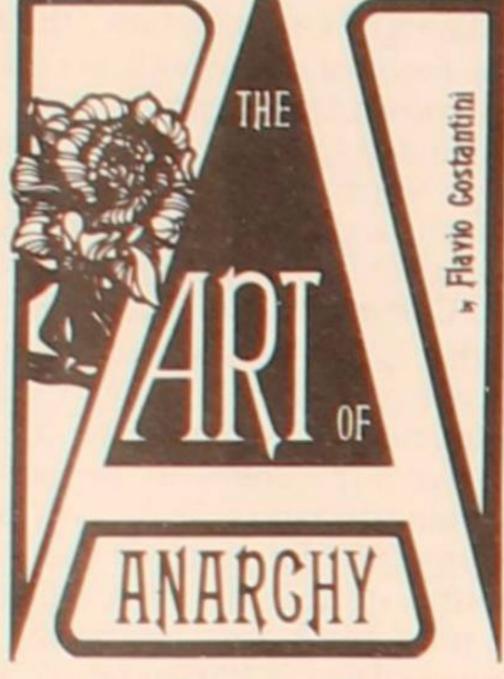
FEEDBACK

REVIEWS



THE ART OF ANARCHY by Flavio Constantini.

After reading many of the books on anarchism which have come from the academic publishing houses both here and in North America in recent years, one could be forgiven for believing that Tolstoy was the 'father of anarchism' and Ghandi its greatest theoretician. There is not a book in English that deals with Ravachol, Henry, Valliant and the French illegalists. The Art Of Anarchy by Flavio Constantini is not a written account of these fighters but a pictorial one and a very fine history indeed!

Constantini brings to life in his art the great events from our history, events we can justly be proud of; the true anarchist was never afraid to make a stand against the state and if need be, forfeit their lives for their beliefs. Published by the Anarchist Black Cross. Distributed by ASP. Price £3. (For your copy write to ASP, BM Hurricane, LONDON WC1N 3XX.)

THE FREE by M. Gilliland

published by Hooligan Press (BM Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX).

M. Gilliland's new anarchist novel is inspirational. Courage, strength, hope and perseverance is felt: all qualities needed for revolution and revolutionaries. The characters breathe and bleed their commoness, are humans with fun on their minds, families in their past, questions for today. They've been battered, drugged, drunk. It's Gorky's socialist realism without the dogma or mystification. Like Ursuia LeGuin and Marge Piercy it offers a vision of the future anarchist society, but puts it not in some distant future or other (allegorical) planet. It happens around the corner. It's done with people like you and me who've organised without hierarchy. It happens with the daily traumas of hunger, hangover, insecurity and personality conflicts. It's written by a practising and practical anarchist.

Lewisham Festival

The local anarchs decided to have a estival at Lewisham, as advertised previously in Black Flag and elsewhere. It was perhaps a bit optimistic since they had squatted an Odeon cinema no less at a time when Lewisham Council was pressurising businessmen to pour their millions into restructuring Lewisham High Street and its surrounds, the Odeon being central to their scheme.

The Labour-controlled council is one of those highly sympathetic to trendy causes, and would have welcomed anything conforming to the package-deal lefts' ideals, but an anarchist festival was going a bit too strong for them and with the prospect of all those millions maybe going elsewhere it was too much.

Rank Cinemas had been oblivious to the closure of their massive Odeon for several years, but their officials were roused out of somebody or other's bed on the Thursday night by Special Branch detectives, and a High Court writ against the festival taking place was obtained at short notice, and armed goon squad, Special Branch, and other police gathered to make sure no festival took

REBEL WORKER April/May issue

This issue is the first as the 'official organ of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation'. The ASF was founded in Melbourned in January of this year and carries on the long tradition of anarcho-syndicalist and revolutionary syndicalist practice that has so much been an important part of working class struggle in Australia. This issue in fact contains a short history of anarcho-syndicalism in Australia by the ASF Secretary Leigh Kendall.

According to the Secretaries' report the Rebel Worker group (of which Rebel Worker was their paper) has now officially disbanded as a group and has become an integral part of the ASF.

The ASF is to formally apply to the International Workers Association for affiliation. The following statement was made by the ASF Secretary in this issue: 'Although we are small and of limited resources and the task of building a federation of Anarcho-Syndicalist local groups and industrial associations is great, we are imbued with an enthusiasm not seen by anarcho-syndicalists for a long time on this continent. We look forward to working with anarch-syndicalists internationally to cleanse the world of State and Capital and its vile and pernicious manifestations with world-wide social revolution so that air may ring with the joy of liberty'.

As always Rebel Worker contains its usual excellent standard mix of items of current news and historical research.

The Free is not a handbook of revolution, it is fiction. It does contsin tactics tried out in other revolutions and describes a wide variety of issues that in king revolution requires. It is this broad view that makes it most important. How people deal with their individual hang-ups and cooperate with sensitivity to others as well as with their political situation is as important as how to combat and infiltrate the military and win some of those decisively important opponents over to our side.

The Free is an important book both as a novel within the history of political literature and for anyone serious about doing something in the here and now. In a similar style to Jack London's Iron Heel the state is shown to be strong and unfortunately the revolution falters. The difference here is that ordinairy people make the changes and succeed for themselves, not for simplified causes or through inflated heroes.

place.

After some confusion the festival moved to Greenwich Park, where a motley crew of Christians, Greenies, communists and isolated anarchists searching for a 'movement' gathered. Literature was distributed. Police turned up and told those assembled to leave, quoting byelaws about banners, etc and bookselling in a 'Royal Park'. Not wanting to 'upset' the tourists, they later returned with 50 more and surrounded the gathering. People then left for Blackheath - 'common land'. In the disorganised move three people were arrested, including our old comrade Andy Dewar - who had driven to the festival, specially getting out of his sick bed to do so. The three were taken and held at the police station.

Perhaps they saw how ill Andy was because they let him go after four hours realising that he might die on their hands. He went home, but was admitted to hospital where he died.

Good old Andy - aged 63 - was a supporter of Black Flag from its start and a really devoted anarchist for most of his life. He will be sorely missed.

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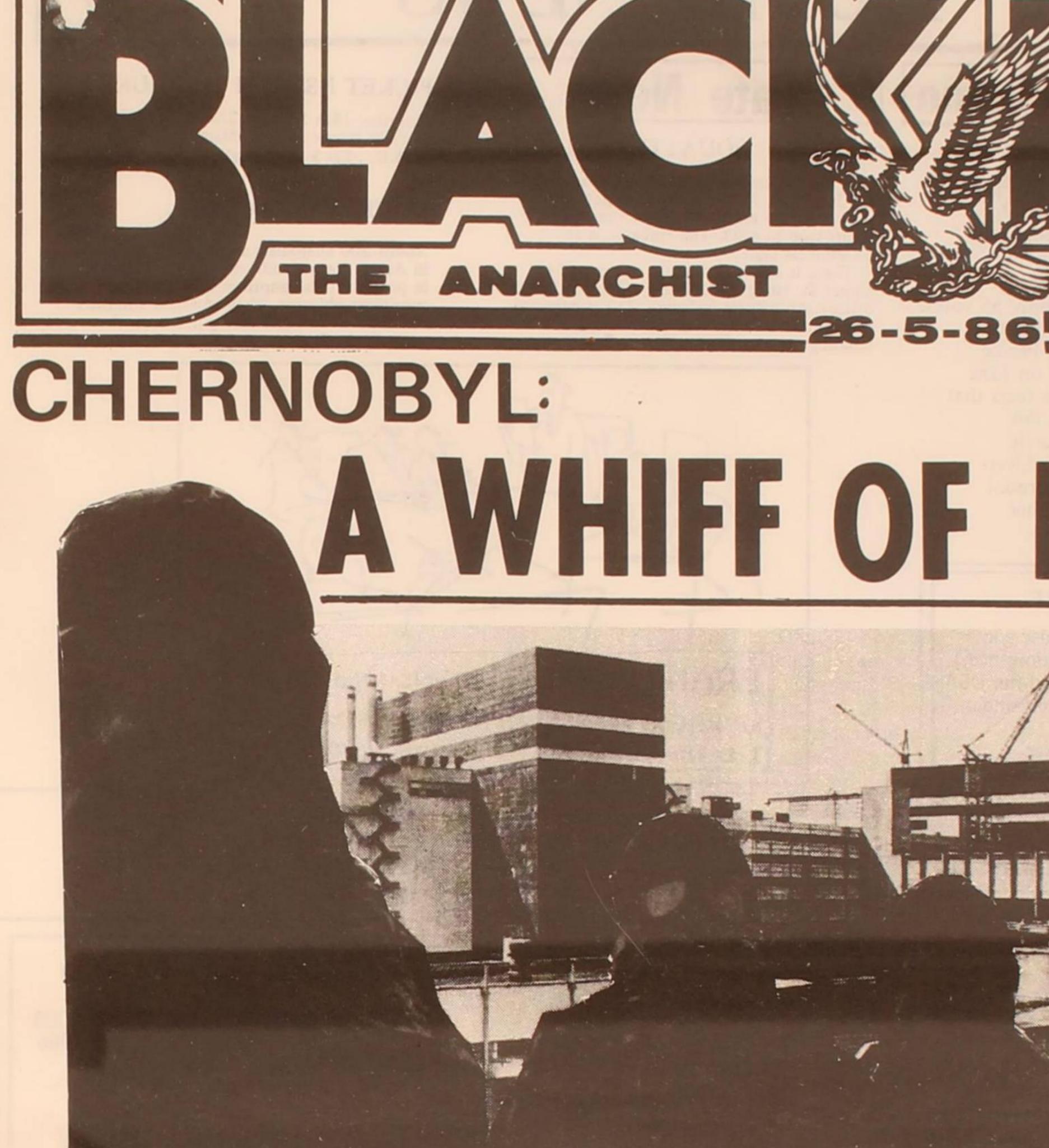
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HELP NEEDED Dear Comrades,

I am in the process of attempting to write an English language biography of Malatesta, and would be most grateful if anyone could supply me with any information or contacts which could assist me in this matter. If there are any books, especially the Italian biographies that anyone could lend, or let me know where I could get them from, I would be most grateful. Yours in Solidarity,

Peter Wade, 16a Portland Pl, Mottram Rd, Stalybridge, Cheshire SK153AD.





There is no 'safe' level of ionising radiation. 'Normal' levels (which include background, waste dump, power plant and bomb factory emissions) do give people cancer, and such levels are set ridiculously

What happens simply is that such radiation damages cells in your body, which then sometimes mutate and multiply to destroy

After Chernobyl, with levels 500 times 'normal' being recorded in countries all over Europe and the near East, it is clear that there will be 1000's if not hundreds of 1000's of extra cancer deaths...ordinairy unlucky people facing a slow and agonising death ... as well as mutations and further cancers in following generations. Already a report by a US bone-marrow transplant expert has claimed that more than 100,000 people will need to be monitored for the rest of their lives as a direct result of the nuclear accident - and that's a conservative estimate! The release of any such radiation should therefore be considered as a crime against humanity. Even an act of

terrorism - a terrorism that all nuclear nations are guilty of. These crimes against humanity are

compounded by the deliberate coverups, and the secrecy which abounds in the nuclear states. So-called 'safety levels' are a farce, designed to accomodate the nuclear tests and accidents and waste discharges of the nuclear criminals. In Britain, for example, the safety levels are actually being increased; even now the safety levels in milk are four times higher than most other countries and about 200 times 'normal'.

Chernobyl is a sign of what is to come; it is also no isolated incident. According to one report over 150 nuclear accidents involving nuclear reactors in 14 different countries have ocurred since 1971 alone. (this report does not include accidents at reactors in Eastern Bloc countries). Altogether there are a staggering 306 nuclear-powered reactors throughout the world - and another 224 are currently under construction! Very soon we may all know what it is like to live in a nuclearpolluted radioactive world.

Living In

The following is a report from West Berlin on what it is like to live with only mild radioactivity, and some of the safety measures you can take.

In Berlin we were lucky in the first week as the radiation cloud swept north and west around us. Then the wind turned from the east and the radio was suddenly reporting levels soaring hourly in the air. Our first reaction was one of fear; radiation is invisible, you can't see or feel it. You can try to ignore it, but you are risking not just your own health, but that of any future children. Soon people were talking about almost nothing else, as levels went above all known 'safety' levels.

First fresh vegetables were banned, no one was drinking milkand cows had to be brought in doors. Warnings went out about children, and many people started keeping them at home. We were warned about rain water, we began to eat only canned foods. We were worried about drinking water, but we were assured that it came from deep wells Soon we were becoming obsessed as showers of radioactive rain fell on the city. The grounds became dangerously contaminated, swimming

Police Attack Chernobyl Protest

On May 11 in Athens a demonstration against the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl was to commence outside the central building of Athens University. When people began to arrive the police laid into them, badly wounding one woman and wounding many

The demonstration turned into a march through the streets of Athens, but only about 100 came as many comrades had been put off by the ferocity of the attack by the police at the campus. This march was also attacked by the police.

Another march headed for Exarchia Square; this too was attacked, although on this occasion comrades fought back with molotovs. After this second march finished comrades went back to Exarchia 13 have stated they will defend them-Square where they were besieged by police. This was around 9.30pm. A battle ensued and over 200 arrests were made. Later that night banks all over Athens were firebombed.

The following morning the police claimed they had made only 70 arrests. 15263 2.

FORTNIGHTLY

Radioactive World

pools were closed, we were warned not to sit on the grass or walk in the rain as levels jumped higher again. Everyone was listening to the radio for the next report, then panic began to set in as people began to get sick...Sick with fear and worry, and physically sick. Suddenly loads of people had sore throats and swollen glands. This was no virus as everyone was struck at once. People were starting to shut themselves in and cover their windows. Then the levels began to drop.

By the end of the second week air levels were considered 'safe', but the ground was even more radioactive due to the rain. We were advised to leave our shoes outside, keep windiws closed, hoover the house daily, shower twice daily, change clothes and wash them daily, etc. Soon our house was spotless! By this time people were fed up with the whole thing, especially with contradictory advice. We wanted action, not more talk. Demonstrations were being organised, especially against the new Nuclear Reprocessing plant at Wackersdorf. Lists and addresses of nuclear-connected companies and the criminals who run them began to circulate in the divided city. We had had our first mild taste of living in a radioactive world. We didn't like it AND WE WANTED REVENGE.

LATEST NEWS: On the evening of May 13, around 1500 anarchists marched in a anti-nuclear demonstration. This was the third attempt to hold it as the two previous occasions it had to be postponed due to police intimidation. Once again the anarchists were attacked. And so in revenge two police motorcycles were set on fire and destroyed and nine police were hospitalised. As usual the police attacked Exarchia Square. Around 100 anarchists were attacked by the police and thirty are due to appear in court. The anarchists in Athens are appealing for worldwide solidarity actions against Greek Embassies. There are fears that those arrested will be beaten and tortured. All anarchist organisations are asked to show support for our comrades. selves in the courts; they face charges of participating in a prohibited march and 'endangering the security of Athens'. One is also charged with aiding the escape of a prisoner. Most of those arrested have been badly beaten up.

SOURCE: B.K. (Greece)

WACKERSDORF RIOT

On Sunday May 18 molotovs were thrown at police by anti-nuclear protesters for the second week running. 172 riot police were injured as a massive demonstrat-ion converged on the site of the new German nuclear re-processing plant, defended by 6000 cops who used tear gas and water cannon. (FULL STORY & PICS NEXT ISSUE)

30p

Against **Nuclear Terrorists**

Since the Chernobyl disaster there have been demonstrations all over Europe. There is still little news from the Eastern Bloc, due to state control of the media. In the West too many demonstrations have gone unreported and high radiation levels kept quiet whenever possible. Here is a selection of some of the resistance news. May 10, around 2000 people marched on Plouzec in N France where a new nuclear power plant is to be built.

On the same day around 400 people gathered outside Trawsfynedd nuclear power plant in Snowdonia National Park in Wales, where it was admitted that 12 tons of radioactive carbon dioxide leaked through a faulty valve. A further demonstration by 300 Friends of the Earth members went, as far as we know, unreported.

On May 11 and 12 there were mass demonstrations across W Germany. 50,000 people marched in Munich. And W German farmers blockaded a nuclear waste dump.

About 10,000 French and German people marched on both sides of the Rhine, near a nuclear power plant at Fassenheim. They were led by two cows and a wheelbarrow full of contaminated vegetables. While vegetables and milk were banned on the German side of the river, the French authorities insisted that on their side all was normal. Eventually restrictions began on the French side of the border after leaks revealed that levels were up to 400 times normal in various parts of France.

There was a demonstration in Athens (see adjacent article) and riot police attacked the protesters.

There were also actions in the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Yugoslavia, Spain, etc, but we await further

In Berlin there have been at least four demonstrations. In one case huge amounts of undrinkable milk was thrown in the streets. In another midwives demonstrated against the threat of deformities to the unborn. In another tons of contaminated vegetables and sand from kids playgrounds were dumped at a main intersection, causing chaos as police with rubber gloves moved in reluctantly to remove it. In East Berlin the state allowed no figures to be released and insisted all was normal. But nobody was eating the vegetables.

N.B. Miners Support Groups in Britain have called for a week of countrywide direct action against the nuclear industry. The second week in June has been chosen and the MSG's have called upon all Electricity showrooms to be picketed throughout the country

ANTI NUKILLER DAY OF ACTION FRIDAY 13th JUNE Target ideas: LEB offices.BNFL ltd. Waste dump sites.Nuclear Power Stations.MOD offices.Nuclear war bases..etc. LETS TAKE ACTION IN OUR LOCAL **AREAS TO SUPPORT ACTION WEEK!**

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Shipyards and Opportunities

Dear Black Flag,

Shipyard workers, mainly in North East England and Scotland, have been designated by the state to join the ever spiralling unemployed millions who have been cast off by the uncaring capitalist exploiters.

The waffle and 'cold flannel' by the present and future government spokespersons is enough to make people weep. Labour, Tory and the other windbags have never given a toss for the plight of the working class, as has been very clearly demonstrated over the last couple of years.

Profits by the billion and by whatever means is the call of the capitalist class, and if that means a greater intensity of exploitation through the blood, sweat and tears of fewer workers, then they will ensure that less people are allowed to work. The fightback against the state by a solid working class is being hampered by the exploitation via the media, of sectional differences, be they real or imagined.

A working class free from the shackles of status, trade, profession, racism, fascism, sexism and religion, forged in the reality of class struggle, will smash to smithereens the State and all the institutions which appear to hold it intact.

The time has come to grasp the nettle of working class reality. Yours, O.R.

EETPU Deflated

At the recent Annual Conference of EETPU (electricians union - famous for its pro-boss, pro-scab leadership) the delegates came out of one of the sessions to find that all their cars had been damaged. Apparently some 'hooligans' had gone and spiked every one of the tyres on every car. Better than letting the wind out of their over-inflated rhetoric (see forthcoming article linking EETPU and other right wing unions' leaderships with the SAS(?!)!

Redundancies

The Government has stated that a further 20,000 mine workers are expected to be made redundant during the current financial year. 4,000 engineering workers at British Rail's engineering depots are also to be made redundant.

These redundancies, together with the thousands of shipyard workers, amount to a massive cut in the labour force. Each industry cannot fight by itself. Nor can those threatened be expected to fight alone. A successful fight-back can only happen if all railworkers come out, as well as all shipyard workers and all miners. Perhaps with this latest round of redundancies those scabs who joined the UDM will repent. The government, no doubt, is banking on a substantial number taking redundancy payments and giv-

The principle of not selling your job but fighting for control of your industry was fought and lost in the 84/85 Miners Strike. The consequences of that lost war are being witnessed now.

Anti-Fascist Demo

Four people turned up at a meeting in Liverpool called by the National Front in support of 'free speech'. There were already 50 anti-fascists there to prevent the meeting from taking place. The British National Party only put forward one candidate in the recent

council elections; he received only 55 votes. Meanwhile the NF are planning to hold a march for the Free Joe Pearce campaign. This will take place on June 7 in Liverpool. There are some fears that the Orange Order will try and link up with the NF'ers for this march. Anti-fascists are urged to go to Liverpool to oppose the march. Liverpool DAM can be contacted for further details

STRIPPED BARE

To protest a paltry pay raise and suspension of a clothing allowance, a thousand dock workers in the USA showed up for work in their underwear!

SOURCE: Industrial Worker



Every week the violence outside the News International plant at Wapping gets greater press coverage. The picket line gets stronger despite the ferocity of the attacks by mounted riot police.

There are reports that union bureaucrats have liaised with the police to the extent of setting up a 'hot-line' phone to report picket line incidents by the

As well as the main picketing at Wapping, the distribution and wholesalers depots are still being picketed and attacked.

For example on May 1st, in the early hours of the morning, pickets success-

Dear Black Flag,

On a certain Saturday evening pickets managed to block most of the strategic points along The Highway (main arterial road for trucks entering and leaving the News International plant). Just before midnight the police managed to get about a dozen lorries out up Cannon Street by effectively cutting in half with two 'blue barricades'. After these lorries had gone the pigs eventually pulled back. There were still at least a dozen lorries inside the plant.

A little while later I was standing at the Cannon Street picket when suddenly, without warning or apparent reason, the police just pulled away. The next minute all the pickets from Glamis Road and Garnet Street came streaming back along The Highway, saying that the union steward Michael Hicks had told them that ALL the lorries had got out up Cannon Street/King David

Dear Friends,

In the light of the vicious, premeditated and highly organised attacks on the picket line at Wapping (the latest in a long line) may I offer the following advice to those wishing to attend?

1) Try to ensure that there is somebody near a phone so that the police can confirm your address if arrested and you can be released on bail.

2) Get a phone no. of a good solicitor before going on the picket. 3)Go in small groups made up of friends

you can trust and on whom you can really rely on. 4) Try and make sure one of the group

has a camera that they can use quickly and effectively.

5) You are liable to be attacked on a picket line these days so go prepared and wear the following:

HOME NEWS



LONDON SQUATTERS NEWS

The Libyan peoples' Bureau is still squatted. On June 3 at 9am there is a support protest at the embassy against the High Court case to evict. The embassy is at 58 Princess Gate.

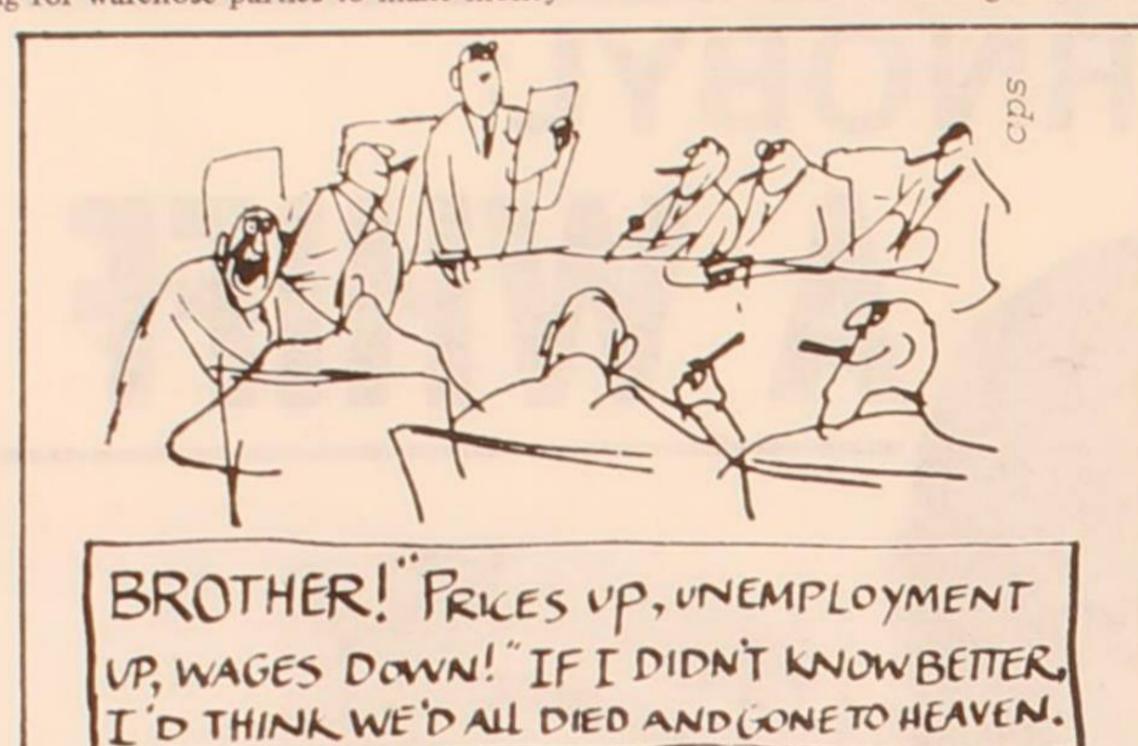
There is also a new squat centre at 313 Upper St, Islington (formerly City Limits office) office). All helpers welcome. 313 is currently threatened by thugs wanting to exploit the building for warehose parties to make money.

PICKET ! SMASH THE NUKES !

Saturday 14th June, at 2.00 p.m. at Dungeness Nuclear Power Station, Main Gate. M.A.D., C/- 3 St Savior's Rd, London SW2.

COURT ATTACKED

About 200 anarchists attacked a courthouse in Assen, Netherlands, on Sunday May 18 in protest at the imprisonment of a conscientious objector. They smashed windows and painted anti-militarist slogans on the walls of the building and a detention centre.



WAPPING - VIOLENCE INCREASES

fully attacked TNT scab trucks bringing out copies of the News of the World from a sub-contracted print plant (Portobello Web Offset) in Worthing, Sussex.

Two hours later, on the same night, pickets also barricaded the entrance to a Brighton wholesalers, Surridge & Dawson.

Four days later, according to press reports, five trucks involved in scabbing were damaged by fire bombs placed under them in a truck park at Wallington, south London. The Anti-Terrorist Squad were called in to defuse a seventh device.

Picketing Sabotaged

Lane and that everyone should go back to the Virginia Street picket for a demostration of solidarity before going home! I challenged another union steward who claimed that the 'cops had 'broken' the Glamis and Garnet pickets by getting the

previously mentioned lorries out and that there was no point in carrying on with any picketing!

On reaching the Virginia Street picket everyone realised that they'd been duped when they saw lorries still inside the plant, and this was really rubbed in when a scab coach and about 30 white vans poured INTO the plant, obviously from the Glamis Road end of The Highway where they had just come from.

Not satisfied with destroying the east Highway picket lines the stewards then brought all the pickets back from Thomas More Street so that lorries could get in and out of the plant TOTALLY unobstructed. There was much screaming

Advice on Picketing

a) Crash helmet or safety helmet.

b) thick scarf to protect your neck.

c)strong padded jacket to protect your

kidneys, stomach, arms.

d) thick trousers and 'jock strap', if applica-

e) shoes or boots with toe caps. The latter are especially useful as you can put newspaper down the fronts to protect your shins. f) gloves, and if you've got them, goggles. g) a strong heavy placard that can be used to defend yourself.

With all these precautions taken you are ready for the picket line but remember that your primary target is effective picketing not street brawling so 'keep your head, keep together and keep on your toes'.

Remember in any effective picket there will be squads of police who will go hard at you, under orders or acting on their own, so be prepared! You owe it to your family,

GIVE MURDOCH A RING! (often) WAPPING: 01-481 4100, 01-481 4000 01-481 1989, 01-481 1966 01-481 4481 (ext. 127) GRAYS INN ROAD: 01-837 1234, 01-822 9900 01-822 9491 BOUVERIE STREET: 01-353 3030 (news copy) N.B. Computer buffs - see page 6, 'Jerry Foolwell'.

and shouting at a bunch of scab drivers who were standing next to their vans watching us, obviously totally amazed that they'd got in without any resistance.

With stewards like Hicks it makes you wonder why the police are at Wapping at all. It is very hard to think what can be done about this sabotage without resorting to vanguardist measures - ie, replacing one lot of 'leaders' with another. Hopefully the newly formed Rank & File Printers Movement will have some effect in helping people to realise what Hicks and his cronies are up to and kick them off the picket lines. Then perhaps we can get on with some real direct action.

I would be very pleased to hear if the Miners had any trouble with stalinist (going by Hick's constant plugging of the Morning Star) picket saboteurs, and what they did about it if anything.

Yours thoroughly pissed off,

friends and fellow workers to go properly organised with worked out tactics to cover any eventuality.

Lastly, if you can't win on the day, regroup and don't give the police the chance to make a martyr of you. (We've enough of them already!)

Whether we like it or not, this is a war, a class war! The bosses have the courts, the army, the police, the media and most of the public on their side.

Our only strength is each other and our determination to win, but we can only win if we fully understand what we are up against and take the necessary precautions. The days of peaceful effective picketing are over as far as the state is concerned, so we have no choice. Go properly organised or stay at home and watch it on TV. All the Best,

FRENCH

NEO-COLONIALISM

French Polynesia

While the world reels from the affects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster the French continue to test their nuclear weaponry in the South Pacific, polluting the marine environment in that region for many decades to come. Secondary affects, such as the warmup of sea water, which in turn helps to increase the number of star-fish that eat away parts of the reef that is so important in protecting the atolls from tidal waves, are ignored. The overall effect on the eco-system in the region of such secondary affects, never mind the primary consequences of the testing itself, is disasterous to say the least.

The French have also experimented with the neutron bomb in the region since as far back as 1978. According to engineers from the Pacific Experimentation Centre explosions from the testing sent shock waves into the atoll heart making it sink one inch after each explosion.

Previously, from 1966 to 1979, fortyone tests with A and H bombs were carried out in the atmosphere (some of the explosions were over 100 times stronger than that caused by the bomb that fell on Hiroshima). Fall-out on these tests was recorded as far away as Samoa and even Mexico. Official reports (from the Atkinson Mission) claimed that at least 20kg of plutonium were dispersed in the lagoon at Muruoa. By October 1981 one report claimed that there was enough radioactive waste stocked there to fill 200,000 cylinders each holding 200 litres.

At the end of July 1979 a bomb got caught in one of the underground test wells and lodged at 800m deep instead of going to the bottom; the explosion went ahead regardless and the result was that a chalk block of 1km in volume was separated from the atoll. When the block hit the bottom of the ocean a huge tidal wave was caused, resulting in the injury of two people. Since that time a lot of other accidents have occured. Contamination has reached atolls such as Tematangi, Sanavana and Tuvela, to which access is now forbidden. The fish, which is still farmed in the area, is sold all over the world.

Unlike the Chernobyl disaster the damage is by no means as easily measured, but damage there is as significant in the long term. The big powers have no desire to protest over this pollution because there is little political capital to be gained from doing so, and that appears is * what really counts.

New Caledonia

Things are looking grim for those fighting for independence in the French colony of New Caledonia according to recent reports.

The pro-French forces on the island have adopted a more violent strategy of late, including the assassination of anti-colonialist supporters. One recent example is the case of M. Hervouet. He died in strange circumstances after having started negotiations for the Kanaks (the indigenous population) over land rights. All such murders are part of a plan to 'keep Noumea white'. (Noumea is the capital of New Caledonia).

At the last RPCR⁺ congress the message was 'Kanaks out of Noumea'. Since then, anti-colonialists have been living in fear under a system close to apartheid. Militias wander the streets of Noumea attacking FLNK* members and premises. The list of attacks is growing and includes: -One attempt to burn down the FLNK

headquarters and radio station. - The disruption of 'Bwenando' premises (FLNK newspaper).

- Petrol bombs thrown at the car of an anti-colonialist lawyer (M. Tehiot), a New Caledonian trade unionist (M. Catot) and the car of the head of a Human Rights League (Bourdinot). - The bombing of M. Caffa's car

(a member of the FLNK political board). As yet there is no co-ordinated fightback against colonial violence. According to 'Bwenando' and the French newspaper Le Monde there seems to be plans underway to build a new OAS (state-sponsored terrorist organisation, set up in 1961 and active during the Algerian war of independence; after the war members were still active and joined various mercenary outfits and neo-fascist organisations). The list of pro-French organisations involved, all under RPCR control, is as follows:

- Forces Caledoniennes Libres - Organisation de la resistance Caledonienne

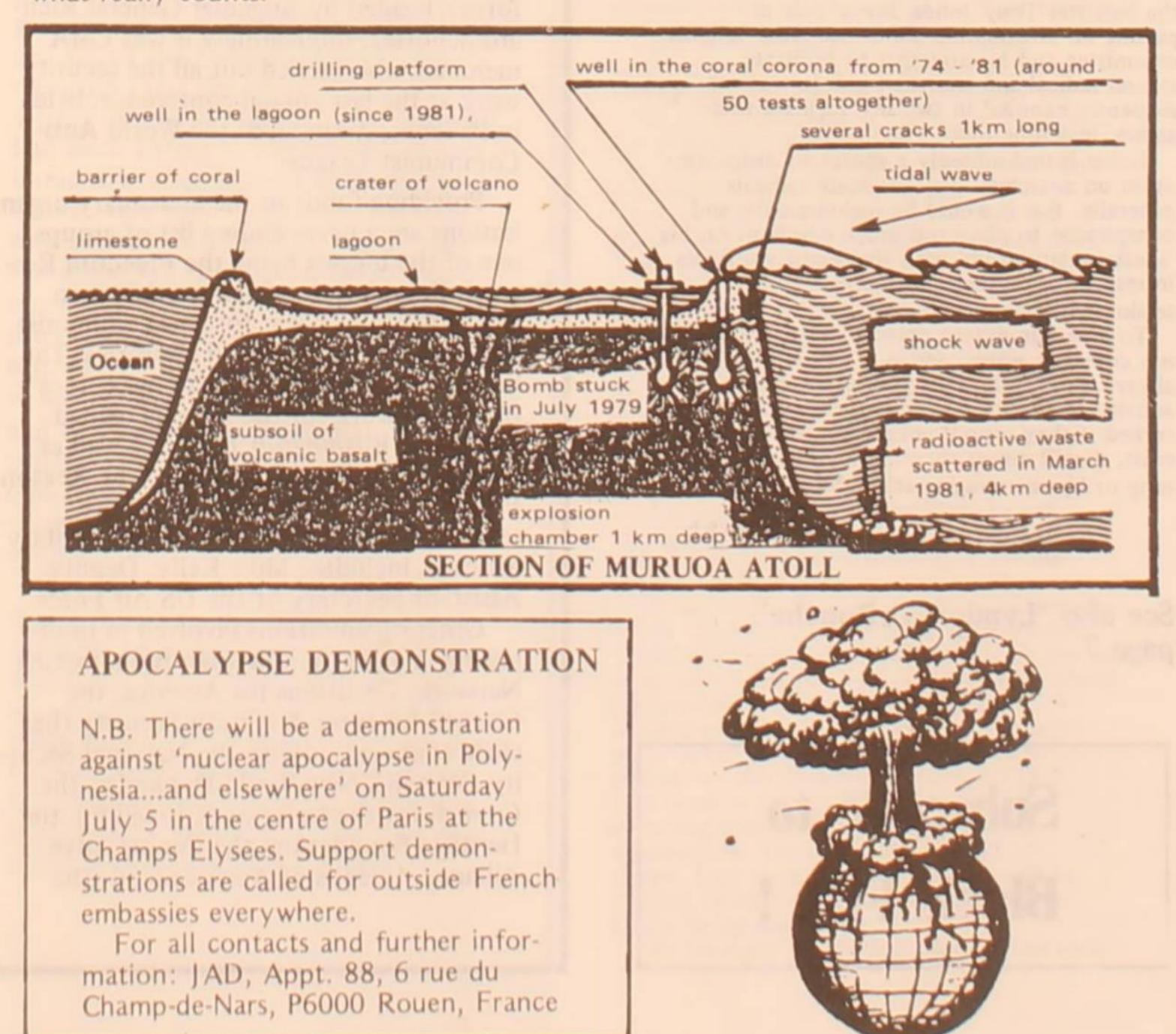
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Comite de crise

- Comite d'actions patriotiques. It is now clear that such organisations are preparing for a military solution, with the use of terrorist methods. The Kanak people depend partly on our solidarity to combat this terrorism. Their survival depends on it!

SOURCE: Le Monde Libertaire. +RPCR: Sister party of the French RPR party (led by Chirac, the French Prime. Minister). Extreme right-wingers infest both parties.

* FLNK: An alliance of anti-colonialist organisations.



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War Factory **Break-in**

In the early hours of March 19th activists broke into the offices of Muiden Chemie, a munitions factory just outside Amsterdam. The director's office was practically emptied and the activists subsequently published parts of the liberated records, some dating back to 1800. Muiden Chemie produces propulsion devices, charges for nuclear warheads and neutron grenades. 90% are for export. The company also produces 'Base Bleed Grains', which give an extra 10km increase in the field range of nuclear weapons

This is not the first time Muiden Chemie has experienced trouble. The opening of its new factory on April 1st was delayed by sabotage action on the night before.

The company is also involved in waste disposal of nuclear byproducts. Information on the dangers of the burning of waste products which release chlorine gas, dioxine, prussic acid and other toxic gases, has been predictably witheld from the local population.

Fascists Attacked

In the last issue of Black Flag we included a report on the fascist meeting in Kedichem (Netherlands) that was attacked. Further details of what happened are given below.

At 7.30 on the morning of Saturday March 29 approximately 200 anti-fascists gethered together in different cities throughou the Netherlands. It was known that the CP (Centrum Partij) and the CD (Centrum Democratum) fascists were to meet. The reason for this meeting was to form one coalition party with which to go to the polls in May for the government elections. and thus have more chance of winning seats to elect who should lead the new party. At 3pm in Utrecht, the departure point,

it was announced where the meeting was to be held and it was decided that everyone

should regroup at the Leerdam train station. There it was made known that the meeting was to take place in a hotel in Kedichem, 7km from Leerdam. The hotel was situated on a dyke, thus enabling the police to see the approaching convoy (consisting of hired buses and cars). After, this dyke was easily sealed off by the police via a road block.

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The first demonstrators to arrive at the hotel - they turned up with masked faces, wearing helmets and carrying clubs - started shouting at those holding the meeting inside. Windows were smashed and smoke bombs and tear gas cannisters were thrown inside. The hotel very quickly caught fire. This was due to a defective smoke-bomb. It was, in a matter of minutes, burnt to the ground. 72 anti-fascists were arrested within a

10km radius around the village, the charges being arson and public disorder. All those arrested were held in custody for a further two days, afterwards being released in small numbers. On the Wednesday the remaining 30 people were brought to another pre-court hearing. One person's file was lost so he was immediately released 29 anti-fascists were brought before the magistrate to decide whether to keep them in custody further. Outside, as with all the other hearings, there was a demonstration to show moral suuport. This involved waving, whistling, screaming - inside it was all chaos.

11 people received a further 6 days, based on false testimonies from fascists and pictures taken from a photographer who was raided by the police two days after the action. 18 were released, some with charges still on file against them. Six days later there was another hearing for the remaining 11 anti-fascists; this was attended outside by around 50 supporters. Six were released, but the remaining five were given 30 days in custody. Their convictions were based on the bullshit testimonies of fascists who said that they recognised, positively, the MASKED antifascists. Our people are being held hostage!

During the support actions outside the court buildings the police took lots of photgraphs of demonstrators and these were matched to photos taken at the action. A woman was arrested at one of these demos due to the matching of these photos. She didn't give her name, however two days later at the remand hearing her name was made known via Interpol! The night before her house was raided by five police. They were busy for approximately 2 hours and took clothes, shoes, her diary, texts from the Red Army fraction and Action Directe statements and the layout for a political poster. This raid, together with the raid on the photographers home and the confiscation of items from those arrested clearly shows how the police are more than willing to to assist and protest fascists. N.B. Letters of support for the five remaining prisoners (Koos, Ad, Noel, Paul, Els, and Willem) to: Postbus 3306, Amsterdam 1001.

SOURCE: Frontline Info.



As a signal of support to their US ally, the Spanish authorities recently swooped on a number of fascists who they had for so long turned a blind eye towards.

Colonel Carlos Meer de Ribera, the founder of the FNT (falange union) and who has also been implicated in several of the post-Franco coup attempts, was one of those arrested. He had been openly visiting Gadaffi for some years arranging funds for Falange activities. De Meer and friends were also involved with a group of Francoist officers who were planning further coups.

That Gadaffi funds far-right, even fascist groups, may come as a surprise to most on the left (even to the naieve Reaganites too). But his support of such groups is by no means new. Paladin, another fascist terror organisation that reached the height of its activities around five years back, was also a beneficiary. Headed by Otto Skorzeny, a former SS Intelligence officer, it acted as an umberella grouping for terrorist activities involving groups from across Europe as well as Central and South America.

One Paladin offshoot was the group 'Guerrillas of Christ the King'(GCR), which specialised in the assassination of Basque activists. One of the leaders of the campaign was Stefano della Chiaie, who has been named in regard to several notorious bombings since the early '70's (including the Bolgna railway station bombing) and has been active in the revival of a new fascist international, invoking, at one stage, the help of Klaus Barbie during his latter days in Bolivia.

Around the time of the GCR campaign a similar group was set up by the Lebanese Falange called the 'Call of Jesus Christ'. More recently this group has moved its operations to Madrid and earlier in the year several of its members were

arrested in Paris and accused of planning a bombing campaign in France against Jewish targets. The group was also exposed when two of its members were caught red-handed planting a bomb at a Bank America office in Madrid. It is now thought that the group had been infiltrated by pro-NATO Spanish security agents encouraging further Libyan involvement prior to the raid by the US. That infiltration led to a change in targets from Jewish to US businesses.

Parallel to all these goings-on Delle Chiaie has been free to circulate in Spain, coming and going as he wished under the protection of the security forces. His previous pro-NATO activity in Italy and his contacts with the CIA point towards him having possibly played a double role, using the Falange as cover to lead on Gadaffi, his former benefactor.



Otto Skorzeny as an SS officer

NOT ANOTHER EXCLUSIVE

So-called exclusives on anarchist groups and in particular on the Class War group have been appearing in the national press in Britain with increasing regularity. They have included down-right lies through to hyped-up sensationalism. In media terms those who get built up are there to be knocked down and the question remains is the press really open to manipulation or is it they and others who are pulling the strings

The Guardian made allegations concerning the Class War group, suggesting that during the 1985 Brixton riots members of that group had been seen in association with fascists; also that certain well known members of Class War had fascist antecedents. This story. it was later confirmed (in International Times) was passed on to Guardian reporter David Rose by Gerry Gable. Rose later admitted that he'd not been given any proof to substantiate the allegations and consequently published a retraction. At a recent interview Gable told IT reporters that the reason he had passed on the story of the fascist connection to Rose was because he thought Class War was being 'manipulated by MI5 or Special Branch'. Perhaps Gable was referringhereto himself (see below); certainly he did not offer the IT reporters any more details. Incidentally, the 'fascist story' about Class War and a story alleging that 'Freedom is controlled by the Italian mafia' was also passed on to another Fleet Street paper which apparently did not take the information seriously as they 'wanted to be fair to the fascists'! Curiously the informant went out of his way not to remain anonymous.

IT has also stated that a 'Class War file' was built up by Rose together with Observer reporters David Leigh and Paul Lashamar. (Both Lashamar and Leigh later admitted to IT that the information in the file had come from Gable).

IT originally learned about the 'file's' existence from a Peter Edge who had been approached by Lashamar and Leigh to gather information on Class War. Edge told IT that he had refused to do this and that his contact with the two reporters emanated from an earlier episode when he had come to them with a story of how he had been asked by MI5 (Security Service) to gather information on the 'squatters movement in Berlin'. The squatting scene in Berlin (and Germany as a whole) is very much perceived to be integrated with the 'autonomous'/anarchist scene. At the time that Edge had reportedly been approached by MI5 he was himself living as a squatter in Berlin. He also told Lashamar and Leigh that he was an anarchist. Edge's story was given, unusually, front page coverage in The Observer and was also subsequently reported in other papers. The details of the story were vague and seemed, at the time, deliberately so. Edge later moved to Bristol, his home base, where we have heard he still frequents anarchist circles.

On the Edge story two questions remain. If Edge was, as he claimed, not in the employ of MI5 and had refused their advances, why had MI5 risked that refusal in the first place. allowing the story to be given to the press? Secondly, did MI5 gain any advantage from the story leaking in the sensationalist way it did and was portrayed, and what was MI5's (whose sphere of activities cover countersubversion and security in Britain) interest in the anarchist squatting scene in Berlin? Perhaps they were looking for a British connection, given that the German squatting/anarchist scene was also perceived to be the base for anti-militarist/anti-imperialist direct action attacks, especially by the Revolutionary Cells (RZ) groups. That squatters from Europe generally, and especially Germany and Holland have circulated within squatting circles in Britain, and vice-versa, may well have been seen by the Security Service as a possible threat, or, more likely, as a possible excuse to promote a threat.

POLICE RAID

While all this sounds fantastic, the reality is that the security services actively engage in elaborating on connections between groups where there are none. And they are always engineering excuses, often via false reports in the press, to make raids and create 'conspirae ies". Not long after the 1 dge story was published in the press 121 Bookshop in Brixton was

raided by police 'looking for guns'. The police stated at the time, via a press statement, they were also 'looking for the European connection'. They did not specify what they meant by that. Not, needless to say, did they find any guns.



front-page story – again like the Observer article on Edge, the story had the appearance of being 'ghost written' - on 'anarchist squatters'. Again, like the Observer story, they were not squatters in Berlin or Britain but this time in the Netherlands, and concerned allegations about the Dutch squatting /anti-militarist paper Bluf. On this occasion the story alleged that Bluf was involved in a terrorist conspiracy aimed at multi-national companies, particularly those companies with South American (more likely South African?) connections. Of course since that report no such terrorist outrages have taken place, although there has always been in Western Europe an ongoing campaign of lowlevel direct action attacks on the premises of well known companies with South African connections (eg. Barclays, etc.) Again, like the Observer story, the Today report was low on facts and full of inuendo. Their source was supposedly a 'security firm that specialised in company security'. There are of course, lots of these companies all anxious to generate more business. The term 'security company' has also been used many times in the past to mean 'security service' (ie. state or private intelligence)

But why this sudden interest by a paper like Today in a conspiracy allegedly originating in the Netherlands? (Today, like its tabloid friends, generally panders to more domestic interests.) One possible source, given the notable inaccuracies in the article, could well be BOSS (South African Secret Service), whose expertise at disinformation stories is notorious. And it is no coincidence that anarchists in Britain and in other European (and North American) countries had, prior to the Today story been involved in a campaign of direct action against companies with South African connections,

RIOTS 'ORGANISED'

Then, after a gap of a few weeks, came the semi-fictional accounts that appeared in a two-part story published by Maxwell in the Sunday Mirror(see also 'Trial By Media' article in this issue). Several warnings of this offering came well in advance when reporters either paid visits or telephoned people to check up on the more than dubious information they were touting around. The reporter who attempted to lay his ignorance on us was quickly sent away with a flea in his ear. When the story was eventually published it homed in on fairly predictable stuff: riots organised by Class War (although the original allegation was that the riots were organised by Class War and Black Flag who the naieve reporters believed were in league with each other!) The story also made a big thing about the equally predictable hype concerning the wedding of Andrew (Prince) and 'Fergie' Either the gutter press is even more gullible than it is claimed or someone (eg the police) is winding up the media for their own reasons. The article, incidentally, appeared on the same day as another in Today, which paper, after reading the article, we'd be forgiven for believing has taken on a new role as the Class War fan club. Is it not time to worry when national newspapers become so sycophantic? Why should such a newspaper wish to provide so much publicity, if not for suspect reasons.?As they say, to hang someone, first give them enough rope.

MURDER CONSPIRACY

Which now brings us finally to the parallel goings-on involving Gerry Gable. The allegations made by Gable against Class War (referred to above) were used by those reporters to try and connect Class War with MI5 and fascists. This is ironic to say the least given that it has been proven (by Gable's own hand) that Gable works with the Security Services himself. His allegations against Class War might be based on false information fed to him by MI5 (or Special Branch) or could simply be his own invention. Gable, a self-confessed MI5 informant, is hardly likely to spill the beans on Class War if the connection story was true, which clearly it is not. His 'expose' of that connection only indicates that he attempted to set them up, to which he has failed.

Gable's latest story is about a murder conspiracy on himself! It is inundated with 'clues' as to the perpetrators of the conspiracy.

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For example he mentions an MP. This could have been Harvey Proctor, but also Gerald Howarth. Gable in the article accused the MP of undertaking surveillance on him. Both MP's have been the subject of accusations of links with fascists groups. Gable also mentions an ex-military officer who was implicated 'more than ten years ago, in discussions within military circles about a possible coup d'etat against the then Labour government of Harold Wilson.' This discussion (now well known history) involved Lord Mountbatten and the then editor of the Mirror Group of newspapers, Hugh Cudlipp (the 'coup' attempt was rumbled at the time by Peace News). According to Gable the ex-military officer was one of the directors of the security firm employed by the MP to watch Gable and arrange for his disappearance Howarth is connected to a company called Richard Unwin International Ltd; Richard Unwin ran another company called International Security Services who apparently sub-contracted the surveillance on Gable to a company called Majorclose Ltd, which also ran under the name of Selective Security Services. All this information landed in Gable's hands courtesy of the Daily Mirror, who had been contacted by a founder director of Majorclose who allegedly was concerned that there was a plot to kill Gable.

The climax of the conspiracy to kill Gable was to have taken him to a 'safe-house in Dorset' where he was to be interrogated and killed." In Gable's code a safe house in Dorset could well mean the home of Ian Souter-Clarence (ex-SAS and an organiser of the fascist paramilitary group Eidelweiss).

As for Howarth he has denied any intention to kill Gable, although he has admitted to two newspapers that he had hired a security firm to investigate him.

Certainly the drama has all the trappings of being genuine, although had it been signed by Geoffrey Archer (Tory deputy chairman and political novelist) everything would fall into place. Howarth would also seem to have underestimated Gable's importance to Special Branch. After all, as was already shown in Anarchy Magazine two years ago, Gable actively passed on information to the 'agencies' during the ABC spy trial in the mid-70's. (Curiously one of Gable's contacts at the time was Geoffrey Stewart-Smith of the Foreign Affairs Reasearch Institute, who later become a World Anti-Communist



League contact for the UK). Gable has confessed to getting most of the information about the ABC defence committee from an 'eyewitness', who had infiltrated the group. One such infiltrator who was later exposed was the barrister Tony Jones. Jones' role in passing on information about the ABC defence committee and his attempts to infiltrate several radical and anarchist groups was subsequently exposed in two investigative magazines, including Black Flag.

Gable is undoubtedly a source of disinformation on anarchists and anti-state radicals generally. But it would be melodramatic and conspiracist to place too much emphasis on his 'special relationship' with the security services in respect of current and recent media obsession with anarchist activity.

To a certain extent press interest in anarchism comes in waves, and is often, although not always, soon followed by excessive police activity and trials. As far as the media is concerned if they cannot get stories where stories exist, they'll invent them, either by sensationalising or by encouraging self-publicity.

MATA HARI.

See also 'Lyndon LaRouche', page 7



CIA

AID

Since the US Congress attempted to limit government funding of Contras in Central America, and in the light of publicity of how the CIA is directly involved in providing military and logistical assistance to the anti-Sandanistan forces, official emphasis has switched in recent months to providing contingency funding via a range of independent far-right organisations. Working closely with the CIA or alongside it, in effect the aid programme has been partially privatised. Below we briefly list some of the organisations that are involved.

CAUSA (Confederation of the Association for the Unification of Societies of the Americas – what a mouthful!) is a frontrunner. CAUSA is a moonie (Rev. Moon of South Korea's Unification Church, a Christian anti-communist demagogue) front headed by General E Woellner (now retired) of the USAir Force. Woellner is a one-time director of the Coalition for Peace through Security and is connected to World Medical Relief, a CIA front organisation that provides relief to areas of conflict.

World Medical Relief is itself channeling funds for weaponry to Contras. One of the leading figures in WMR is General HC Aderholt (retired) of the USAF, now the President of the Air Commando Association and board member of the 'Soldier of Fortune' affiliate, Refugee Relief International. The Air Commando Association has a long standing agreement with RRI to fly in supplies to contras on behalf of Soldier of Fortune, the mercenary outfit.

Another similar set-up to Soldier of Fortune is Civil Military Assistance – set up initially by four National Guardsmen in North Alabama. The organisation grew by recruiting from the Ku Klux Klan (the infamous 'free-enterprise' racists) and the

National Guard. It now has groups in several other US states. In 1983 a logistics officer at the US embassy in El Salvador arranged for the CMA to send military supplies to El Salvador; more shipments followed. The head of the CMA, Tommy Possey, was then put in contact with the Contra organisation, FDN, by a US embassy official in Honduras. CMA agents later boasted of 'seeing some action'. The CMA are now currently helping to train FDN guerrillas. In fact it was CMA operatives who were involved in the much publicised incident in August 1984 when a helicopter carrying mercenaries was shot down over Nicaraguan airspace just over from the Honduran border.

CMA members are receiving training themselves in guerrilla warfare and counter insurgency techniques at Fort Bragg and Fort Benning, two US Army Special Forces bases. Salvadorean death squads are also trained at Fort Bragg. Fort Bragg is the home of the Joint Special Operations Command (equivalent to the British SAS force), headed by Brigadier General Richard Schotter. Interestingly it was CMA members who carried out all the security work at the last annual conference, held in Phoenix, Arizona, of the World Anti-Communist League.

Providing funds to the mercenary organisations are a never ending list of groups, one of the biggest being the Freedom Research Foundation, which specialises in public relations cover for anti-communist movements in third world countries. The head of FRF is Jack Wheeler, who does free-lance work for the Moonie owned paper, the Washington Times, as well as Reason Magazine (the organ of the Reason Foundation). On the FRF board are several prominent military and ex-military officials, including Mike Kelly, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force.

Other organisations involved in fundraising include the Christian Broadcasting Network, Coalitions for America, the Council for Inter-American Security (has close connections with the National Security Council), New World Dynamics, the Council for the Defence of Freedom, the Heritage Foundation, the Conservative Alliance, Friends of America, and the

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Institute for Regional and International Studies (set up jointly by WACL and the Soldier of Fortune organisations).

At the centre of the private aid scam is the World Anti-Communist League (WACL - whackos to their enemies) itself. Altogether it has been estimated (from WACL reports) that between \$ 20-30m worth of aid has been contributed by WACL, via fundraising, to the Contras. Considering that WACL head, Major General John K Singlaub, heads the special White House appointed Pentagon committee, set up in 1983 to investigate future support activity, and considering also that the same committee includes Air Commando Association chief, Harry Aderholt, it is not in the least surprising that current White House policy is to widen aid to the Contras by using mercenary and neo-fascist (ie WACL) organisations.

The idea of privatising the aid was first proposed to Reagan by Colonel Oliver North, currently deputy to the National Security Adviser, Robert McFarlane. North's main role, however is responsibility for Contra strategy. Singlaub regularly reports to North on how the aid programme is progressing. Reagan himself has direct involvement in the privatisation campaign, not only through his open admiration for WACL work but also by the support he has given organisations such as the Nicaraguan Development Council, created by the CIA as a front for the contra FDN.

Recent investigations have shown that the CMA, now involving an estimated 5,000 members and supporters, works directly with the CIA in its low intensity operations in the war. Two of the CMA's main CIA contacts are John Hull and Bruce Jones. Hull, based in Costa Rica, has admitted to receiving around \$ 10,000 a month from the National Security Council to help fund local Contra activities. Jones lives in Tucson, after being expelled from Costa Rica, and has taken responsibility for organising a local branch of the US chapter of WACL, the US Council for Freedom. Jones himself introduced one CMA activist, Steven Carr, to ex-Brigade 2506 members (Cuban-exile terrorist group involved in the Bay of Pigs invasion). Carr has been the CMA's main buyer for arms from the Miami mafia. Given the occasions when the CMA has provided members to provide security at WACL and Soldier of Fortune conferences, it is not difficult to propose that the CMA has been appoint ed as the mercenary arm of WACL, at least within its Central American ambit.

SOURCE: Covert Action, etc.

N.B. On April 25, a few days after Congress voted against more Administration aid to the Contras, The Guardian, reported that 'the rebels have received a fresh influx of supplies...the material had been sitting in warehouses in Honduras that were bought with private funds'. One such 'warehouse', acting as a conduit for some of the 27 million dollars of 'humanitarian aid' siphoned via an array of Miami banks and drug dealers, is an undistinguished supermarket in the Honduran capital. It was shown that the supermarket had links to several Honduran military officers who were helping to run the operation, under CIA guidance, while raking off huge payments for their

The CIA has, in any case, its own direct routes to the Contras. For example an airline company, SETCO, which the CIA owns through fronts, is used to fly in supplies to the military airport of El Aguacate in northern Honduras and from then onwards to the Nicaraguan border; this operation is personally directed by the CIA desk chief in Honduras, John Malet.

GOD'S BANKER WITHDRAWS ACCOUNT

Michele Sindona, nicknamed 'the shark' and (misleadingly) 'God's Banker', snuffed it in Voghera Prison in Italy only days after beginning a 35 year sentence. Just over a year ago he predicted the actual form of his own death. What is still not known is whether his death was caused at his own hands or whether it was murder. What is clear, however, is that while he remained alive he was a threat to many powerful people not only within the Italian political and financial establishment and the Vatican, but also within US banking circles and the international intelligence/spying community.

Sindona, aged 66, was sentenced in an Italian court to 35 years for his part in the murder of Italian magistrate Giorgio Ambrosoli. Sindona had already been convicted in a US court on charges relating to fraud, for which he received a sentence of 25 years, and for arranging his own 'kidnapping', for which he was sentenced to 2¹/₂ years. The Italian court, in addition to finding him guilty of murder also convicted hin on a charge of extorting money from the late Roberto Calvi, who was 'suicided' in 1982 and found hanging under London's Blackfriars Bridge.

Sindona died from Potassium cyanide poisoning. The poison was found in his coffee. If he was not murdered it has been suggested that he must have been in possession of the poison for some time. Likely hiding places were his watch or the heel of his shoe. However the last words Sindona was alleged to have uttered before he entered into terminal coma were: 'They've poisoned me'. Sindona had many enemies: the Mafia, members of the (Licio) Gelli P2 network. members of far-right terrorist groups, leading bankers and financiers, the Italian security service, top Vatican officials. . . For years he had been the ultimate go-between, arranging deals between those apparently differing interests He knew too much about the corruption within Italian banking circles, about the nefarious dealings of the Vatican Bank and about the source of funding of many far-right groups and the intelligence agencies and their close association with each other, especially in carrying out a series of outrageous bombings that later became known globally as Italy's 'strategy of tension'. Sindona's secrets died with him, until at least further investigations provide more clues.

MAFIA ROOTS/FRAUD/TERRORISM

Sindona's own corrupt dealings can be traced back as far as the second World War when, using his Mafia connections, he organised an illegal market network. After the war he set up a financial consultancy firm in Milan specialising in tax avoidance schemes. During those years he developed a close working relationship with the Gambino family, one of the more important Mafia clans. Sindona's role was to launder the huge profits made from the heroin trafficking business and to 'lose' those profits and reinvest them in respectable concerns.

By 1959 Sindona had accumulated enough wealth and expertise to be able to purchase his first Bank, Banca Privata Finanziaria (BPF, later to become the Banca Privata after a series of amalgamations). His expertise was sought far and wide: his clients included not only the criminal underworld but also the leading banks as well as the IOR (Vatican Bank). Some of the IOR's funds originated from sources that preferred to remain anonymous; sources such as the CIA and the Gambino's, who both used BPF as a vehicle for investing in projects that boosted the Catholic anti-communist factions at a time when the Italian Communist Party was the most powerful in Western Europe and which provided a legitimate channel for ill-gotten gains.

BPF received financial support from major international banks, notably Hambros and Continental Illinois. Coincidentally the latter is headquartered at Cicero, near Chicago, the home town of Bishop Marcinkus, the real 'God's Banker', who headed the Vatican Bank and collaborated with Sindona, and Calvi, for more than two decades in dealings that developed between Sindona's BPF and Calvi's Bank Ambrosiano and the IOR.

During the 60's BPF took much of the responsibility for illegally importing huge amounts of lire, with BPF mopping up the commission fees, 15% of which are now known to have been redirected by Sindona into the IOR. Much of the funds exported were from client accounts where the clients were unaware of what was happening. Money moved around quickly, banks bought and opened to launder profits made from illegal speculations and smuggling, other profits being directed to political and terrorist groupings on the farright in the 'war against communism'.

It has been estimated that the profits made by the Gambino's in the Lebanon-Sicily-New York heroin route alone averaged out at the time at an annual \$500m. According to one Sindona biographer the Alitalia airline company became an integral element in the transportation of the goods. It was also during this period that the Sindona empire channelled CIA funds to far-right groups in several countries with which BPF had financial connections: Yugoslavia, Greece and, of course, Italy itself. False accounts would be opened, funds transferred, ect. without the source being named.

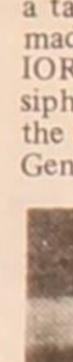
By the early 70s Sindona had become such

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This funding activity by Gelli continued well after Sindona's downfall. In 1978, for example, Gelli provided the then Nicaraguan president, Somoza, with \$1m in order that a branch of Banco Ambrosiano could be opened in Managua to function as yet another channel for smuggled funds. Gelli, however, also read the signs as to the events that were to happen in 1979 and secretly supplied funds to the Sandanistas. The result was that after the revolution all the banks, with the exception of Banco Ambrosiano, were nationalised. BA was allowed to survive because of its important Vatican interests.

THE EMPIRE FALLS ASSASSINATIONS

During the early part of the last decade, while Sindona was cultivating friends in high places, there were signs that things for him were beginning to go wrong. Despite the fact that in 1973 he was voted in Italy as 'Man of the Year' and that he was honoured by Andreotti as the person to 'save the lira', a year later his empire had collapsed, causing the collapse of the lira and further destabilisations. In August of that year BPF and the Franklin Bank (a major US bank owned by Sindona) was able to survive for a further month, thanks to the assistance provided by the US government and the bank di Roma. But liquidation was inevitable and by October Sindona's dealings had been investigated and a warrant for his arrest issued. Sindona managed to avoid arrest thanks to a tip-off from Gelli and his contacts within the Finance Police; he escaped to Switzerland and then to the USA The collapse of the Sindona empire meant





a powerful figure he had become a close associate of figures such as presidents Fanfani, Andreotti and Nixon. By that point in time Sindona was also a longstanding member of P2 and had risen within those ranks as the key financial consultant and general financial manager of Gelli's transactions. Sindona later admitted that funding was arranged via Gelli, of right-wing organisations across Central America culminating in the intense terrorism and repression during the first half of the

huge losses for the Vatican Bank – an estimated \$300m. Immune as always, Bishop Marcinkus was able to survive the scandal (as well as the later ones involving Banco Ambrosiano) and previous scandals, such as a tax scam in the Italian oil market(the profits made from the scam were 'lost' within the IOR and up to \$2.5m in tax revenue was siphoned off. (Implicated in the conspiracy was the head of the Finance Police and P2 member, General Raffale).

> Michele Sindona - suicide or murder?

After the collapse of BPF a Milan magistrate, Giorgio Ambrosoli, was appointed liquidator. But after five years of near-fruitless investigations and countless death threats from mafia associates of Sindona, Ambrosoli was gunned down by a paid assassin, William Arico, a New York hit-man. (Arico himself died allegedly trying to escape from a New York jail in 1984). Four months after the murder of Ambrosoli, Erica Cuccia, a banker who refused to accede to a demand from Sindona that he bail out BPF and arrange for an extradition warrant to be withdrawn, nearly suffered death too when a bomb exploded outside his Milan apartment. Another murder that took place only days

after Ambrosoli was killed was that of Lieutenant Colonel Antonio Varisco, who had been investigating P2 and was assisting Ambrosoli in his enquiries. At the time his murder was blamed on the 'Red Brigades' (who in turn were a subject of massive infiltration and are now known to have collaborated in the 'strategy of tension' programme organised and put in effect by the neo-fascist right). A month later came the assassination of Boris Guilano, head of the Palermo (Sicily) flying squad, who was at the time involved in an investi-. gation into the links between the Gambinos and Sindona. In addition there has been speculation* that the death of Pope John Paul I (the 'laughing' pope' who lasted in office for less than a month) can also be attributed to the Sindona/ Gelli/Calvi/Marcinkus connections, in that JPI was known to have wanted a clean-up and a major enquiry.

ARRESTS - TRIALS

In 1978 Sindona was arrested by the US authorities and charged with fraud and grand larceny in connection with the collapse of the Franklin Bank. But his financial dealings continued. A year after his arrest Sindona, while on bail, managed to extort an estimated \$30m from the Calvi/ Banco Ambrosiano empire as 'ransom' in exchange for his (Sindona's) release. Sindona, with the assistance of his mafia contacts had in fact organised his own 'kidnapping'. From New York Sindona had frown to Vienna, then disappeared. He duly reappeared again in New York two months later. It is thought that the Calvi money ended up with Gelli as a last attempt to use his associate as a pawn to refil his Argentinian bank accounts for further re-investment. Other sources have claimed that Gelli used some of this ransom money to help General Galtieri to purchase Exocet missiles from the French manufacturers, before the Falklands/Marvinas War.

In 1980 Sindona was tried in the USA on several counts of fraud. At his trial two cardinals, Guiseppe Caprio and Sergio Guerri, agreed to make depositions on his behalf, with the blessing of the new pope, John Paul II (the Polish pope). But at the last moment the Vatican realised how embarrassing this would be should Sindona be found guilty. The depositions were hurriedly withdrawn. In March the Grand Jury found him guilty; two months later, Sindona attempted to take hiw own life by taking the poison digitalis (which he carried on his person on Gelli's instructions - as did all P2 members - in case of being

forced to reveal confidential information). The prison doctors however saved him and he was duly sentenced to 25 years.

After his extradition to Italy in 1984 Sindona had been under constant pressure from contacts within the old P2 network to keep quiet about his past dealings. At one point during the subsequent hearings Bishop Marcinkus was subpoeaned to give evidence. His luck, though, had not run out and the subpoena was withdrawn after pressure from the then US Ambassador to the Vatican, William Wilson (a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a secret right-wing Vatican sponsored order, whose contacts extend thoughout the world).

Sindona, it has been said, predicted his own death and the way it was to be carried out. The 'Italian solution', applied so often to Sindona's enemies, was to be used yet again, but this time against one of the archperpretrators. Just before his extradition to Italy Sindona was quoted as saying, 'If I finally get there, if no one does me first - and I've already heard talk of giving me a poisoned cup of coffee – I'll make my trial into a real circus. I'll tell everything'. Sindona was tried in abstentia, he never sung and, presumably, he hoped for a reprieve or at least a return to the US jail where he had been more comfortably treated. Whether, in the end, he had given up all hope and decided to repeat his earlier suicide attempt, or whether his prophecy had come true and the long hand of the 'puppet master' (Gelli), or even of the increasingly nervous Marcinkus, had done its deed, remains to be seen. Sindona took one of his biggest secrets with him; namely the super 500 names of those who had participated in the gigantic swindles in the late 60s/early 70s before the whole thing collapsed. His death could well have been a message to others who know the 'Sindona 500' secret and who might now resist all temptation to reveal all.

* For more information on the death of Pope John Paul I and the dealings between Sindona and the Vatican Bank, read the excellent 'In Gods Name', by David Yallop and published by Corgi.



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disobedience."

BACK ON THE COURTROOM AGAIN. YOU can picture the scene, I'm sure. On the one side, the lawyers defending the two jailed crus of his arguments was that a sentence was ludicrous to attempt to paint a picture of "guerrilla...18 times". . "revolution...resisactivists arguing for feminist ecological principles and people's justice, and on the other side, the two prosecutors upholding the government, law and societal justice. And seated on the elevated throne of judgement, three drones working for the bosses protecting the clones yet all arrogant enough to suppose that their political and moral cushions are the lawful ones, the only ones...the right ones. And yes, they certainly are ... right -wing, that is!

The two main characters of this drama are the ones that aren't even actively participating in it because, of course, they're doing their time. The real-life drama behind bars that has nothing to do with actors but everything to do with being silenced and powerless. Two members of Direct Action, a guerilla group based in Canada responsible for the only major attacks against state-sanctioned power since the FLQ, were represented in Vancouver court on Feb. 17, 1986 for an appeal of the lengthy sentences they received in the summer of '84.

Ann Hansen is serving a life sentence for conspiracy to rob a Brinks' armoured truck, eco-sabotage of a B.C. Hydro substation, bombing of a Litton cruise missile compnents factory, participation in the Wimmins Fire Brigade arson of a video porn outlet, and several related minor charges. Brent Taylor was given a 22 year term in B.C. for the Brinks' conspiracy, and a run of minor theft and B & E charges. (He later received 9 years for the Litton action, to be served concurrently with the 22.

The reality of waging war with the system is that if they snatch you up, you are forced to spend your time dealing with these very institutions that you gave away your freedom in order to oppose. Yet there is a necessity to try the legal avenues, not because you. believe in them but to do a little gambling on the one-armed bandit slot nachines. Sometimes you beat them at their own game and at least you have the satisfaction of exposing more of the guts of their hypocrisy. So, after going through a lengthy jury trial and then convictions, and then guilty pleas and sentencings, Hansen and Taylor were left with only one last resort for decreasing the length of their sentences which was to literally 'appeal' to the same justice system that meted them out in the first place. This sentence appeal was not before their peers or even the public, but rather three judges who have done this every day until they are numbed to any outside reality. The same three who heard Julie Belmas' pitiful kiss-ass of an appeal. We can predict the outcome of their appeal and it will not surprize or shock

Jerry Foolwell

According to the US anarchist paper, Fifth Estate, the latest craze going is the 'Jerry Falwell Game'. Falwell, the right-wing bible basher, has a call-free number (800 325-3388) which people are encouraged to ring to become a 'Faith Partner' and get their free Jesus tie-pin and free bible. Recently, however, Falwell was forced to change his callfree number (to the one quoted above) because of the numerous bogus callers who'd simply ring the number then hang up. One enthusiast even programmed his home computer to automatically dial the number ever 30 seconds. 500,000 calls later the phone company figured out what was happening and broke the connection. Trouble is not only was Falwell's set-up being wasted, but each call he received was costing him a dollar a piece!



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POLITICAL PRISONER ANN HANSEN AT KINGSTON PENITENTIARY

the two had virtually been crucified as rather that it was more a situation of differen 'political' (read 'terrorist' in the state's abilities. eyes). This was out of the bounds of universal

Dear Comrades of the world, I have received letters of hearty solidarity for the "FREE OMORI" campaign and copies of protests to the Japanese Goverm-

I am very grateful for your support. 'Black Flag' in London, 'Young Anarchist' in Denmark and the secretariat of the I.W.A. have informed many friends in all the world about the 'FREE OMORI' campaign.

Our post in Tokyo has received letters from Italy, Greece, France, Canada, U.S.A. and Latin America. They have encouraged Omori and us greatly.

However I must apologise for not answering since last autumn, because our supporters group has only small numbers and the problems of transalation. Now we give you brief information.

As to the trial of Omori, the Sapporo High Court is investigating evidence once a month. It will progress this way for at least half a year.

A meeting to FREE OMORI was held on March 15th 1986 in Tokyo. Solidarity and Anarchy,

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

"She is a political thug; committed to civil Clayton Ruby, a Toronto lawyer known and allegations of 'leadership roles' for Hansen Prosecutor Hill made an attempt to impress acted for Taylor on the Litton charges. The al, anti-authoritarian collective of activists, it statement...i.e., "militancy--26 times"...

reduction was warranted on the grounds that 'leaders' issuing orders to 'soldiers', and

In essence, what we've seen was sentencing principles which demand that the successful set-up, by the police and the sentence be given based on the charge itself Crown, in creating a climate of fear surrounand be comparable. Yet the harsh prison ding particularly Ann and Brent which the terms received were way out of line even with trial judge, S.M. Toy, fell for, punishing those given for similar offences or to repeat them for their values and 'Leadership'. At offenders and murderers. A second defense the appeal, the Crown continued in their presentation was to contradict the Crown's branding of them as treasonous heretics.

-Prosecutor Hill respected for his sharp legal perceptions and and Taylor. Ruby argued that with concrete with his brilliant count of the number of community cases, was representing Hansen evidence, such as on the wiretap tapes, of times each perjorative word in the "language and Taylor at the appeals, having previously Direct Action operating as an anti-hierarchic- of treason" was used in their political tance...attack ... " etc.! Dully unimpressed, it was more like a joke to have our politics analysed by the politically and historically uneducated! They continued on with much replay of the most condemning extrapolations that could be isolated from Ann's and Brent's previous writings and trial sentencing statements. It was much more of an evangelical diatribe on the criminality of leftist values than it was a legal, factual look at the charges themselves.

> "We play into the hand of the guerrilla if we lessen the sentences...we do an injustice to society in general."

> And at the winding down of the charade, the defense is allowed a brief last-ditch response. Again, Ruby insisted that this was not the place, nor the job of the court, to debate political positions. He continued that the defendants should not be crushed with brutal sentences because they adhere to a set of values "which everyone in their right mind would also adhere to." With a very impassioned plea, he insisted that Hansen's and Taylor's motives were good and their beliefs were humanist and spiritual. Leniency, compassion, and fairness were the fitting response needed now, he concluded.

It is doubtful if the plea of leniency fell on anything other than deaf ears, before a panel of judges from whom you hear: "...it is all people from an intellectual background, middle and upper classes, who are concerned about these things (ecology, pornography, nuclear war, etc.), not from the working class...for example, the Baader-Meinhof gang and the Red Brigades...they tried to say they were led to do such actions from frustrations, which is merely justifying nihilism..." (Judge Nemetz).

At any rate, the quote definitely shows a curious progression of connections and attitudes! The judges have reserved decision on the appeal to allow them time to consider the presentations. The Free the Five Defense Group can be sent correspondence, information or donations at: P.O.B. 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V7X 1A1.

UPDATE-In a B.C. Court of Appeal decision on March 18th, both Ann Hansen's and Brent Taylor's lengthy prison sentences were upheld, while Julie Belmas, who renounced guerrilla politics and turned on her former comrades, was rewarded with a five-year reduction of her 20 year prison term.

Along with Ann and Brent's refusal to denounce armed politics, the myth of their roles as 'leaders' of the clandestine group Direct Action was a major factor in the court's decision.

SOURCE: 'Open Road'

FREE OMORI

H.K. For Tokyo Omori Support Group. P.O.Box 35.Chitose. Tokyo. Japan.

Enclosed with this letter were inspiring reproductions of some of the letters sent in support of Omori. They came from Denmark, Italy, Quebec, Spain, Greece, U.S.A., Australia, West Germany and France. These letters show the wide range of solidarity there has been for Omori from around the world.

OMORI - 10 Years in PRISON.

At the last national conference of the Direct Action Movement, it was decided to take action in support of Omori on August 10th and 11th 1986. This will be the 10th anniversary of his arrest by the police for allegedly bombing the goverment offices on Hokkaido Island, Japan.

Omori Supporters and Black Cross groups are urged to take solidarity action on this date, to coincide and strengthen the pressure on the Japanese Goverment for his release.

N.B. The 10th August is a Sunday, so Monday 11th would be a better day for pickets of Embassies, Airline Offices, etc.



Flag of Omori Support Group in Tokyo: 'Omori Is Innocent'.

BRITAIN

In a recent two-part 'exclusive' in the Sunday Mirror two allegations were made against Black Flag, one actual the other implied. Both are total non sense. Either the paper is short of stories or they are being wound up.

Prime coverage in the two-part article was given to Class War, in particular their dislike of the Royal Family. The current media obsession with Class War is all too predictable given that their own rhetoric lends itself to the 'shock horror' style which the tabloids thrive

Most of the rubbish printed was lifted from the back pages of their rivals; the only new angle was the allegation that Black Flag is linked to 'a Belgian terror group'. The paper then went on to name that group as the CCC (Fighting Communist Cells), a Marxist guerrilla group that has been involved over the past eighteen months or so with attacks on mainly military, but some employer targets. Early on in the investigation on the attacks Belgian police rounded up local anarchists and members of antiprison groups. They had no information about who was doing the attacks and the anarchists became the temporary scape-goats.

The British police are now desperately hoping for information to show a connection between European guerrilla organisations and anarchists in Britain. In this particular instance we believe that the press are working hand in glove with the police to exploit the present climate and orchestrate a campaign aimed at anarchists in particular and all forms of direct resistance in general.

game away was the highly fictional claims that the CCC and their allies in France and WGermany are connected to the Angry Brigade.



The 'war against terrorism' is taking on a particularly surreal tinge in Canada, as statements made at a symposium on terrorism have turned into a political football involving the press and the major political parties.

An article about the symposium in the Globe and Mail, a major Canadian daily newspaper, contain two sections which leap off the page:

Although he refused to cite his sources, Mr Shoniker (assistant Crown Attorney of Ontario) alleged that the number one terrorist threat facing Canada is the Toronto and Vancouverbased Direct Action group, which he said is linked to West Germany's Baader-Meinhof gang. '(sic)

'Alleging that members have been trained in Libya, South Yemen and Lebanon, Mr Shoniker predicted that the group will move from bombings to political killings within five years. Members have been convicted of bombings in Toronto and Vancouver.

A follow-up article the next day, entitled 'Ottawa to Probe Remarks on Terrorism', contains quotes from John Thompson of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies, the group which sponsored the symposium: 'Up to 19 members of the Baader-Meinhof gang

MOONIES TARGET EUROPE CAUSA – the political wing of the Unification Church and headed by Rev. Moon follower Bo Hi Pak – recently organised a conference in London on the Strategic

Defence Initiative (Star Wars). The conference was co-sponsored by the Heritage Foundation. The main address was given by Henry Mohr, former member of the USAF General Staff. Other prominent guests included Vice Admiral Sir John Ruxborough (former NATO commander of Polaris forces) and Sir John Risdale MP (Conservative) and vice president of the North Atlantic Assembly, an international lobby that includes a variety of members across the political spectrum - people like

The fact that the Angry Brigade is non-existent, except in the minds of press reporters, seemed hardly important to the irresponsible journalists who penned the article. Yet they were able to refer to the Angry Brigade (whose last attacks in Britain were well over a decade ago) as being active. The police know this is a lie and so do we. But the Sunday Mirror was either fed false information or it simply invented it. Either way it would seem, in retrospect, that the paper decided to spice up their largely plagiarised story about Class War by sticking in the crap about the Angry Brigade while at the same time bringing up the tiresome 'European Connection'.

About a week prior to the Sunday Mirror printing the curiously vague introduction to its two-part 'exclusive' on anarchists in Britain, a bomb that exploded in London's Oxford Street was, according to media reports, claimed by the Angry Brigade as well as the Scottish National Liberation Army. The police stated at the time that they believed both claims to be bogus and apportioned blame on to 'Arabs' (the target of the bom' ing was the American Express/British Airways office). Bogus claims by the 'Angry Brigade' have been made before and this was no exception.

In this particular case, however, we are of the opinion that the Angry Brigade claim could well have been made, not only by police or police agents for reasons that are obvious, but by reporters working for the Sunday Mirror, who had been planning their 'shock horror' story for several weeks and who were clearly short of original material. That the media in general too often exploit public concern with terrorism for their own ends is without doubt; also that part of the newspapers role seems to be to whip up fear But perhaps the thing that gave the whole in order that those taken in irrationally seek increased repression from the police.

> Having recently got their current 'enemy without' (ie Gadaffi), the media now seeks to get their 'enemy within'.

and Red Army Faction (sic) European groups and support groups are hiding in Canada and use Canada as a source of bombs and other supplies.'

Federal Solicitor, General Perrin Beatty, is presently probing the matter and is of the opinion that 'the government has no information that would suggest that the two groups (Direct Action and Action Directe) are related'. (it doesn't take a political scientist to figure out the incompatibility of the anarchist philosophy of Direct Action and the Marxist-Leninist one of Action Directe).

The government would definitely like to have its cake and eat it too. Canada is expecting a swarm of US tourists who are cancelling their trips to Europe. But there is nothing to indicate that the State is in any way adverse to the philosophy of the symposium participants as outlined in the following paragraphs taken from the Globe and Mail.

'there is always a trade off between reduced civil rights and increased state powers when spying, wire taps, police surveillance and other techniques are employed in the fight against terrorism," said symposium organiser John Thompson'

'Unfortunately, greater target-hardening against terrorists affects privacy, personal liberty and even freedom of the press', added Liberal MP Robert Kaplan, a former Solicitor-General.'

right wing trade unionists Frank Chapple (former head of EETPU, the British electricians union) and Jo Grimmond, the former British Liberal Party leader. A less prominent guest at the conference was David Hoile, of the Federation of Conservative Students

Speakers at the conference raised the issue of SDI taking on a European dimension. It was let loose that a European dimension (EDI) was not just a possibility but a reality with plans already well under way. CAUSA, with over 22 branches worldwide is busily organising its UK lobby through retired military officers and parliamentarians such as Sir Nigel Henderson (exchairman of NATO's military committee) and Sir Anthony Buck MP, current chair-

More generally we are seeing, and we will continue to see in the future to a greater intensity, a growing and highly visible propaganda war with the State desperately seeking to persuade that it has a monopoly on anti-terrorism, which to government means not just the repression of all those involved in armed struggle but the criminalisation of all forms of anti-state and anti-capitalist activity. To the forces of the State any organised resistance that has the potential to succeed is the enemy within.

TRIAL BY MEDIA

The Sunday Mirror might have only succeeded in demonstrating their potential to construct a seemingly plausible conspiracy. But such attempts, even clumsy ones, provide the police often with the right excuse to make information-gathering raids, which in turn provides the press with even more material. And it this sort of relationship between the press and the police that demonstrates so clearly the dangers in making use of the press in order to gain publicity or in order to wind them up. Playing the media game can have its nasty consequences.

POSTSCRIPT : Robert Eringer, the Sunday Mirror reporter and who is also known for his associations with Lyndon LaRouche (the populist conspirator) and possibly the CIA too, is believed to have made the telephone call claiming the 'Angry Brigade' bombing. The LaRouche web is well known for putting out fake stories about all and sundry so as to spread confusion and antagonise existing factionalism. Eringer's claim came just in the nick of time before his 'thesis' on British anarchists hit the streets. Incidentally, one of the LaRouche claims is that the UK monarch is the head of an international drugs trafficking ring. Would the readers of the Sunday Mirror like to know that its news editor, Nigel Nelson, who endorsed Eringer's fiction (though privately admitting he didn't believe a word of it), employs an anti-royalist?Such a revelation might shock them far more than some anti-royal graphics and death wishes in Class War.

SEE ALSO 'NOT ANOTHER EXCLUSIVE'.

Kaplan is notable for having introduced Bill C9, which legalised wiretapping, opening mails, and a variety of other repressive measures. Seeing that the police were in the habit of getting caught in numerous illegal activities, the State's response was simple: legalise them! And there is no doubt that the apparatus of repression now in place is being used against political activists on a daily basis.

COMMENT: What is happening in Canada is remarkably similar to what is happening in the UK - and probably elsewhere. Direct Action, the group that was convicted on various anti-militarist actions and actions against porn shops and the nuclear industry, had all its members jailed. The group is now defunct - at least in that its members are without liberty. That the group shares the same name as an ideologically different group in a different part of the globe seems to be the only, unsubstantiated, reason why a link has been alleged. Perhaps Mr LaRouche is behind this nonesense too, let alone the absurd assertion that members of the West German Red Army Fraction (not Faction) are now hiding out on the other side of the Atlantic. Making up stories like this only shows just how much competition there is between nation-states to stay high in the so-called terrorist stakes.

man of the Parliamentary Defence Committee, who both helped out on the public relations for the conference. They are in 'good' company: board members of CAU-SA International include Philip Sanchez (former Nixon ambassador to Honduras) and Lt. Col. (ret.) David Graham of the US Defence Intelligence Agency. Bit by bit the Monnies, through CAUSA, the World Anti-Communist League and organisations within which they have influence, are buying up influential people or putting their own people into positions of real influence. Their object is total control of military policy and strategy in the USA and its satellites in Europe, South America and elsewhere.

Lyndon LaRouche

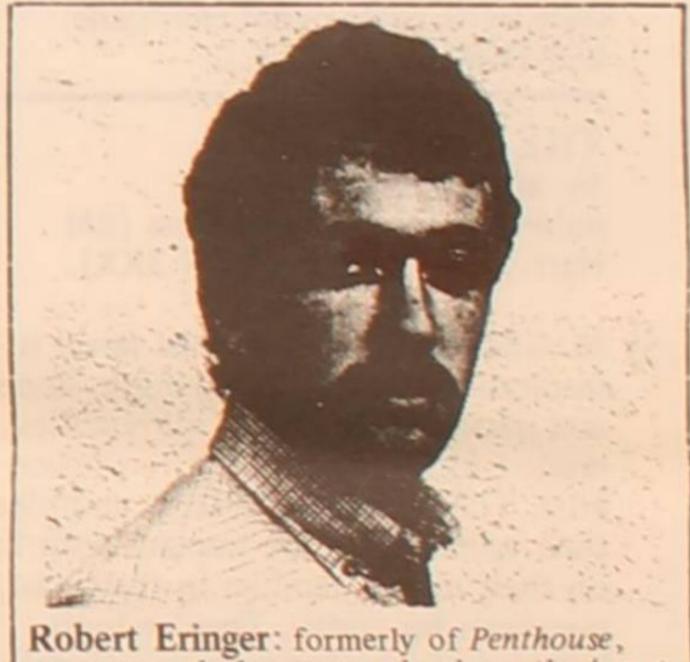
According to press reports the Abu Nidal group has targetted members of the far-right US think-tank, the Heritage Foundation, as well as certain well known US crypto-fascists.

Included in the hit-list are Colonel Oliver North, of the National Security Council, and General (retired) John K Singlaub, a leader of the World Anti-Communist League.

What is perhaps surprising is the absence of such people like Lyndon LaRouche, who is currently attempting to carve out a chunk of the anticommunist market for himself by taking credit for much of the 'bullshit stories' that are circulating the press these days. His newly opened office in Wiesbaden (W Germany) was set up partly because of the intense military activity in that country, partly because of the anti-militarist forces there, and partly because he needed a base in Europe from which to operate.

His office in London is another new acquisition. And it is no coincidence that his European operations began to expand in a big way just prior to the escalation of the US war fever against Libya.

In the past LaRouche has boasted that his organisation, the Executive Intelligence Review, will use any measures necessary, including assassinations and armed attacks, to combat his enemies. Would that, we wonder, extend to the organising of bombings on US targets (eg the Berlin disco bombing) in order to blame others and create destabilisation?



more recently he wrote a book on the 'great Jewish capitalist conspiracy', masquerading as a piece of respectable research; also claims he 'infiltrated' the KKK.

The fact that W Germany harbours many members of the neo-fascist Turkish Grey Wolves, who in turn are known to have strong links with German neonazi groups (eg the Hoffmann Gang) who have a confirmed record of terrorist attacks on US bases and personnel, should of itself raise questions. Were the Libyans the paymasters of the disco bombing, were local anti-US forces providing support, or was Libya set up by a conspirator such as LaRouche? who is not incapable of such an act?

The LaRouche empire is growing rapidly. It already has cultivated close links with the UK press (see 'Trial By Media - 1'). As well as supplying information (or rather disinformation) to reporters like Robert Erlinger, who free-lances for the Sunday Mirror as well as other UK papers such as the newly launched Today, the EIR has developed good working relationships with countless other papers in many countries... and the list is growing.

If LaRouche and people like him had his way false stories about political activists and issue groups and protest movements would find their way into the press every day, conspiracy stories would be rife, there would then be the usual arrests, and meanwhile the havoc caused would create such bad feeling among political groups generally that there would be recriminations all round, increased sectarianism and rivalries, leaving the forces of the state to pick up the pieces. As a selfconfessed populist LaRouche may well be succeeding in forcing political activists often into an offensive position they cannot justify, except through populism itself.