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## 'SPYCATCHER' PUBLISHER IN LEAGUE WITH GOVERNMENT

In legal documents, passed on to *Black Flag*, Heinemann Press have admitted that they have an agreement with the British Government to forewarn the authorities of any attempt they learn of to publish a UK edition of the controversial book, *Spycatcher*, by Peter Wright.

In their preliminary legal response to Hooligan Press' pre-defence statement Heinemann argued that one of the reasons for their intervention - in addition to what they believe to be breach of copyright - is that they have given an undertaking to the Treasury Solicitor (British Government) not to publish or allow to be

published *Spycatcher* without 'prior notice to him'. In other words their intervention is not only on grounds of self-interest (profit) but also unofficially on behalf of the Government, who presumably were fully informed of Heinemann's intervention as soon as the decision was taken.

The documents which *Black Flag* received also included a copy of the legal contract between Heinemann and Peter Wright and signed by both parties. This contract gives a full breakdown of all the royalties Wright is to get for the sales of his book. Up until now this information has not been openly available.

In regard to the injunction made against Hooligan Press and 'BM Hooligan (a male)' this also applies to 'their servants or agents or otherwise howsoever or under any name whether colourably resembling Hooligan or Hurricane or otherwise'. The extension of the injunction to include 'Hurricane' - referred to recently in *The Times* as 'an extremist group' - indicates the length Heinemann are prepared to go to act with the British Government in limiting the availability of Wright's allegations.

Heinemann, however, in their statement to the Court, have also expressed reservations about recovering damages from Hooligan should the injunction be ignored. Heinemann described Hooligan as a 'shadowy organisation', who they can only reach through their accommodation address.

In their preliminary defence statement Hooligan for their part have argued that as Peter Wright was in breach of confidentiality to the British Government, and as he has also possibly breached the Official Secrets Act, then Heinemann are legally unable to publish in the UK because of the Courts ruling that to do so would further Mr Wright's breach of his obligations. Hooligan, therefore, hold that Heinemann are excluded from any copyright in the UK since by law they are unable to publish. In this respect, Hooligan argue, any dispute is really between Hooligan Press and Her Majesty's Government, which to date has not acted against Hooligan.

In the meantime it is rumoured that the last, and most controversial paragraph of the *Spycatcher* book is to be pirated by some 'small time operators' who will include in this cheap edition other material not that unconnected with the *Spycatcher* affair and the plot to destabilise the Wilson government.

We also hear that certain other book-shops, known for selling anarchist material, have had injunctions served on them too. Later two of these book-shops were visited by a 'couple of yuppies' purporting to sell them pirated copies of *Spycatcher*. Presumably it could have been a set-up, or there

again it may have just been a matter of radical 'free enterprise'. Talking of which, a certain reporter from a well known London listings magazine was offered a considerable sum of money to track down the Hooligan people. The reporter refused to take the offer up. Elsewhere the Hooligan story hit the main TV news in the USA network and was even featured on the TV news in Hong Kong.

Possibly the next step to spread the fun even further would be for pirating to become an epidemic, with hundreds of people publishing reprints from the book, selling them as they can... Heinemann are hardly likely to issue hundreds of injunctions - the costs would be gigantic!

## Acquittal Proves Guilt!

Secret Service agents (in the intervals between writing post-retirement best-sellers) 'leaked' a story to the *Murdoch News of the World* picked up by the *Daily Mail* next day. Jeremy Corbyn MP was employing a research assistant who had been acquitted of 'terrorist' offences in Northern Ireland. (A pre-Murdoch-era film which centred around an acquitted woman's life being dragged by the press years later was slated by critics as 'hardly likely').

Ronan Bennett was formerly associated with Irish nationalist politics; while in jail he contacted anarchists; he came to England and associated with Black Flag (though always trying to reconcile republicanism and anarchism). Caught up in the 'Persons Unknown' trial he was again acqui-

tted—despite Judge King-Hamilton combining his judicial duties with propaganda and prosecution.

In recent years he veered away from us to Labour Party reformism, albeit left-wing. That's how he came to research for Corbyn on the so-called 'anti-terrorism laws' and got access to the House of Commons, to which right wing terrorists have open access at all times. But to the media he is still a 'self-confessed anarchist'.

'Kick this anarchist out of the Commons' boldly proclaims timid John Deans, self-confessed 'diplomatic' correspondent of the notorious *Daily Mail*, which introduced fascism to this country. He personally couldn't kick a football back to the kids but knows how to wield a malicious pen in the interests of diplomacy.

Says Deans: '(Bennett) was arrested... along with other members of the notorious Black Flag anarchist group—which helps political prisoners throughout Europe'. Strange that helping political prisoners makes one notorious—and clearly Deans wants them in jail for ever, as in fascist countries: no other reason for our notoriety is suggested but 'anarchist' is always good for shock horror. Over at the *News of the World*, behind guarded doors at Fortress Wapping, one Alex Marunchak ('notorious' to us) gives the same 'exclusive' story. Ronan here 'was once a member of the Black Cross anarchist group—dedicated to setting up a Russian-style dictatorship!' Mr Marunchak is not as ignorant as he appears. He is trying to conceal his own past guilt in regard to 'Russian dictatorship' which he must deny to his new masters. It is amazing that after nearly a century and a half of anarchist propaganda, books and articles, meetings and activity, the tabloids can still appeal to a total lack of knowledge and get away with it. But that doesn't just apply to their anti-anarchism!



Ronan Bennett

## March Of The Ramboids

Michael Ryan shot fourteen people to death before killing himself. The town of Hungerford, Berkshire, has since been invaded by police, politicians, sociologists, pulp journalists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and sky-pilot pulpsters—all spouting *WHY DID HE DO IT?*

He was a quiet, apparently bullied, lad at school, where he would have been taught about the Empire, (built on slavery and massacre of tribal peoples) but not about resistance to the British State. He learned to become a 'man' which he later equated with the trade of weapons and the sport of shooting.

He had problems regarding women, except his mother, who loved him and when they fell out he went on to kill anyone. The Rambo culture (kill-kill-kill) that has grown out of 'survivalism' has seen religion return from deserved obscurity, racialism, fear of strangers, law and order/crime panics and an uncertain future with ecological disasters.

If you're brought up in a society to respect bullies, gangs, politicians and military/state backed authoritarians, you can start to do what the other lads do and whinge about outsiders (foreigners, tourists, immigrants, other religions), beat the wife and kids, animals and any others you can get away with. They only 'get what they deserve'!

Ryan developed greater shooting skills and the weapons he was legally permitted to have enabled him to kill more people than the usual murderer. But he is not exceptional. There is no examination of military commanders who can kill a great many more passively and get away with it—because they serve the State's national interest they are held as example to follow. 'Heroes' to emulate nowadays, in imperial decline, are no longer idealised British, like Nelson or Drake, set in the unattainable past (but setting attitudes). They are fictionalised American, like Rambo, set in the achievable present. The Rambo film puts a trained murderer in an urban situation which is the wrong place—he even kills some cops—but is saved for official murder by the State.

Michael Ryan's are like himself just victims—the capitalists use the poor to kill the poor—but how many hopeless, bored, enraged people are there like him with cheap weapons, in London alone?

*They talk of reforming the gun laws. Ryan's guns were all legally held. He was cleared to have guns by the police because he was deemed reliable, i.e. right-wing 'survivalist', precisely the type of person who would use them in the way he did. The gun laws only ban people who would defend themselves against him and his like.*

**BLACK FLAG**, the anarchist newspaper, seems to have hit on a jolly wheeze for getting round the injunction on its mysterious sister organisation, Hooligan Press, over its attempt to publish a pirated version of *Spycatcher*. Its current front page bears what is described as an "unexpurgated version" of part of the book.

In fact, the passage is a partially rewritten version of pages 367 to 369 of the American edition—the bit that deals with the invitation to Wright to join in a plot to topple Harold Wilson. But the point of the rewrite job is that the revised version includes names purporting to be those of the anonymous "businessman" who set up the encounter and his backers.

The identity of the businessman and former magazine proprietor will be familiar to readers of *Private Eye*, and quite a number of the other names are equally familiar.

But the point about the exercise is that Mr Wright has been strongly criticised for naming all sorts of people involved in actual security operations, while leaving out the names of the rich, powerful and well connected people who engaged in the alleged anti-Wilson plot.

'The Guardian'.

N.B. In a press statement Hooligan Press have renounced copyright on the phrase 'violent punk anarchism', which they accept is the property of a fiction writer and Economic League agent, Jamie Dettmer, who sometimes goes under the title of Political Editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*.

## SWEAT SHOP STRIKE

A strike involving mainly Asian women at a company that is little more than a giant sweat shop could well turn into another Grunwicks.

The dispute is at Sari Fabrics, which recently slashed rates of pay for piece-workers to the extent that the average weekly pay for some is now as low as 30 pounds. The women on strike are members of the GMBATU, which has made the strike official.

The firm, based at St Mary's Road, on the Sydenham Estate, makes fancy goods including tea-towels, bags, table-mats and tea cosies. Many of those on strike have worked at the firm for 10 years or so. Some are single parents and cannot make ends meet.

The strike has now been going for

three weeks. The women point out that their wage losses have in fact been partly paid to office workers, who recently got a pay increase. The strikers believe that management thought they could take advantage of the women and that they could get the pay cuts through without any trouble. Company policy is to get rid of the 'troublemakers' and replace them by YTS recruits and homeworkers, who will be paid far less.

The women have responded by setting up picket lines and have succeeded in stopping delivery lorries from entering the plant. They have also managed to stop a British Telecom van and a Lynx Express truck from crossing the line.

## JAPAN

### Silence Is Complicity

Japan seems particularly in vogue these days. You can read all about 'its wonderful company unions'. And currently on Britain's Channel 4 TV you can watch an endless amount of Japanese made documentaries, films and game shows. But why isn't the whole story told? About the death penalty, for example, where the friends and relatives of the condemned victim are told the date of the execution *after* the event instead of before.

One such victim of Japan's particularly barbaric judiciary system is Katsuhisa Omori - well known to *Black Flag* readers for his alleged involvement in the bombing of government offices on the Japanese island of Hokkaido in 1976. Now he rots on death row in Sapporo detention centre because he refuses to degrade himself in front of the Japanese courts and renounce his anti-statist views.

Of course the TV channels won't make a documentary about him. And Amnesty International will hardly organise a campaign to free him because any contact with anyone accused of violent political activities will go against its precious image. And nor do the left wish to intervene - there simply isn't enough recruitment potential in helping to save his life. However, if Omori was a member of the ANC or the IRA, there would be thousands of leftists wasting their time offering their symbolic support. A Japanese anarchist sympathiser isn't simply in fashion.

Omori's 39th appeal court hearing was held on May 7 but all demands by his defence lawyer to get new evidence examined proving his innocence were rejected. A date for summing-up statements by both the defence and prosecution was provisionally set in August, but later postponed until September. A final decision on the appeal is expected at the end of October or in early November. If it fails Omori's last hope will then rest on the Supreme Court in Tokyo - an institution not known for its liberal views. The October/November decision is therefore seen by many as Omori's last and possibly final chance.

In response to some of the apathy surrounding his case the Anarchist Black Cross (London) is supporting calls for a week of action to be held in the first week of November (November 2 - 8). Groups, individuals and organisations who support Omori are urged to participate. In London a demonstration will be held on Friday November 6th outside the Japanese embassy (46 Grosvenor Square, London) between 12 noon and 2pm.

Silence is complicity.



#### APOLOGY

We apologise for the extra later appearance of this issue of *Black Flag*. This has mainly been due to various illnesses that have struck some members of the collective we won't go into all the details; also visits to comrades abroad and attending important national and regional meetings (DAM, Black Cross, etc). It would be a lot easier if more people were involved in the production of the paper, but that requires a regular commitment which seems to put a lot of people off.

## ARGENTINA

# MILITARY COUP LOOMS

Is a new military coup being prepared in Argentina? Our correspondent in Rosario gives one opinion.

The due obedience law\* has already been passed in parliament and acknowledged by the Supreme Court of Justice. Every day more and more armed forces personnel and civilians who violated the most fundamental human rights during the military dictatorship walk out of their (luxury) jails.

This is the result of concessions granted by the Radical (party) government to army mutineers during the Easter weekend events just after the pope's visit. Assassins and torturers like Astiz, Doctor Berges, General Etcheolatz (Buenos Aires' ex-chief of police) and numerous others have all been released. Meanwhile a wave of attacks against party political offices and people's homes has swept the country over the last few days, consequently exposed in the right-wing press as proof of a 'revival of subversive activities' - a lie promoted by reactionary sectors in order to provoke a witch-hunt against the left. The implementation of such a witch-hunt would be a logical step to take following the amnesty of mass-murderers.

And concessions granted to the reactionary sectors, specifically the military, can be seen within a broader right-wing offensive, ending with a re-organisation of right-wing forces - a process which began with the installation of a constitutional government in 1983.

The military uprising over Easter weekend was an act aimed on the one hand to win for the military a series of 'immediate' demands, while on the other hand it served as a gauge to see how the civilian population (especially the working class) would react in the face of a military coup. The mobilisation by a significant part of the Argentinian population against the military coup forced the military to abandon its immediate demand, ie, a total amnesty.

Nevertheless, the mutineers (and their allies on the right) tried, and try, to present themselves as 'friends of the people', 'heroes', 'betrayed by generals' and 'idealists' (not that dissimilar to the latest rebellion in the Philippines). For the time being, however, attempts to project Lieutenant-Colonel Rico and supporters as saviours of the nation have met with little success. But as the social-economic crisis worsens the acceptability of fascist solutions might gain a foothold within the popular sectors. If this is indeed the case the Easter weekend



Scene from the 1976 military coup. By the end of the dictatorship 300,000 Argentinians had 'disappeared'. Will there be a repeat performance soon?

events can be made comparable to the Nazi putsch in 1923.

Certainly those sectors traditionally most interested in a military coup (basically the US government and big business) aren't currently disposed towards such adventures as Alfonsín's government responds loyally to all those interests. The same phenomenon can be seen within the trade union bureaucracy, which is well integrated into the government since the appointment of the general secretary of the electrician's union (one of the most powerful) as Minister of Labour.

Regarding the popular sectors, since the large scale demonstrations during Easter weekend in all major cities (including the surrounding of several military barracks) there hasn't really been any major developments, despite the obvious submissiveness of the government before military pressure. There have been several small-scale protests, the most recent being a hunger strike by young members of the organisation 'Radicalismo de Liberación' (a dissident sector of the ruling Radical Party) in protest against

the passing of the due obedience law. The strike took place in Rosario and it is a sign of the times that this time these youngsters took part in an individual type of protest in the hope of influencing public opinion.

The Impulso group of Anarchists, alongside other organisations who reject concessions offered willingly to the biggest terrorists in the world, have expressed their solidarity with the young radical dissidents. Other recent anarchist activities have included the initiation of a series of anti-militarist activities which began with a meeting in July at the Jose Ingenieros bookshop in Buenos Aires and will hopefully end with a demonstration. It could be these sort of activities that might help to shake off the prevailing apathy and resignation.

SOURCE: Grupo Impulso (Rosario)

\* The due obedience law amnesties all low to middle ranking army officers involved in human rights abuses (torture, murder, etc) during the recent military dictatorship between 1976 and 1983.

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point the paper published what it alleged to be the names of the leaders of the November 17 Movement (a Maoist/vanguardist armed struggle group). These names turned out to be names of prominent members of PASOK, many of whom were of an element opposed to the ruling section.

#### ANARCHIST RESURGENCE

At major anarchist demonstrations for 2000 to turn up is not unusual. Last November that is precisely what happened and in an ensuing riot several police were disarmed. The Minister of the Interior at the time swore that the anarchists could 'no longer be tolerated'.

In recent weeks anarchists at Hania (Crete) organised demonstrations and pickets outside the main US/NATO naval base at Souda, there has been an intervention in support of an Italian political refugee (Fellini) who the Greek authorities are trying to deport (thus setting a legal precedent), there has been an intervention on behalf of a South African woman condemned to death

(see separate article) - all of which has meant problems for the authorities.

It is by no means uncommon for even tiny anarchist demonstrations to mean that scores of plain clothes cops and provocateurs are sent in to undertake surveillance, provoke trouble and make arrests. And it is with this sort of background and the latest wave of direct action attacks that has helped to increase tension.

Also, it is worth pointing out the role of the anarchists in the growing campaign against the new national I/D measures. At present all Greek nationals have to carry I/D but by the end of the year a new, unique, number will be allocated to every citizen. The anarchists have pointed out that this number will help the authorities coordinate surveillance better. It will be used via a new computer system to link together personal files on all individuals held by the Health authorities as well as files held by the Police and the Army and other institutions. The anarchists are the main grouping behind the campaign to get the new I/D system scrapped.

#### SMEAR CAMPAIGN

The start of the current campaign waged against the anarchists was apparent with a smear story that recently hit

the front page of a national newspaper.

*Ethnos*, a pro-PASOK, pro-Communist paper published two articles (one a double-page spread) on the anarchist movement in Greece and in particular on some of the recent incidents of direct action. The front page article included a picture from a meeting of a countrywide meeting of anarchists held last year at Patra. However the story that went with the picture referred to a more recent meeting organised by the newly formed Union of Anarchists. A similar story, showing the same photo, appeared also in a royalist paper. This time, though, the story was headlined on the November 17 Movement with the allusion that the anarchists, in particular the Union of Anarchists, were linked to the Maoist armed struggle group. In Britain it would be like saying there was a direct connection between the anarchists and, say, the IRA - a fabrication the repercussions of which could be enormous. The Union of Anarchists meeting was described in the story as a 'secret meeting', and indeed it was (by invitation only) to avoid police infiltration. Ironically the exact source of the smear was later discovered to be a known police informer and collaborator, Nikos Zervonikalakis.

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# BRITAIN'S STRATEGY OF TENSION

The background to some of the dealings between armed struggle groups, terrorist outrages, CIA support and the Ghaddaffi conduit (see article 'How Crewe Became A Centre For State Terrorism') is timely not just because of the Contragate context but also because of the more recent change in direction of the fascist movement in, say, Britain.

Statist terrorism takes many forms - from republicanism, to outright nationalism, to proto-fascism, etc. The vanguardist armed struggle groups of the Marxist-Leninists became a classic case where destabilisation worked both ways, the problem being that they had managed to divorce armed resistance from social revolution, mainly because they were not part of any workers' movement. The forces of the right were

able to exploit this to its logical end.

We have shown in past issues how the ubiquitous Colonel Ghaddaffi - an easy target for manipulation and himself a great manipulator - had been funding the Falange in Spain. There were overtures, too, by Derek Holland of the National Front for a strategic alliance with Libya. And a big question mark still hangs over the deal the NF made with the Peoples' Bureau before the Fletcher killing.

But the inconsistencies - or apparent inconsistencies - do not end there. There was the Barbie case. It's now common knowledge that Barbie's lawyer, Verges, had his client's case funded by the head of the Swiss Nazi party (who also, by the way, funded the defence by Verges - a Communist Party member - of the Black September hi-jackers). And when Ghaddaffi last year hosted an international conference some Greenham Common women were ostracised for not being deferential enough, although Ghaddaffi went down like a bomb with British black separatist Spartacus R and some Canadian Nazi party members.

## POPULIST CULTURE

In a recent issue of *Searchlight*, the anti-fascist magazine, a well-written critique of the way the left generally places emphasis on tokenism and attacking racism 'from within' serves to castigate those who have allowed fascists to quietly get on with murdering Asians unchallenged while the protest marches and the propaganda churns on. About the best thing to come out of this magazine for some time and a sign that the anarchist way is finally filtering upwards, even if uncredited.

The critique goes on to say that while the deeds of fascists are only too visible the perpetrators are not, and are invariably able to continue their terror without interference. (This is tantamount to official police protection and unofficial police approval, if the mere evidence of the few number of arrests or raids is taken as a measure). In the '70's it was easier for the left to confront the fascists, who were preoccupied with electoral successes (or rather failures). Today many have gone underground, disowning electoralism, preferring infiltration of mainstream Conservatism or municipal councils and stirring up hatred amongst an army of unknown supporters who come and go.

The fascist's leaderships can boast 'not guilty' - they have not done anything personally. A sort of small scale plausible denial. The methods of the '70's cannot intimidate the fascists of the '80's.

*Searchlight* accuses the left of 'increasingly incorporating into its ideology and practice more populist and palliative forms of 'anti-racism', such as racism awareness training. Some people even try to argue that dealing with the internal racism of individuals is actually more profound and difficult a task than is for example confronting the violent racism of the National Front'.

And the same surely applies to sexism and violence against women? Sexist attitudes can only change through education, but if attacks on

women generally are not directly confronted then it all becomes a mind game, part of trendy culture.

While the fascists are taking their own direct action the left is more concerned with consciousness, process, structure and appearance. 'The question of who we are and what our organisations look like - are we black enough, female enough, gay enough, have we addressed our internalised racism enough? - become more important than what we do.'

These tendencies are not just confined to anti-racism and anti-sexism. Getting off our collective backsides and organising the unorganised in the workplace, for example, is far more of an effort than handing out leaflets on a picket line.

## UNDERGROUND/OVERGROUND

The strategy of the British fascist movement now is to move in two parallel directions. An underground terrorist movement is to be complemented by an overground political organisation, but both are to be kept separate for security reasons. The new guru of the movement and the architect of the new plan is none other than a resurrected Colin Jordan, who hopes to unite the disparate elements. The BNP and the 'Flag' wing of the NF will come together to prioritise political action, in the shape of infiltration of the main parties, local groups, etc. The Griffin gang (the 'third positionist' wing of the NF) and some of the remnants of the old British Movement and Column 88 will form the covert section which will carry out attacks on its enemies, racial and political.

Out of the master plan has emerged a strategy, too, to exploit the racism

that is within the black communities themselves. Separatism is the name of the game. Hence the NF's support for people like Louis Farrakhan, whose black separatist followers are also funded (to the tune of \$15m) by Ghaddaffi. The supremacy of Islamic separate development nicely dovetails into this racial strategy. And when anti-zionism, the fad of the Marxist-Leninist left, is blurred with anti-Jew, well that would fit in nicely too with the NF's pseudo anti-capitalism.

The links between the anti-Jew nationalism of Libya and the National Front are not that unknown to Special Branch (at least according to *Searchlight*, whose Gerry Gable is in their confidence). Just as the police tolerate openly the attacks by racists on ethnic minorities, so the security establishment also allows the fascist leadership to continue without harassment to plan out their long term strategy to destabilise the multiracial society we now have. The truth is we already have a 'strategy of tension'. The attacks, murders and burnings against Asians are escalating. And these attacks are complemented by the institutionalised violence against the ethnic communities and the oppression of the police.

These reactionary forces have to be confronted by direct action, which is not an end in itself, as some would think, but which must come out of our own social revolution that is created as we progress and get stronger.

## Hitler's Klanarchist

The rhetoric is anti-State. "They picture me as a threat to the nation," Robert Miles told *Metropolitan Detroit* magazine (June 1987), referring to the FBI. "But let me tell you the kind of threat I am: I publish a newsletter. I don't harm or threaten anyone. Granted, I don't like the government—I'm an anarchist, in fact. But these Ollie Norths see sedition in the five cows I have out in my pasture."

On April 24, Miles and nine other white supremacists were indicted by a



Fort Smith, Arkansas federal grand jury for sedition, a rarely-used charge not employed since World War II. Miles and the others are charged with conspiring between mid-1983 and early 1985 to overthrow the U.S. government and establish an Aryan Nation.

The prosecutions underscore what has been a resurgence of violence by the racial right in this country. During the last three years, Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis have committed more violence than they had during the preceding 20 years. The government holds Miles, the nation's top white supremacist, responsible.

Some have described Miles, ex-grand dragon of the Michigan United Klans of America (UKA), as a "Klanarchist." Miles calls sedition "the charge of tyrants." He describes FBI agents as "unwashed dogs" and refers to Washington as "Le Cesspool Grande."

Since late 1985, Miles has positioned himself as a secessionist. He has emerged as the leading proponent nationwide promoting the idea of a Rocky Mountain Republic encompassing the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Miles calls his plan the "10 Percent Solution," referring to the percentage of Americans living in the region. The scheme has not attracted any coverage from the Detroit news media. In the Northwest, however, Miles and his plan have received extensive coverage, and opposition from residents less than thrilled about an invasion of white supremacists.

Meanwhile, Miles regularly attacks the State and organized religion in his newsletter, *From the Mountain*, while promoting secession. "Just as today, see the

combination of the churches and the State combine to destroy man's freedom," Miles wrote (March/April 1987). "It matters not that one is called a king, while the other is called a leader of organized religion. Whether on TV, shaking down the peasants, or robbing them blind by the organs of the State, the end result is identical."

Miles' rhetoric is anti-State. But the reality is something quite different. An analysis of Miles' speeches and writings reveal not so much a contempt for government per se as contempt for this government.

Miles is not your typical racist. He has even made repeated overtures to the Left, and attempted to forge an anti-State united front. "Your nature is such that you love government," Miles wrote in an essay (November/December 1985) which scolds his right-wing followers for ignoring the Left.

"You want to be the honest citizen who is the model of deportment in his community," Miles wrote. "You want to be a friend of the policeman. You want to obey all laws. That is your nature. You are not like the left. The Left supporter knows that government is his foe. He hates it. He despises the police. He has contempt for the Constitution. He adores disorder and chaos. . . The Left is a natural revolutionary."

The Nazis had their left-wing too; and Hitler rose to power with elements of a leftist program merged into his National Socialist Workers Party. Today, this process can be seen in the European "Third Way Movement" which has brought together elements of the statist ultra-right and ultra-left who chant "Hitler and Mao united in struggle."

Had Miles been living in Germany 60 years ago, he may very well have been a Gregor Strasser. As it is today, Miles is merely using an old formula to sell a new audience not as familiar with World War II as he is.

—Greg Kaza

From *Fifth Estate*.

*COMMENT: The situation is not helped by people on the fringes of the 'anarchist movement' who see direct action as an end in itself. Anarchism (or rather 'anarchy') is seen by them as a sort of rebellion against parent figures, teacher figures... everything must be attacked. Some of these people even refer to themselves as 'chaotics', which is derived from a media distortion of anarchism. Smashing cars - any cars - is fair game. It's all part of the shock value, like fashion can sometimes be. The Anglo-Saxon culture in particular seems to cater for these lunatics. In Britain it comes out as a sort of class fundamentalism (usually by middle class drop-outs) and a disrespect for everything as a matter of principle. In the USA it leads to trendy radicals masquerading as anarchists, who live off their parents trust funds to pay for fines when they get into trouble.*

*These parasites support the drug culture, wouldn't know what sexism or racism was if it stated them in the face and, like the Tory right, believe that class differences are a thing of the past. No wonder with people like that around you get people like Robert Miles professing 'anarchism'.*

# Anarchist Black Cross News

Latest news from the USA is that prisoner John Perotti (see *Black Flag* 174) has recently lost a civil rights case against prison doctors, staff and the Director of Corrections in Cincinnati for inadequate medical treatment and facilities. He is now faced with a \$3000 fine for court costs and is in desperate need of financial assistance. Donations should be sent to John Perotti, 1142 Hall Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107, USA.

In December 1985 Theresa Ramashamola and five others were sentenced to death by hanging by the South African authorities for their alleged involvement in the murder of Mr Khuzwayo Dlamini, an official of a puppet township government.

The trial of the Sharpville 6, as they are called, was characterised by testimony of torture, coerced witnesses and shaky evidence. Theresa - 23 at the time of her arrest - was tortured and later suffered further injuries while in police custody.

On September 8 and 11 protests were held on Theresa's behalf in several countries. In Greece members of the Anarchist Black Cross handed out leaflets outside the South African Airways office in Athens. The ABC was also in attendance at an earlier picket organised by comrades in Athens.

If Theresa is executed she will be the first woman in South Africa to be killed this way (ie murder by legal process).

Leonid Gromov, 24, an autoworker, was arrested in 1985 after setting fire to military vehicles designated for Afghanistan. He stated that he wanted to 'prevent the killing of civilians in Afghanistan'. He was sentenced to Kazan Special Psychiatric Hospital. Send protest letters to Col. Valitov, PO Box UE-1481 st-6, Kazan Tartar ASSR, USSR. Yegor Volkov has been in psychiatric institutions since 1967 for organising a strike. Protest letters to: Dr Georgy Morozov, Serbsky Institute of Forensic Psychiatry, Kropotkin Lane 23, Moscow, USSR; or Dr Ludmila Butenkova, Special Psychiatric Hospital, IZ-231, SPB, Blago shevensk, Amur Region 67500, USSR. Letters can also be sent to Volkov at the latter address.

The present address of Avi Naftel is A. Naftel 938926, 225 W. Madison Street, Phoenix, Ariz 85003 U.S.A.

*Update:* He is not in solitary in Phoenix any longer. He is out of his cell ten hours a day and has access to a pay phone. The trial was to take place on Sept 10 but he is applying for a court order to examine the files on him.

## Avi Naftel writes:

*The attorney, the prosecutor and the judge, in a pre-trial conference, agreed my sentence of 25 years was unjustified (but legal); they thought harsh considering the facts and said it was unusual to prosecute an attempted escape and the prosecutor said he would not have done so but for 'instructions from higher up'. Though only the most grievous crimes are not plea-bargained, the prosecutor said he was ordered not to offer a plea bargain (plead guilty for lesser time). My attorney took a keen interest in this, asking if it showed evidence of my claim of being politically punished. The judge therefore gave the very rare decision for me to act as co-counsel—participate in my own defence on the same status as my attorney, in what she agreed was an unbalanced situation.*

Anthony Edwards 394634 at HMP Long Lartin, S. Littleton, Evesham, Worcs would like to correspond with a woman comrade.

# The CNT FIGHTING FOR AN ANARCHIST SOCIETY

## INTRODUCTION

Much has been written about Spain's anarcho-syndicalist union - the CNT - in the anarchist press over the years, not least in *Black Flag*. But how many people really know how it operates, how it is organised and what are its aims?

Here, as part of a series on anarchist organisation, we reproduce the CNT's statutes - a copy of which is given to every new affiliate. We hope that it will help broaden the discussion within anarchist circles around the possible future direction of the movement. The CNT is affiliated to the International Workers Association.

## STATUTES OF THE CONFEDERACION NACIONAL DEL TRABAJO

### PART 1 - OBJECT OF THE CONFEDERATION

#### Article 1.

Under the name of the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo this organisation, constituted in Spain, proposes the following:

a) To work in order to develop the spirit of association amongst workers on the understanding that through such means alone can we improve our material and moral condition within society today and in order to prepare the way for complete emancipation in the future, through the conquest of the means of production and consumption.

b) To practise mutual aid between affiliates, not only during strikes but wherever and whenever the situation arises.

c) To maintain relations with all other affinity workers' organisations, national or international, in order to achieve a common understanding that will lead to the total emancipation of workers.

#### Article 2.

In order to achieve these goals the Confederation and the unions that are affiliated to it will use direct action at all times, never allowing any economic or social workers struggle to go to arbitration, thus freeing the workers' struggle from all political or religious interference.

### PART 2 - CONCERNING UNIONS

#### Article 3.

This Confederation will consist of Industrial (or branch) unions spread throughout the country regardless of their size, which together will form local, district or regional federations, without regard to race or sex.

#### Article 4.

Unions affiliated to the Confederation will enjoy the greatest possible freedom, especially in all matters relating to aspects of the industry that the union represents. Temporary measures will be adopted as each union sees fit, providing they do not clash with those taken by the majority of the Confederation.

#### Article 5.

To affiliate to the Confederation a union only has to send an exact copy of the minutes of the meeting during which the decision to affiliate was taken to the National, Regional or Local federation as well as details of the size of the union, its address, its constitution and, if appropriate, any other relevant statistical details.

#### Article 6.

Each section of the CNT will receive dues from each of its members amounting to 120 pesetas per month to be divided in the following way:

20 ptas. to the National Committee  
20 ptas to the Regional Committee  
20 ptas to the Local Federation.  
20 ptas. to the Prisoners Support Committee  
40 ptas to the union (branch).

The Confederation in turn is obliged to publish in *CNT* (the confederal newspaper) a report and accounts every three months detailing all income and expenditure. When several villages form a district federation, dues that

would normally go to the Local will go instead to the former.

### PART 3 - CONCERNING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

#### Article 7.

The Confederation will have a National Committee for administrative and coordinating purposes. It will be made up of five affiliates chosen at a general meeting of unions in the area where the National Committee is based. It will also include a delegate from each of the Regional Confederations. It will meet whenever appropriate, but no less than every three months.

#### Article 8.

The posts of the Secretariat that make up the National Committee will be as follows:

a General Secretary, a Treasurer (who will also take responsibility for legal matters and prisoners support), a Press Secretary, an International Secretary, and an Organisational Secretary.

#### Article 9.

The Committee is presently based in Madrid.

#### Article 10.

This Committee will be renewed every year, following the holding of the Confederal Congress, providing a location for the new Committee is agreed upon.

### PART 4 - CONCERNING CONGRESSES

#### Article 11.

This Confederation will hold an annual Congress. Any special Congress can only take place if the National Committee or a majority of unions deem it appropriate.

#### Article 12.

The Committee is expected to inform unions of the celebration of the Congress three months in advance, so that the latter can send in matters to be discussed. All matters for discussion should be sent in at least one month before the date of the Congress so that an agenda can be published in the Confederation newspaper.

#### Article 13.

Unions are expected to accept agreements taken at these Congresses.

#### Article 14.

The Confederation cannot disband itself so long as seven or more people want it to continue.

#### Article 15.

If the Confederation is disbanded Confederal funds will be distributed amongst class war prisoners. Any property will go to schools that maintain workers' resistance to capital. N.B. The showing of the union card is of paramount importance if assistance is needed.

The right to life for all cannot be violated. We will rebel against all injustices because we don't want to perish.

Life is struggle; the struggle needs support if it is not to be crushed; a union of all like-minded people makes us strong.

There are no more than two sides in the struggle; on the one side are the supporters of privilege and the capitalist system, based on disorder and social inequality; on the other side is the socialist concept of production and distribution by the workers themselves, based on the co-operation of all so as to ensure equality of consumption.

Where there is a worker there is a friend. Join together.

We recognise all workers as our friends, linked together across all countries.

Know yourself.

To be right is not enough; we need strength to implement our objectives.

The union is you. Defend it as it defends you.

Respect your union and your rights will be respected.

Your emancipation depends on yourself alone.

Don't degrade yourself before anybody or anything.

Be attentive and educate yourself whenever possible. You will learn to know yourself and others.

Don't wait for others to do what you can do yourself.

Your country is the world. Your family is humanity.

Don't allow anybody to work without a union card.

Be an individualist when defending yourself and a collectivist when defending others.

Anarcho-syndicalism and organised anarchism operates on majority decisions.

A militant has the right to express and defend their own position but obliged to accept majority decisions even if they disagree with them.

A union card without dues paid marked is worthless.

Union dues are the only income the regional and National Committees receive. To not pay dues is to sabotage their work as they cannot operate without financial assistance.

We reject individual authoritarianism, but accept and respect collective and majority mandates. Without this acceptance there is no organisation.

Mental agility in order to recognise danger and overcome it is essential. Wasting time rambling on at meetings, expounding philosophical concepts, is anti-revolutionary. The enemy doesn't discuss, it acts.

The most fundamental point of federalism is the right to examine the work of militants and to recall them from their posts they fill if they don't fulfill their responsibilities or disregard the mandate they are given.

We allow a margin of trust in order to operate. The possibility to replace someone from their post always exists.

To criticise militants who hold positions of responsibility in public or in conversation with other people devalues the organisation.

No conscious companero criticises their own committees in public because it only helps the enemy.

The conduct of militants should be discussed internally and appropriate action be taken if necessary. Such discussions in public are not necessary.

Whatever you think, if you are a worker you should belong to the union which defends your rights.

Companero: this card represents your attitude to work.

It is worthless if you do not give it personal value. Be prepared to defend it, and therefore the CNT, whenever you see it coming under attack.

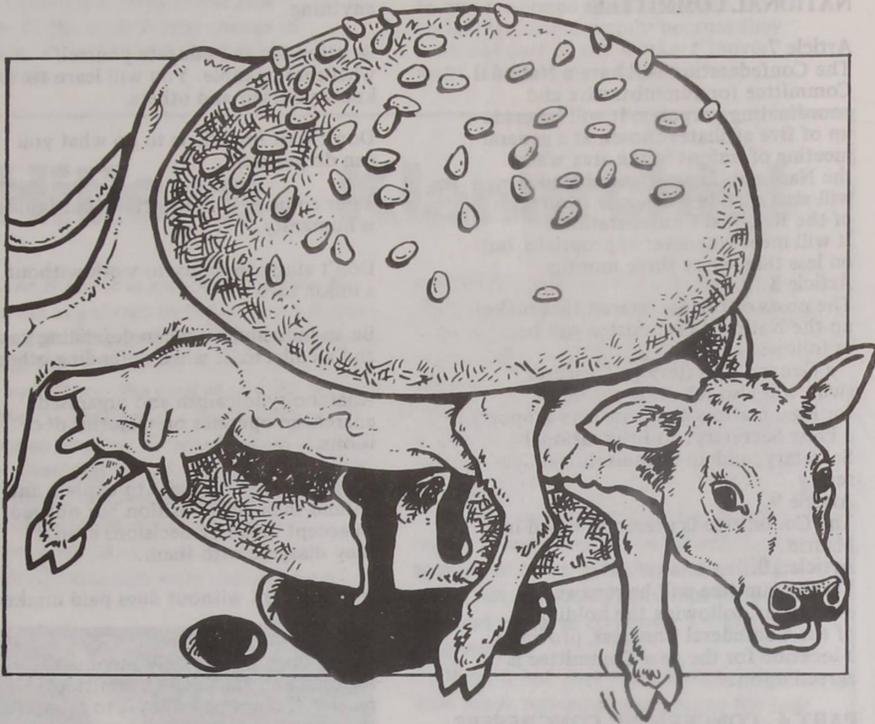
The emancipation of workers has to be the task of the workers themselves.

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*EDITORS NOTE: Since these Statutes were published CNT dues have increased and the National Committee has moved to Barcelona.*

*The above Statutes (included extracts from the IWA Principles and Statutes - not reproduced above) are included in full on every CNT member's card.*

## HAMBURGER EXPLOITATION



The anti-union policy of McDonald's and similar fast-food chains is well known. The trade unions have been unable to break the stranglehold these companies have over their workforce - indeed they have made negligible effort. There are many industries that are ideal candidates for intervention by anarcho-syndicalists - the non unionised labour market is prevalent in sweatshops, greenfield sites, shops, catering, hi-tech industries, homework, training schemes, etc - the fast food industry is just one of these.

Ten percent of all young people end up working in the catering industry. In London McDonald's has in fact become one of the five largest employers in the capital. A staggering thought when it is considered that the only product is low nutritional food. Throughout the country McDonald's now employs around 20,000 people - one of the, if not the, largest single labour force where virtually everyone is earning below any person's acceptable standard of a minimum wage.

The vast majority of McDonald's employees are women, the young and members of ethnic minorities. McDonald's pays an average of one pound and 60 pence per hour. For a full week that's around 60 pounds. In 1986 the Government abolished the rights of young people under the age of 21 to appeal to the Wages Councils to set a minimum wage or holiday pay. So many firms in the catering industry can now set whatever wage level they wish. One consequence of this is that they also lose job security. As soon as an employee reaches 21 years of age they are laid off because it is no longer economically feasible for the employer to keep them on.

And there are no such luxuries as overtime rates either. In McDonald's, for example, workers are expected to work late on normal pay or get laid off. The days hours are set according to the days demands, with little advanced planning or warning. And so the employees social life is wrecked.

Let no one forget that as much as one in four of all workers in Britain are now part time. And the bulk of part-timers are women. Part-timers, unless they have been working for the same employers continuously for more than five years, have no statutory rights. They are not entitled to redundancy pay, or maternity pay, or to claim for unfair dismissal.

Anyone who has tried to start a union branch at McDonald's has been promptly sacked. The company is scared stiff of unionisation. At one London branch the whole workforce decided to unionise. To avoid this McDonald's decided they would prefer to close

the branch down. They sacked everyone and did not re-open until they got a whole new team of docile workers.

Conservative estimates show that today less than 10% of all workers in the hotel and catering industry are unionised. And yet they are the most in need of protection/solidarity. Many of the hotel owners, too, are well known for their support - financial and otherwise - for such right-wing bodies as the Economic League and Aims of Industry, both of which monitor left and trade union activities and put out anti-trade union propaganda. They are worried about diminishing profits if workers become unionised or simply more militant.

The trade unions themselves are trying to appeal to low paid and part time workers, particularly in the catering industry, but cannot convince prospective members that they have that much to offer. So they are falling back on razmattaz and slick PR campaigns. They need more subscriptions to boost their own flagging funds.

The problem for McDonald's workers is they don't know which way to turn. Rank and file-ism cannot help them - there is no union for them to become a rank and file of! Union officials are driven off. And any independent action is met with instant dismissal. The official unions won't take direct action as they are afraid of legal action.

Waiting for potential martyrs to start the ball rolling is not going to get anyone anywhere. McDonald's will have to face external pressure, on an international basis, if it is going to be made to capitulate. And once one McDonald's worker asks for help then not only will that workers' branch become automatically affected, but in consequence, all branches of McDonald's. And if the official trade unions have not got the will to do the job then a more militant organisation will have to take the initiative instead.

In the meantime it should be noted that Friday October 16, has been designated a worldwide Day Of Action Against McDonald's, sponsored with the help of London Greenpeace. If McDonald's and their ilk are to be really made to suffer then a mere one day of smashing windows and glueing up locks won't suffice. Instead what is needed is a concerted and sustained campaign to mobilise the McDonald's workforce. If McDonald's won't give in gracefully then they will have to be put down screaming.

McDonald's is, of course, only one of the more visible opponents of unionisation and practitioners of workplace exploitation. But there has to be a start somewhere. And if a campaign to organise the unorganised can be begun and won in one small quarter then others will follow too.

## UNION WRECKS FIGHT

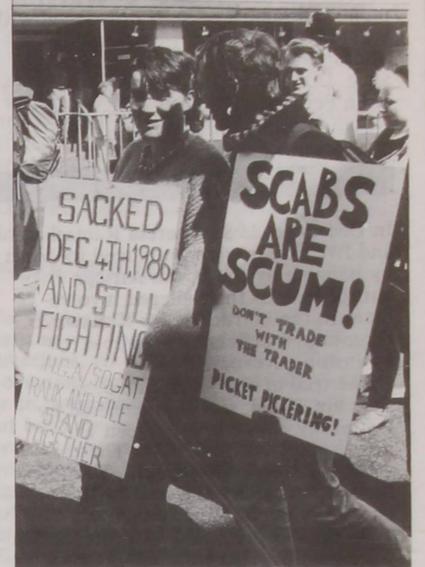
Printers involved in the Midlands Trader dispute were forced to call off their fight, but pledged to return to the picket line if their former boss tries to re-open the factory with a new scab force.

In December last year millionaire print boss Lionel Pickering sacked ninety workers, producers of the Trader free newspapers in the Midlands, in a now infamous lock-out. After seven months of struggle for reinstatement, the frustration of the printers with their union, the NGA, reached breaking point. As the NGA were going to call off the dispute anyway, the chapel decided to wind things up. The final stab in the back came when NGA boss Tony Dubbins told the National Committee that he wanted the dispute stopped - 'now'. The Labour Party hacks on the committee suggested waiting until the General Election result was known, when Dubbins suggested full strike pay (£66 a week) should be given to those printers who went canvassing for the Labour Party with half strike pay for those who refused! He wasn't joking either, but even the NGA Committee realised he'd gone too far and the suggestion was thrown out. But the extension of strike pay for seven weeks was only a stay of execution. Even so, many militant activists were prepared to fight on without union backing.

The end of the dispute ironically brought the best media coverage in seven months - the message to Pickering was 'Re-open Heanor Gate and we'll be back in hundreds and thousands to stop you'.

The printers have learned a lot from the dispute. They've travelled the country and picketed day and night, spoken at rallies, been interviewed by radio and TV, produced leaflets, held collections, done things they'd never believed they could. Now they're editing their own video of the fight, which

they filmed themselves, of a dispute which has been a living example of self-education activity and mutual aid.



On the march in support of the Trader Printers, May 1987.

A supporter of the printers was arrested on the picket line at the Leicester Trader offices and fined £265 which the Trader printers insisted on paying in full, to return the solidarity from support groups.

Rich Cross

## Salford Plastic Workers Occupy Factory

Salford Plastics went into occupation on August 22 after 7 months on strike. A 40 foot high, 20 foot thick, barricade of steel hoppers was laid across the factory entrance. The occupation lasted 42 hours until the courts gave the company access rights.

The occupation was an attempt to stop the owner, Barry Chapman, from selling up to outside buyers. Three potential customers had already been seen visiting the plant the previous week. Some of the machines had already been stripped and repainted for removal; two processing lines have already been leased.

of failures followed. Apart from the toll of injuries (one scab lost his arm in a machine) the large amount of scrap production, high labour turnover, no payment of suppliers and use of rival manufacturers to maintain his outlets - all pointed to his defeat. Production has now ceased.

Meanwhile the strike remained solid and the 24 hour picket kept going. Support came from other workers in the area, notably Lankro workers next door. There was even a morale-boosting story in the *Daily Mirror* by Paul Foot.

On September 14 an Industrial Tribunal heard the cases of the original six sacked workers (we have no news of the outcome yet). Chapman appears to want to do a disappearing act to avoid paying out compensation. Also the TGWU are not prepared to launch an injunction against the company to freeze their assets. Hence the reason for the occupation. The workers hoped that financial conditions could be imposed on the company's right to re-enter the factory. However this plan failed, with no small thanks to the TGWU officials who, apart from being unreachable when the injunction was first served on the Monday afternoon, failed to prepare proper evidence that would prove Chapman's intention to sell up quickly. Indeed the officials were only around when the strikers were forced out of the occupation on the Tuesday night - there to make certain that nothing had been stolen or sabotaged during the occupation.

The dispute continues. Please send messages of support, with donations if possible, to: Jim Billington, 6/196 Branch Secretary, 43 Abingdon Road, Urmston, Manchester M31 1GW. Also messages of protest can be phoned to the management on 061 789 1691 or 061 789 3905.

### WANTED



FOR CRIMES OF GREED, EXPLOITATION AND VIOLENCE

Name: BARRY CHAPMAN  
Address: "Casa Pina", Kirkbourne Grove, Baildon, SHIPLEY, Yorks.  
Tel no: 0274 582434  
Occupation: Managing Director of SALPLAST LTD.  
Activities: sacking 36 workers and employing scabs, maiming 3 workers, breaching Health & Safety rules, trying to do a "runner".  
Ambition: to be a millionaire at the age of 50.

It's clear that Chapman's bid to become a millionaire by the age of fifty has failed dismally. He's forty six now. After he sacked his workers in order to smash the union and recruited scabs at half the work rate a dismal line

# HOW CREWE BECAME A CENTRE FOR STATE TERRORISM

Yes, that's right. Crewe, England. Not only were the assassins of Orlando Letelier, a minister under Allende and later exiled, safe-housed there but a major arms dealer, who was part of a Euro-wide 'strategy of tension', used the place as one of his bases. Unbelievable? Well, read on...

It all began as far back as 1964. A CIA agent named Edwin Wilson set up a CIA proprietary, Maritime Consulting, as part of Special Operations. According to investigative author Peter Maas, Wilson's activities, under the auspices of Martime Consulting, included sending in incendiary, crowd dispersion and harassment devices to Chile, Brazil and Venezuela. Arms to the Dominican Republic when another Castro-like takeover was feared. Advanced communications gear to Morocco. Weapons of all kinds to Angola. A whole range of high-tech electronic equipment to Iran. More arms for a CIA-backed coup in Indonesia. Military parts and supplies to Taiwan and the Philippines. Logistical support for the so-called secret war the CIA began to wage in Laos. He also arranged for boats - flotillas of them, if required - such as the ones used in continuing raids against Cuba.

But Wilson began to establish a new pattern. He raked in massive personal profits. Almost single-handedly he began to pioneer the idea of turning the proprietaries into independent money-making concerns that would then go it alone as far as intelligence work was concerned. It was the ideal form of plausible denial operation.

During this period of operations his CIA case officer was Thomas Clines. Clines in turn worked to Theodore Shackley. Both were to gain fame for their parts in the Conragate scam.

By 1971 Wilson was officially out of the CIA, although much of his work continued to be on its behalf. His front companies began to expand and proliferate. As an 'independent' he could do as he wished. This suited his unofficial bosses too. Soon after leaving the CIA he was re-assigned to Naval Intelligence, where he became part of Task Force 157, 'the first military intelligence operation to make regular use of proprietaries'. Wilson took the opportunity to set up two new front companies, World Marine Inc. and Maryland Maritime Co., subsidised partly by the US Navy but with Wilson once again able to cream off profits.

In 1975 Wilson's career was to take on a new direction when he met up, and joined forces, with Frank Terpil, another ex-CIA agent. Terpil had good contacts in Libya through Sayed Qaddafi, a cousin of Colonel Ghaddafi and who was responsible for military procurement out of the London embassy.

Terpil, too, had a proprietary company, called Intercontinental Technology. This was a subsidiary of Stanford Technology Inc., which was run by arms dealer, Albert Hakim, who had gained his reputation by providing surveillance equipment to the Savak, the Shah's secret police. Again, both Hakim and Stanford Technology were later to star in the Conragate conspiracy.

It should be added, too, that Wilson was a personal friend of that other Conragate player, Richard Secord. Secord, Shackley and Clines were regular guests at Wilson's mammoth country estate in Virginia. Indeed Clines was financially in debt to Wilson.

By the time Wilson and Terpil were talking about teaming up Wilson had formed yet another proprietary - Consultants International - which had been involved in supplying 'an array of riot-

control equipment to Brazil and Argentina, M-1 rifles and Colt .45 hand guns to Haiti, a communications network to Morocco, night vision scopes to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Pakistan'. By that time, too, Wilson's personal assets had increased considerably. He had acquired more estates in Virginia and was looking at property in Europe.

## SETTING UP GHADDAFFI

Terpil told Wilson that what the Libyans wanted most was C-4 explosive (or 'plastique' as Ghaddafi would call it). They wanted explosive that could be used in a variety of ways, that could be 'inserted into toothpaste tubes, pens and pencils, telephones and radios' to terminate Ghaddafi's opponents.

Another requirement was miniturised detonators - the sort that are programmable with a time delay of anything up to three months. The Libyans wanted a staggering 500,000 of them. Wilson agreed to combine operations with Terpil and they both set up a new firm, Inter-Technology, which would supply Ghaddafi's needs by using the cover of clearing World War 2 minefields for the Libyan government. It was all legitimate.

While Wilson and Terpil were planning the shipment of C-4 and timers they learned that Ghaddafi wanted a special job done, namely the assassination of his number one opponent, Umar Abdullah Muhayshi, who was then living in Egypt under the protection of Sadat. Wilson then

decided to call upon the services of Rafael Quintero, another CIA agent, to organise the contract.

Quintero was a Bay of Pigs veteran and later was employed by Clines. Quintero had also been present at the execution of Guevara in Bolivia and during the run-up to Conragate he was used to organise the training of death squads by Shackley.

At the same time as all this was going on Wilson entered into an agreement with Ghaddafi to supply him with veteran US special forces personnel to train Libyan troops in sabotage operations. Each vet would be paid \$100,000 a year. Another service Wilson supplied was intelligence gathering. Via a senior contact in the Pentagon - a man named Waldo Dubberstein - Wilson supplied Ghaddafi with detailed information about the deployment of Egyptian troops as well as US contingency plans in the event of a war in the Middle East.

Wilson's activities were not unknown to his former bosses in the CIA. In fact it was later established that Mossad had him under investigation.

## THE DINA LINK

While all this was going on DINA, the intelligence service under Pinochet, was at the height of its terror campaign aimed mainly at its opponents abroad but also at establishing links with neo-fascist and terrorist organisations in Europe.

When Wilson first came under official investigation, as a result of tip-offs by Watergate reporter

Bob Woodward, Wilson engaged the services of attorney in law Seymour Glanzer, who just happened to be the attorney of another infamous terrorist, Michael Townley.

Townley worked directly for DINA and was implicated (and later convicted) in the assassination of Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffat. Townley had many contacts with the Cuban exile community and had engaged Cubans who were part of the Miami-based Santos Trafficante mafia empire to undertake DINA work in the States. Townley also had extensive contacts in Europe, which he used to carry out contracts.

But perhaps the strongest and most direct connection between Townley and the Wilson deals was via Frank Terpil.

The two Cubans who had been identified as putting together and placing the bomb that blew up Letelier's car had gone on the run. These two later turned up in a hotel in England. The two - Dionisio Suarez and Virgilio Paz - had been staying, while on the run, in the Huntsmans Lodge hotel in Crewe.

But why there? Well, the hotel was in fact used and bought as a safe-house for terrorists on the run and other fugitives. And who owned the hotel? None other than Frank Terpil.

Why, in fact did Terpil choose Crewe to buy his safe-house. Well, about 20 miles up the road was the headquarters of Samuel Cummings, the world's biggest dealer in arms and who did much business with Mr Terpil (and through him with Colonel Ghaddafi).

When US investigators discovered that the two Cubans had stayed at the hotel they asked Scotland Yard to investigate. This they did and after a raid a press release was put out saying that the raid was carried out 'in order to look for arms'. No mention at the time was made of the two Cubans or who the owner was.

Cummings, incidentally, came 'under investigation' in the aftermath of the shooting outside the Libyan embassy in London. A link was postulated. In fact there was a link. Again it was Terpil. The gun that had been used to kill PC Yvonne Fletcher was of the same batch sold to Ghaddafi by Terpil in an earlier deal.

From other investigations it emerged that Virgilio Paz had made several trips to Europe before he had gone on the run. On many of these trips he accompanied Townley himself. On one of his missions Paz was sent by DINA to Britain in order to go on to N Ireland to take photos of the Maze Prison for propaganda purposes (Pinochet later used the photographs, together with accusations of torture by the British authorities, to deflect criticisms levelled against his regime in the wake of the Sheila Cassidy affair). Its tempting to think that perhaps Paz stayed at Terpil's safe-house on that occasion, too.

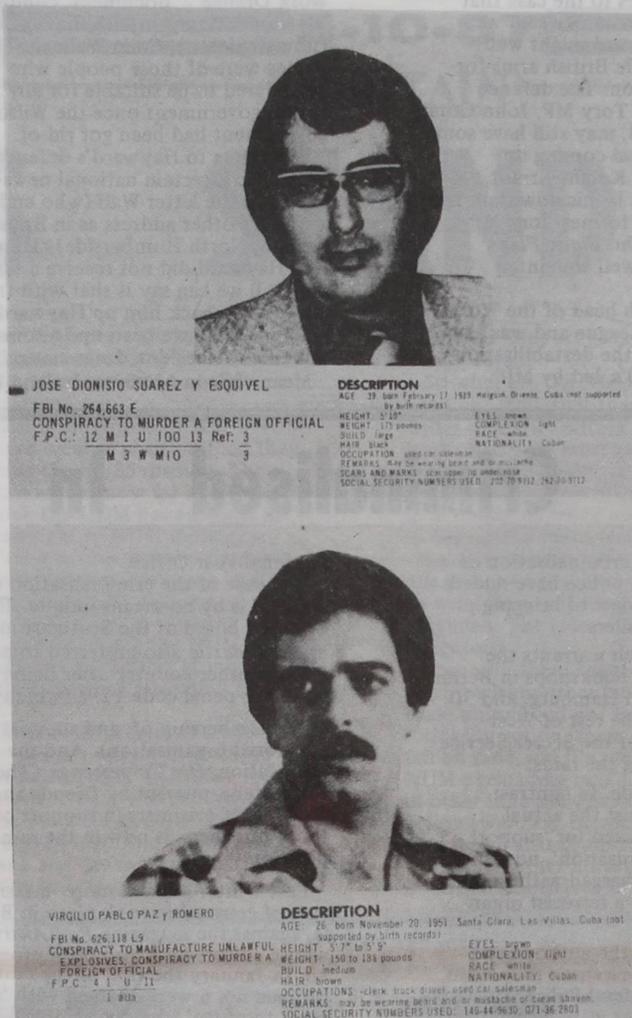
Townley, by the way, on his trips to Europe had managed to establish contact with the infamous Stefano delle Chiaie, who DINA engaged to organise the assassination attempt on Bernardo Leighton, the vice-president of Chile under Allende. His visits to Europe also enabled Townley to consolidate links with contacts in the French OAS, with the Spain-based Paladin organisation and with Aginter Press in Lisbon - all terrorist organisations.

## NEO-NAZI MERCENARIES

In the meantime Wilson had maintained his close links with Clines and Shackley (as well as Secord). Wilson had helped in the financing of a proprietary company for Clines, called Systems Services International. This company was used as a front to negotiate search and destroy missions on behalf of the Somoza regime in Nicaragua. Shackley, meanwhile, had come into disfavour with Carter as president and he resigned from the CIA and became a consultant with the two companies Clines had set up with Wilson's help.

Soon Clines, Shackley, Secord, Wilson and a senior figure in the supplies and procurement division of the Pentagon - von Marbod - decided it was opportune to cash in on the

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Jose Dionisio Suarez and Virgilio Paz on the FBI wanted list.

## LETTERS RECEIVED

### FROM POLITICAL ASYLUM

Dear Black Flag,  
I'm recently back from a month in Holland, Belgium and West Germany with the band I sing for, called Political Asylum, and it was really excellent. We played in some great squatted venues in Holland, some of which included cafes, printing shops, etc and the 'Alternative' in Lubeck, West Germany (a huge complex including 20 people living there - some in caravans - a bar, a cafe, 16 track recording studio (!), concert hall with two bars, workshops, offices, etc).

We went on a solidarity demo in Hamburg for the Hafenstrasse squats and the contrast couldn't be greater with here. 5-10,000 people all masked, many with crash helmets and gas masks, CB radios, first aid people, a well-protected landrover with loudspeakers, etc.

The police didn't intervene, which was a surprise to us all, but they reckon the squats won't last more than a couple of months unfortunately...

Anyway keep up the good work and take care.

Love, RK

N.B. Some comrades from Berlin recently showed a video of this year's anti-Reagan riots to the people at London's Broadwater Farm estate. The Anarchist Black Cross also arranged a showing in Brixton.

### Euro-Communists Back Scabs

Agreeing with most of our article as above in a previous Flag, a reader comments - *The most important thing is the miners get what they want and need. But the key word is 'they', not some union leader or manifesto dogma, but the personal wishes of each and every miner. This, however, must include all opinions. If in one mine the feeling is to leave things as they are, then fine, that's their wish, but if a short working week is demanded then it should be so. And if a group of miners believe (rightly or wrongly) that it is better to work longer hours than lose the mine, again it should be so, your or my opinion aside.*

I agree with your criticism of the Labour Party and Euro-Communists but am saddened to think you have a good word for a man I believe has none of the qualities of an anarchist. Mr Scargill sits behind his big desk in his executive office thinking out the next step for his personal power trip. He talks about common ownership but what he means is nationalisation. It is the kind of State Socialist Scargill who sold out the revolution. He is not to be trusted.  
Howard Simon Marks.

Of course miners should get what they want (even if it's Arthur Scargill). The issue is that if one pit is doing fairly well still and some miners are hoping to get enough wages from it to last them until retirement, they sometimes want to carry on; those doomed to immediate closure read the writing on the wall more clearly. They are all doomed without a fight, for the Coal Board wants to close them one after the other and buy cheap Polish coal. The issue is less the actual closure of the pits as the smashing of the community and there are always some who think they can get through individually. Among the German Jews under pre-war Hitlerism, some thought they could hang on and things might get better. Some miners are like that too.

The ones who encourage that thinking are the scabs and the Euro-Communists, and while it's untrue we said a 'good word' for Scargill he has held office by doing what the members wanted, and if he sold out, he'd be out. The capitalist press and their lackeys have raised the hue-and-cry against miners by pretending they are just a lot of 'extra-thick thickies' doing what Scargill tells them, unable to think for themselves (!) and used his Marxist background to pretend it's all a Russian plot and if it weren't for his blue eyes the miners would cheerfully let their jobs and homes go, singing God Save the Queen the while.

# WACL SUPPORT HAYWARD

Captain Simon Hayward of the Life-guards and who has done a tour of undercover work in Northern Ireland with the SAS, has some strange - or not so strange - friends.

Hayward was convicted recently of smuggling a large quantity of drugs from Spain into Sweden (see our last issue). We asserted that there were some political undertones to the case that did not quite ring true. We said we believed that Hayward might well be part of a possible British arms-for-drugs type operation. The defence raised by a certain Tory MP, John Gorst, to get him released, may still have some sway with his appeal coming up.

Hayward's latest Knight Errant, however, may well be his downfall. It is none other than former Tory MP Sir Patrick Wall, who *Black Flag* readers should be well acquainted with.

Wall is the British head of the World Anti-Communist League and was also up to his neck in the destabilisation coup in the mid-70's, led by MI5.

Wall is currently involved, even though he is no longer an MP, with the far-right parliamentary grouping known as the 92 Group (named after the number of his house, 92 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, London) where the group meets for dinner engagements.

The 92 Group includes many MP's who were named in the original 'Clockwork Orange 2' document, compiled by former Army Intelligence officer (now dissident), Colin Wallace. The names were of those people who MI5 considered to be suitable for any future government once the Wilson government had been got rid of.

Wall came to Hayward's defence in a letter to a certain national newspaper. In the letter Wall (who ends up giving his other address as in Brantingham, North Humberside) claims that Hayward did not receive a fair trial. All we can say is that with friends like Wall to back him up Hayward must indeed have been up to something fishy - besides drugs smuggling.

Meanwhile in Northern Ireland the

families of three IRA volunteers killed in an ambush in 1985 (23rd February) are convinced that Hayward is the SAS soldier referred to at the inquest on the deaths (he was simply referred to as soldier 'A'). In a written statement in court soldier 'A' admitted that he had fired a total of 53 shots from an assault rifle and automatic pistol from a maximum distance of 15 feet. 28 of the fatal shots were fired by soldier 'A' after the volunteers had fallen to the ground. The inquest returned a verdict of 'death by gunshot wounds'.

The Army have refused to confirm or deny Hayward's involvement in the ambush but have admitted that he was a 'liaison officer', attached to the SAS, whilst on his tour of duty in Ireland.

When Hayward was on trial in Sweden, and when he was placed into solitary the authorities claimed the high security was for his own protection against his friends in the drugs smuggling business. More likely, however, that he was being protected from a possible IRA active service unit out to get revenge.

## Press Criminalised In West Germany

In the wake of the criminalisation of the paper, *Radikal*, police have raided bookshops with a view to bringing charges against retailers.

Armed with search warrants the police searched 12 bookshops in Berlin, 4 in Frankfurt, 4 in Hamburg, and 30 more throughout the rest of West Germany. Agents of the Secret Service were present during the raids.

Charges were made. In contrast to the charges against the actual editors, who were sued for 'support for a terrorist organisation', now the distributors were charged with 'support for the support for a terrorist organisation'!

In October 1986 the authorities carried out house searches - they were directed by the Federal Police Authority (BKA). These homes were distributors and/or subscribers. The subscribers list had been given to the police by the

National Post Office.

The case of the criminalisation of *Radikal* is by no means unique. The editorial board of the Stuttgart magazine *S'Blatt* also preferred to publish from another country after being charged under penal code 129a (which deals

with membership of, and support for, a terrorist organisation). And the publication, *Die Vergessenen* (The Forgotten), put out by friends and relatives of prisoners in support of those prisoners, is now in the same position.

Last Winter a much more massive case of censorship took place in Bavaria, against the magazine *RadiAktiv*, whose editors have also been prosecuted. In January the trial of the editors of issue no. 6 were charged with 'incitement to crime' (they had published a list of the companies involved in the construction of nuclear industries);

and 'smearing the symbols of the state' (they had made a caricature of the Bavarian coat of arms showing the heraldic lions as brutal cops); and another case of 'incitement' (they had appealed for information about corruption in the authorities).

These charges were brought under the penal code 130 (censorship of anything that 'might incite a crime'). The 129a law has also been tightened up recently whereby terrorism is re-defined to cover low level sabotage.

The extension of the incitement laws now covers criticism of state and capitalist institutions, as well as those involved in the distribution as well as production of any such criticisms. It suited other sovereign states to label the Nazis for undertaking similar repression as criminals; but under cover of democracy today's model regimes are seen as working experiments in the control process.

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expanding Egyptian market (now that Carter had eased US relations through Sadat). Sadat, of course, had no idea that Wilson was working for Ghaddafi (and vice versa) or that he had indeed been involved in the attempt to kill a Ghaddafi opponent who had been under Egyptian protection. Wilson came in on the Egyptian deal via a front company called Arcadia (which was Wilson). The new company which he, von Marbod, Clines, Secord and Shackley set up also included a high-ranking Egyptian called Hussein Salem, who worked to Sadat. The joint venture was named Egyptian American Transport Services Inc. (EATSCO).

Meanwhile Wilson set up shop in London. He bought a couple of expensive estates and set up a mercenary recruitment company called Western Recruitment. It is believed that John Banks - former SAS and with connections with several British neo-Nazi organisations - was part of this mercenary set up.

### STRATEGY OF TENSION

It was around this time that Wilson was able to supply Ghaddafi with the C-4 explosives. Wilson, however, surpassed himself. Through his contacts in the US arms and explosives business he was able to organise the largest shipment of C-4 explosive ever amassed for a single sale. He had basically got together every available amount of C-4 on the commercial market. Its sale to Libya was of course illegal, and so an elaborate plan to conceal the true nature of the cargo was formulated.

Finally, in October 1977 the C-4 was ready for shipping. Wilson had managed to get together - thanks to ex-US Army explosives expert (later Arms dealer), Jerome S Browne - over 40 tons of the substance. It finally left for Libya via Portugal.

Once in Libya it was decided to move some of the C-4 to Europe where it could be easily dispersed to Ghaddafi supporters and leftist groups. A Wilson employee, John Heath, arranged this. Heath got hold of a warehouse in Amsterdam, which was owned by Wolfgang Steiniger. The C-4 was then distributed.

Incidentally, it was later discovered that the explosive used in the attacks on anti-Ghaddafi opponents in the Manchester area was from the same batch as that held in the warehouse in Amsterdam. It is also believed that the timer used in the Brighton Tory Party conference bombing was of those supplied by Wilson to Ghaddafi.

### AFTERMATH

Wilson was eventually trapped and brought to trial as a result of the efforts of District Attorney Barcella (who also worked on the Letelier case). Not long before Wilson's capture Doug Schlacter, a Wilson aide, testified that 'Clines knew all about Wilson's Libyan venture, that he had personally briefed Clines and believed that Clines in turn was passing this information on to Theodore Shackley.' He also mentioned that von Marbod and Secord were present at these briefing meetings too. (At that point in time Secord was chief of arms sales to the Middle East and adviser to Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinberger).

Another interesting piece of information concerns the role of Frank Carlucci. Carlucci, of course, took over the job of National Security

Council advisor (from Admiral Poindexter) as a result of the Contragate scandal. Before that Carlucci was number two in the Defence Department and when Secord was forced to resign over the EATSCO scandal (huge profits were being creamed off and passed on to Wilson, Stanford Technology, etc) Carlucci personally intervened to help Secord and got him re-instated (so that he could carry on similar work, but this time with the Iranians). Carlucci also helped von Marbod after the collapse of EATSCO by setting him up in a company called Sears World Trade, of which Carlucci was the chairman.

Frank Terpil went on to work for Idi Amin for a while, but is now believed to be in Beirut doing deals with the Palestinians.

Edwin Wilson was eventually sentenced to over 50 years imprisonment. In a recent interview with *Village Voice* he insisted he was innocent and that he really worked on behalf of the CIA all the time. The CIA of course deny this, but his close friendship with Secord and Shackley, et al, as well as the claim by Israeli intelligence (who work closely with the CIA) that they were fully aware of what Wilson was up to, would seem to contradict the CIA's innocence.

Some believe that Wilson was used and was allowed to do what he did for wider strategic reasons. In any event Wilson, the master of the plausible denial, finally became the victim - his own victim.

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N.B. For details of the trailing and capture of Wilson see 'Manhunt' by Peter Maas. For more details about the Letelier case see 'Labyrinth' by Taylor Branch and Eugene Propper.