude the capitalists.

WHAT IMPLICATIONS DOES THIS HAVE FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA? I MEAN, EVEN IF SOME KIND OF A.N.C./U.D.F. GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER THE ECONOMY WOULD STILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE WHITE MINORITY AND THE CAPITALISTS...

Firstly, yes the economic power will still be in the hands of those who own the wealth of the country... if apartheid is abolished there will be rights, say, for everybody to vote, and I think if the A.N.C. is going to create a mass government, there are going to be some major changes in the political and economic structure. But the A.N.C. are talking about creating a type of mixed economy whereby the government and business interests will be involved in the development of the country...

WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT WE SAW IN ZIMBABWE...

Yes - I think that nearly the same thing is going to happen. So far I don't envisage anything very different from what happened in Zimbabwe. To me, the revolution may be blocked by business community manipulation, government manipulation and the whole of the Western bloc interests involved in South Africa - manipulating the oppressed people into a reformist position. If the people take a revolutionary struggle, then we can wait for real changes in S. Africa but at the present moment I'm doubting very much about drastic changes...

Maybe if the A.N.C. and other movements took power, after that the ordinary people, the workers who had been suffering under apartheid are still in the same position. It is a possibility that things can take that way, because it seems to be an overall pattern which is happening in many countries in southern Africa. In most countries, well a black leadership took power and just went into the seat of those people who had been the oppressors before. So if the A.N.C. is taking the position of creating a mixed economy, bourgeois-democratic type of society, that's going to benefit the leadership themselves and those who hold power. Which means they are going to be incorporated within the capitalist system...

SABOTAGE

THE African National Congress has called on South African workers to sabotage factories and bring production lines to a halt. In this way, international efforts to isolate the apartheid regime will be strengthened and taken forward.

'When we say we don't want investments in our country, we have to do something to make these capitalists realise that we mean it', the broadcast on the ANC's Radio Freedom said. 'Now that our friends have set the ball rolling, we must take up the fight.'

Workers should intensify their strike actions by sabotaging machinery, destroying documents, and making sure that commodities coming off assembly lines are useless, the broadcast said.

'The bosses must have no one to trust among the exploited. By so doing we will force the capitalists to realise that ours is a country at war and that their profits are in danger.'

FROM: ANTI-APARTHEID NEWS.

IN SOUTH AFRICA ONLY

SO CAN WE EXPECT THE CLASS STRUGGLE TO CONTINUE TO BE SO INTENSE AFTER BOTHA FALLS?

It's going to be very intense, at the same pace actually. The problem is that if the people have been oppressed for a very long time, and after that if what they try to do is to compromise with their oppressors they are incorporated within the State structure, within the machinery of the state. Therefore the right way in the long run must be the establishment of peoples' power in S. Africa under revolutionary principles - change the whole structure: destroy everything and create a new society...

ONE THING THAT'S PUZZLING IS THE APPARENT LACK OF ARMED ACTION IN THE PRESENT UPRISING...

One of the problems is that the A.N.C. has to have a base to operate from... the only base which they have now is within S. Africa itself.

Firstly, the front line states are economically dependant on S. Africa, and have the military threat of the S. African army. If you look at Mozambique, Mozambique took the A.N.C. as comrades and what the S. African military did was to destabilise Mozambique completely... just bombing the whole country and supporting movements like 'the Mozambican resistance'. So in that sense the A.N.C. found it difficult to operate in the front line states.

So it's a very, very difficult situation. It's not like when ZANU and ZAPU were fighting in Zimbabwe, because they had clear bases in Zambia and clear bases in Mozambique where they could operate openly. But there are no African countries where the A.N.C. can operate freely in order to penetrate S. Africa.

BUT FROM WHAT YOU'VE INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, THERE HAS BEEN SOME LEVEL OF MILITARY STRUGGLE...

Yes, there have been many bombings taking place, but under the present censorship of information it is very difficult to find out what's happening within the country - but I've been getting some information: most of the activities are not reported, but the military position is strengthening its bases within the country to operate in urban guerilla action.

YOU'D HAVE EXPECTED AN UPSURGE OF RESISTANCE IN NAMIBIA, BUT THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE HAPPENED...

Well first of all, the population of Namibia - is very small actually, around 2 million people. Then the land: its nearly 800,000 square kilometers - and the population is scattered all over the country. So there are problems in organising people to come together and oppose the government. And then another element is the S. African policy of creating tribal homelands... there are many people that are now benefiting from the system: part of the oppressed people, who have now become part of the system. Of course there have been continuous uprisings in Namibia: if you go back to 1959 and the Windhoek shootings, then after that when SWAPO launched its armed struggle in 1966... you can also look at the general strike of 1971-72 which was a massive strike which also involved, apart from the industrial workers, a large peasant involvement.

But now the people are too divided, and the tribal element is very important to consider here.

WHAT PROBLEMS DO TRIBAL DIVISIONS CREATE FOR THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA?

This is a very difficult problem actually, because many people don't realise what is happening amongst the tribal groups in South Africa. Looking into the creation of the Apartheid system, its main foundation was to divide all the racial groups in the country: if you look at the Zulu-speaking nations and the Xhosas, there are major controversies which are not really being talked about - because the main issue today is to destroy white domination.

SO WHAT DO THESE DIVISIONS MEAN AT THE MOMENT?

At the moment there are ten 'homelands' in S. Africa, and all these homelands are separated between the tribal groups - and every tribal group is trying to exploit the provisions made for it by the S. African government to develop itself. But when you look at all the people who are going to work in the industrial areas, I think that tribal divisions can be seen as an issue of minor importance to the whole struggle.

There are certain groups instigated according to their tribal orientation, and who are also trying to impose their authority on others - like the Zulus under the Inkatha movement and Chief Buthelezi. This is not an important element at the present moment, but it can be a long-term enemy of the struggle.

It is possible that after independence you find that the Xhosas are fighting against the Zulus; I mean the tribal element which we were talking about. And that's something which has to be avoided earlier by uniting the oppressed people together - the nationalist movement, they are not really heavily involved in trying to unite the people in South Africa.

AND TRIBAL DIVISIONS ARE EXPLOITED AND MANIPULATED BY THOSE IN POWER...

...Well look at the Ndebele and the Shona in Zimbabwe, you can see how in the news media in Western countries it's 'well, this group are Mugabe's army crushed these Ndebele killed them and all that' - this also encourages the tribal divisions in that country. There must be political questions which should dominate the situation in Zimbabwe, not the tribal aspect.

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THIS IS CAPITALISM IN ALL ITS SHEER, OBSCENE BARBARISM...
EACH YEAR THE E.E.C. COUNTRIES SPEND £10,400 MILLION ON STORING, THEN
DESTROYING FOODSTUFFS IN ORDER TO KEEP UP PRICES - WHILE MILLIONS DIE
OF HUNGER, PUBLICLY ON OUR T.V. SCREENS.

If surplus meat, cereals and skimmed milk are left to rot in warehouses, this reduces the amount of foodstuffs on the international market - so profits are kept high.

These stores exist all over the North - East: There are 2 cereal stores in York, and two in Pocklington. Skimmed milk is stored in Hedcar/Dormanston, Stockton, Darlington, Billingham (2 warehouses), Easingwold and Newcastle. There is said to be 7,620 tonnes of powdered milk stored at Billingham, and 936 tonnes at Dormanston.

Details of the stores have been kept well 'under wraps' by the authorities but over the weekend of 28th-29th of September there will be several actions taken to publicise their existence, as part of a campaign initiated by women from Greenham Common Peace Camp.

As many of the locations are not yet fully known, this will hopefully be an ongoing campaign. So if anyone has any more precise information, please could they let us know, and tell other people who could spread the word and organise actions.

The famines in Ethiopia and Eritrea have evoked an immense show of humanity from tens of millions of people throughout the world. Yet even the most massive charitable efforts can only alleviate the worst of the suffering in a few areas.

The only long term answer to the problem lies in destroying its causes. One factor is the 'Third World's' famine is the history of the destruction of local agriculture by colonialism. Today's policy of stockpiling 'surplus' food reflects one thing - the logic of the profit system, the 'rationality' of capitalism, (East and West).

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR: SOCIALISM OR BARBARISM.

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In S. Africa today, leaders like Chief KwaZulu Buthelezi of the KwaZulus are very popular in all the western countries - he was even in Israel recently. You must be sure that there are many doubts about the situation in S. Africa. Because Buthelezi has almost got his own army...even if the A.N.C. took power, there might be a war between the nationalist government and a certain KwaZulu homeland in the north who don't want to become incorporated into the new state.

But on the other side, Buthelezi's position is very shaky. He's really acting in the same way as the business community, you know. He's benefiting from the S. African government, but on the other side he's feeling insecure in case a Nationalist government like the A.N.C. happens to take power. Then he might be in difficulties...

SWAPO - South West African Peoples Organisation, who wage struggle against South African oppression in occupied Namibia
ANC - African National Congress, armed wing of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, along with the PAC (Pan African Congress)
UDF - United Democratic Front, the main opposition movement in S. Africa: an umbrella organisation involving over 200 different bodies. Politically the UDF encompasses everyone from moderates like Bishop Tutu to the militant syndicalist S. African Association of Workers Unions; involves both blacks and Asians.
Inkatha - KwaZulu tribalist movement.
MPC - Multi Party Conference: ruling party in Namibia, based on tribal delegations. Openly collaborates with South African imperialism and apartheid.

HOSPITAL WORKERS FIGHT BACK

On Wednesday, 18th September domestic and portering workers at York's four main hospitals walked out in response to privatisation plans drawn up by the District Health Authority. The walk out met with overwhelmingly solid support, and a three day strike is planned to co-incide with the next District Health Authority meeting. A march through York is planned for Saturday 5th October, and hospital workers will be rallying support from other workplaces in the area such as Rowntrees. Privatisation would not only affect pay and hours, but would lower the standards of hospital cleaning. Hospital workers in Darlington and Doncaster are also fighting privatisation plans, so if links can be built across union divisions we can look forward to a strong fightback with a real chance of success.
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL MILITANTS IN THE AREA BUILD FOR WHATEVER SOLIDARITY ACTION IS POSSIBLE.

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