

INSIDE INFORMATION



BRITISH activist Paul Robinson has been found guilty of violent rioting and sentenced to one year (see also **resistance** #28). He was filmed throwing stones during clashes at the G7 European summit in Sweden. He was arrested on June 15 at the height of the rioting which caused £7 million of damage. He will serve a minimum of two thirds of his prison sentence, not including time spent on remand, before being deported from Sweden.

22 other people have been found guilty of rioting. The sentences range from 8 months to four years. Two people have been sentenced to 2 and a half years, another to 4 years. 8 people are still in prison awaiting trials.

Contact the support group at: Solidaritygroup GBG, c/o Syndikalistiskt Forum, Box 7267, 402 35 Gothenburg, SWEDEN.

Phone: 00 46 733 16 42 96
solidaritetsgruppen@hotmail.com ★

ANARCHIST prisoner Mark Barnsley is likely to be in the segregation block at Wakefield Prison soon. Mark was told he has been allocated to the prison workshop at HMP Wakefield. Since he has declined the offer of prison work he will be charged for refusing to follow this order. It's likely he will spend time in Wakefield Prison's notorious segregation unit and may have extra time added to his sentence.

Mark has refused to collaborate with the system since his wrongful imprisonment over 7 years ago. Instead of doing prison work he has spent his time working on the campaign to overturn his conviction, supporting other prisoners and doing education classes when possible.

According to the prison service, the reason prisoners are given work is so that they can learn a trade. In theory, increasing their chances of getting a job upon release. At HMP Wakefield however, prisoners either make prison uniforms or do tedious packing work for a private company called Hepworth Building Products. For working 25 hours per week they are paid from nothing to £5 a week. Even with bonuses, prisoners are paid less than 10% of the minimum wage.

Let both Wakefield Prison and Hepworth Building Products know what you think about this blatant exploitation:

The Governor, HMP Wakefield, 5 Love Lane, Wakefield, WF2 9AG. Tel: 01924 378282. Fax: 01924 299315.

Hepworth Building Products, Eddlington Lane, Eddlington, Doncaster, DN12 1BY. Tel: 01709 856300

For more info contact: Justice for Mark Barnsley, PO Box 381, Huddersfield HD1 3XX. Tel: 07944 522001 or visit: www.freemarkbarnsley.com

Write to: Mark Barnsley WA2897 HMP Wakefield, 5 Love Lane, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF2 9AG. ★

SEAN CREGAN, an anarchist imprisoned for charges arising from Mayday 2000 has been moved. Send letters of support to: Sean Cregan FR8832, HMP Ford, Arundale, West Sussex, BN18 0XB. ★

A PRISON Abolition Conference is being organised for Saturday 26th January 2002 at Conway Hall, London.

For more info or to help out send SAE to Prison Abolition Conference, c/o BM Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX. ★

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Anarchy at Work

RECENT weeks have seen a number of large wildcat strikes that have really messed up the day to day running of the system. They remind us all that working class rebellion hasn't gone away. Direct action - defiant, autonomous action - is not confined to the occasional anti-capitalist demonstration, but thrives in workplaces and communities day in, day out. It is this type of action that will ultimately rid us of the rich parasites who try to keep us down. It is this type of action that will ultimately set us free. Let's celebrate it, and work to fan the flames of revolt everywhere.

Ground Crew Wildcat

WORKERS took wildcat strike action at Sabena, the Belgian airline company, on the 8th and 9th of August. The company was forced to cancel two-thirds of its flights after the unofficial walkout by 350 cleaning, baggage-handling, maintenance and catering staff.

Almost all the airline's Western Europe services were affected. The strike flared because of plans to axe around 2,000 staff.

Real Madrid

SPAIN'S longest strike ended in a good result for 1000 Madrid workers of the defunct telecommunications company Sintel.

The six-month strike ended when a deal was struck with the social and finance ministries to get 11 months back pay and early pensions.

After being laid off, workers set up a squatter 'Camp of Hope' outside the finance ministry in the middle of winter. They built the camp using their skills to illegally tap into cables and constructed cabins with fully-equipped kitchens. Toilets were connected to local sewers and they even made three portable swimming pools!

All the materials used were donated, or scavenged from street junk.

Doctorin' the system

IN SCOTLAND, medical secretaries went

on a three-day strike in protest at the crap money they receive, £12,000 p.a.

Wildcat in the country

POSTAL deliveries in Ireland were disrupted as a result of an effective wildcat action at the National Postal Depot in Portlaoise. Work ground to a halt when posties blockaded the entrance to the facility.

All mail was stopped from entering or leaving the building. The strikers said the action would be repeated as part of their campaign to highlight the threat hanging over the country's rural post offices.



Aussie strike ruled illegal

A STRIKE by 350 workers at Tristar, the Australian car component maker halted most of Australia's automobile industry. Three of the countries four major manufacturers - Ford, Mitsubishi and General Motors - sent home more than 12, 000 workers mostly on full pay due to a lack of parts caused by the action. This will cost them £145 million. The workers uncompromising attitude saw the strike go on for 2 weeks, by which point the Australian government were describing it as a threat to the national interest. The strike being declared illegal did nothing to stop the de-

termination of the workers, who only went back when they had secured a deal protecting pensions and other benefits.

Wildcat in the air

A WILDCAT strike by mechanical engineers of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport succeeded in grounding all 13 KLM international flights from Amsterdam.

On Friday, 27th July about 200 engineers went on strike to press for higher wages. The technical workers demanded a wage increase citing higher salaries paid to their counterparts working at Northwest Airlines, a KLM partner.

Wildcat on the line

AN UNOFFICIAL strike on 1st of August halted services in and out of Cork's Kent Station in the Ireland. Line maintenance workers walked off the job in solidarity with four of their colleagues who had been dismissed for refusing to sign new contracts relating to payment and rostering. The contract included issues related to weekend work for temporary workers.

The strike was called off when management at the line maintenance company, Permanent Way, agreed to hold a hearing for the four temporary workers.

Union officials out in the cold

MORE than a month ahead of a planned official strike, Irish train drivers are refusing to work an extra roster. A decision to take unofficial action was decided by the drivers' negotiating committee on Tuesday 7th August and took effect from Monday 13th. Union officials were excluded from a meeting, which opted for wildcat action.

The mainline trains in Cork and Kerry were halted, trains in the south west were hit as drivers refused to work their rest days and four major services in both directions on the Tralee Dublin and Tralee lines were hit. ★

More resistance inside...



Subvert and resist

Take precautions when going on demonstrations and don't take cameras, booze or drugs. If you're nicked give your name and address then say 'no comment' to any other questions.

SEPTEMBER: 6th - Demonstration in support of Paul Robinson outside the Swedish Embassy, 11 Montagu Place (NOT Montague!), London W1 from 5.30pm.

11th-14th - DSEi Arms Fair. A Fiesta for Life Against Death. Tel: 020 7281 0297, write to Disarm DSEi, PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY, or visit www.disarm-trade.org, to find out how you and your mates can get involved:

OCTOBER: 20th - Anarchist Bookfair, 10am - 7pm Camden Centre, London (opposite St Pancras Station). With extra meetings in the Friends Meeting House (five minutes up the road) Anarchist Bookfair, 84b, Whitechapel High Street, London, E1. Email: mail@anarchistbookfair.org or visit: www.anarchistbookfair.org

22nd - Big Blockade of Faslane Tident nuclear submarine base. Tel: 0141 423 1222 or visit: www.gn.apc.org/tp2000

30th - 1th NOV. COPEX arms fair, Sandown Racecourse. Exhibition of 'counter-insurgency' items previously exposed as a market place for torture equipment. For protests contact CAAT: Tel 020 7281 0297 or email: enquiries@caat.demon.co.uk

NOVEMBER: 5th - Beginning of the trial of Euromin boss on charges of corporate manslaughter for the death of Simon at Shoreham docks. Visit: www.simonjones.org.uk

9th - Picket of Qatar Embassy at the beginning of the Word Trade Organisation meeting: 1 South Audley Street, London W1 from 11.30am.

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I am interested in the **Anarchist Federation** and would like more information.

Name.....

Address.....

Join the resistance

The **Anarchist Federation** is an organisation of class struggle anarchists aiming to abolish capitalism and all oppression to create a free and equal society. This is **Anarchist Communism**.

We see today's society as being divided into two main opposing classes: **the ruling class** which controls all the power and wealth, and **the working class** which the rulers exploit to maintain this. By racism, sexism and other forms of oppression, as well as war and environmental destruction the rulers weaken and divide us. Only the **direct action** of working class people can defeat these attacks and ultimately overthrow capitalism.

As the capitalist system rules the whole world, its destruction must be complete and world wide. We reject attempts to reform it, such as working through parliament and national liberation movements, as they fail to challenge capitalism itself. Unions also work as a part of the capitalist system, so although workers struggle within them they will be unable to bring about capitalism's destruction unless they go beyond these limits.

Organisation is vital if we're to beat the bosses, so we work for a united anarchist movement and are affiliated to the International of Anarchist Federations.

The Anarchist Federation has members across Britain fighting for the kind of world outlined above. Contact:

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84B Whitechapel High Street
London E1 7QX
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Visit: www.afed.org.uk
e-mail: anarchistfederation@bigfoot.com

WORKPLACE WRECKREATION

HERE are some highlights from a website set up to help bosses stop the art of sabotage by workers. It acts as a guide for those of us looking at ways to throw a spanner in the works and also as an insight into how our enemies hope to deal with us.

"Employee sabotage occurs when an employee intentionally inflicts damage on the organisation or one of its members, ultimately inflicting a loss in production or profit.

"Sabotage involves acts such as destroying equipment and property, unleashing a computer virus, working slowly, or stealing. Nothing conceptually distinguishes between an act of sabotage from one that is not...

"Independent sabotage: a group of people responsible for sabotage in the organisation who work independently and may not know of each other's existence...

"Conspiratorial group sabotage: a group who decide an act will be committed, engage in it together, or protect the perpetrator(s)...

"Blind eye group sabotage: sabotage witnesses who choose to say nothing.

"Saboteurs are rarely unprovoked psychopaths. Many respond to perceived provocation...

"Highly-publicised acts of saboteurs, threats or graffiti by disgruntled employees may serve as cues for saboteurs...

"Today's technology creates experiences that exacerbate employee sabotage; computerised environments are perfect for 'high-tech' employee sabotage...

"When people feel attacked, they often respond with an attack of comparable severity. Retaliation can be a powerful motivator of employee sabotage...

Examples of Employee Sabotage

1. Arson;
2. Using explosives to destroy company property;
3. Disassembling key parts of machinery;
4. Instructing others to engage in activities harmful to the company;
5. Altering or deleting data computer databases;
6. Embezzling money;
7. Falsifying information on company records;
8. Disclosing information to competitors;
9. Allowing defective products to pass inspection;
10. Lowering product quality by purposely using lower quality parts;
11. Taking merchandise and disposing of it;
12. Spreading untrue rumours about the organisation's plans so that other employees will do destructive things;
13. Continuously taking merchandise from the organisation;
14. Purposely breaking a piece of machinery to slow down production;
15. Altering company records;
16. Placing a false order;
17. Talking other workers into going on strike..."

check out the website!

www.uncc.edu/ragiactal/sabframes ★

CELEBRITY PRAT OF THE MONTH

"Violence is never right, but anger is understandable. Although it's OK to bang your fist on the table, it is not OK to put your fist in the face of your opponent, whether you are a protester or the police" Bono



Bono: Prat

SO PONTIFICATES U2 singer Bono on Genoa. And where was Bono when he was making this pronouncement? Yep, behind the police barricades on their side of the steel fence. Instead of offering up platitudes for the cops and their political paymasters the Blairs, Berlusconi and Bushes', wouldn't it be more fitting for Bono to have focused on the **extreme and deadly** violence employed by the police and urged on by the likes of scumbag Blair? In Genoa, what took place was nothing less than state-sanctioned murder! This wasn't a simple case of uniformed thugs 'putting fists into faces' (although there was plenty

of that too, along with blows from truncheons, tear-gas, riot shields et al!) but here the world saw a cop emptying bullets into the face of one poor guy, a callous killing which Blair, like Bono chooses not to condemn outright. Bono, when do ordinary folk ever get the chance to 'bang our fist on the table'? It's never happened and it never will under this system where eight guys representing the "elite" make all the decisions affecting the lives of us plebs the world over. How else do we get ourselves heard? Only when we take to the streets do the politicians even pretend to listen. And now, because they don't like the message we're sending 'em, they've issued their fascist stormtroopers with a licence to kill. Shame on you, Bono, it isn't protesters who take guns to these gatherings, it's one side and one side only, and the weren't any on our side of the fence. ★

INTERNATIONALISTS IN HUNGARY

DURING the 14-21 July, the World Non-nationalist Association (SAT) held its 74th annual congress in the town of Nagykanizsa, Hungary. For those who don't know, SAT is a worldwide organisation comprising progressives, anarchists and various types of leftist.

It puts workers from anywhere in the world in direct contact with their class brothers and sisters, using the relatively simple international language Esperanto as a communication medium.

This year, people attended from 27 countries, representing all five continents. As well as lively discussion and debates, one of the outcomes of the congress, was a general call of support for those involved in the struggles against capitalism.

The anarchists are one of the stronger

GET INVOLVED



A NEW anarchist group has formed in Walthamstow, East London. Right now we are organising a gig, planning a public meeting and generally winding up the local lefties. We've already generated a lot of interest in the area. Anyone living in Waltham Forest wanting to get involved should call 07944 348 941 NOW.

YOU will have seen from this issue of **resistance** that there have been a number of wildcat strikes in Ireland. Could this be anything to do with the formation of an AF group there? Probably not, but if you're in Ireland and see the class struggle developing along anarchist lines, get in contact and help anarchists become a force to be reckoned with.



sections within SAT (publishing a regular Esperanto language magazine, 'Liberecana Ligilo') and as the 'Libertarian Fraction' they held two conferences during congress week.

Present were anarchists from Spain, Belgium, Germany, France, Japan, Brazil, Russia and Britain.

Readers interested in more info about SAT and the Libertarian Fraction, or even if you want to find out about learning Esperanto (the world language for the workers of the world), then contact:

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c/o Anarchist Federation,
84b, Whitechapel High Street,
London, E1 7QX.

Or email: klasbatalo@aol.com

Also see the latest issue of our magazine, *Organise!* for an article on Esperanto. ★

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Tel. 07951 079719

See also the website at:

<http://hometown.aol.co.uk/klasbatalo/myhomepage/opinion.html> ★

IRAN RIOT

ON THE 31st July in Hamedan, Iran 300 people rioted for over four hours leaving a policeman injured. Riots broke out after locals attacked the Hegmatan Cement Factory in the village to protest against the lay-off of a labourer from the factory. After entering the factory, the rioters damaged the building, smashed windows and lab equipment. 20 of the rioters were arrested. During July, workers took to the streets to protest against mass layoffs and defaults on payments by employers. ★

LESSONS FROM GENOA

BELOW is an account of police brutality in Genoa, following the militant protests against the G8 summit. We print this not because we are surprised by it but because we feel it's important that as actions against the state increases in intensity people realise the nature of the beast that they are fighting. The rights and freedoms granted to us by liberal democracy will vanish when the rich and powerful feel threatened. We can not let the murder of Carlo Giuliani or the suffering of those arrested be in vain. We must learn the lessons.

"ON THE Saturday night after the G8 demos about a hundred people were sleeping in an old school building. About midnight, the three of us in a room upstairs heard shouting and running outside, looking out we saw sixty police in riot gear running into the building. We hurriedly dressed, while shouts, thumps and screaming were echoing up the stairs, hid under a table and waited. This was probably the worst part of the whole experience.

Soon they were banging on the door, and broke it open. Cops began batoning us as we lay on the floor. I curled into a ball with my hands over the back of my neck. I was hit on the arms and legs, and three times on the head. We were frogmarched downstairs into the main room which contained about sixty people, some semi-conscious and bleeding. My injuries weren't as bad as I expected, others had it

much worse. About 60 people, including my friends were taken to hospital. I was hauled off to a van ringed by cops and driven to the Bolzaneto Holding Centre. I was searched and beaten, then made to stand spread-eagled against a wall for a couple of hours. During the 36 hours at Bolzaneto we were kept in a bare concrete cell, had little food, no blankets and only the clothes we were wearing when the raid started. Requests to phone lawyers or anyone else were denied.

We were never told what we were charged with, or what would happen to us. On Sunday photos and fingerprints were taken. In the early hours of Monday our possessions were taken and never returned. On our fifth day in custody I was taken to an office, introduced to a lawyer from the Genoa Social Forum and briefly questioned by the magistrate. After telling

the story of our arrests most of us were told we were free to go. In fact, we spent another night in a police custody in Pavia while lawyers argued over our deportation. Eventually, we were given orders banning us from Italy for five years, driven to Milan airport and told to buy a ticket home."

A bust fund has been set up for people from Britain that were arrested.
c/o HSG, P.O.Box 2474, London, N8.
Tel: 020 8374 5027
Email: hsg@clara.net ★

ACTION IN ARGENTINA

THOUSANDS of jobless people and state employees blocked highways across Argentina on Tuesday 31st July, protesting an unpopular government austerity plan and demanding work. The protests were the latest outburst of anger in Argentina, where there is unemployment above 16 percent and a quarter of the population living in poverty.

Roadblocks were scattered across more than 40 cities, snarling rush-hour traffic. They came after the government won congressional approval to cut state salaries and pensions to trim the growing budget deficit.

Airline workers cut off the road to the domestic airport in Buenos Aires, creating massive traffic jams. Flights went ahead as scheduled. In Florencia Varela, hundreds of protesters stormed a branch of the provincial bank, occupying the building for most of the afternoon.

Two policemen were injured in Cordoba, during a confrontation with workers

protesting against the planned privatization of the municipal power company. In the working class neighbourhood of La Matanza on the outskirts of the capital, dozens of pickup trucks blocked the main highway into the city. ★

SINK OR SWIM

FOR FIVE months residents in Govanhill have been fighting the closure of their local swimming pool by Glasgow Council who say it isn't economical to run (see **resistance** #25).

The council sent in sheriffs backed up by the filth to evict protesters occupying the pool building. A crowd soon gathered and by the evening more than 200 had assembled. When shutters on the pool were put up, the police pushed into the crowd and some people, including police got hurt. One local said, "The decision to put shutters up on this building has inflamed people. The people of this area are very angry." We reckon we haven't heard the last of this one yet. ★

TIME BOMB



Continuing our regular look at history:

The Attica Prison Insurrection 1971

"If we can't live as men, we sure as hell can die as men" Attica prisoner

On September 13, 1971 a four day revolt began at the Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, NY in the United States.

The year before the National Guard had gunned down unarmed students protesting against the Vietnam War at Jackson State and Kent State Universities. Armed guards smashed a Teamsters strike. Malcolm X and Martin Luther King had both been murdered. When George Jackson, Black Panther and political prisoner was murdered at San Quentin by the guards on August 21, 1971, Attica prisoners organised a hunger strike. His book "Soledad Brother" was passed from prisoner to prisoner.

Attica was a virtual concentration camp where black, Puerto Ricans and white working class victims of the system were imprisoned. They lived in filthy conditions, with little medical care, and the all-white guards were openly racists. Anyone trying to fight back was transferred or punished.

A relatively minor incident involving a guard disciplining 2 prisoners was the spark that set off the revolt. The prisoners in D Block seized guards as hostages. All the prisoners-black, Latino, white - who took part in the revolt were united. It was no "race riot" but a united class action. The prisoners demanded removal of the warden, amnesty for those who had taken part in the revolt, and better conditions. The state agreed to 28 of the 33 demands but not amnesty. The prisoners were not willing to back down on this, as they knew repression would fall heavily on them:

Hail of bullets

Governor Rockefeller organised a military attack. Dropping tear gas from a helicopter, 1,000 State thugs fired indiscriminately on the unarmed prisoners. 39 lay dead, 9 of them hostages. Lies were made up to say that the prisoners had killed them and mutilated them, but autopsies proved that they had all been shot by the State forces. Guards beat and tortured prisoners after the revolt.

A wave of prison rebellions spread like wildfire, involving 20,000.

There were "several hundred thousand" in prison in 1971- now there are over a million. The memory of Attica is still there, and the chance of further Atticas is on the horizon. This year prisoners in Texas started a hunger strike on to commemorate the Attica uprising and in support of prisoners rights. For more info email: bdyingswan@aol.com

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