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POLICE MURDERERS SHOOT 15YR OLD BOY DEAD

100,000 people marched through Athens on Sunday, November 17th, to commemorate the occupation (by students) of the Polytechnic University buildings in November 1973, which led to the collapse of the Greek dictatorship.

Many people were involved in the march including Anarchists. There was a strong police presence too but this didn't stop some demonstrators (mostly Anarchists) from attacking a South African Airlines building and the Athens Hilton Hotel en route.

After the demonstration hundreds of police in cars and vans surrounded Exarchia Square (a meeting place for Athen's Anarchists) looking for suspects. The police were very brutal and used a great deal of force against people in the area — including passers by — during their search. The situation grew tense and just after midnight the crowd responded to the police's brutality by throwing molotovs (petrol bombs) at a police van. The police got out of their van and started shooting pistols at the escaping crowd. A 15 year old Anarchist, Mikhalis Kaltezas, was murdered in cold blood, shot in the back of the head by policeman Athanasios Melistas.

When the news spread two hundred people immediately decided to occupy the Athens Polytechnic — Chemistry building in protest at the boy's murder. This building has been occupied before, in May 1985 by Anarchists protesting at police harassment.

The police quickly surrounded the building and after two unsuccessful attempts during the night at 11am on November 18, they stormed the building using tear gas (SAS style) and violently evicted the occupiers inside. One Anarchist was so badly beaten up by the police that he had to be taken to hospital with head injuries and is in a critical condition as we go to press.



Fifteen year old Anarchist Mikhalis Kaltezas lies dead.

The brutal eviction of the Chemistry building sparked rioting throughout the city and at 5pm five thousand protesters marched to the Houses of Parliament. Two thousand, five hundred people also re-occupied the Polytechnic University buildings, demanding the punishment for those responsible for Mikhalis Kaltezas' murder.

The second occupation ended on November 19th, when the majority left and those remaining decided to leave too fearing further police brutality.

At 9pm on November 18th, on the TV news it was announced that the Greek Interior Minister (also responsible for Public Order) and his assistant had resigned. Their resignations, however, were not accepted by 'Socialist' Prime Minister A. Papandreou. At the same time, three of Greece's leading Police Chiefs were suspended from their duties until an investigation into Kaltezas' murder is completed (when they will be re-instated no doubt).

Demonstrations and occupations in solidarity with the Athens occupation also took place in Salonika, Yannena, Patra, Komotini and Xanthi.

As we go to press, police murderer Athanasios Melistas has been charged with murder and released conditionally (without bail).

Out of the thirty eight arrested for occupying the Polytechnic University, eighteen have already been before the magistrate. Eight were released, the other ten were remanded in custody.

Protests against the Greek government and its police dictatorship should be sent to:

PS The news and publicity about these events in Greece had the significance of just being referred to for ten seconds on English television. It seems the murder of a 15 year old boy in cold blood, is way less important than Lady Diana's latest fashionable appearance. But the truth hidden behind all this comedy is the panic of the State's servants around the world. They're horrified to show through mass media how Anarchists get together and fight even to the point of death. It's ever so convenient for them to secretly keep this news within their own States whenever they happen and try to drown them in blood. But we can assure them, that despite their desperate actions to keep us apart from our comrades in other countries we know that we're united and fighting for our dream which will very soon become their nightmare. Because we say: BE REALISTIC, DEMAND THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Katerina.



Kaltezas' friends take their revenge out on a nearby bank.



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Canterbury Knight

On Wednesday, 20th November, Lambeth Council Leader Ted Knight came to speak at the University of Kent in Canterbury.

His speech was a predictable attack on Tory economic policy, focusing particularly on rate-capping, and after that the audience was invited to ask questions.

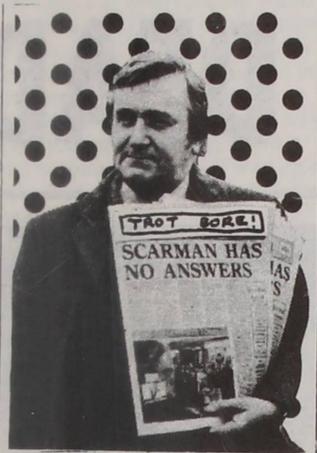
Members of the Canterbury Anarchist Group jumped at the chance to bring to the audience's attention Lambeth Council's forcible evictions of homeless squatters (often using the same police force that Ted Knight is so quick to condemn when it suits him) and to show how, even as the housing crisis deepens daily, 'Red Ted' is content to play off one group of homeless people against another in the time-honoured tradition of 'divide-and-rule'.

We asked him how, in view of his supposed concern for single-parent families he justified the eviction of the much needed Brailsford Road community creche. Disconcerted, but still at this stage as smooth as ever, our Ted's sole justification was that it was only a 'so-called creche or something set up by people who I believe call themselves anarchists and who claim to be in some way friends of the working-class!'

We then asked him to comment on the eviction of the Acre Lane squats (which housed 25 people) to make way for a Tesco car park. Knight snapped that 'businesses are needed in the area'.

Quick as a flash we returned with 'Presumably Mr Knight is aware of Tesco's connections with South Africa. Can he tell us how he justifies the investment of Lambeth Council funds in companies with strong apartheid links?' Positively ratty by now, Knight 'explained' that it is 'only' 10% of the superannuation funds which are thus - invested, as opposed to 50% a few years ago - 'a reduction of 80%'

Last but not least, we asked him to tell us about his connections, if any, with a certain construction company which has been receiving lucrative contracts with the Lambeth Council. Almost literally snarling with anger, Knight then launched into an amazing diatribe against the questioner, even stooping so far as to threaten to sue him for slander!



Ted Knight:

I think our intervention went some way towards exposing the contradiction between Knight's championing of the 'confrontational' approach (notably his support for the miners' strike) and his own Council's appalling record as a major employer, 'manager' of local industry and administrator of resources and social services - a contradiction which clearly shows up the bankruptcy of so-called 'municipal socialism'.

Canterbury DAM

THATCHER'S SPEECH WRITER

Robert Moss is a former speech writer of British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. He was also a columnist for the *Economist* magazine and writes occasionally for the *Daily Telegraph* on a free-lance basis. In addition Moss works for the CIA and has, for several years, been actively involved in initiating campaigns of 'black propaganda' on behalf of his US employers.

One such campaign involved the CIA in the lead up to the overthrow of Chilean Leader, Allende. In 1971 the CIA asked Moss if he would move to Chile to put together disinformation that could help destabilise the Allende government. Moss was more than glad to be of service and took up his post using his *Economist* reporter cover. From there he put out fabricated stories about the Chilean government, meant for British consumption but with wider coverage, and a rebound effect on public opinion within Chile itself. Moss was only one of many who were employed to handle such disinformation, much of which originated from the CIA direct.

His most successful fabrication was when he literally invented a guerrilla leader, who he nicknamed Commander Pepe. A real person, Jose Gregorio Liendo, was employed by Moss to be 'Pepe'. Unfortunately for Liendo, however, the ruse worked too well and he was killed by the Chilean security forces. Liendo was duped, as was the public, but Moss survived to return to Britain to continue his disinformation work.

Before long he had joined forces with Brian Crozier (now the guru of the Freedom Association - a far right anti-union organisation) to set up, with CIA funds, the so-called Institute for the Study of Conflict, a 'think-tank' that functioned as a focus for CIA propaganda in Britain. The Institute is still active and is based in Golden Square in the Soho district of London. Moss, meanwhile now lives in the USA and works for the 'Reaganite' Heritage Foundation, as well as writing

fictional anti-Soviet literature for mass consumption.

WAR ON LONDON

In the War against London, being prepared by Sir Kenneth Newman and already partially in operation, it has been openly admitted by Scotland Yard (according to the *Guardian* November 7th) that there are 'contingency plans for every high risk housing estate or area in London' - which reminds us irresistibly of Dr. Dollfuss, the Austrian Chancellor, with similar 'contingency plans' against housing estates which resisted first the clerical fascists, then the Nazis.

A plan exists for each of the Metropolitan Police's 75 divisions to deal with 'major incidents' and they were drawn up, as requested by the Commissioner, at least two years ago. It would seem that Brixton and Tottenham were not the cause of the heavy policing, but that the heavy hand preceded the riots.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Sixteen Cruise missiles arrived at Greenham Common US Air Force base over the 16/17 November weekend. A Starlifter aircraft unloaded nuclear warheads for the missiles.

Winston Silcott, 25, of the Broadwater Farm Estate appeared before Clerkenwell Magistrates charged with the murder of PC Keith Blakelock during the Tottenham riots on October 6th.

20 members of the Silcott Defence Campaign picketed the Court carrying signs saying: Free Silcott - Police Frame-up - Silcott is Innocent!

Two policemen were caught doing burglaries in St. Albans by other cops when their police radio used for look-out during the break-ins made others suspicious.

Anti - Fascist Action

This Conference sees the need to build an Anti-Fascist front of groups willing to combat Fascist activity in this country. We see the need to oppose Racism and Fascism physically on the streets and ideologically...

This was part of the opening statement produced by the founding Conference of Anti-Fascist Action held in the Conway Hall, London on the 28th of July 1985. Represented at this meeting were various racial, sexual, socialist and anarchist groups and individuals.

Between July, and the AFA's first major initiative on the 10th of November, it has been beset by leadership problems ie. those who think they are leaders and those who are not interested in leadership but in stopping the growing threat of fascism in this country. This was first highlighted by an article that appeared in *Time Out* (a weekly London 'what's on guide').

This article stated that Anti-Fascist Action hopes to work closely with the police... When the Secretariat of AFA was asked to publicly repudiate the above statement, which had been made without the authority of the delegate conference, it was said that these mis-statements were made by someone who had no connection with the AFA.

The episode has been overshadowed by a direct threat to anarchists involved with Anti-Fascist Action. The Secretariat of the AFA, which was formed to carry out the day-to-day organising of initiatives agreed upon by delegates, demanded the expulsion of *Class War* which had affiliated to Anti-Fascist Action. The charges against *Class War*, brought by *Searchlight* (the investigative monthly magazine), stated that they had been infiltrated by members of the National Front. The 'evidence' to substantiate these charges, presented at the next delegates meeting, consisted of an unseen video still, taken at a *Bash The Rich* march in Hampstead earlier this year, which purports to show someone giving a straight-

arm salute. An article in one issue of *Class War* which was supposed to have said we are all racist and sexist... so what? Finally, that *Class War* had jostled and spat at a highly-placed Labourite.



The first two charges were not backed up by any evidence - neither the photograph nor the article were produced - It is highly possible that someone did give a fascist salute but as this march was so highly policed, it is not surprising. If any cameras had been in the right places at the right times during the miners strike we would have a great deal of evidence to prove there are many fascist miners... The article in question dealt with the solidarity of working class people no matter their race or gender. The real enemy being the rich.

The last piece of evidence seems to show why these charges were brought.

The Secretariat of Anti-Fascist Action is dominated by the Labour left who are determined to isolate any anarchists or socialists who have any concept of revolutionary direct action, and will use any means to do so. If *Class War* is first to go who is next?

These slanders have not gone unopposed and demands have been made for this 'evidence' to be substantiated and that *Class War* be present to refute them.

The groups proposing this intend to do so until the next Conference of Anti-Fascist Action, the organising of which the Secretariat was actually set up for.

SOURCE: E. London DAM

Birmingham 8

On Monday 2nd December at Birmingham Crown Court the trial begins of 8 people charged with going equipped to cause criminal damage and conspiracy to commit a public nuisance. It has taken over a year for this case to come to Court - it all started on Wednesday 10th October 1984, when some people from London decided to go to the Stop the City action in Birmingham. They arrived up there on the night of the 10th in a van, noticing the whole area was being very heavily policed.

After picking up a friend who they had planned to spend the night with they headed off towards his house. After a while a police car which had been following their van stopped it and surrounded it with a car in front, a van on the right, another car on the left (actually on the pavement), another van behind, and behind that a prison transporter.

When the police searched the van, all they found was a bag containing some glue and paint. The people in the van denied all knowledge of the items and refused to answer any of the police questions. Originally they were charged with going equipped to cause criminal damage, but then the police decided to try to frame them up on the more serious charge of conspiracy. The so-called evidence in relation to this charge is that the 8 travelled together to Birmingham the night before Stop the City and during their stay in police custody the 8 refused to co-operate and some shouted and sang for much of the time. During this time the police found a leaflet on the police station floor, not even near any of the defendants. The leaflet suggested actions for Stop the City, such as sit-ins, blockades and causing damage to oppressive property. It went on to suggest that if arrested, disruption should continue, non-co-operation with police, and making lots of noise in the cells. The police are trying to claim that because the 8 were 'carrying out' the second part of the leaflet they must have been intending to carry out the first and disrupt Birmingham so causing a public nuisance. If it was not so serious it would be funny. Everyone was held until Friday afternoon when they appeared in Court. Only 3 were granted bail immediate-



ly, the rest were remanded for sureties, the last 2 being released on Sunday morning.

The police obviously want to get people who will not conform totally to the State's wishes - this has clearly been seen from Stop the City to the miners strike, from Stonehenge to Greenham, and it must be resisted. It is no good saying that it will not affect you - you will be next if you allow through your inaction what little is left of our 'civil liberties' to be further diminished by the increasing Police State. If these 8 people are found guilty this could set a precedent and invite the police to arrest people before or during a protest of any sort for this conspiracy charge, therefore being able to pick out anyone THEY consider a potential troublemaker or 'ring leader' and get them off the streets. The public nuisance charge is some thing of a catch-all as far as protests are concerned and so is dangerous covering anything from blocking the road to making lots of noise... If the 8 are found guilty this will mean to conspire to cause a public nuisance you need only to travel with others to a demo.

We must stand together and resist these threats to our few freedoms. The Birmingham 8 need your support, as do all other people threatened and attacked by the State. The Birmingham Crown Court on Corporation Street, near New Street Station from Monday 2nd December until the trial is over will find the defendants and their supporters present.

Contact: Box Birmingham 8,
84b Whitechapel High Street,
London E1
or phone: 01-8882482.

Scottish & Newcastle Brewery Dispute

Forty five members of the Transport & General Workers Union have been out on strike for six weeks due to a dispute concerning the implementation of a new shift system.

The management are insisting on:

- Mandatory overtime when overtime is at present voluntary.
- Getting rid of the two meal breaks on the early shift WITHOUT AGREEMENT.
- Starting the weekly shift cycle on a Sunday night instead of the present Monday night start — this means that the TGWU members would now be expected to work on bank holidays (they do not at present) and they will lose financially when some weekends working will now be paid at time and a half instead of double time.
- Imposing a 'three shift system' on two-shift workers WITHOUT AGREEMENT OF THE TGWU.

From the beginning of this dispute the management has been totally inflexible and in a heavy-handed effort to force their employees into submission they have been 'informing' people that the dispute is unofficial. It is in fact an official TGWU dispute. They have also exerted pressure on contract companies by insisting that they pressurise their employees into crossing the official picket line otherwise they will face dismissal. The management has informed the staff union that the company will now ignore the provisions of the closed shop agreement.

Throughout the dispute, the strikers have had good support from other S & N and contractors unions. Fitters were out for four weeks in support but have now gone back. Electricians (EETPU) are refusing to give support and are crossing the picket line. Some T&G officials are also crossing the picket line.

So far management have refused to negotiate with the union. All initiatives to get negotiations going have been made by the union. The TGWU has agreed an agenda for negotiations with ACAS, the arbitration service. ACAS is still awaiting a response from Scottish & Newcastle.

At the moment there are twenty out of the forty five strikers who are actively picketing and campaigning. They hope to organise mass pickets in the near future and get in touch with S & N employees in Carlisle to get them out on strike. At present no beer is being produced at the Moss Side

factory but supplies are being brought in from other breweries. About a third of the lorry drivers are being persuaded not to cross the picket line.

The strikers are receiving strike pay (it is equivalent to dole money £20 odd per week) but are beginning to suffer hardship which will worsen as the strike drags on.

Urgent financial and moral support is needed now, so that the campaign to win this dispute can be continued and intensified. Please send all donations to the: S & N Strike Fund, A. Morley 6/184 Branch Secretary, c/o Ian Stewart, TGWU 1 Crescent, Salford, M5 4PR.

Collection forms and further information available from above address.

SOURCE: Manchester DAM.

PAYING THROUGH THE EARS

The recent announcement of another increase in telephone charges comes just after the freebie bash for British Telecom shareholders. . . we wonder are the two incidents connected?

The smooth operators have also heard of a strike by international phone operators, which was met by management personnel scabbing, to the extent of spending six weeks within the confines of the telephone exchange. As a direct result of their action, they are much more able to deal with any possible re-occurrence! More as we have it.

Smooth Operators.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Joint Stewards (11 unions) Committee have backed four Hackney Council gardeners who have occupied a Recreation Centre to put pressure on their bosses to pay them their bonus. Normally the gardeners are all based at a local cemetery so the heated swimming pools etc are a nice change.

The EETPU signed a single-union agreement for the Japanese-owned Yuasa Batteries 190 wage-slaves at Ebbw Vale, Gwent, Wales. It is the fourth such EETPU agreement in South Wales and it's fifteenth altogether. One hundred members of the TGWU at the plant have protested as only two EETPU members were there. A no-strike 'closed-shop' deal with the bosses is EETPU style.

BBC SACKINGS



On 16th November, BETA held a conference for its BBC section, under pressure from the membership for action. The bureaucracy is failing to fight the planned cuts in 4,000 BBC jobs effectively, so the members are fed up. Already the BBC Divisional Committee has passed a vote of

censure on the Joint General Secretary, Tony Hearn for cocking up a ballot for a one-day strike, thus getting a 'no' vote. Sadly, although the membership are angry with the leadership, they are unused to unofficial action and see their way forward through the regular machinery and hope for a change of heart by the bureaucracy. While they wait for this unlikely event, jobs are already being lost.

Catering staff are down to half strength in permanent contracts, the rest being made up from agency staff: privatisation by the back door. These members are now being balloted at the work place for lightning strikes in November/December because the rank and file are keeping up pressure. No waiting for the negotiating machinery to grind inexorably on.

Meanwhile, BBC Cair, Stuart Young, has had four expensive cars from BBC

funds, despite the fact that he prefers to use helicopters and hired cars. Director General, Alisdair Milne, and he flew over to the BBC's summer fete for an afternoon at a cost of £1,000 to give themselves a break from discussions on the cuts. The DG has to live on a salary of over £65,000 plus personal car, use of chauffeur-driven car and helicopters, so one can't help sympathising with the poor guy.

Private contractors have been seen tendering for cleaning work. They even sent a horde of school children in one Sunday to clean the loos in Broadcasting House — if challenged about the legality of such an exercise, they will claim, no doubt, that they were the children of the one or two adults accompanying the party!

Engineering Specialists were to be cut to 10% — thus ending all custom-built equipment and opening the way for Sony and others. Now the BBC is talking about 40% remaining: clever stuff. Instead of fighting together, staff are asking themselves 'could I be one of the lucky ones'. It's no longer 'How can they sack 90% of the staff? but, 'we saved 30%, isn't that great'.

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SCARGILL AS DEMON KING

Before the 1984/5 miners' strike, Arthur Scargill was little known beyond the miners' union. He was an average union bureaucrat with political ambitions. The right wing attacks were on demon figures like Wedgie Benn, who 'frightened them', and who like others before has vanished into an amiable nonentity. Suddenly, with the miners' strike, Scargill became a name to be conjectured with, to frighten Establishment figures naughty children with, the mere flourish of his name being enough to damn anyone.

What did Scargill do during the miners' strike that made him demon king? He conducted his side of affairs in a fairly average way, he came across as an effective public relations officer, a fairly lifeless organiser, a very lively orator. But there was one thing that condemned him. He didn't sell out. This was what annoyed his so-called left wing critics the more. It was easy to sell out, it was expected of him, and had he done so they would have been the first to say 'told you so'.

It is a myth to say he kept the miners out on strike. They would not go back. Had they done so, they would still have gone back to find pits closing, which is what they were striking about. Win or lose the communities would have been smashed and they preferred to go down fighting.

It wasn't for the sake of Scargill's oratory that they went down fighting, it was a last ditch attempt to save their homes and jobs. It wasn't the toil and moil of the pits that they wanted to preserve, it wasn't 'Scargill' either. They were fighting to save a way of life and a friendship pattern they thought worth preserving.

Scargill wanted to stay with them to assert political leadership. 'Effective leader-

ship' is generally about running ahead of everybody else by one step and throwing occasional glances to see in what direction everyone else is going.

We for our part personally had every reason to hate Scargill — whenever we approach any public figure to put pressure on them or persuade them to support political prisoners we expect at least a hearing. We have even approached bishops and got them to at least listen and on rare occasions to intervene. On the occasion Scargill was approached to intervene with a foreign government on behalf of a woman Anarchist prisoner, a dear friend, he put the phone down. One does see it might have compromised him, but this is not the stuff of which great revolutionaries are made. 'Establishment naughty children' needn't fear the Scargills or Benns. But as long as he was leading the pack, even if only after consideration as to what else he could do, it wasn't worth attacking him: there was a more important enemy.

Miners Against Scargill

Now, with defeat, many miners are turning against Scargill. But it is the old story in industry. People back 'the militants' and the more political they are and the more extreme they sound, the better they are felt to press for claims. If successful, there is pressure on them from above to take union office, or (if already in it) political office. If they fail, 'we were led astray by reds'. Some such attitude is tarnishing Scargill now.

As the squeeze is on the pits, and a determination to end the coal industry over most of England and all of Wales, and to replace it by the occasional multi-national corporation car factory and vast

tracts of Disneyland, some miners want to blame Scargill for everything.

The temptation is easy to follow. But the greatest fault lies with the whole trade union movement, the whole of the socialist voters, including the miners, and not just their representatives. They wanted the National Coal Board. They celebrated nationalisation of the mines with parties and cheering, they flew the Union Jack from the pitheads. Even now, the greatest condemnation they would make of Mrs Thatcher would be if she wanted to sell it off. The syndicalists arguments against nationalisation and state socialism were lost in the euphoria of the Labour Government of 1945. What we have got was as sure as night follows day. No private employer could have stood up to the miners, and suffered such losses, as the State could. Only direct workers control could have given continued life to the communities even if the industry was failing.

The Scabs

During the strike those miners with pits that looked as if they had a long life — or at least a longer life — decided not to go on strike. Now they have formed a 'union'. The weakness of any army is the presence of people who don't want to fight — this goes for unionism as well. It weakened the National Union of Mineworkers to have conscripts within it who had no stomach for the fight. This determination to have a closed shop led to legal actions and High Court actions which weakened the union and helped to close the strike. Now, with NUM funds depleted and the bulk of its property legally confiscated by judicial muggers, the scabs union comes into being.



In the circumstances it can only be a company union. It uses the term 'democratic' precisely because it isn't (compare the German Democratic Republic).

The Trades Union Congress would be using its heaviest artillery if it were a question of a breakaway revolutionary union; but this breakaway is too much in the TUC tradition to remain a pariah for long.

Being a State body, the NCB can afford for the moment to be handing out a few sugarplums to the people who didn't embarrass it. But they won't keep that up for long. The new 'union' may seem to be riding high. Meanwhile, a large number will get large redundancy payments being paid in an effort to cut down the industry without further provocation. After that, as the rules of the capitalist game dictate, the plums will go to the people who fight for them. That won't be a company union, and it won't survive as the Conservative's industrial wing.

INTERNATIONAL

SPAIN - THE CNT'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMES TO AN END

Five in the afternoon, November the First, the Sports Palace of Montjuich, Barcelona. Two weeks of talks and debates on various aspects of anarcho-syndicalist history, present activity and future proposals have taken place nearby in the Via Laietana (Via Durruti during the Civil War). Today is the closing meeting. In the foyer hundreds of books, magazines, fanzines, flags and anarchist paraphernalia are on sale and are being bought in quantity, with crowds round each stall.

Spanish punk music is on the PA inside the stadium and banners are everywhere, including one from each of the syndicates affiliated to the CNT-AIT (including Metalworkers, Dockers, Transport etc.) and one, with a huge @ sign, says 'We aren't all here. The prisoners are missing'.

After a while someone whistles and the first speaker comes on (in passing you notice the variety of people involved, all ages and all types). Once again the myth that the CNT wanted to shoot everybody in suits goes out the window, seeing as how most of the people here are in their holiday clothes — for those under fifty, jeans and T-shirts, for the older, *suits*, there's also a group of kids who've discovered the joy of doing whatever they want to in a sports stadium and are busy kicking rolled up posters into a goal or throwing them into a basketball net.

The first speaker, Juan Gomez Casas, is a veteran. He describes how the CNT was born in Barcelona and the Anarchist international in Madrid and Barcelona; he goes on to say that the organisation of the CNT currently consisting of 55,000, is run without paid officials, directors or bosses of any kind, and that in it he sees a prototype for a future society. Absolutely no one in the CNT is more important than anyone else, and this on levels of serious and complex organisation. He goes on to criticise the use of the two terms most banded about by politicians in modern Spain:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON ANARCHISM

Q: Is it desirable for Anarchists to persist in trying for the pure form of organisation laid down by Bakunin Kropotkin or Malatesta? Shouldn't they instead try to co-operate with genuine elements in the far left — within the Labour Party (other than the Trots or the 'loonies')?

A: Neither of the three quoted laid down any 'pure form' of organisation (insofar as they *had* any ideas that related to the actual organisation of an anarchist movement, these were always unanimously rejected).

Anarchists should in our view, and are bound to, co-operate with 'genuine elements in the far left' in the working class movement, or more specifically in trade unions (even if there was a separate anarcho-syndicalist union).

But the danger for many people who begin as genuine Anarchists is that they then co-operate with separate causes, excellent in themselves, and away from Anarchism — and the whole of the 'far left', as socialists (not necessarily as workers) are all committed to electoral activity that never goes beyond Parliamentary caucus building and syphoning money out of institutional grants and subsidies, on which it exists.

A fortnightly like *Black Flag*, which is totally voluntary and only subsidised by its workers and readers is an alien concept to Parliamentary socialists, however 'left'. We reach fewer people. But we are beholden to nobody for whom we *do* reach.



Democracy & Autonomy. Nobody can talk about a true democracy — meaning a mutual agreement between every living being in a given area — when there are 3 million unemployed and millions of others living in appalling conditions in Spain itself (a country whose governments have used the word democracy as a password to power for the last ten years). Autonomy, he points out, is nothing of the sort. It means only the right to choose a second government, with limited powers, over the area where you live. He loves Catalonia, but isn't about to be trapped into thinking that voting for a 'Catalan government' constitutes any kind of real independence for the people in that area or any other. He adds that recently many books in Catalan have come out about the Civil War in this country but that only a handful so much as mention the CNT — the majority working-class organisation at that time. So much for 'uncensored' Catalan history after Franco's death.

Luis Fuentes, a young militant from the Euskadi city Bilbao talks about the severe fighting that's gone on all over the north of Spain in response to the government's industrial reconversion plans (eg. we put you out of a job for three years, modernise your workplace, and review the situation). These violent demonstrations have gone almost entirely unreported in the international press, yet in many areas of northern Spain have been far more violent and fatal than anything else happening in Europe.

The rioting etc. started towards the end of 1984 (see November issues of *Black Flag*) and have since resulted in several deaths — of workers/demonstrators — and numerous clashes with the police, burn-outs of steel yards, attacks on town halls etc. Fuentes points out that the workers of the north — most of them unaffiliated to any union, like the majority of Spanish workers — point the way to a resurgence of working class action in Spain. He adds that the anti-CNT-AIT accusations of the 'other' CNT are based mainly on the claim that the CNT-AIT are living in the past, and emphasises that the majority of the CNT-AIT affiliates are too young to remember the 'glorious past' of the CNT and that, like him, they are most definitely living in the present. He describes how the left wing in Spain is busy organising a new form of capitalism, and adds that if the working classes of Spain have let this happen, it is *their fault*, and their business to change the situation.

Last 'on' was Frederica Montseny who said though she was blind she could still think clearly; that the CNT was merely the continuation of the international anarchist tradition; she gave a summary of the CNT's history in Barcelona (covering the Tragic Week, the execution of Francesc Guardia etc.); she went on to say that a workers' movement of the kind which emerged in the Civil War could never be entirely destroyed and that the proof was the CNT today; she added that in answer to the question most often put to her — could the

CNT ever return to its old strength — that the organisation started out of small groups and grew into something bigger. That it continues the same strategy today, and has the potential to expand, despite the lack of State/outside help which is offered to its two main rivals, the socialist UGT and the Communist CCOO. That the CNT remains the only organisation seriously committed to a change in the current political/trade union network in Spain.

She also described Gonzalez' government as more reactionary or at least as reactionary as Franco's (the press liked that one). Later in a television interview she also commented on a meeting of 3,000 feminists which took place in Barcelona on the same day, celebrating ten years of feminist struggle, saying how women were slowly making more of an impact on the political life of Spain. When asked about the split, she said that the composition of the CNT was determined by its congresses, and that only at the next congress could the matter be decided once and for all.

The anniversary got quite good coverage in the conventional press, and on television both local and national. An excellent exhibition on the history of the CNT ran until November 15th at the Barcelona history institute.

The closing meeting, despite a poor turnout of about a thousand affiliates (this is misleading as many who weren't there had already taken part in the detailed meetings of the two weeks previous) was optimistic. The CNT repeats again and again, that the *only* alternative for political change in Spain lies with them. This wee fact is indeed staring everybody in the face, now, ten years on, when the expectations raised by all the other political options which struggled clandestinely under Franco — from the

waiting in the sidelines?

Well, they have against them intense police infiltration, threats, searches, and frame-ups; also a general atmosphere of disillusion; a degree of ageism (among many young Barcelona anarchists they have a completely undeserved reputation for being an 'old person's' organisation); a changed political/social situation in Spain. Today, as in many other European countries, only a minority percentage of the population are actually workers in the sense of producers of wealth, the majority are with jobs that are white-collar, a situation very different from that of pre-war Spain — this change is especially noticeable in Catalonia, historic focus of CNT activity, where advanced technology has changed the social divisions more than in any other part of Spain. There is a vast number of young unemployed people, few of whom are either able or willing to contribute towards what they think is a union-type organisation currently concentrating on immediate improvements in the workplace (if what Luis Fuentes, the Basque speaker at the closing meeting, said is true) and the simple fact that the CNT, alone among other political/cultural/social movements here, is *honest*. They make no attempt to disguise what they are doing under political or fashionable or nationalistic camouflage. In a world where appearances are becoming day by day more important, more 'real' to people than reality itself, this means that not only the activity, but the *attitude* of the folk in the CNT, is, and I repeat it for the hundredth time, the only alternative. For that reason perhaps, their numbers are growing. As some CNTers say, if anarchists didn't exist people would have to invent them, if only to remind themselves of the kind of world they were living in.

MT. Barcelona.

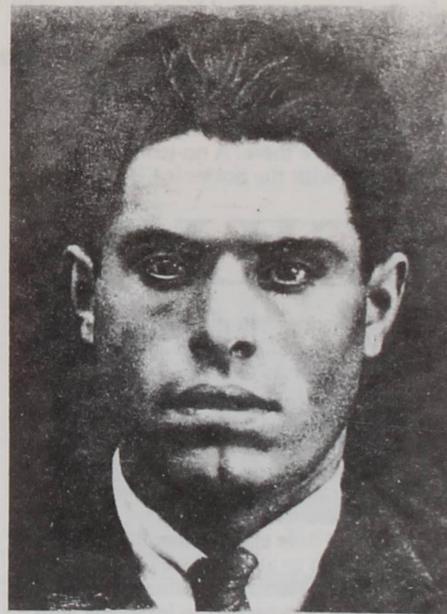
75th Anniversary of the CNT

The Spanish anarcho-syndicalist union was founded in 1910 and has its anniversary this year. Speakers from CNT-AIT and DAM. chair Stuart Christie.

Organised by the Direct Action Movement, East & Central London, and *Black Flag*.

Held at Hackney TU Hall,
96 Dalston Lane, London E.8.
(near Dalston Junction)

Bar downstairs.
Starts 7.45pm sharp on December 2nd.



B. Durruti, CNT militant

communists to the christian democrats, from the Catalan parliamentary nationalists to the Basque National Party — have proved as empty and forlorn as the heads of the dozens of men-in-suits who now occupy seats on this and that parliamentary committee, in this or that administrative HQ, all of them with stories about how they were once enemies of the State under Franco which they trot out at a moments notice, presumably to remind people of all the old hopes of freedom which swept Spain in 1976, when Franco died and people expected more than the archaic knuckle-down system under which they live today. So now, in an atmosphere of powerlessness and disillusion similar to that which has dominated Britain for so many years, Spanish people are losing their interest in politics — trade union membership is decreasing, cynicism as to any hope of improvement through the political parties is everywhere.

Why then are the CNT — who *are* the only serious alternative — left seemingly

IRAN — DENMARK

REFUGEES HUNGER STRIKE

Since November 6th, a group of Iranian refugees have been on hungerstrike at the main railroad station in Copenhagen against the Danish government's attitude towards the refugees.

The Iranians have to wait for months for the decision of the 'Flygtningenaevn' (a government body) whether they are accepted as refugees or not. This despite the fact that the refugees come from a country governed by a dogmatic religious dictatorship which doesn't accept draft resisters or political opponents.

This attitude exposes the racism within the conservative system.

Letters of support to the hunger strikers can be sent to the Danish section of the Anarchist Black Cross:

ABC, Denmark c/o Anarkistisk Bogcafe,
Nansensgade 43, 1366 Kbh. K.
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INTERNATIONAL

HOLLAND

HANS KOK DEATH INVESTIGATION

Many questions remain after the death of Hans Kok (arrested after a re-squat) which sparked off waves of disturbances and direct action three weeks ago.

Great secrecy surrounds the investigation into the 'incident'. The identity of the investigators is kept secret. They concluded the cause of death was a combination of drugs, the report admits the wardens were negligent.

Hans' parents were finally allowed to see their dead son: through a window and the body was covered with a sheet! After prolonged pressure from lawyers Hans' dad was allowed to see the body from the neck up: the neck and one side of the head were blue.

Statements of the police are contradictory to their own investigation at points. Cops say he had been given breakfast the morning before his death — autopsy shows he had none —. There are contradictions over the time of death: cops say he was found dead while other prisoners heard Hans' voice hours after that time. One prisoner

also overheard the screws talking about Hans — that he was in a very bad way. This was several hours before his death (doctor or ambulance was not called).

One of the prisoners who heard 'too much' was held for 2½ weeks, the other is still imprisoned.

Within three days the funeral was to take place. The night before the police pressured the family into cancelling the ceremonies due to expected disturbances and talked them into burying their son that same night. Special authorisations were produced and the funeral took place in the dark, discretely.

There is still a very tense atmosphere in Amsterdam, with riot police on Dam Square and a fight after people sticking up posters escaped into a squatters bar. Media coverage about the case is mounting but the (labour) Mayor of Amsterdam is not resigning (he is finally responsible for the police).

Instead he is continuing his plans to break the squatters — last Sunday another family were evicted in their absence in the middle of the night.

SOUTH AFRICA

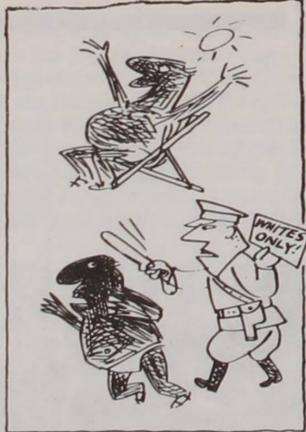
GOVERNMENT IS UNHEALTHY

Apartheid troops called in to run the Baragwanath hospital in Soweto (the biggest hospital in the Southern Hemisphere) forced sacked workers to collect their severance pay packets. The soldiers surrounded the several hundred sacked hospital workers who went on strike to improve pay and conditions as they gathered to hear a statement from the administration.

1500 nurses, kitchen staff, porters and cleaners were sacked and at one stage 700 were arrested. They are members of the Municipal and Allied Workers Union. The

South African Congress of Trade Unions have organised an appeal for the sacked workers, contact: *Health Workers Appeal, c/o SACTU, 8 Flowers Mews, London N19 3TB*

Since restrictions on journalists reporting (TV and photographs of 'incidents are banned' and anyone in the area must give themselves up to the police) death statistics now released by the police have dropped remarkably yet there is no indication that the rebellions are abating as the strict police controlled curfews etc. continue in many areas.



INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION STATEMENT

The following resolution condemning the racist regime in South Africa was passed at an IWA General Conference held recently in Paris. Delegates from the USI (Italy); FAU (Germany); CNT-Bulgaria (in exile); CNT (France); CNT (Spain); DAM (Britain) ASO (Denmark); ASF (Sweden); NSF (Norway); and, WSA (USA) attended the Conference.

Letters of apology from groups unable to attend were received from the FORA (Argentina); FORVE (Venezuela); the 'Nucleo de Apoyo' (Brasil) and the WSM (Japan) as well as from the Australian anarcho-syndicalist groups of Melbourne and Sydney.

TO ALL WORKERS OF THE WORLD:
The International Workers Association Conference held in Paris on September 27, 28 and 29, 1985, unanimously supports South Africa's working class struggle

against racial discrimination and inhuman exploitation of black workers.

Reformist trade unions throughout the world, with few exceptions, have done nothing to help their South African comrades. They fail to understand that this struggle could defeat the plans of multinationals to swamp the western world with unemployment.

The lack of international syndicalist action against the South African government and those companies & banks which are involved in the oppression of African workers is abhorrent to the world syndicalist movement whose most effective defence is solidarity regardless of the frontiers between countries.

Only an international syndicalist struggle can defeat racial oppression and capitalism in South Africa.

*IWA General Secretary
Fidel Gorron Canoyra
(on behalf of the IWA sections and
IWA Secretariat).*



SPAIN

ANTI-ANARCHIST SMEAR

A Spanish Army Captain, Julio Mula Lopez, was recently arrested by the Guardia Civil (Spain's para-military police) as the suspected author of blackmail

against capitalists. The Captain sent at least two letters signed by 'The Kropotkin Militia' to Madrid industrialists demanding 7 million pesetas. If his demands were not met he said the 'Kropotkin Militia' would inject their products with poison!

FRANCE

NATIONAL FRONT 'strategy of tension' BOMBS ITSELF



Shortly before the first round of the March, 1985 regional elections, just as the electoral contest was heating up, the Pied-Noir¹ House in Beziens was damaged by a bomb explosion. The association's President, Y. Untereiner was running as a Front Nationale² candidate in one of the Bezien townships, and the reaction created amongst the numerous pied-noir voters in the region to this action can easily be imagined, especially considering that a tract stating *Untereiner, OAS, Nazi!* had claimed the attack. Another leftist attack, or even Action Directe...

But wonder of wonders! Serge Lopez, titular Front Nationale President and his two accomplices are arrested and admit to everything a few days later. Their intention had been to create a climate of insecurity (the Arabs are no longer enough?) to therefore encourage people to vote *Untereiner*. Unfortunately, they failed to take into account the clever bl odhounds of the National Police. By chance, who would have most to gain by smearing the Front Nationale in a region in which it is gaily raking off 15-20% of the vote? Undoubtedly, in competition with the Front Nationale, the classical right had a hand in Lopez and his friends' rapid arrests, whereas the authors of many similar explosions in the Beziens area remain unknown. As well, the

journal *Midi Libre*, well-known for its links with the right, took the lead in publicising the affair.

In Montpellier, the trial of those responsible for the March '85 explosion have just come to an end. As has become the rule in situations of this type, the Front Nationale has dropped its ex-friends like hot potatoes. S. Lopez has been put away for 5 years, can receive parole after 3, and the other prison terms are lighter. Ferraci, their lawyer, claims that it is only a question of *stupidities* and *amateurl terrorists* (we'd like to see the real ones!) According to Ferraci, in fact it is the *Front Nationale* which has been *condemned through Lopez and his friends*... but Le Pen³ is still on the loose.

Group Beziens of the Federation Anarchiste

Translated by M. William from *Le Monde Libertaire* No. 592, November 7, 1985.

Translator's notes:

- 1) *Pieds Noirs*: repatriated French colonialists, who occupied all the positions of authority in the Colonies, usually including the small businesses.
- 2) *Front Nationale*: extreme right party which won 10% of the vote in the last elections. Its two main themes are 'the immigration problem' and 'social insecurity'.
- 3) *Jean-Marie Le Pen*: 'charismatic' Leader of the *Front Nationale*.

NICARAGUA

CONTRA AID GOES FULL CIRCLE

The main aid programme to the Contras who carry out attacks into Nicaragua, on behalf of the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) was devised and set up by its US chapter and personally supervised by WACL chief, General John Singlaub. Singlaub also happens to be a Pentagon adviser on Central American policy. Also supervising is Oliver North of the National Security Council. Further support for the funding programme has come from NSC aide Robert McFarlane, a confidant of President Reagan. Recently some of the funds donated via WACL have been used to set up a 'political institute' in El Salvador, headed by death squad organiser, Robert D'Aubuisson.

Another major Contra fundraiser is the *Washington Times*. The paper is owned by the Moonies Leader, Sun Myung Moon, recently released from jail after serving a sentence for tax evasion. The *Washington Times* (reportedly Reagan's favourite newspaper) is run by Anuade de Borchgrave. The fund itself, known as the Nicaraguan Freedom (sic) Fund is headed, among others, by former US/UN Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick and former US Treasury Secretary, William Simon. The Fund's first \$100,000 (its objective is to reach \$14 million) was donated by Moon's deputy, Bo Hi Pak, who is President of the media conglomerate, News World Communications, a corporation that has strong links with the South African government and which functions as a press agency in the USA for South African propaganda and disinformation. Going back to de Borchgrave, this is where the whole thing comes full circle; as an active member of

the World Strategy Network (yet another anti-Soviet 'think-tank') he collaborates regularly with its full-time coordinator, none other than the infamous Ray Cline. Cline, a former Director of the CIA, is also a Director of the Georgetown Centre for Strategic and International Studies (a think-tank for dirty tricks) and is considered to be one of the moving influences behind WACL.

On the above alone it would not be difficult to speculate that the highest authority of one of the two 'super powers' is closely allied to an organisation that is, and has been known to have been, run by some of the most notorious far-right terrorist (in the real sense of the word) organisers alive., that is the Section heads and operatives of the WACL. That White House foreign policy is heavily influenced — if not controlled — by WACL policy advisers cannot be disputed.

NB: It has also recently been reported that the new CIA section head for Europe is the same man who devised the much publicised sabotage manual for use by the Contras, namely Duane Clarridge. Clarridge was also CIA chief for Central America during the period when US offensive measures against Nicaragua were at their height. He personally supervised, for example, the bombing campaign against Nicaraguan ports, in the hope that the attacks would be used as a pretext for encouraging an invasion by Nicaragua of its neighbours, which in turn would provide the right excuse for US retaliation. What's in store for Europe, Mr Clarridge?

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

USA - El Reno Inmate Dies

Willie Myles (No. 24888-149) was a black Indian, incarcerated for the last seven years at the US Penitentiary at El Reno, Oklahoma. On Saturday, September 28, 1985, Willie was found dead under circumstances which strongly indicate a gross lack of proper precautions in the use of chemicals by inmates and reflects a callous lack of human treatment for inmates with medical problems.

Willie worked in the press factory in the prison, in which there is a large tub filled with a chemical called H2D2, distributed to the prison by *Deasply Co. Inc. PO Box 607, 121 East Main Street, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096*. The chemical is used in an enclosed area for cleaning metal; metal parts and presses are dropped into the vat containing H2D2, and sometimes H2D2 splashes onto the worker. After cleaning the parts, the worker removes the parts, and then cleans out the vat.

Standards for the use of this chemical indicate it should not be used in an enclosed building; it requires self-contained breathing apparatus, like a face mask, rubberised gloves to the shoulder, rubberised pants and boots, and a rubberised apron, as the chemical is very caustic and will eat holes in concrete. Willie was given only a pair of cotton gloves for this work.

Willie got splashed on his neck and his hands and developed a burning and itching when the area was washed with water. Soon a large, hard scab developed in the area of his neck and the condition spread to other parts of his body with large pieces of skin falling off and purple lesions appearing all over his body.

When Willie first sought medical help at the prison, he was not treated. At one point he was written up for drug abuse and placed in disciplinary segregation in response to his seeking medical help for his increasingly serious problem. Willie didn't use

drugs and a nurse at the prison is reported to have indicated her belief that the report indicating drugs in the sample sent to the Children's Hospital was a false reading. Besides, Willie's symptoms were not those of drug abuse, according to Dr. Renace Kimbrough of the Center for Disease Control.

When Willie tried to file an accident report on the condition and exposure, the safety officer refused to allow him to file the accident report. The report they tried to circulate on Willie was that Willie's condition was caused by overdose of tranquilizers and that he was a confirmed homosexual. These statements are factually incorrect.

Finally, Willie was treated with hydrocortisone cream, which may have caused his condition to recede and to enter his nervous system. At one point the prison wrapped his body with cast gauze and doused his body with water, which also may have contributed to the condition entering into his nervous system, spinal column and brain. On one occasion he sought to have the gauze changed and was refused treatment. This was recorded by Officer Holman into the log book.

Willie went to a skin specialist, Dr. Cornelisen of Oklahoma City, who did a biopsy but was unable to diagnose the condition. Willie's job was changed to the prison bed factory, but he was observed as being continually in a dazed condition and he couldn't recognize other people. He began losing weight (40-50lbs) and he developed a nerve condition which made him jerk involuntarily. Willie became very frightened and felt he was going to die. (Willie's mother has photos of him with the skin condition evident all over his body).

Finally, Willie was told, at 6.30 one evening, that there was nothing else that could be done for him; he was told his

problem was probably some kind of infection, or meningitis, or cancer. He became very ill on Friday night (9/20) and was vomiting; his memory was practically gone. One morning he was seen washing his hands at the sink, and three hours later he was still standing there washing his hands. In his cell... Willie drifted into a coma. He was not hospitalized then but was left in his cell from noon one day to noon the next day. He was moved only after a big shake-down was conducted, at which time it is reported that chemicals were removed from the prison.

Willie was taken to the Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City and tests were conducted from 1pm to 9.30pm. The officer who was with him all day said that Willie had been given ten millions units of penicillin and that he received some sort of injection for about 35 minutes. The CAT scan which was conducted evidenced 17 lesions in Willie's brain. He had a 102° temperature when he entered the hospital and it rose to 105°. On Wednesday (9/23) Willie was moved to the US Medical Centre for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo. Bob Sand, a radio reporter investigating the story, was told by Baptist Hospital that Willie had never been there.

Willie's mother, Mrs. Williams, talked with Margaret Gold the night of Sept. 26. Mrs Williams said that she had gone to visit her son at the hospital and that, at first, she had been denied access to her son. When she did reach Willie, he was unable to speak but he did squeeze her hand in response to her plea when she sat with him.

On Monday, Sept. 30, Margaret Gold received a call from Dr. Cornelisen who said that the skin condition for which he had treated Willie had cleared up by the time he checked him again in July. The doctor said the cause of death was unrelated to the skin problem, which he called Lichenplantis he said the chemical was harmless, an alkaline, and that the company claimed you

could bathe in it without problems. The doctor said there was absolutely no mistreatment and that everything had been done right; he said he had seen Willie in the Baptist Hospital on 21/9 and that Willie had been transferred to the Springfield facility on Tuesday. The doctor said he did not know the cause of death; they even suspected AIDS. The doctor said he had called Willie's mother on Monday, 30/9, to express his condolences, and was embarrassed to learn that no one had called Mrs. Williams to inform her of her son's death.

We are informed that about thirty other people have been 'burnt' by the chemical H2D2 and that they had some of the same symptoms Willie had. Their experience is that, unless they are given the wrong treatment, the condition does not spread rapidly, but will recede and reappear without apparent provocation.

We are also advised that there had been a Mexican prisoner at El Reno who had been told to clean a floor with a chemical (name unknown; the bottle just said 'chemical'). By the time the prisoner had reached the other end of the floor, the 'chemical' had eaten through the soles of his shoes and his feet; he was on crutches for some time and was then sent back to Mexico.

When LPSG called the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, they were told they felt they could not intervene without an invitation from the prison. It was suggested that OSHA might be the appropriate agency to contact. CDC then referred the matter to Dr Bruschet of the Bureau of Prisons. A call to Dr. Bruschet's office on October first resulted in an admission that the condition was serious and that he would investigate and return the call. We did not receive any further response.

You may express your feelings about these matters by writing to: *Warden, P.O. Box 1500 El Reno, Oklahoma 73036 USA*

Source — Bayou La Rose

Free Omori!

Katsuhisa Omori is an Anarchist sympathiser who has been on death row in Japan for 9 years. He was convicted of bombing a government building on Hokkaido Island in 1976. He has always protested his innocence.

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS — DENMARK

Calling for an International Letter of Appeal-Campaign

Dear Comrades,
We send you this letter urging you to participate in a letter campaign for the benefit of our Japanese comrade Katsuhisa Omori imprisoned and on the death row in Sapporo Detention Centre for 9 years.

The trial has now reached the court of second instance. The purpose of the campaign is to affect the trial and the Japanese Minister of Justice, as it is he, who (after all proceedings are exhausted) in practice decides whether a prisoner will be executed or not.

The campaign of course has to be followed up by actions. And why stick to the Japanese Embassy. There is a lot of official Japanese cultural/business/political arrangements and conferences where you can turn up. For further information: ring up your Japanese Embassy!

The wording of the appeal letter can be changed according to yourself.

Please reprint this letter of appeal, spread it out through your organisation and contacts.

On behalf of the Omori Support Group,
P.B. & L.J.
*Anarchist Black Cross, Denmark,
c/o Anarkistisk Bogcafe
Nansengade 43, 1366 Kbh. K.Denmark.*

Please send the following letter to:
*Minister of Justice,
Hiroshi Shimasaki,
Homu Sho, 1-1, Kasumigaseki,
1-Chrome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100
JAPAN*

OMORI LETTER

I am approaching you on a matter of great concern. It has come to my knowledge that a man named Katsuhisa Omori is on death row after 9 years in Sapporo Detention Centre.

I would appreciate knowing the details of the particular offences of which he was convicted.

I ask you to investigate the above matter, as I fear that the trial of Katsuhisa Omori was not in accordance with international standards.

*Yours,
(name & address here)*

The three photographs on this page were sent to us by a member of Omori's Support group in Tokyo.



1) — from left to right — Omori's father, grandmother and mother.



2) Crowds outside Sapporo Court in March 1983 during Omori's trial.



3) Members of Omori's Support Group from Tokyo, Sapporo, Osaka & Kyoto.

COMMENT

FASCISM USA STYLE — PART 1

The Order

The Order is a small armed clandestine group representative of a growing tendency within the survivalist factions. While the Populist Party is not perceived as being fascist, but definitely is aiming for the sort of broad appeal approach characteristic of many erstwhile fascist parties, in its ambition for electoral support.

The Order was the brainchild of Robert Mathews who died in a shootout with FBI agents. His plan was based on the fictional writings contained in a book, the *Turner Diaries*, that predicts a white supremacist takeover of the USA as a result of a campaign of bombings, assassinations of public figures/officials, the blowing up of energy facilities, communications systems, newspaper offices, etc. In other words, a US 'strategy of tension', based on the Euro-fascist models, but in addition employing the tactic of setting up 'pseudo-gangs' (ie. apparent 'revolutionary' resistance groups who eventually use counter-revolutionary actions). Another destabilising method is suggested in the book, that of running down the economy through a mass counterfeiting campaign, so devaluing the currency. The sort of tactics revolutionary groups could well employ, except in the scenario they had in mind, The Order and other, like minded, trained organisations, would be waiting in the wings to take over.

One Order Leader is Bruce Pierce (wanted in connection with the murder of a Jewish radio chatshow announcer/host), has already boasted of being behind a counterfeiting scheme in Washington. He has also been accused of robbery from an armoured truck (\$500,000) to help finance his operations. He has in addition been accused of involvement in a robbery in San Francisco netting a haul of \$3.6 million and of planning a hold-up at a Brinks vault also in San Francisco. The Order also uses standard political actions to fund its covert operations.

Another Order fanatic is Keith Gilbet, who lives in the Idaho area. He specialises in keeping check on FBI agents, locally and nationally, on behalf of the Order and related groups. Some years back Gilbet spent five years in San Quentin for possessing 400lbs of explosives intended to be used to kill Martin Luther King, the Black Civil Rights leader.

Both Gilbet and Pierce, as well as all Order members, have taken out life insurance policies, in which it is written that all proceeds, in the event of death, go to the Order organisation.

The aims of Gilbet, Pierce and other Order members is to carry out their campaign of violence, while at the same time preparing, together with other fascist organisations, for power. Membership of

the Order is estimated to be low.

Recently it was reported that a total of 23 members of the Order have been charged with being members of a proscribed organisation. Some of those charged have also been charged with murder, others with handling stolen money, others with harbouring, arson, robbery and counterfeiting. Complicity in the murder of the chat show host, Alan Berg, has also been levelled against two members of another fascist organisation, known as The Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, a paramilitary Christian set-up. Its leader James Ellison, has been charged with weapons offences and arson. A bomb factory was also found at one of their training camps. Just recently there has been a spate of bombings against womens' centres and abortion clinics.

Populist Party

The Populist Party last August gathered 600 delegates in Nashville, Tennessee to nominate Bob Richards for US President. Its typical populist policies (more growth, attacks on 'parasitical capitalists' — ie. a code-word for Jews — etc.) is combined with reactionary policies such as the return of racial segregation. The Leader of the Populist Party is Robert Weems who, in the late '70s, was a Knight of the Ku Klux Klan. Other KKK leaders hold prominent positions in the Populist Party.

Several Populist Party members are also members of the John Birch Society, Posse Comitatus, the Christian Defence League, etc — all well known far-right groups.

The Populist Party is more of a revival of a well established, but small party — much larger in its heyday of the '30s — than a totally new set up. The policies of the new generation are not much different from that of the older, except that they now hope to capitalise upon the resurgence in interest in the USA for far-right, fundamentalist and blatantly fascist politics.

Less of a rival, more of a stalwart or orthodox fascism is the National Socialist Party of America, headed by Gary Rex Lauck. It is now known simply as the NSDAP - AO, the US section of the Nazi international. The NSDAP - AO includes some high ranking and prominent people in its membership, including the old US Army colonel and company head. Lauck receives police protection. On the whole he doesn't get up to much, except carrying out his import activities, namely Nazi regalia from W Germany. He is seen by many within other fascist and far-right groups as a bit of a crank.

One curious item that has arisen as a result of investigations into the NSDAP - AO is that one of its admirers (and a purchaser of a Nazi armband from Lauck) was none other than Reagan's would-be assassin, Hinkley.

Christian Fascists

Robert Mathews, Leader of a group known as The Order, was killed on December 9th, 1984 after a shoot out with the FBI at his house at Whidbey Island, Puget Sound. At an earlier shoot out FBI agents captured Gary Lee Yarborough. Yarborough was wanted for shooting at FBI agents at Sandport in Idaho. Later it was discovered that at Yarborough's house was a picture of his hero, Adolf Hitler, and an arsenal of weapons that were used in the killing of anti-Klan radio talk-show host, Alan Berg. So far Yarborough has been convicted of assault and possession and has been charged with robbery (\$500,000 from a Brinks truck in Seattle) organised with Mathews. Yarborough is also a suspect in a hold-up of an armoured car heist that netted \$3.6 million. Money from the robberies was used, according to the FBI, to purchase weapons and explosives for a projected 'White American Army', whose objective was to establish a White separatist State in the Pacific Northwest.

In 1983 Mathews had formed Bruder Schweigen (Silent Brotherhood), a clandestine organisation, whose membership roughly parallels that of the Order (and which many believe are one and the same). The Silent Brotherhood was to undertake guerrilla actions in the lead up to the

establishment of the new White State. Once set up, the White Army would then organise a revolution to overthrow the 'Zionist Occupation Government'. This whole scenario was modelled after a novel called *Turners Diaries*, by William Pierce. Pierce was head of the National Alliance, a Nazi organisation based in Arlington, Virginia. In the book Turner forms a neo-Nazi group called (surprise, surprise) The Order, that takes off (would you believe) by organising a few bank jobs in order to finance the purchasing of weapons. The 'fictitious' Turners organisation then turns to counterfeiting on a massive scale so as to destabilise the 'Jew controlled' economy. From there it moves on to undertake bombings on public buildings; assassinate officials, judges, prominent Jews. The culmination is widespread race riots leading to a takeover of power by the fascists/populists.

Mathews himself began to put the Turner scenario into practice with a recruitment campaign mainly from the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian (part of the 'other' fundamentalist Christian Identity Movement) as well as from an organisation calling itself the Aryan Nations.

Aryan Nations

The Headquarters of the Aryan Nations is situated at the Couer D'Alene Forest, it is guarded by US style stormtroopers who are accompanied by dobermans. The HQ is not only a training centre but is also a community of God-fearing loonies who bring up their families on racist education and fire and brimstone theology. The Aryan Nations head preacher is Richard Butler. Butler was first initiated into the Christian Identity Movement by Colonel William Gale, a Director of guerrilla operations (ie. dirty tricks) against Filipino insurgents during the war. Gale later became Head of the Kingdom Identity Movement church in Marisopa. Butler was also an associate of Wesley Swift, of the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation (also affiliated to the Christian Identity Movement).

Together, Butler and Swift formed a paramilitary group called the Christian Defence League (in parody or imitation of the Jewish Defence League?) in the mid 60s. After Swift died in 1971, Butler took over the Christian Defence League and tried, unsuccessfully, to amalgamate it to another paramilitary, anti-tax, anti-semitic, pro-Law'n'Order, Christian grouping called the Posse Comitatus (latin for 'Power of the Country') as well as a group called the National Emancipation of the White Seed. Gale later was to become the Leader of a Posse Comitatus group once his old group, the California Rangers, had ceased to be operative. The original Posse Comitatus was founded in Portland, Oregon by Henry Beach.

In 1976 two of Butlers' 'congregation' were convicted on charges of possession (explosives, automatics, mines, napalm, etc). Soon after Butler moved his organisation to Hayden Lake, setting up the Aryan Nations, with himself as fuhrer. Almost immediately Butler was able to call on a number of far-right loonies to join his team. People like Louis Beam Jr and Gary Lee Yarborough. Beam was the Grand Dragon of the Texas KKK. He was also suspected of being involved in the blowing up of a liberal station in California and another radio station in Houston. Beam now functions as the 'roving ambassador' of the Aryan Nations. Currently he is based in Dallas, where he heads a weekly TV chat show as well as running a fascist computer network on behalf of Aryan Nations.

Yarborough and Mathews relationship go as far back as the mid-60's when they were both involved in a California-based organisation called the Aryan Brotherhood. Yarborough himself served time in the Arizona prison for burglarly and theft. In 1979 Yarborough used his skills to set up and run the Aryan Nations print shop, publishing racist crap.

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Those who take part in it, with the exception already referred to of N. Ireland, are almost entirely from the new mandarin class — not the technocrats, who can cross frontiers and allegiances at the drop of a hat, but the academic type mandarins, who are losing out, and those whose road to power is also a road for self-survival.

Teachers, professors, doctors, writers, lawyers make up the Nationalist 'revolutionaries' — or separatists, as their opponents call them — particularly in their student phase while they are still excluded from grasping out to what power is going.

Whether in Catalonia or Wales, it is not the workers — who speak Catalan or Welsh but don't make a fetish of it — who are the 'Nationalists': it is those who see themselves as the producers of Catalan or Welsh films, writer of Catalan or Welsh radio, stars of native-speaking films, lecturers of native culture, who go for it in a big way.

The workers see themselves held back by a different language and maybe delude themselves that if it wasn't for that they could have made it to the top, and meanwhile watch Dallas or Dynasty on TV. The would be mandarin finds far less competition if language acts as a filter, and most of them learn 'their' language as a second language, since the last bourgeois generation wanted to know nothing of it (in Wales) or couldn't use it (in Catalonia).

The 'failed mandarin' class, which is the impetus for neo-nationalism, at other times finds itself in the Left and espouses whole package-deals of the New Left. They have substituted for the workers' struggle their own struggle for liberation. To such an extent have they been successful that in half the world they have now achieved power, and their 'failed mandarins' have turned to nationalism.

To conclude this series we will therefore look at 'the left' and the 'failed mandarins'.

Psychological Operations

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS MORE REVOLUTIONARY THAN THE REVOLUTIONARIES!

Joe Burton ran a pseudo-gang called the Red Star Cadre. It began in Tampa, Florida USA, and led to offshoots in other parts of the States. The main hey-day of the RSC was the period 1972-75. Affecting Maoist and sometimes Castroist ideology, the RSC gained quite a following. Burton, in fact, was an FBI agent, whose main brief was to organise the infiltration of legitimate left groups, either in a classic agent provocateur capacity or in order to get information. The political texts of the RSC were, more often than not, written by Burton's bosses.

A typical tactic of the RSC was to appear to be 'more revolutionary' than the other left factions; RSC groups would accuse other left groups of being revisionists in order to sow the seeds for further factionalism.

Other similar set-ups to the RSC include the National Caucus of Labor Committees (based in the USA) and the Australian Populist Movement. The former organisation grew on its reputation for direct action and confrontation. Its politics were seemingly

Marxist. Headed by Lyndon LaRouche, it eventually turned on militant labour unions for being too reformist. Before long, after a campaign of violence directed at trade

union groups, the real politics of the organisation were exposed by those in the anti-fascist movement.

As for the Australian Populist Movement like the RSC, many on the left thought of their politics as being Maoist. That their Maoism was profoundly nationalistic was seen as no contradiction — and so it wasn't. Anarchists, however were suspicious from the beginning and more recently the APM has been revealed as a front for the neo-fascist National Action Party (they have fraternal relations with the UK National Front), which in turn is the power behind another front, National Vanguard, based in Queensland. National Action Party members are suspected of being behind a recent arson attack on the Perth offices of the Australian Communist Party. The APM is led by Vietnam War Veteran Jack van Tongeren; its politics are a mixture of anti-capitalism and anti-Marxism and its tactics are organised around the predictable incitement for street violence.

