

### WHAT IS D.A.M.?

The Direct Action Movement is the British section of the International Workers Association. We are a working class Movement and our aim is to change this society by means of Anarcho-Syndicalism. To put it simply, Anarcho-Syndicalism is a method of overthrowing Governments (not by the ballot box or changing from one Government to another) through rank and file solidarity bringing about a General Strike.

This can only be achieved when people recognise the futility of relying on Trade Union officials and the TUC for support. We can only achieve freedom by knocking down all barriers (racial, sexual, etc) and acting as a class.

Anarcho-Syndicalism is practised in other countries, to some extent, especially in Japan, Spain & France. Here, they have formed unions (one union covers all areas of work - eg. mining, shipping, etc.) which are run, not by officials, but by the workers themselves, because there are no paid officials. The unemployed are accepted into the union and the whole community is involved - not just the workers. When this happens, it is a lot

easier to organise people, for strikes, etc. than when they are split up into trades, different unions, etc. If we are to gain any foothold in the struggle against capitalism we must unite, as a class. To do any other is doomed to failure.

### MINERS STRIKE

Up to date, the official N.U.M. figures indicate that only 38% of the workforce has returned to work, contrary to what the puppet media are saying. This is quite amazing, considering the amount of pressure being put on them. The miners, however, would have an even greater success if the rest of the people took their heads out of the sand and stood up to be counted. We hear the same old arguments rhymed off as an excuse for NOT supporting the miners "I don't like Scargill/They can't get their own members to support them/They should thank God they have a job to go to/No one else is out on strike in support - so I'm not coming out." The list is endless.

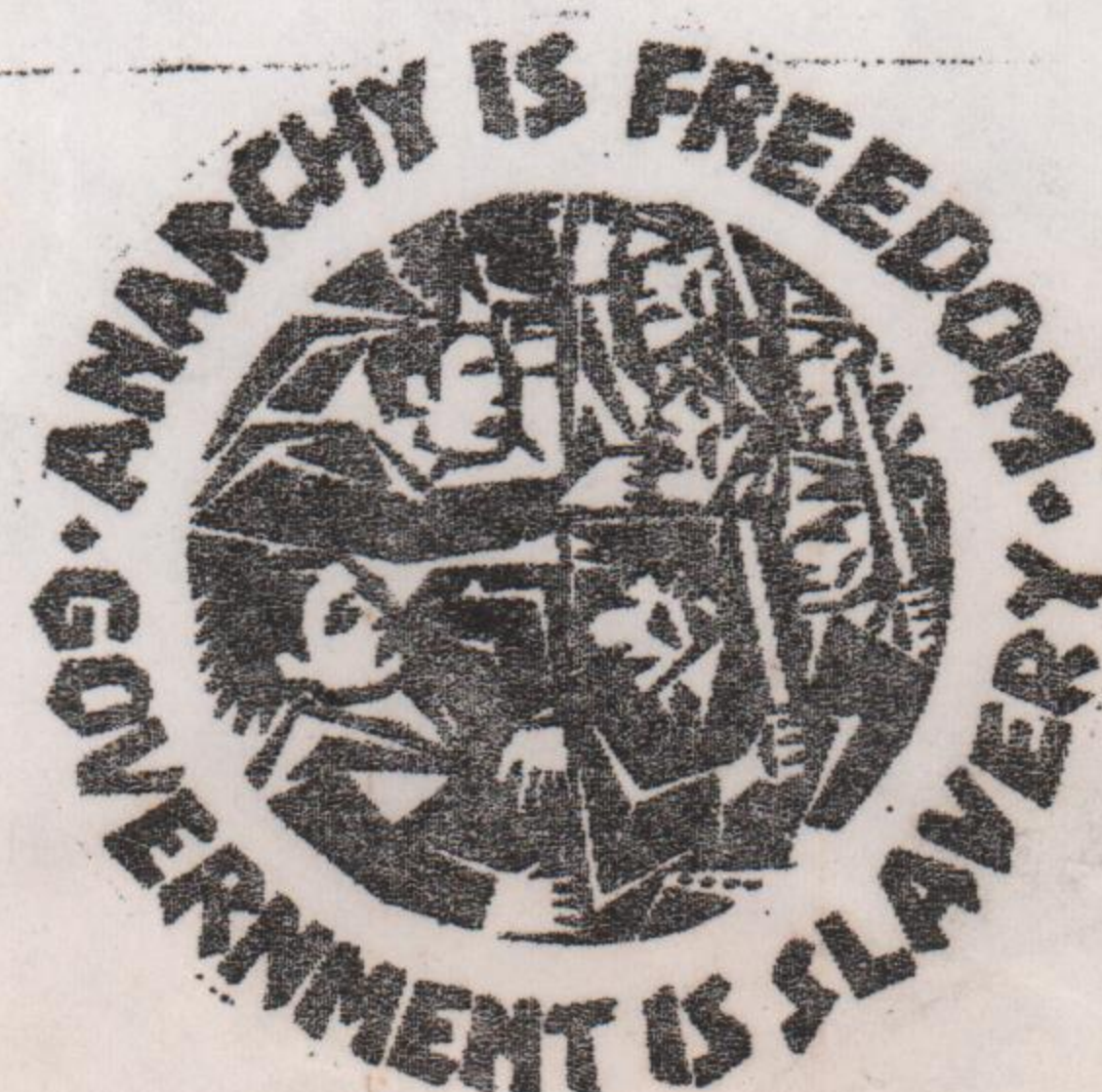
Even if all these things were changed, another excuse would be found. The time for this drivel to be put forward has gone. People should be organising for industrial action where they work, or if not in work, they

should stand up for their own rights and those of others. We are not sheep - you have a brain. This fight is not just about miners - it's about the whole class! The miners do not inhabit a separate planet!

If they are beat, what makes you think your lot will be any better? You can rest assured that your turn will come. Now is the time to fight. Giving money helps to keep the strike going, but it is only a salve for the conscience. They need your industrial support as well.

The fight will only be won when all Governments are removed, and we can return to some form of sanity. You can start by talking with your workmates, or fellow unemployed, encouraging them to join the miners on their pickets or by inviting a miner to speak at your workplace. You will have to fight sooner or later.

SUPPORT THE MINERS  
NOW!



CONGRESS FOR INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The congress was held at the Burnley Labour Club on Saturday 19th January, and was organised by Burnley Miners Support Group. The main speakers were Peter Heathfield ( General Secretary NUM ), Tony Crowther (Manchester NUR, in personal capacity), and Dave Douglas, (Hatfield Main NUM). There were more than 110 delegates present from local and national union branches and Trades Councils plus political organisations.

It was pointed out from one of the speakers, that the days for waiting for directives from the TUC etc were over. It is about time that the rank and file took action into their own hands, and forgot about the union officials. This was greeted enthusiastically by most delegates, who then went on, in small discussion groups, to work out how industrial action could be achieved, with this method in mind.

It was generally agreed that we have to build miners support groups in every place of work. These groups should be rank and file organisations and a delegate from each work place support group should attend the local miners support group meetings regularly. Also, it is important that these groups be made permanent whilst the miners strike lasts, to increase the effectiveness of industrial action.

At the end of the day, motions were passed by the congress recommending support for a general strike called by the Yorkshire and Humberside TUC on Feb 11th, and also to support the plan for industrial action on March 6th, which is the first anniversary of the start of the miners strike.

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\* BURNLEY MINERS SUPPORT GROUP \*  
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\* meets every WEDNESDAY \*  
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\* BURNLEY LABOUR CLUB \*  
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\* Smirthwaite St off Cog Lane \*  
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\* 8.00 p.m. \*  
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