

# BLACK FLAG

THE ANARCHIST FORTNIGHTLY

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## THE IMPRISONED SOCIETY

**Record number of women seek refuge**

GROWING NUMBERS of women in Scotland are seeking refuge from violent men, according to a report published in a recent issue of the BBC's *Woman's Hour*. In 1987, 4,338 women left home to find shelter from their violent partners, compared to 3,126 in 1986. Scottish Women's Aid, which provides refuge for women in crisis, says that the number of women seeking refuge has risen by 20 per cent since 1986.

**BBC fights racism ban as D-Notice provisions widen**

The BBC has fought a ban on the use of the word 'racist' in its news reports. The ban was introduced as part of the D-Notice provisions, which were widened to include the word 'racist' in 1987. The BBC argued that the ban was an unjustified interference with its editorial freedom.

**Thatcher orders party to reject M.D. secrets Bill**

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has ordered the Conservative Party to reject the M.D. (Medical Devices) Bill, which would require manufacturers to disclose the secrets of their products. She said that the bill would be a 'disaster' for the industry.

**Police chiefs 'made decision in secret'**

The police chiefs have made a decision in secret to support the M.D. Bill, according to a report in the *Financial Times*. The report says that the police chiefs were divided on the issue, but ultimately decided in favour of the bill.



**Report says anti-terror Act should be permanent**

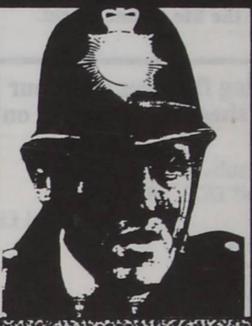
A report from the Home Office says that the anti-terror legislation should be made permanent. The report, titled 'The Prevention of Terrorism Act: A Review', was published in 1987. It recommended that the Act should be extended to cover a longer period and that the powers granted to the police should be strengthened.

**Government may create security services watchdog**

The Government is considering the creation of a watchdog to oversee the security services. The watchdog would be responsible for ensuring that the security services operate within the law and that their activities are properly controlled.

**Prison initiative**

The Home Office has launched a prison initiative to speed up and bring greater security to the prison system. The initiative involves the construction of new prisons and the improvement of existing ones. It also includes measures to reduce the number of prisoners and to improve the conditions of those who remain.



**POLL TAX LINKED TO ID. CARD**

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**Identity CARD IMMINENT**

The Home Office is planning to introduce an identity card system for all citizens. The cards will contain personal information such as name, address, and date of birth. The system is intended to improve security and to facilitate the collection of statistics.

**Case against jailed Birmingham bombings appeal**

A Birmingham man has appealed his conviction for involvement in the Birmingham bombings. The man, who was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment, claims that he was innocent and that the evidence against him was unreliable.



**MI5's Security Service**

The Security Service is responsible for the collection and analysis of intelligence. It works closely with other government departments to ensure the security of the country. The Service has a long history and a reputation for effectiveness.

**RUC felt Stalker threatened security**

The Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) has felt that a stalker was threatening the security of the region. The stalker was identified and arrested, and the RUC praised the actions of the police.



**Freemasonry and the police**

The Metropolitan Police has investigated the activities of Freemasons. The investigation revealed that some Freemasons were involved in criminal activities, and the police took action against them.

**Temple where Met's elite swear eternal allegiance**

The Metropolitan Police has a temple where its elite officers swear an oath of allegiance. The temple is a place of great importance and is visited by officers from all over the world.

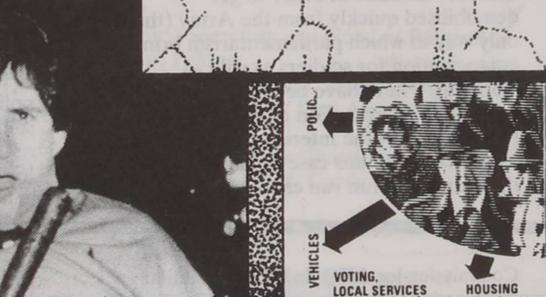


**BRITISH DEATH-SQUAD EXPOSED**

The Security Service has exposed a British death squad. The squad was responsible for the assassination of several high-profile figures. The Security Service has taken action against the members of the squad and has exposed their activities.

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The Government once denied wanting to privatise prisons (their plans to do so have been outlined in Black Flag but when politicians say 'never' they are already thinking 'when?'). In a Green Paper on sentencing, ministers propose a 'new national organisation, separate from the probation service, to run a series of toughened-up sentences' which could contract out services from private security firms.

Private contracting firms who run their own prison systems exist in the USA: the most notorious were in Georgia, with the chain gangs of slave labour from sentenced offenders. Legislation for principal law chiefs to appoint sheriffs' officers and contract out powers of arrest to private firms has long existed in Britain (though now chiefly used in action for debt, eviction and sequestration). Who would the contractors be in British 'alternative' prisons? They would be the people who run security firms.

All security firms have a notorious record politically. They have been used in action against squatters and for blacklegging purposes. They attract

sometimes the same people, and always people with the same inclinations, as the fascist organisations (which are nowadays often a feeble imitation) recruiting only the throw-outs who have not been able to put their authoritarian impulses to pensionable employment, such as the State services, or profitable use in the private sector.

A quasi-official security force, backed by law and able to use the State police as a fall-back, is the exact equivalent of the Nazi guards during the Weimar Republic.

Many people will think that criminals deserve no better and that concentration camp tactics are good enough for them — thus tacitly agreeing with those who see the political potentialities of a commercialised prison/police force, which can afford to despise the inconsequential fascist organisations since they will have in hand the most powerful weapon since Hitler.

But this is not to be all. Just as cars can now in places be 'clamped' for illegal parking, so offenders (eventually suspects or dissidents?) may be restricted by electronic monitors. The way to

handcuffing everybody.

Electronic monitoring as an alternative to prison opens the way to a greatly extended variety of offences, now impossible to enforce. We have seen how this can work when trade unions going about their normal business can have their funds sequestered for failing to restrain members from picketing; with electronic monitoring the members themselves could directly be 'restrained.'

There is also fine talk of 'greater use by the courts of compensation orders and more work to repay the community': the enormous frauds upon the public in the Stock Exchange and the City generally will not be 'compensated' for by major company directors going to work to sweep up community halls, nor will they be expected to — this will be the sort of punishment for minor offenders, who will thus be compelled to undercut already low paid workers with forced labour. Financiers will only give up a fraction of the wealth they have made and will in no way undermine the City's stability.

The imposition of the poll tax will create a host of new offences, which is

why Ministers are proposing to give magistrates additional powers in supervising post-sentential behaviour.

It is desired to keep custody for more serious offences, but not because there is any objection to custody other than its expense. The open, privately-run, prison will net in far more, and can be extended to handcuff the whole population. It can be seen immediately what this will mean: to scapegoat sections of the community, say Black youth, subject to the mercenary, soldier type, moron. It is a bleak prospect for everyone, but one either has to despair or submit. Ultimately all such schemes depend on acceptance and obedience: it makes, at first, for an easier life if you give way but it leads directly to death. No law can be permanently enforced if it is universally hated and/or despised. One may not be able to prevent laws being passed by parliament, administered by the courts and enforced by the police. Why accept the media hype, though, that this is democracy? The price of liberty is called resistance.

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Since compiling the above, a large and  
welcome response has come in — details  
next time.

### ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS (London)

All funds disbursed, £150 in hand for  
Murrays.

Received since last list: Housman's  
collection £10, Northern ABC £3, AM  
(London) £40, Jeff (Kings Lynn) £5, Fleet  
Street Print Exiles £10.

Total £68

### ANARCHO-QUIZ

1. What saint is (jocularly) supposed to  
have wanted to fight for anarchism?
2. Where did most of the casualties in the  
revolutionary storming of the Moscow  
Winter Palace take place?
3. What British political party attached  
importance to the excessive distribution  
of body and pubic hair?
4. Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, is known  
as the home of D.H. Lawrence — but for  
which revolution should it be better  
known?
5. The local Australians were amazed to  
find women (as they deemed the wigged,  
powdered and clean-shaven British  
officers to be) giving orders to men in  
chains. How did the captain of the first  
expedition to settle convicts demonstrate  
civilised ways?
6. Her Majesty's Privy Council is the  
highest constitutional authority, above  
Parliament, consisting of the most  
distinguished citizen's of the realm —  
what are its noble origins?

Answers to quiz on page 8

# HOME NEWS

## MORE I.D. FILES SOLD OFF

In addition to the state's Big Brother  
network being run by the defence  
contractors, Racal, it now seems that most  
state held files in relation to the Poll Tax  
will be available, at a price, to any firm  
that cares to check up on the citizenry.

Matching the various data banks that will  
be on offer will become big business. One  
firm — CCN Systems — is the  
established market leader, providing  
ready-made files to firms, particularly in  
the direct mail business. Credit companies  
will want to get involved. Other major  
buyers of this commodity will include  
vetting agencies/blacklisters, private  
investigators, employers, banks, etc. Lists  
will be produced with different options.  
For example, everyone in a certain street,  
or neighbourhood. Or people with certain  
lifestyles (identified by housing type). Or  
any other pattern. All of this, to a limited  
extent, is already available, but with the  
advent of the Poll Tax, more data can be  
added on to produce more complex  
details. The buyer will be able to specify  
exactly what or who they are looking for.

The compilation of the Poll Tax register  
will include all available files: eg, library  
records, national insurance records, tax  
records, DHSS files, Rates records, files  
held by the Phone, Electricity and Gas  
people, as well as the Electoral Roll and  
information obtained by the Census. Add  
all this together and 99% of all people can  
be traced. But whereabouts is just the  
beginning — the combination of all this  
information can produce a comprehensive  
picture on everyone's life history, good  
and bad. That Racal are doing this job  
now, in the lead-up to the Poll Tax, is no  
coincidence.

That Poll Tax registrars will be  
marrying data banks together to trace  
people will complement this job. Once the  
Poll Tax registry is complete then it can be  
sold as a commodity. It will also be made  
public for people to make corrections. We  
note that the Post Office has already  
offered a computerisation facility to local  
authorities should they wish the register to  
be fully postcoded. This facility can  
include 'flagging' whereby entries can be

coded for 'special interest'. The  
implications are far-reaching. Workers on  
the 'black economy' can be traced, as also  
dole fiddlers, defaulters, political activists,  
people on the run. The system won't be  
foolproof, but it will be difficult to beat it.

For many people, too, loans will be that  
much more difficult to obtain (because of  
verifiable data). Employers will have  
access so job profiles can be checked as  
well. Women are also worried that names  
of those staying in refuges will be made  
available, not forgetting, too, that the  
registry can show where people are living  
alone (providing opportunities for  
burglars, ex-husbands, etc.). These are all  
good reasons, in addition to the more  
widely known ones, for not filling in the  
Poll Tax form. If everyone filled it in, but  
there was a refusal to pay, the state would  
still be able to use the data to help  
compile the register. We can't do much  
about the Racal contract, but we can do  
our best to prevent the process from the  
other end.

## ANTI-FACISTS MOBILISE

The National Front and other fascist  
groups have threatened to converge on  
Exeter to celebrate the 300th anniversary  
of the landing of William of Orange. They  
say they will be joining representatives of  
the Orange Order.

The NF are trying to link themselves  
with any cause and for the past three years  
or so have been sucking up to the Loyalist  
paramilitaries, who see them as somewhat  
as a joke but are prepared to associate  
with them until they make idiots of  
themselves. As for the Orange Order, the  
bigoted fools in their bowlers and sashes  
look silly enough without an escort of  
English blockheads. Needless to say the



NF has some vain hope of getting guns so  
they can wreak terror too.

Bigots and fascists on the streets of  
Exeter will prove a nightmare for the  
good people of Devon, particularly if that  
other terror group, the IRA, has thoughts  
about deploying its equally indiscriminate  
violence on the streets. Much better to  
allow the bigots to be confronted by the  
people who live there themselves and  
their sympathisers, who know the best  
sort of medicine to give them.

The Orange Order are marching on  
September 17th. For more information  
about the counter demonstration, contact:  
Plymouth Anarchists, PO Box 105,  
Plymouth.

## CONNING THE WORKERS

The result of the Kensington by-election  
was of passing interest. The Tory got in by  
the slight margin of eight hundred out of  
some 18,000 votes cast (and this is hailed  
as a confirmation for the poll tax) — in a  
constituency lumping together the old rich  
and the new poor in equal electoral  
proportions; the SDP and the Liberals  
pooled about as much as the Liberals used  
to do and the fun run candidates shared  
the usual rag bag of odd votes.

#### Why do they do it?

Some, like Mrs Payne standing on a  
platform of brothel keeping is beautiful,  
do it to advertise their wares. So, too, the  
ageing rock star Screaming Lord Sutch —  
in for the count since 1945 and otherwise

unknown. To buy such publicity would  
cost thousands.

Some people stand to advertise a cause,  
giving credence to the parliamentary farce  
because they believe in it. They do not get  
votes because parliamentarism is decided  
by the class media — means of persuasion  
(which gives some a masochistic thrill).  
Once it was done in order to get  
demobilised quickly from the Army (the  
only way in which parliamentarism brings  
emancipation for soldiers as well as  
workers). There have been some who  
have made a profession of standing for  
by-elections — the interest raised by  
by-elections (in this case caused only by  
the number of fun run candidates) leads to

quite large donations, usually from people  
thinking 'such a lunatic is going to split the  
other side's voters'. How refined to get  
both sides thinking this! A candidate  
styling himself 'Anti Left Wing Fascist' is  
ambiguous enough to achieve this.

One con-man, now deceased, made a  
minor profession of not standing for  
by-elections: he collected as much as he  
could in election funds, and when it came  
to putting down a deposit, he withdrew in  
protest at the parliamentary farce. It is not  
as lucrative a profession as mainstream  
politics and can only be put at the level of  
selling rubber hammers, but it is as much  
of a humbug as parliamentary candidacy  
for real.

### UNEMPLOYED FIGHT BACK

In September the government is to launch yet  
another package of training schemes for the  
unemployed. Already there have been  
demonstrations and strikes against the new  
scheme.

In June scheme workers and unemployed  
workers occupied the Job Centre in  
Birkenhead. This lasted eight days.  
Injunctions were ignored and the police  
eventually carried out a forcible eviction.  
However the action received major coverage  
in the local press. In Merseyside generally  
there have been similar occupations. Back in  
April the Community Programme managers  
conference was disrupted and since then there  
have been at least twelve instances of  
Community Programme workplaces being  
occupied, with some even being forced to  
close down. There are now reports circulating  
that the Community Programme scheme is no  
longer on the cards as an option in  
Merseyside as a result of these occupations.

On June 15 the action in Merseyside  
intensified. This day was designated a day of  
action against the new training scheme.  
Across Merseyside a total of fifty workplaces  
were closed as a result of strike action by  
scheme workers. 3000 demonstrators  
marched on the Manpower Services

Commission local HQ. In Sheffield similar  
strike action took place, as also in Manchester  
where over 20 workplaces were disrupted by  
strike action.



### THE APARTHEID BUSINESS

A complete list has been produced by the  
AAM of all the UK firms that have  
subsidiaries in South Africa. The more well  
known firms with business connections, like  
Barclays, face pressure to withdraw already.  
But what about the many other  
firms — some of which have just as  
important business links? No one expects  
government to order sanctions — the only  
effective sanctions would be worker initiated.  
Many workers are unaware of their  
employer's business dealings with the  
apartheid regime, because these are often  
hidden behind subsidiaries or holding  
companies. These dealings have to be given  
wider publicity.

It should be noted that according to  
estimates arrived at by the AAM  
(Anti-Apartheid Movement) British business  
is now the largest foreign investor in South  
Africa (accounting for 40% of all overseas  
capital in the country). Furthermore British  
financial institutions have over 7 billion worth  
of outstanding loans in South Africa — in  
this respect they are the largest lenders to  
Apartheid in the world.

## NOTICIAS DE ESPAÑA

### WORKERS CONNED

A surprise heading in the 'Guardian' announced that Spain's 'anarchists, whose forebears played a leading part in the strife of the 1930's, were celebrating their most important victory since the death of General Franco...'. They referred to how the CNT had topped the poll in elections for the workers committee at the SEAT plant in Barcelona. A victory indeed! But hang on...there was something odd about this...and so we made our usual enquiries.

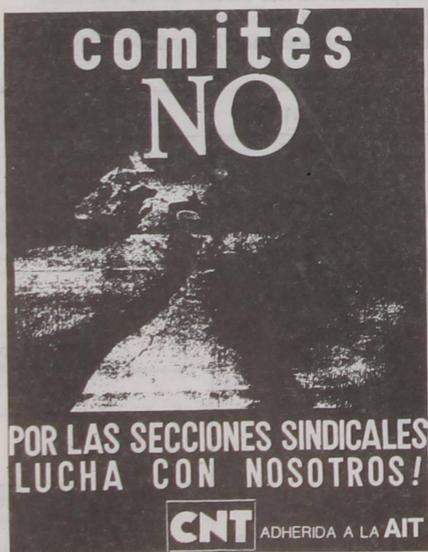
The facts behind the story are as follows. The SEAT workers committee were notoriously corrupt: officials had soft jobs, they mixed with the bosses, were found to be taking bribes, with jobs being saved for only members of the socialist UGT and the Communist CC.OO.

The committee even negotiated a wage freeze, compulsory overtime and night and weekend work—not unusual for the works committees that had their roots in Franco's Spain as a means of controlling popular discontent. Soon the workers at SEAT had had enough. They decided to recall the committee.

At this stage five members of the committee—all members of the CNT Catalonia (a reformist split from the CNT-AIT)—decided to step in and take advantage of the situation. Leave it to us, they said, we'll organise a referendum to recall the committee. The referendum to which they referred was a legal development allowed under the Labour laws. The response, meanwhile, of the UGT and the CC.OO. to all of this was to try and sabotage the referendum and did so by using intimidation. But to no avail: the workers voted out the entire committee.

But this is where the story turns sour. The CNT-Catalonia, instead of recognising that the workforce had no confidence in the committee system, promptly stood themselves for the committee they had just succeeded in getting rid of. The coup worked, gaining them 17 seats on the committee, but leaving the workers back where they had started, but with a change of leaders. All along the real CNT (affiliated to the AIT) called for a complete boycott of the elections and for the setting up of mass assemblies, independent of the state (and management). But it was all too late.

The next story yet to be published in the mainstream press will be when it is seen how moderate and reasonable the 'CNT' has become, how it has apparently learnt from the lessons of the strife-torn years to be modern, how it will work quietly with the employers and may even get a post in the government ('what a victory, the first for fifty years!')...unless the resurgence of anarcho-syndicalism among the workers, grouped around the genuine CNT, catches them on the hop.



CNT-AIT anti election propaganda.

While the phoney play at union elections, using the name and style of the anarcho-syndicalists but not their practice, the real CNT are using direct action, as in Puerto Real and countless other strikes. The SEAT workers took a step closer to

getting rid of the notorious workers committees altogether, but this was nipped in the bud by a false ally. Sooner or later, though, these committees will go and the workers will take control themselves.

### MARIO TORRES FREED

Thanks to the many people who helped out on bail money for our comrade Mario Innes Torres. As a result on July 12 he was released from Alcalca Mecó prison. He was originally arrested in October 1987 in Finland where he had sought refuge after police attacks and threats from the notorious state-funded GAL (Spanish/French death squad set up by state forces in collaboration with the far-right). He faces charges relating to the resistance against Franco in the early 70's.

Now he is free he is back to square one: the death squads could still get him if he doesn't go underground, which presumably he is forbidden to do as part of his bail conditions. One way or another he may have to take drastic action once again if he is to stay alive.

SOURCE: ANA

### JAILED FOR BLASPHEMY

Two members of the CNT-AIT, the anarcho-syndicalist union, have been sentenced to four months imprisonment for blasphemy. Both had previous convictions for the same offence. One of those convicted—Telesforo Fuentes—wasn't even at the scene of the 'crime'—an anti-religion demo in April of this year—but had his name listed as one of the demo's organisers.

The basis of the charges were in relation to an offending leaflet which stated, 'The Catholic Church has always supported kings and dictators and has clearly manipulated and decreed inquisitorial practices and declarations of war and conquest and spurious tax-collecting of fortunes and inheritances.' This leaflet was distributed from a car driven by the second victim, Jose Antonio.

Under 'socialism' the inquisition is seemingly alive and well.

# CNT

### CNT REAPPROPRIATION

Common sense and justice was seemingly to prevail with the decision by the local council in Lerida to hand back the town's union building—sequestered by Franco and given to the corporate state-controlled unions—to the rightful owners. But this wasn't to be so: the union building was to be given to the phoney CNT, who had only two members in the whole town. The farce could not continue and so the real CNT, the CNT-AIT (the majority union in the town), decided to take direct action. The police were called to defend the two pretenders, while around 80 blockaded the building. Eventually the real CNT took occupation. Since the liberation of the building it has been used for cultural events and union activities.

SOURCE: CNT-AIT

### WE HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN RUINS

In Barcelona around fifty young libertarians have started to collectivise unused buildings and land to set up anarchist ateneos (social/cultural centres). As we go to press the old Metal-Mazda factory has been taken over. They fear eviction from the building, which has been left derelict for more than three years. The occupation has inspired other, similar, occupations in Barcelona. With the Metal-Mazda occupation wide support has come from the neighbourhood.



### ALL FIRED UP

Following the announcement in late May that over 1500 ship-builders in Bilbao were to be laid off, protesting workers halted a train in nearby Olabeaga, invited

passengers to get off, poured petrol inside the carriages and set it alight. RENFE (Spain's equivalent to British Rail) complained that the dispute has cost them 200 million pesetas (1 million) so far.

### NOBODY DIED FOR THIS

Felipe Gonzalez is under pressure to put at least some token workers and women into his government (exclusively male and middle-class). The only woman Minister in Spanish history so far was, ironically, the anarchist Federica Montseny, fifty years ago.

Luis Corcuera, of the UGT, becomes Minister of the Interior, while another (also from the UGT and a former Communist) is to be Minister of Culture - namely Jorge Semprun (described as a 'former leader of the Communist underground in Madrid' - he's quite unknown to the anarchist resistance fighters, who carried on the underground struggle from 1939 to 1949 unabated and unassisted).

A new post is created for Sra Rosa Conde (who is to be a kind of public relations officer); another UGT Minister is Matilda Fernandez. As Minister of Social Welfare she will presumably handle the administration of pensions, to those who fought for Franco only, others being barred not for lack of goodwill (oh, no) but just for lack of funds (there is always Christian charity at hand, we are told).

The UGT thus gets into the government which is of course, in accord with its principles (though strictly speaking it is not exactly Labourist in the way the TUC is here). Originally it entered the Primo de Rivera dictatorship so as to strengthen its position against the historic CNT, the larger union movement. During the civil war it united with the CNT on the basis of anti-fascist opposition to Franco. Both entered the government - a disastrous course for the CNT which opposed

governmentalism. During the post-war years of repression the UGT collapsed and vanished.

Prior to the death of Franco the trotskyites - though with little or no support in Spain - carried on in Britain a vigorous campaign to support the UGT (the funds raised have never been seen since) but vigorously denounced the CNT 'because it entered a bourgeois government' against its principles. Now the UGT is in the bourgeois government once again, which the Litigant Tendency here hopes to be itself, but they still hate the CNT.

There was a struggle within the international committee of the London TUC whether to support the Communist CC.OO or the UGT (which is backed by the trots, though it is not controlled by them). They eventually chose to help revive the UGT. By a paradox, the pro-Communist element swayed the decision of the TUC not to come to the aid of the UGT with its 'phoney CNT take-over' plot - see BF 182 - as they still resent their failure to make the CC.OO the heirs of Franco's corporations. But as Felipe Gonzalez needs the UGT to save himself from electoral defeat and the UGT needs someone else's assets to save itself from bankruptcy, the illegal sequestration may be finally settled by the State saying Franco shouldn't have done it; and while not reimbursing the victims, handing over the swag to a minor gang of thieves in return for services rendered.

Spain may have been notorious for bandits in the past but they were models of honour compared with this gang, who combine the worst features of Labour Party type parliamentarism and hypocrisy with Francoism diluted by self-interest.

### ORGANISING THE UNORGANISED

As un-united wage-slaves in prison, we are treated like cattle, forced to work for the State at ten cents an hour, and to eat food unfit for swine. As an organised unit of the IWW we can demand better wages and better living and working conditions; we can demand to be treated like human beings.

With union protection, we will have something to say about our on-the-job health and safety conditions. Prisoner-workers will no longer be maimed and disfigured by the mshraked and jerryrigged machines that we are now forced to work on in the OPI. Prisonerworkers will no longer have to die in their cells because of inadequate or non-existent medical treatment.

Unionisation would also put an end to the prison system of favouritism and boot-licking. As organised prisoner-workers, we will demand respect and get it. The administration will have no choice but to listen to our grievances and act on them, otherwise the prison industries will shut down and the prison bosses will have to hire more guards to scab on us.

Who operates the multi-million-dollar Ohio Prison Industries? We do! Without our labour the OPI - as well as the prison offices, kitchen, laundry and maintenance - would have to be run by guards. Isn't our labour worth more than the \$12 and \$40 a month we receive now?



At present, those of us who are forced to live off our State pay cannot even afford to supplement the garbage served to us as food. We cannot afford to buy personal hygiene articles, stamps, cigarettes or coffee because of the rising prices at the prison commissary.

IWW Prison Organiser,  
Ohio State Penitentiary



Sir James Goldsmith Remembers Hilda Murrell

An MIS front company, mentioned recently on television and in the aftermath of the Hilda Murrell murder, was financed entirely by a well known media baron. We have been able to produce conclusive evidence that this agency — specialising in dirty tricks on behalf of the state — was owned entirely by this VIP and his relatives and later past to a major cleaning consortium.

The agency in question is Zeus Security Consultants Ltd. It was named as far back as 1985 as undertaking plausible denial operations and was given additional publicity recently with renewed interest in the Hilda Murrell affair. After a tip-off we conducted an investigation into Zeus and discovered that the real owner — hiding behind various fronts — is none other than Sir James Goldsmith, billed as the fifth richest person in Britain and believed to be interested in taking over the British film industry. Goldsmith, readers will recall, was also implicated in the coup on Wilson — he was the 'businessman' referred to by Peter Wright, although not named.

Zeus itself was no small time private security company, but had connections with the highest authorities. It was one of many such companies practising covert operations.

#### WAS 'GOD' BEHIND ZEUS?

Our investigations into Zeus Security Consultants Ltd have shown that the prime movers behind the setting up of Zeus were a certain Antonio von Marx (who seemingly resigned from the company in 1983), Sir Philip Johns (a retired Major-General), Peter Hamilton (formerly of Military Intelligence) and Lord Chalfont (the former Labour defence secretary and who was also implicated in the coup plot — see last issue). Each held directorships in Zeus. Von Marx is also listed as holding concurrent directorships on Generale Occidentale Ltd and Zeus Security Guards Ltd (a subsidiary).

In 1979, when the company was first set up, the major shareholders included a company called General Omega AG (Liechtenstein) which held £187,500 worth of shares (all the 'A' Ordinary shares), a certain Anina von Marx of Switzerland who held £175,000 worth of shares, and a company called Argyle Securities Ltd. The following year Argyle, General Omega and Anina von Marx owned all the shares. In 1981 Generale Occidentale took a £37,500 share.

All this becomes clearer when the following is revealed. Argyle Securities Ltd is a subsidiary of Cavenham Ltd, which is wholly owned by Sir James Goldsmith. General Omega AG is also a Goldsmith company, headed by Anina von Marx. And the von Marx's themselves are no stranger to Sir James — Antonio von Marx is Sir James's nephew. In other words, through his family connections and through various holding companies Goldsmith owned Zeus in its entirety.

# plausible denial agency financed by media magnate

knowledge with the security agencies in the USA but which is not so commonly recognised in the UK. He provided Murray with a 'long list' of TV and newspaper journalists who are MIS/M16 informants.

According to Murray the Sizewell surveillance contract was given to Zeus Security Consultants. We, in turn, can confirm — thanks to a tip-off — that the actual client of Zeus was Westinghouse, the company that designed the PWR nuclear reactor for the Sizewell site (based on the same design as the reactor at Three Mile Island, which went out of control in 1979). Peter Hamilton (a director of Zeus to whom Murray refers as having links to the 'highest echelons of British intelligence') then sub-contracted the work to a Barry Peachman, a director of the Institute of Private Investigators (IPI) who owned his own company, Sapphire Investigations, based near Norwich. Peachman then got one of his regular operatives — Vic Norris, who also goes by the name of Adrian Hampson — involved. Norris/Hampson is a known nazi. He founded the Nazi Phoenix Society, was a leading member of the Salvo Society and the 5000 Group (both nazi organisations of which there is little known) and ran a nazi memorabilia mail order company known as AH Services (AH referring to Adolf Hitler).

Norris/Hampson also served six years for sexual abuse (he procured clients for his own daughter). So employed via Peachman and Zeus on the Sizewell contract was at least one known criminal and sex pervert (who just happened to have extreme right-wing affiliations). Looking further at Norris/Hampson, in 1985 the *Observer* ran a story on him and his work on the Sizewell contract. This stated that he ran his own security company in Colchester called Contingency Services. From our own enquiries we can reveal that Contingency Services also monitored trade union activists for the Economic League. The *Observer* story also stated that Norris/Hampson worked on behalf of the Government and organised the infiltration of left-wing groups. In Norris' words: 'I do the work that the Home Office don't want their own people to do because it's too precarious or dirty'. Norris/Hampson also claimed to have set up three phoney antinuclear groups. The *Observer's* main informant for the story was, again, Gary Murray.

Based on Murray's information the *Observer* was able to identify 'at least 30 IPI members' who were serving in Military Intelligence, the Security Services, the Police or the POID (Post Office Investigation Department). Murray also identified some of the bases where 'seminars' were held for IPI operatives by government agencies. Two of these were at RAF Newton (Nottingham) and the Royal Military Police School in Chichester. Later Murray explained that on one occasion payment for the 'seminar' was made in the form of a cheque made out to an Army officer. According to Murray many IPI operatives are known criminals.

Murray made several references to an informant of his — a certain 'Captain' who had worked for M15 and the SAS. This informant named Zeus as being involved in government dirty tricks operations and as a cover for M15 intelligence operations. He also named Chubb Security Ltd, another firm (not quoted), and a certain 'famous international charity' (also not quoted). The informant confirmed, too, that the Security Services form their own proprietary fronts for plausible denial operations — a situation that is common

#### THE HILDA MURRELL CASE

The brief Zeus was given on the Sizewell project stated that Zeus was to 'ascertain the identities of principal objectors into the Sizewell atomic power enquiry at Snape Maltings. If possible, obtain lists of objectors, their connections with the media, political affiliations, etc'. Murray told the *Observer* that Norris/Hampson had done exactly this and had procured lists of objectors from the enquiry.

In the *Lobster* article Murray's

informant (the 'Captain') told him that he was certain Hilda Murrell was the victim of a private operation — but he also suggested that someone in official circles could have directly suggested 'Would someone not rid me of this woman?' In Murray's own opinion the Murrell murder was not intended, nor was it carried out by officials of the state. He reasons that because it was clumsily carried out it was more likely that she was killed by someone further down the line — a small-time sub-contractor or operative. He points out that if the intention had been to get rid of her then this would have been done more professionally — she would have become the subject of an 'accident' or it would have been contrived to make it look as if she died under natural circumstances. Murray's informant made it clear that these things often went wrong and that in some cases killings were carried out by renegade SAS members 'for kicks'.

The Hilda Murrell case became a cause celebre but to put this reopened enquiry in context its worth reminding ourselves of some of the facts and circumstances. Our main source here is the journalist Judith Cook, who wrote a book on the subject. Hilda Murrell, in brief, was a rose-grower and lived not far from Shrewsbury. She was also actively involved in the anti-nuclear movement and was preparing a paper for the Sizewell enquiry. There was also the Falklands connection — her nephew, to whom we shall refer later, being a naval commander involved in the sinking of the *Belgrano*. At the time of her death Murrell was 78 years old — hers was no ordinary murder, but one which as the facts unfolded grew into a major political scandal.

There has been well documented evidence that she was aware she was under surveillance and that she may even have been in danger. About a month before she met her tragic end she rang two close friends, Gerard and Fern Morgan-Grenville, in an obviously agitated state. Distressed she told them that 'If they don't get me first I want the world to know that one old woman has seen through their lies'.

Murrell had many distinguished contacts, among them Sir Kelvin Spence, a former government adviser and chair of a committee for the study of the economics of nuclear electricity, who helped her on her research. We mention him because of an interesting, possibly harmless, association he had. Namely his

committee was sponsored by the *Ecologist* magazine — a respected journal, but whose editor and proprietor just happens to be — and this may mean nothing — Edward Goldsmith, the brother of Sir James.

#### PLAUSIBLE DENIAL

On March 21 Murrell was due to visit a couple of friends in Wales — an appointment she had arranged a few days earlier by phone (which conversation was no doubt known to the Security Services or/and a private operative). She left her house but about 12 noon she unexpectedly returned. That morning a neighbour had seen a suspicious looking bloke hanging around her house. At 12.30 her car was seen leaving her house heading towards Shrewsbury. Several witnesses were later to testify that they saw her car being driven by a man with an old woman slumped in the passenger seat. The car was noticeable because it was being driven erratically. At around 1.30pm her car was seen abandoned in a ditch in countryside outside Shrewsbury. Later a 'running man' was seen in the vicinity. Hilda Murrell's body was found on the 24th, four days after abduction, in a wooded copse near to the abandoned car.

Two witnesses who were in the small copse on the 22nd later claimed they saw no body. An hour after these witnesses were at the copse a dark coloured car was seen parked nearby by other witnesses — a man was seen to walk to the copse and return to the car. That evening torch lights were also seen at the copse by witnesses. The next day a red Escort was seen driving past the area several times.

When Murrell's body was discovered it was found she had multiple stab wounds. The official autopsy, however, stated that she had died from hypothermia. She was in a state of semi-undress and various personal items of hers were found scattered along the trail leading to the copse.

Inside her house it was found that her home had been thoroughly searched; a handkerchief with semen stains was also found. Most significantly, though, it had been disarmed — not in the usual manner as practised by a common burglar, but in a professional way. The junction box had been unscrewed and the green wire only disconnected; the box was then screwed back on. The result would have been that if anyone had rung her number the call

would have heard her phone 'ring', but the actual bell in the phone would not have made a sound. To all intents and purposes a caller would not have suspected anything was amiss. This indeed is what happened. When Murrell failed to turn up for her appointment with the Morgan-Grenvilles they rang her but suspected nothing. Just as significant it was later discovered that her phone in her Welsh holiday shack had been disarmed in exactly the same way. Clearly the people doing this were coordinated, professional and planned for all possibilities. Several months after her death, it should be noted, her Welsh home was burnt down and police confirmed it was a result of arson. One odd aspect was that during the police enquiry into her death the police issued photographs of her disconnected phone socket at her Shropshire home to prove it had been disarmed in the normal way — this is perplexing because earlier the police had admitted that it had been disarmed by the green wire being unscrewed.

There were plenty of other odd aspects to the case concerning the police — too numerous to go into here. Instead we will look at the 'Belgrano connection' to her death.

#### SECURITY RISK

The 'Belgrano connection' is also well documented, but is worth re-examining. It all hinged around Hilda Murrell's nephew, Rob Green. Green was a naval commander based at Northwood, the HQ coordinating the Falklands War. According to Tam Dalyell, MP, Commander Green was the person instructed to send the signal to HMS *Conqueror* to sink the *Belgrano*. Earlier Green, who was in Naval Intelligence, had received the signals from HMS *Endurance* warning of the Argentine invasion force. Green apparently considered the war was preventable and after the war resigned from the Navy. As such he would have been subject to investigation. He would have also been subject to positive vetting, as also his relatives, colleagues and friends. His aunt's political activities were known to the Security Services as he had freely admitted them when he was vetted. After the war and with the questions over the *Belgrano* incident and the Clive Ponting affair, even more attention would have been given to any possible leaks. In the event Green was never shown to be a risk, but nevertheless his aunt would have become a target for surveillance particularly as she was active in the Sizewell enquiry.

In December 1984 Tam Dalyell made a statement on the Hilda Murrell case in the House of Commons. It should be noted, though, that during the evening prior to when he was due to make this statement the flat of a colleague of Rob Green — a certain Peter Hurst who also resigned from Naval Intelligence — was broken into, although nothing was taken. In his statement Dalyell said: 'I am told by more than one of the people interviewed by the police that they instinctively felt that the police officers knew jolly well that their time was being wasted and that they were having to go through the motions of a large scale investigation for cosmetic reasons.'

Dalyell went on to say that he believed there had been no intention to have Murrell murdered but that the house was broken into either to search for her Sizewell papers or for any possible *Belgrano* leaks. According to Dalyell two intruders, not one, were involved — this assertion is backed up by the fact that witnesses gave the police two descriptions, leading to two photo-fits, although the



Hilda Murrell

police all along have obstinately insisted that there was only one man to be found. Dalyell also claimed that the intruders were 'men of British Intelligence'; he claimed to have a reliable source on this and MPs Clive Soley and Paddy Ashdown backed his claim.

#### BODGED-UP JOB

The circumstances of the case would suggest the following scenario.

One or two surveillance agents entered Hilda Murrell's house, expecting her to be on the way to Wales, in order to sniff around. It was a classic 'black bag' job — the sort usually undertaken by criminals employed by security firms contracted to the Security Services. When Murrell unexpectedly returned the agent(s) panicked, there was a struggle, and Murrell was taken away, semi-conscious, to be dealt with. During the car journey Hilda Murrell tried to stop the car by struggling with the driver; eventually she caused it to crash into a ditch. She was then stabbed and left hidden. Later the agent(s) returned to move her to the copse. If at that point she was still alive she may have had the presence of mind to lay a trail of belongings to indicate where she was being taken. At some stage the agent(s) decided to make it look like a sexual crime and leave a semen stained handkerchief to be found and to rearrange her clothing (it should be noted that the autopsy found that she had not been sexually molested). Also, at some stage — possibly prior to her unexpected arrival (although we cannot rule out the possibility that this was done after her abduction) — her phone was disarmed.

On the whole it was a bodged-up job. The murder was clumsily carried out, but nevertheless had signs of expertise (albeit limited).

#### SUSPECTS

Murray stated on television that he had the names of three suspects. It should be noted, too, that within days of Murrell's murder Barry Peachman of Sapphire Investigations committed suicide. He allegedly told Murray that 'he (Peachman) was in terrible trouble' and that he was going to kill himself. He may have done this because of an investigation into the financial affairs of the IPI with which he was implicated, or because of his long-term affair with his mistress (who was a director of Sapphire and had a year earlier resigned); or there may have been more pressing reasons related directly or indirectly to the Hilda Murrell case and

the surveillance carried out on the Sizewell protestors. We cannot rule out, however, that Peachman may have been one of the agents that abducted Murrell or that he knew the agent. It should be noted on this point that on 14 March 1985 an anonymous caller rang the BBC and named Peachman as the killer. It should also be pointed out that the police made no effort to follow up this lead.

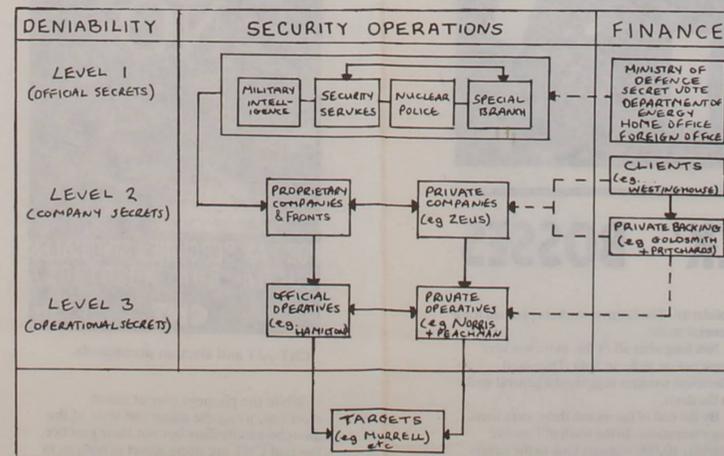
Peachman killed himself outside the home of his mistress and former fellow director, Shirley Ann Smith. According to Gary Murray she was directly involved in the Sizewell contract in that it was her job to pass on information to Zeus. She, too, therefore, cannot be ruled out as a suspect.

As for Norris/Hampson, he must be considered a suspect too. He was the type to actually do the break-in and he was known for his sexual crimes, which might explain why the false sexual lead was deployed by the killer to put off the police as to the real motive for the murder. Norris/Hampson was employed on the Sizewell contract by Peachman and his was the sort of person who could easily carry out a brutal murder. Our enquiries to trace him have led us nowhere. He has gone to ground.

Then there are the big boys — Zeus Security Consultants and their clients Westinghouse (and the CEGB). They are as much to blame in that they financed the operation. Ultimately, they were sanctioned to carry out this work by the Security Services, who are also therefore implicated.

No official enquiry has ever been made into Zeus, Sapphire Investigations, the role of Peachman, Norris/Hampson, etc and their connections to the Security Services — precisely for that reason. It would be embarrassing for such an enquiry to take place, not least when it shown that behind Zeus was a former Cabinet minister (Chalfont — who now heads a right-wing thinktank on terrorism), a leading international capitalist (Goldsmith), and a well-known company contracted on government privatisation work (Pritchards).

As for Goldsmith himself the latest news is that he has apparently sold many of his assets and is contemplating going into the film business. Perhaps, Mr Goldsmith, you would care to call your first film 'Death Of A Rose Grower' — after all, a quick killing in the film business is so less messier than financing the killing of a 78 year old woman who only wanted a clean environment and a peaceful future.



Who Did What On The Sizewell Surveillance

# Origins Of The Anarchist Movement In Brazil

Though Brazilian anarchism has recently revived, its origins go back a hundred years or more. The oldest publications we know of (though not perhaps anarchist in the modern sense) are *O Anarquista Fluminense* (periodical, 1835), *O Grito Anarquial* (1848) and a Pernambuco broadsheet in 1860, *Anarquistas e a Civilizacao*.

In Rio Grande do Sul, Parana, Santa Catarina, Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, there were socialists of the Fourier school, followers of Garibaldi, Mazzinians such as Maria Bederna, anarchists who followed Proudhon and Bakunin, and Communards from Paris seeking political asylum.

The French geographer and anarchist, Elisee Reclus, visited Brazil too in the late 19th century, and wrote a monumental work on it. But it was the Italian militant Arturo Campagnoli, a jewellery artisan

(who died in 1944), who really began the anarchist movement on Brazilian soil. Arriving in Sao Paulo in 1888 he founded the Guararenma Anarchist colony with Russian, French, Spanish and especially Italian libertarians and later with locally-born Brazilians.

Two years later Giovanni Rossi created the Cecilia colony in Parana (about which the film has been made), an experiment which began in 1890, and flew the red and black flag of anarchism for four years despite the burden of taxes and military repression, expulsions etc, until its suppression by a government of the 'fazendeiros' (plantation owners). Several anarchist periodicals came out between 1892 and 1898 — some in Portuguese, some in Italian — when there was the first Workers Congress, in Rio Grande do Sul, with the participation of two anarchist centres.

In the past hundred years the anarchist movement in Brazil has gone through many crises. It has had four daily papers (what a reflection on us that to talk of one here, with far less problems, seems Utopian), tens of weeklies, monthlies and bi-monthlies. Over many years there were no publications, no possibility of meeting or talking freely. At other times books and pamphlets have been issued — some by groups financing the printing themselves, others by commercial houses with costly editions.

In 1964 with the military dictatorship there was, paradoxically, a period of increased production of libertarian works. In the most repressive decade (1970–1980) there was increased research and the publication of anarchist works, and anarchism became a subject of theses, films, theatrical productions, teledramas, the subject of debate in the bourgeois dailies and on the curriculum of university courses. As research into the Brazilian workers movement could only show anarcho-syndicalist traditions, and as Marxism or social-democracy had never been part of Brazilian labour history, this can be understood.

In Rio Grande do Sul in 1986, groups commemorated the centenary of the Chicago Martyrs and the 50th anniversary of the Spanish Revolution as well as the shooting of Francisco Ferrer and other events. The *Confederacao Operaria Brasileira* (COB) — the workers confederation — is affiliated to the IWA.



Amongst other events celebrated was the 70th anniversary of the insurrectionary strike of 1917 in Sao Paulo. Anarchism in Brazil is no longer marginalised. In its centenary years it has emerged as a force to be seriously considered. Source: Edgar Rodrigues (in *Umanita Nova* Translated DM)

## The Onassis - Mafia Connection

Our notes on the J.F. Kennedy assassination in the last *Black Flag* covered one angle - the relationship between Lee Harvey Oswald and the forerunner of the World Anti-Communist League. In this issue we examine the link between the Onassis empire, the mafia and the Kennedy clan. This is based mainly on the research of Bruce Roberts, an investigative reporter who is yet to publish his findings which he refers to as the 'Gemstone File'.

Onassis began his accumulation of wealth in a big way as far back as the early 1930's when he set up a deal with Joe Kennedy (JFK's father) and Meyer Lansky (the head of the mafia clan in the USA). The deal involved the importation of bootleg liquor into the USA. In 1933 numerous known mafiosi were elected into office in different parts of the States. Onassis himself was working on two fronts - with Nixon via the Howard Hughes empire, and with the Kennedy's via his business dealings with Joe.

In 1956 Hughes bought Nixon (who was then vice-president) by granting a \$250,000 loan (non-repayable) to his brother, Donald. Nixon repaid the favour by arranging a tax-free status for Hughes' laundering projects. In 1957, according to Roberts, Onassis decided to move in and take-over the Hughes empire. Onassis had his men already in position working for Hughes and arranged for Hughes to be taken (in reality abducted) by a certain Chester Davis and his henchmen. Hughes then married Jean Peters - but Roberts asserts the marriage was a fake, arranged by Mayor Cannon of Nevada (who later became a senator), another Onassis man. Hughes was then forcibly taken to the Bahamas and held in a suite on the top floor of a hotel. There he was pumped full of heroin and taken to Onassis' own island, Skorpis. Roberts claims that Hughes was kept on Skorpis as a prisoner until his death in 1971.

The abduction and incarceration of Hughes was kept a total secret. Onassis hoped to take over the Hughes empire and arranged a deal with the mafia to this effect. To assist in this Onassis got a Hughes lookalike (who had doubled as Hughes on Hughes' orders on many an occasion) - a certain L Wayne Rector - to play the part of Hughes. This he did for many years, the charade being helped by Hughes' reputation for being a recluse.

Hughes' (ie, L Wayne Rector's) top aide during this period of deceit was Robert Maheu, who was ultimately working for Onassis. Maheu was an ex-CIA and FBI operative and played a part in the conspiracy to try and assassinate Castro. Working with him on this were two well-known mafiosi, Fratiano and John Rosselli, as well as Howard Hunt (CIA). Maheu was also the man who made the approach to Santos Trafficante and Sam Giancana (who were top men in the Lansky empire) with a contract, worth \$150,000, on Castro. Giancana's mistress,

Roberts notes, was later introduced to J.F. Kennedy by Frank Sinatra, and later she and JFK had an affair. Presumably this relationship may have led to pressure being placed on JFK by Lansky.

Despite Joe Kennedy's dealings with Onassis and Lansky, the Kennedy clan eventually fell out of favour with the mafia. Nixon was to be their man instead. This came to a head when Bobby Kennedy (then Attorney-General) ordered the arrest of Wally Bird, the proprietor of Air Thailand (used by Onassis to fly heroin out of the Golden Triangle), on a trafficking offence. Next Jimmy Hoffa, the Teamsters Union head and another proven mafia man, was jailed. The Kennedy's then focused their attention on the Hughes empire, with respect to tax evasion.



According to Roberts, Maheu recruited Lee Harvey Oswald as well as another hit-man, Eugene Brading. Oswald - with his links with the extreme right, but who was made out to be a Communist - was to be the fall-guy. Roberts claims that Brading, Fratiano and Rosselli were briefed to hit JFK; not Oswald, who was considered unreliable. Providing back-up to the three mafia hit-men was Howard Hunt. Roberts goes on to say that in the end JFK was hit by bullets shot by Fratiano, who had been positioned in a second-storey window of the Dal-Tex building. Immediately after the shots were fired Fratiano and his colleagues were 'arrested', driven away and released. The third bullet that hit Kennedy, according to Roberts, was fired by Rosselli from behind a fence in the grassy knoll area. Brading also fired at Kennedy, but missed.

Roberts claims that Oswald's own back-up man hid Oswald's rifle, instead of getting rid of it altogether. Hunt, apparently, was briefed to pick up the empty shells from the guns used by Rosselli, Fratiano and Brading, in order to prove that Oswald had no accomplices.

The 'Gemstone File' has not been released in our possession, so we have so far not had an opportunity to assess these allegations properly.

## THE ROYAL DEBT

The fiction of a 'National Debt' has existed for a couple of hundred years and is the basis of the whole system of income tax. It has been pointed out before that how it came into being was to pay for His Majesty's Army, the Royal Navy, HM prisons and all the other appurtenances of State, which were designated Royal until it came to paying for them — then they became National.

The National Debt has seemed as traditional and immutable as the Monarchy or the State, though it is only a fiction for collecting money. Some poor souls (but rich bodies) have — in an excess of patriotism, or to spite their heirs or both — left their money to help pay off the National Debt (they would actually have achieved the same purpose by burning their paper currency).

The money is not actually owed to anyone tangible, any more than the Queen actually rules. It is the amount ostensibly needed to pay for the State services. It has grown because of the extension of non-profitable State Services (hospitals, social services etc) for which tax has been thought necessary. (In fact, of course, the amount of work and material on any project has only an artificially created relation to money — it is an illusion that if you spend money on one thing it is not available for another when the human and material resources are there).

With the Thatcherite 'revolution' — actually capitalism without its social-democratic frills — non-profitable State services (not only social services but anti-social services, such as the police) are not to be tolerated. They must all become profitable or be hived off to the private sector. Given the present trends, by the end of the century — only a dozen years off — there will be no conceivable need for the pretext of such a debt. The only major institution not now planned to be paying its way is that most sacred cow, the armed services, and the Adam Smith Institute is already working out that one (it used to be done by the sale of commissions, and the Fleet was started by privateers 400 years ago on profits from plunder — but it is hard to modernise these methods).

Once the 'loony right' has worked out its plans and attracted major scorn and so drawn off the brunt of the attack, the Government will introduce it. It will claim that, owing to its careful financial planning, the National Debt no longer exists. It can therefore abolish income tax. Why then introduce the poll tax now? If the money is there to abolish income tax, why cause so much division? The reason is seen when we examine why they don't want to introduce 'local income tax' to replace rates. Though they will present a 'caring' State which has not abolished all social services — at least at first — and will still have some non-profit making hospitals, libraries and schools (not for long), they will still need money. Though ostensibly abolishing income tax, they will have abolished the income level, not the tax. All, rich or poor, will pay the same tax, which must therefore become extortionate for the less well-off and can only be made tolerable by strictly limiting the number of non-profit making activities. This will make it impossible for the Labour Party to administer capitalism by legal means without making itself odious, a process that has been going on for a long time.

Municipal anarchy — a network of community organisations and positive local communities that by-pass the State, even when privatised, and come into conflict with its endeavours at enforcement — can fight back. It is accepted that it is high time the curtain was pulled down on the farce of the National Debt (tax, too, for that matter) but not to get a re-run of the impositions levied on the serfs in the Middle Ages that exempted the privileged.



## WORKERS 'SACK' BOSSES

At the beginning of July 5000 workers struck in Borovo (Croatia, Yugoslavia) and took part in the storming of the federal parliament. They demanded wages be doubled and announced that they had 'sacked their entire management' (of their leather and shoe industry - which employs a total of 25,000) as well as all local government and Communist Party officials! A further 1000 workers from Sabac (Serbia) and another 1000 from Sombor also came out on strike in

solidarity. The Borovo workers planned for a general strike.

Not long after all of this more workers came out on strike in Split (Dalmatia). Electrical workers organised a general strike in the town.

By the end of the month there were mass demonstrations. In the town of Pancevo (Serbia) 10,000 workers took to the streets demanding that all local officials of the town be sacked.

## Trade Union Leader Ran Secret Surveillance Firm

From investigations we can reveal that a recent trade union leader, who played a major role in the wind-down of a top public industry, was all along a leading director of a secret surveillance firm that monitors trade union activists. This firm is Industrial Research & Information Services (IRIS), which provides information to the blacklisting agency, the Economic League. Contrary to what most people believe we can also reveal that IRIS is far from broke or on its last legs but is receiving large-scale funding from a conduit that is registered as a charity.

The trade union leader is Bill Sirs. Company records for IRIS show that Sirs was a director of the firm for the latter part of his trade union career. Just as interesting is another directorship with IRIS: this is held by Sir John Boyd, who was a Governor of the BBC. He also was a director of the British Steel Corporation Training Services division. Bill Sirs, of course, was head of the steelworkers union. No doubt he and Boyd found a lot to talk about while discussing militant workers in the steel industry. It will be remembered that the steel industry in Britain was severely dismembered, under the leadership of Ian McGregor, while Sirs was running the union.

IRIS (whose address is given as Cavendish House, 53 Cavendish Road, LONDON SW12) is funded from a number of sources - from firms direct, but also from conduits. One such conduit is the Industrial Trust (40 Doughty Street, LONDON W1). Some material on the Industrial Trust was recently published in the 'Labour Research Bulletin'. Two of IT's directors caught our eye - these are Lord Shawcross and Lord Robbins. We referred to both in the last *Black Flag* as being named by Cecil King as

possible heads of a 'national government' (oligarchy) should Wilson be overthrown. Robbins, of course, was head of the Coal Board, while Shawcross is now in the SDP.

Most of the Industrial Trust's funds go to IRIS. The Industrial Trust launders money from firms who wish to donate to IRIS without being identified, just as British United Industrialists acts as a conduit for the Conservative Party and certain far-right organisations. We have unearthed evidence to show that last year the Industrial Trust funded IRIS to the tune of £114,000. And over the three year period up to the end of 1987 IT passed on £360,000 to IRIS. Other notable recipients over the same period include Common Cause (which performs a similar monitoring function as IRIS), Sir John Boyd (of IRIS) and Lord Collison (also of IRIS).

The major donors to the Industrial Trust for 86/87 are as follows. Glaxo (£10,000), Bass (£8500), TI (£6000), BP (£9000). There were many others, with contributions to Industrial Trust for the period 1984-87 totalling over £500,000. Over this period the biggest donors were Dulverton Trust (£28,000), NEI (£20,000), Unilever (£30,000), Glaxo (£40,000) and Hanson Trust (£30,000). We also note that between 1984-6 Industrial Trust provided funds to Cayzer Irvine, a company owned by Lord Cayzer (a director of the Economic League and involved in helping to fund the private army in the mid-70's that was the forerunner to TRUEMID—the organisation that sponsors right-wing trade unionists; Cayzer also runs a company that is an MI6 front).

### LOBSTER PRESS RELEASE

In an article in the *Sunday Telegraph* of July 3rd, *Lobster* was implicitly accused of working against this country's 'national interests', and explicitly accused of 'greatly increasing the risks of attacks on security officers by terrorists or others'. We deny both charges.

On the first, we would disagree with Ray Whitney about what constitutes 'the national interest'. That there could be a dispute about 'the national interest' would, no doubt, seem heretical to the likes of Mr Whitney, but he's just going to have to be a big boy and learn to live with that. In our view it is distinctly NOT 'the national interest' that this country continues to have unsupervised, unaccountable intelligence and security agencies spending around £1,000,000 per annum.

The second charge is laughable. Does Mr Whitney really think that two people, with no greater resources than public libraries, can pose a threat to British security/intelligence officers? Implicit in this view of Whitney's is the notion that people like the IRA et al are somehow unable to do what we do—look at the published material and work out who is and who isn't a member of MI6 or MI5. It's no big trick and if we can do it so can any terrorist group worth its salt. We would also be interested to learn of any attacks on British intelligence personnel traceable to the likes of scribblers like us. To our knowledge there are none.

A Major Desmond Doran was assassinated on the 9th September, 1946. He was the senior MI6 officer in Palestine. 'His death is thought to be the only "active service" casualty SIS have suffered in the post-war era.' (The Friends, by Nigel West—Tory MP, Rupert Allason—p.35)

Whitney writes as a Tory MP. He used to be head of IRD, the state's now dispersed secret anti-communist/anti-socialist psyops and propaganda organisation. Here is Whitney's career, reproduced from the Bloch/Fitzgerald book, 'British Intelligence and Covert

Action'.

**WHITNEY, Raymond William OBE** (1968) b. 28/11/30. IRD 1951. Northamptonshire Regiment, serving in Trieste, Korea, Hong Kong and Germany. 1960 Seconded to Australian Army Headquarters 1964 Resigned 1964 Joined Foreign Service: First Secretary, Commonwealth Relations Office 1966 First Secretary and Head of Political Section, Peking 1969 Head of Chancery, Buenos Aires 1972 Assistant Head, East African Dept FCO 1973 Deputy High Commissioner and Economic Counsellor, Dacca 1976 Head of IRD 1977 Head of Overseas Information Dept 1978 Resigned 1978 Elected Conservative Member of Parliament, High Wycombe Whitney was also alleged to have been involved in the 1983 MI5/Tory Party/MOD conspiracies against CND. Once a spook, always a spook?



RAY WHITNEY

In the same edition of the *Telegraph* the 'terrorism expert' Ronald Payne recycles the old canard that the death of the CIA agent Richard Welch, in Athens in 1975, was a consequence of Welch being identified by 'a renegade CIA officer'—he

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Furness Withey	1000		
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Proof That IT Acts As A Conduit For IRIS

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means, but hasn't got the nerve to say, Philip Agee. That this smear was comprehensively refuted as soon as it was launched by the CIA appears to have escaped Payne's notice. For his information, he should read 'Dirty Work: The CIA in Western Europe' by Philip Agee and Louis Wolf (Zed Press 1981) pp 7980. Welch was well known in Athens and had been named in an Athens newspaper as the station chief a month before his death.

Those with long memories may recall a piece in *The Leveller* (March 1978) about IRD. This included a list of the journalists who were receiving IRD's propaganda briefings. Among them was Ronald Payne. At this time the head of IRD was Ray Whitney.

Finally, in his article Whitney describes a technique known as 'surfacing', in which a story is planted in a minor, fringe, underground, or foreign publication to be picked up by the bigger media. Mr Whitney should know. His erstwhile employers, IRD, were the pioneers of the technique in this country. It was one of the things IRD officer, Hugh Mooney, taught the British Army's psyops unit, Information Policy, in Northern Ireland, during his year with them (1971/2). Ask Colin Wallace.

Most *Telegraph* readers will swallow this garbage from Messrs Payne and Whitney. Alas, all over this country there are people like us who can now read the sub-texts. And we aren't going to go away. And we aren't going to shut up.

Steve Dorril and Robin Ramsay

### INTELLIGENCE NOTES

1. Concerning 'the Greek Advert' (no. 183,p.7): a similar example appeared closer to home (*Guardian*, June 22) promising 'up to 1m. Swiss francs', guaranteeing anonymity and giving the same phone contact numbers. It stated that 'We are an international consortium of private firms and foundations concerned about worldwide terrorism'. Attacks ('outrages') in Lisbon, Rome (2),

Frankfurt, Irish coast, Athens and France were also listed.

2. The 'British Campaign Against Terrorism' (BCAT) has come to light - agitating against Mandela's release. Its chairman is Toby Baxendale and is supported by M.Ps Eric Forth and Ann Winterton (wife of MP Nicholas Winterton, who has South African business connections). Baxendale can be found at the London office of Western Goals UK, together with Andrew Smith (Director, Western Goals) who is involved with the 'Free Angola Committee' and the recent visit of UNITA's Mr Savimbo.

Also involved with BCAT are: Stavros Argyropoulos - Shell Ltd co-ordinator, Southern Africa;

2. Edmund Dell - ex-Labour M.P. and Trade Secretary, chair of Channel Four TV, director of Shell Transport and Trading; Dr. Alex Baynham - Director of Royal Armaments Research and Developments Establishment; John Gouriet - Director of the Freedom Association.

3. Michael Relton - the 'disgraced solicitor' in the Brinks-Mat affair - has, over a period of 13 years, represented the Police Federation and acted for 36 officers, successfully defending all but one of them in the courts. What had they been up to?

4. The Home Office have a Scientific Research and Development Branch (SRDB) at Sandridge, Herts. Tony Kitson is the SRDB 'Project Leader', Tom Mann its deputy director and Roy Livermore is an SRDB Scientist. SRDB is involved in computer-aided identification of criminals - PRODS (Picture Recognition on Discs): 100,000 images on a 12 inch, 2.6 Gigabyte optical discs, and is being tested with Hertfordshire Constabulary (Inspector Terry Cox). Its parameters are to narrow suspect fields - includes date of birth, name, ethnic appearance, offence code. Manufactured by Picdar Ltd, Watford. SRDB is also developing FACES (Facial Analysis Comparison and Elimination System), manufactured by System Designers Ltd

## LETTERS

Dear friends, Many Greetings.

Thank you very much for placing me on your mailing list for Black Flag. I greatly appreciate receiving Black Flag. The first copy got here fine. My keepers got all bent out of shape over it and are withholding saying 'It contains articles on racism and terrorism that could be inflammatory in a prison setting'. We should hope so! In any case I am appealing to the State Director of Prisons. If he doesn't get off his high horse and let me have that copy of Black Flag I'll be taking the prison to court and suing them.

Fortunately I'm in a 'liberal' federal circuit and would most likely win on this. I work in the prison law library so I can adequately research this. This notwithstanding, I'm looking forward to Black Flag, I'll be getting them sooner or later. It's interesting that the UK anarchist publications are what set the pigs going the most. I'm sure there is a psychological explanation as to why British anarchists are so threatening.

In my case, with a reaction like that, keep up the good work!

In solidarity  
Paul Wright No. 930783  
P.O. Box 777 Monroe, W.A. 98272 U.S.A.

Dear Black Flag,

I hope that your financial difficulties of the paper will be overcome because Black Flag is the most potent expression of Anarchist thought in Britain today and the best known. Congratulations on the latest issue and keep on fighting.

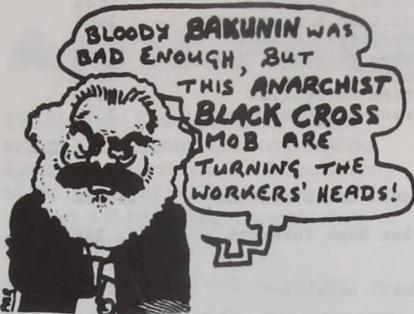
Yours in struggle,  
Alex, Corby

Dear Black Flag people,  
I've just got home from the international Anarchist Festival in Ruigoord in Holland (Amsterdam South-West). I recommended your paper as one of the best on the informational market. As I get home, I learn that you're having severe financial problems. It would be a real catastrophe if you ceased to come out at least once a month.

I therefore send you a £50 contribution (500 D.Kr., I guess) so that you might survive. I just want you to know that we need a revolutionary anarchist paper like the Black Flag! Compared to Black Flag the rest of the left-winged press (wankers!) is a bunch of ---- talking and shouting of revolution and besides that—nothing happens!!!

In the Black Cross work you've been indispensable as the vast source of information we all quote in our own anarchist magazines...  
Keep on Fighting!  
Jesper Muhrmann-Lund

Dear Black Flag,  
Hello! Hope all's well with you. Just a quick note to say could you include a thanks from Gari Allen (Animal Rights prisoner), W62615, H.M. Prison Winson Green, Birmingham, B18 4A5, to everyone who has written to him. It's helping him get along. He got two years on 6/5/88 but he's done about six months on remand. He's moving to H.M.P. Featherstone in August and is pleased.  
Love and solidarity  
Pete, Manchester



Dear Black Flag,  
The leading article in issue 182 (Gotcha!) is a bit irrelevant for Britain. Trying to get Anarchist ideas across to our class is hard enough without putting headlines into the paper that will only, really, interest Anarchists. Try to remember the street sellers next time! Otherwise Black Flag is great! Hope you last another 18 years.  
MM Glasgow

## FEEDBACK

### FINNISH BLACK CROSS

A Finnish section of the Anarchist Black Cross has been set up, with around 30 militants. They can be contacted at the following address: ABC, c/o Aki Riekkinen, Riiantie 3 D 30, SF-02780 Espoo, FINLAND



### PRISON LIFE

A Manchester comrade, who spent some months in nick, is compiling a booklet on prison experiences and how to survive. Prisoners and ex-prisoners who wish to contribute should or help in this project should write to the address below. Any profits will go to Black Cross, etc. Write to; Box Magpie, c/o Raven Press, 75 Piccadilly, Manchester 1.

### ANARCHIST BOOK FAIR

Taking place on Saturday October 8th 10-5pm. Social in evening. Conway Hall, Red Lion Square. Holborn Underground.



### MILITARY OBJECTOR

An Italian comrade has been sentenced to a year in prison for refusing military service. He'd appreciate letters of support. Write to: Manni, Agostino, Carcere Militare, Via Appia, 81055 s. Maria Capua Vetere, Italy

### GOOD NEWS FROM ARGENTINA

The FORA, Argentina's IWA section (founded in 1901), is stepping up its activities this year with an attempt to rebuild itself into an anarchist union through the setting up of 'Sociedades de Oficios Varios' (locally based union branches open to workers of all trades). Source: Organizacion Obrera.

### Egg on face department

In the last issue a piece of one article appeared at the end of another. For academic interest to those thinking we got off on a tangent, the last paragraph of Anarchism — 'What it stands for' (page 5) — was really the last paragraph of 'They're at it again!' (page 8).

Librairie Internationaliste is a bookshop in Athens (Kallidromiou 40.114473 Athens) seeking to build up a collection of books, studies and documents on an international level. Write to them at Post Office Box 10022, 26016 Athens.

## OBITUARIES

### OBITUARY — LARRY LAW

Larry Law died recently in Reading. He was known as the editor and publisher of Spectacular Times, a series of pamphlets including 'Buffo', 'Animals', 'Bigger Cages, Longer Chains', and others.

His funeral was held on Monday 1st August, with many of his friends present. Anarchist songs and reminiscing of Larry's life and times was done with much sadness by all.

I first met him when building up the (now defunct) Anarchist Video Library. He was an immense help in acquiring and copying anarchist films and documentaries. His regular letters and contact with me was always an inspiration and his optimism was unwavering. I will miss him.

MC

### BURNETT BOLLOTEN

The sad news reached us recently of the death of Burnett Bolloten, the acclaimed historian on the Spanish Civil War, at the age of 78 in California. He died last October.

Bolloten, who was widely recognised as a world authority on the civil war, devoted more than fifty years of his life to the documentation of those events. As a young reporter with the news syndicate, United Press, he arrived in Barcelona on 18 July 1936, the day before the revolution began. He covered the war for the next two years, then left for Mexico along with thousands of refugees, and began interviewing them with the idea of compiling a short book on the revolution—a task which completely took over his life and culminated in the publication, first, of 'The Great Camouflage' (1961) and, later, 'The Spanish Revolution' (1979). At the same time he compiled the largest collection in the world of documents relating to the Spanish Civil War, the 'Burnett and Gladys Bolloten Collection on the Spanish Civil War', which

is now housed in the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. Bolloten earned his living in the States (where he emigrated in 1949) as an encyclopaedia salesman, and later as a real estate executive—his earnings financing his research. Although none of my family ever had the opportunity to meet him (he was my father's cousin) he was talked about with something approaching awe because of his achievements. In recent years I enjoyed an erratic, though interesting and affectionate, correspondence with him, and I shall remember him fondly. Shortly before his death Bolloten managed to complete his last project—a third and final book on Spain, which will be published shortly. Our condolences go to wife Betty and son Gregory in their sad loss.

L. Bolloten

### Daniel Guerin

Daniel Guerin, militant and historian, died in April this year. Born in 1904, he was a union activist and associated for many years politically with Marceau Pivert and the 'two-and-a-half International' (a movement which grouped the POUM in Spain, the ILP in England, and the Austrian Socialists—which was far more internationalist than the Moscow-run Third International but dubbed by the Trotskyites to suggest lack of decision; actually they were to the left of the Fourth). With the 1956 revolution in Hungary against State and Russian domination he set about 'destroying the myth of Lenin the idol' which he had admired until then. He criticised Lenin's military conceptions and the 'adulterated notion of the dictatorship of the proletariat' reviving interest in France in Rosa Luxembourg's struggle against centralism.

This road led him to write his 'Anarchism and the anthology—somewhat too embracing as such anthologies usually are — 'Neither God nor Master'.

Though a good comrade, he was never an anarchist in the true sense of the word, but wished to make known the original contribution of anarchism, to 'reform the revolutionary movement' and free it of authoritarianism.

Anarchists certainly owe him a debt for helping to spread their ideas.

### Q & A on Anarchism

Q. How can you have an efficient anarchist set-up anywhere when to be efficient it has to be elitist, bureaucratic and organised, and therefore not anarchistic?

A. Not so: it is the constant stand-by of enemies of anarchism that anarchists don't believe in organisation — but that's because such people confuse organisation (which is of things) with government (which is of people). Anarchists might well happen to be unorganised, but that applies to everyone. To be in an elite is compatible with being an anarchist — but the trouble with elites is when they want to rule or be privileged because of their

special qualities. As an example scientists, explorers and artists may be of an 'elite' and quite acceptable as such and on equal terms with everyone else — problems only arise when they want to use their mark of distinction for power or privilege (as often happens with people with a revolutionary past who rise to power in a new government on the strength of their past). This is elitism, which we condemn — rule by elites being as open to the same criticism as rule by morons. In the same way, running an office system is not bureaucracy, which occurs when people have power or privilege because of their position in the office.

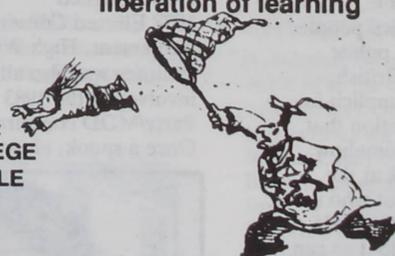
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### Answers to Quiz

1. A patriotic song of the Peninsular War in Spain had it that the popular saint, the Virgin of Pilar, didn't want to be French so she was joining the guerrillas: during the Civil War many sang a parody, that she didn't want to be a fascist so she was joining the anarchist militia. (How ungrateful that, nowadays, the anarchist rhyme is 'Send the Virgin of Pilar to work!')
2. During the filming of Eisenstein's film about it.
3. When Arnold Leese took over the Imperial Fascist League (in the twenties). From being a straightforward strike-breaking outfit it became extremely and eccentrically racist, one of the tests of 'racial classification' being the degree and virtual absence of body hair on men as well as women. The judicious use of a razor was necessary for many fascists till Mosley 'liberated'

them!

4. At the beginning of the last century, a Derbyshire stocking maker (and Luddite), Jeremiah Brandreth, led an insurrectionary march on Nottingham, but was defeated by soldiers at Eastwood. The survivors who surrendered were later hanged.
5. He ordered a fresh-cheeked (but well-endowed) young midshipman to pull his breeches down (to great applause from the now convinced spectators), and soon had occasion to use the firearms on which, their power rested.
6. Henry VIII's lavatory (privy) attendants naturally got the shittiest jobs of power and finance (the Privy Council)! The Groom of the Stool (literal arse-wiper) became Chancellor of the Exchequer: the job is now done by a metaphorical one.