# FEDBACK

# STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL APRIL 30th LUTON.

30-odd people demonstrated outside and inside Mathews Butchers. An hour later the group entered the town's main branch of Barclay's Bank. Anti-Apartheid leaflets were given out until police reinforcements arrived about 45 minutes later. A stink bomb was let off. Meanwhile in a lightning attack, paint bombs were thrown into a porn shop. A man inside got paint (nontoxic!) in his beard and on his suit. A demonstration was held inside the Army Careers Office, during which a lot of Army leaflets were removed and arguments had with recruiting officers. Stink bombs were let off in Wimpys, leaflets were given out in Macdonalds. Leaflets about animal experiments were given out in the Boots and Debenhams cosmetic departments.

At night 2 branches of Lloyds Bank were painted on, one with the slogan 'Lloyd's finance fascism'. A third Branch had it's neon-lit sign smashed. 'No Dole Cuts', B&B Backlash etc were painted on an unemployment Benefit Office, and windows covered in paint; another UBO was also graffitied. 'Dealers in Death' was painted on the door of Plesseys (involved in the Arms Trade). No arrests.

# STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL

For more news on Stop Business as Usual actions around the world, see latest issue of CROWBAR, anarchist squatters paper available from: BM Hurricane, London WC1 N 3XX



## THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF AUTHORITY.

More little items in the press and other publications showing just how much we need our leaders. . . In Gabon, the Pres. has ordered police to round up prostitutes and hand them over to the troops.

'When they have had 5 or 6 soldiers on top of them, these women will understand that you mustn't street-walk in Gabon', he is quoted as saying. Back in Britain the Transport Secretary Nicholas Ridley is to introduce retrospective legislation to take back £50 million from the GLC despite a High Court ruling that his claim is 'unlawful, irrational, and procedurally improper'. Will Mrs. Thatcher tell him the bit about how we must all respect Court rulings? As his legislation will be retrospective, this can only mean every citizen of this country is morally entitled to ignore any Court ruling that he or she wishes to ignore. . .

LONDON DAM-IWA MEETINGS Central London DAM - Next meeting is on Friday 7th June, 6.30pm at Brides Institute, Bride Lane, off Fleet St, London EC4

East London DAM - Next meeting is on Wednesday 5th June, 7.30 pm at Hackney Trades & Labour Club, 96 Dalston Lane, E8 \*

South London DAM - Next meeting is on Wednesday 5th June. 7pm at 121 Railton Road, Herne Hill, SE24 *Tel:* (01)274 6655 to confirm.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE The following publications are available either from 121 Bookshop or DAM-IWA Publications, c/o Box DAM, 121 Rai Iton Herne Hill, London SE24.

Anarchism and Feminism/Women Workers and Trade Unions 35pence; Syndicalists in the Russian Revolution 45pence; Strike Action 20pence; Racism and Struggle 15p; International Workers Association/Principles Aims and Statutes 40pence; DAM and the Trade Unions 25pence; IWA Today 50pence; Tell Us Lies about the Miners 60pence; Syndicalism in Practice - Argentina, Chile & Poland 10pence each.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED Rekyl. No. 1 (May 1985). Excellent new magazine from Copenhagen, Denmark, produced by the Danish Anarchist Black Cross. This first issue contains articles on Enrico Fedele (Italian Anarchist held hostage in France facing extradition to Italy), squatting news, and a lot of articles translated into Danish from Black Flag! Highly recommended for Danish speakers. 12 pages. Price unknown. Available from: c/o Rekyl, Anarkistisk Bogcafe, Nansensgade 43, 1366 Kbh. K, DENMARK.

Revolten. No. 10. (May 1985). Interesting anarchist magazine from Arhus, Denmark. Articles on the recent General Strike in Denmark, a historical piece on the Chicago Martyrs (5 anarchists murdered by the State in 1886), Stop Business as Usual, and more. Monthly, 12 pages. Price not known. Available, in Danish, from: Revolten, Regnbuen, Mejlgade 48, 8000 Arhus C. DENMARK.





Ideas & Action. No. 5. (Winter 1985). Another excellent publication published by the Workers Solidarity Alliance, the US associates of the International Workers Association. Articles in this issue include 'What is the IWA?'; Workers Solidarity Alliance Founding Convention,; Anarchism and Marxism plus lots more. 61 pages. Price \$\,2.00. Available from: Ideas & Action, Workers Solidarity Movement, San Francisco Group, PO Box 40400, San Francisco, CA 94140 USA.

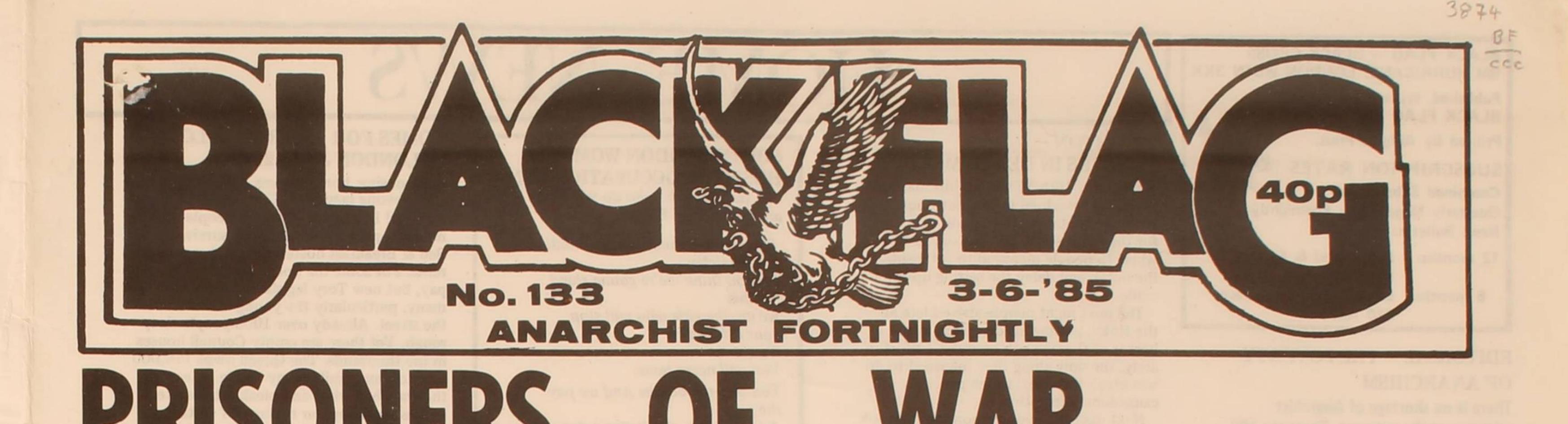
CNT. No 77 (April 1985). Well produced paper of the Confederacion National de Trabajo, the Spanish section of the International Workers Association. Lots of industrial news from an anarchosyndicalist viewpoint, an article on the feminist movement in Madrid, book reviews, the Common Market, etc. 16 pages. Price 50 pesetas. Available from: CNT, Calle Magdalena 29-2º PISO, 28012 Madrid, SPAIN.

CPCA. No. 29. (April-June 1985). An Interesting French Anarchist magazine concentrating on the International Anarchist Movement and its history. This issue contains articles on the history of the Anarchist Movement in Yugolslavia and information on the Bulgarian Anarchist Movement. 20 pages. Price: 7 Francs. CPCA (Centre de Propagande et de Culture Anarchiste), BP 21, 94190 Villeneuve St. Georges, FRANCE.

Between The Lines. Anarchist magazine produced by Oxford Anarchists. Donation welcome. Price: One Stamped, Self Addressed Envelope. Available from: 178 Divinity Road, Oxford, OX4 ILR. ENGLAND



BRIGADE COMES



LIFE SENTENCES ARE POLITICAL The sentencing of the two Welsh miners, Dean Hancock and Russell Shankland, was a political act as well as the charge of murder itself. And recognition of the political nature of the trial was shown when over 1,000 villagers from the mining community of Rhymney, where the two lived, marched through the streets with placards denouncing the verdicts. Dean and Russell are not murderers,

but working men who are known in their



communities for the support they have given to their community and to their union. On the day they went to stand on the bridge over the motorway to look for scabs, their intention was not to kill, although their actions resulted in a death. Even by the standards of bourgeois Law they should have been tried for manslaughter and not murder. As it was the Director of Public Prosecutions instructed that Murder was to be kept and the judge ruled that only the maximum sentence - life - would suffice. They were to be made an example of and become the sacrificial lambs to atone for the violence that was used by the mining communities as a whole in their defence of union rights and the rights of the community to resist police occupatio

But the State has failed to criminalise Dean and Russell: to their own community and to their class, they are but victims as was the taxi driver who foolishly (and consciously) took the side of the scab in a war of attrition, of which the Government and employers had organised.

In Rhymney, David Williams, the scab who had provided the circumstances for taxi driver Wilkies' death, is without a friend. At the march through Rhymney the demonstrators attempted to head to Williams' house, but were prevented by the police from getting anywhere near. Nevertheless the cry of 'scab' echoed through the Welsh air. Williams is now expected to return to work at Merthyr Vale pit now that the trial is over, but others expect that he will try to move out - perhaps to Nottingham-

Meanwhile the community of Rhymney has sworn that both Dean and Russell will be supported until the day of their release, but until then every effort will be made to get an appeal under way against the sentence at least and perhaps the trial hearing too.



WELSH DEMONSTRATION

On Saturday 25th May, 1985, 1500 people including the family, friends and fellow miners marched in Wales calling for the freedom of Dean Hancock and Russell Shankland jailed for life recently. The protestors marched in Cardiff to the Welsh Office and held a vigil at Cardiff



father Dave (left) and Geordie Richardson embraced by his brother outside Rudgate Prison, Wetherby. Gary, Geordie and Gordon Miller all served three months of a four month sentence imposed on them for breaking the windows of a working miner during the dispute. All three had been held in open prisons. Gary and Geordie were together in Rudgate but Gordon was sent away to another jail near Preston. The lads were presented with miners lamps by Dave Hopper, Secretary of Wearmouth Lodge, at a ceremony and coming out party at Sunderland North Labour Club the day they were released. Gary Hopper said the worst time of their three month stint was in Durham jail where the prison warders called them 'underground savages'. The overwhelming message from the three jailed miners was that messages of support were very important for their morale while they were in prison. A LIST OF THOSE STILL IN JAIL IS ON PAGE 3



121 Bookshop was opened in January 1981 by Anarchists looking for an outlet for anarchist literature in South London. Since then it has housed a cafe, a libertarian documentation centre (the Kate Sharpley Library) and a Self-help Housing Information Resource Library. It is still used by several groups, including South London DAM-IWA as a meeting place and mailing address. Since 1982 the building has also been used as an advice and help centre for homeless people.

The bookshop is open 6 days a week and has always been run on a voluntary basis by the 121 Collective. It is a Squat and one of the few buildings to survive the Brixton riots in the Summer of 1981 unharmed. Since the 81 riots, a Secret Council Committee (headed by Ted Knight, the Lambeth Council Labour Group Leader) has supervised the destruction and partial rebuilding of the entire area around 121 Railton Road. By 1985 most of the shops, houses and clubs have been evicted and demolished. In 1984 a row of houses in Effra Parade, opposite 121 Bookshop, were evicted by 150 riot police in a 4am raid. The Squatters, mostly Anarchists, barricaded the street and fought the police but failed to stop the evictions and demolition.

Thousands of Anarchists from all over the world have visited 121 Bookshop since it opened and hundreds of public meetings have been held there. More recently the bookshop cellar has been used (for the first time) to hold regular



benefits. Black Flag is distributed from the premises every two weeks. In the past the building has also been used by a women's self-defence group, women from Greenham Common Peace Camp, prisoner aid and miner's support work. The building was a derelict property owned by the local Lambeth Council before Anarchists occupied it. At the moment the 'Socialist' Labour Party control Lambeth Council under the leadershop of 'Red' Ted Knight, a Marxist who was once expelled from the Labour Party as a result of his 'extreme' views. His hatred for Anarchists and local Squatters is no secret nor is his personal vendetta against 121. The Bookshop was raided by the police in 1984 (looking for guns) and attacked by right-wingers. Lambeth Council took 121 Collective to Court to obtain an eviction order in 1983, but then adjourned the case indefinitely. In June 1984, the Council again started eviction proceedings but the magistrate decided that the Collective had a right to a Civil Court case which was to take place on 17th and 20th May, 1985. However, due to the impatience of the

Council to get rid of the bookshop, Lambeth Council's Legal Department deliberately ignored the Bookshop's request for several documents in their possession relating to the eviction. Their failure to hand over these documents is illegal and when 121 Bookshop threatened to take Lambeth Council to court over this the Council had no choice but to

cancel the Court Case date in May and agree to provide 121 with all the necessary legal documents. This means 121 Bookshop will be around for a few more months, but the threat of eviction still stands.

- Therefore send protest letters to: 1. Labour Group, Lambeth Town Hall,
- Brixton Hill, London SW2.
- 2. G.A. Lewsey, Directorate of Administration and Legal Services, London Borough of Lambeth, Lambeth

Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London SE24. Solidarity messages to: 121 Bookshop, 121 Railton Road,

Herne Hill, London SE24. England.

# PRICE WATERHOUSE TRIAL ENDS

The 12 Clydeside Anarchists arrested for occupying Price-Waterhouse\* Offices in Glasgow during the Miner's Strike have been fined a total of £2,000. (2 were fined £300 each, 7 were fined £200 each, 2 have deferred sentences).

An appeal fund has been set up. We urge all our readers to donate generously. Why not organise a benefit? Make cheques payable to: AUTONOMY BOOKS, c/o Clydeside Press, 53 Cochrane Street, Glasgow G.1.

\* Price-Waterhouse was the Company responsible for stealing NUM funds during the strike.

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EDITORIAL - THE POVERTY OF ANARCHISM

There is no shortage of Anarchist prisoners at the moment. There are 100 we know of worldwide, but the true figure is probably double that number or more. There is however, a shortage of solidarity and financial aid.

The ABC was originally set up to help provide solidarity with Anarchists in jail and we have been moderately successful, especially in recent months, in providing solidarity considering our limited resources. We have been especially pleased by the number of people who have offered to help in the past 6 months and everyone is optimistic about the future. However, our financial situation is as bad as ever, making it impossible for us to provide financial aid to the majority of our prisoners or to Anarchist resistance movements in countries where the situation is desperate. In Chile we know Anarchist militants (apart from working underground) are going without food so that they can finance propaganda.

Even in Spain, where there is an organised anarcho-syndicalist movement, there is little or no money around to pay for renting offices, printing papers or aiding anarchist prisoners.

Like it or not, in a relatively prosperous country like Britain, we are in an ideal position to aid anarchist movements in poorer countries like Chile, and help anarchist prisoners in countries like Greece or Spain.

We realise that donations won't cause the revolution, but at least they ensure the survival of our movement internationally. Don't forget those on the other side of the wall and don't forget those on the other side of the world.

Maybe someday our international solidarity will be returned.



# CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE

The CAPV picketed HMP Holloway on 23/5/85 in support of Rachel Hill, who is there for seven days after being found in contempt of the openly biased and racist judge Butler QC. on 21/5/85 at Southwark Crown Court.

Butler was sitting through the 'appeal' of William Carr who had been beaten up by Kennington Road police then convicted for 'offences' against them. Butler, not surprisingly dismissed the appeal by Williams and sent him back to prison to complete his 5 month sentence. News has filtered through that since the Tuesday appeal, William has already been asaulted in Pentonville prison. CAPV c/o SNHDC, 380 Old Street EC1

Tel 739.8549 & SMP, 8 Camberwell Green SE 5 Tel 703 1906/7.





DEALERS IN DEATH MEET On 14th to 16th March, an International Arms Fair was held in the Metropole Hotel, in Brighton. Disruption planned for the event started on the day before, when 15 people managed to get inside the hotel, and delay the setting up for a while.

The next night people arrived late at the Hotel, getting inside, much to the horror of the one cop on duty. Unfortunately, the only thing they managed to do was break the door, which probably did cause some disruption.

Next day, the main demonstration took place, about sixty people yelling and screaming at the merchants of death, but police moved in on it very heavily, pulling people off a concrete island in the middle of the road, eventually arresting about 40 people, including some CNDers who had chained themselves to the railings. One woman was knocked unconscious.

Those not arrested rushed to the police station, where people arrested were held until Court next day. One woman was arrested for contempt of Court for telling the Magistrate what she thought of him, and threatened with 3 weeks in Holloway Prison. She was later released after having to 'apologise'. At Stop Brighton on 30th May, more damage and less arrests!

# ANARCHIST 'ASSASSINATES' MAYOR OF BEDFORD

The new Mayor of Bedford got a shock during his inaugeration at Bedford Corn Exchange on May 8th. Half way through the ceremony, when the old Mayor was passing the 'Chain of Office' to the new Mayor, an anarchist jumped up from the audience, pulled a balaclava down over his face, produced a plastic machine-gun and 'fired a few shots' at the Mayor.

He was immediately jumped on by a cop and a bouncer who failed to see the funny side of things, and has been charged with 'occasioning a breach of the peace by using threatening behaviour'.

Meanwhile, the Bedford 4 are coming up for Trial at Bedford Crown Court at 10.30am on June 24th for bricking the NIREX (Dis)Information Office (they plan to dump nuclear waste nearby). Support welcome. For more information:

Bedford Anarchist Collective/B.A.C. Bedford College of Higher Education, Polhill Avenue, Bedford, Bedfordshire. \*NIREX = Nuclear Industries Radiological Radiological Waste Executive.

# LORDS OUTING

As if you didn't know, June 16 is Magna Carta Day, the day when most peers of the realm take stock of their affairs and look back at that historic point in time when the Lords of England ensured their say in national affairs. Todays barons capitalists and their ilk - will too celebrate the reviving feudal economy: eg. the Freedom Association, representing the free market economics tendency, will be staging a Magna Carta Day steamer trip on the Thames river at Magna Carta island Star speaker will be Norris McWhirter, known as a strike-breaker no less. Leaving Windsor at 12.30pm and returning at 5.15pm, the steamer party will no doubt reflect upon their behind the scenes role in propping up the scab organisations of the recent miners strike. That is, unless unforseen circumstances prevent them from doing so. . .

# DONATE!

# ACE KELLY ACQUITTED

'Ace' Kelly of the Stoke Newington & Hackney Defence Campaign, who was charged with obstruction, assault and threatening behaviour, after the police accused him of kidnapping his own daughter in June 1984 was cleared of all charges. Despite this, the Magistrate at the resumed hearing in February said: 'Quite frankly, I think your behaviour was appalling and I think it was likely to cause a breach of the peace.'

Ace Kelly intends to sue the police for wrongful arrest, malicious prosecution and illegal detention.

# HOME NEWS

### SOUTH LONDON WOMEN'S HOSPITAL OCCUPATION SONG To the tune of: 'who do you think you are kidding Mr. Hitler?

Who do you think you are kidding Mrs Thatcher Do you think we're gonna stand

for this We are the girls who will stop

your little game We are the women You will never tame.

You buy the bombs And we pay the price

A Fascist who don't give a damn for human life

You make the cuts and let the people suffer

We won't take this lying down. You broke our occupation with bailiffs and police

You think now we're out We'll be keeping the peace You think you've won but you're wrong Mrs T-We're stronger now than ever before. We will keep fighting to the bitter end

If you think we'll let you privatise

You must be round the bend. Who do you think will protect you Mrs Thatcher When the power's in our hands.

Since the eviction of the hospital last month the occupiers have continued to meet, and have now been offered a bunker by Lambeth Council, as a base for activities, and possibly a Women's Health Centre. For further info. contact: Hospital Occupation Committee, c/o S.L. Women's Centre, 52 Acre Lane, London SW2.



# QUESTION AND ANSWER ON ANARCHISM

Q. No quibbling now – do Anarchists believe in Marx or don't they? I keep hearing that they don't believe in Marx but there is a great deal that Anarchists say that clearly does come from Marx.

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A. It isn't a guibble to say Anarchists 'believe' in Marx in the same way we do in the Catholic Church (there's one just round the corner as I write); what we do NOT believe in is the collective dogma of either, without necessarily saying everything they say is untrue. However what is true is coloured by the prejudices of the priesthood (in both cases). Nor is what's true, original.

Marxism, the sum total of Marx's thought, as interpreted by the successive 'scholar priests' of Marxism in a multitude of different revelations, has become a theology equivalent to the Catholic Church,

# HOMES FOR ALL RALLY LONDON IN LONDON JUNE 22nd.

Bad housing, homelessness, high rent, profiteering landlords, Council bureaucrats aaaeegh! In London 150,000 people do not have proper homes, many survive in Bed & Breakfast hostels which charge high rents. For some the Social Security will pay, but new Tory legislation will force many, particularly the young and old onto the street. Already over 1000 people sleep rough. Yet there are empty Council houses in the thousands. The Queen owns 176,000 acres of land while many live in holes in the wall, high-rises and bleak estates. Rent strikes are a popular method of getting demands met (the Tories legislated to get rents of those on Dole and Supplementary paid direct to landlord/Council instead of being handled by Claimants) and the Rate -capping tussle between some local council and the Central Government has thrown the Rates Departments into chaos which will delay prosecution paper work. Some groups of unemployed formed into co-ops to pool rent money from the State into renovations on short-life properties. Others continue to squat moving out only after the final stage (first notice to quit, second Court date appearance, last Bailiffs notice of eviction date) either quietly and then resquatting or resisting the eviction with friends and neighbours. There are over 30,000 squatters in London. The Advisory Service for Squatters publishes a Squatters Handbook; and in many areas squatters meetings organise opening new Squats, advice, alarm lists to resist eviction and cafes or clubs for mutual aid fund raising and social life. Every year the consumer heaven Ideal Homes Exhibition reveals the latest carrots for the wageslaves to allow themselves to be beaten with the sticks for (move out of London problem areas, to the nice 'green belt' which surrounds it — secure, well policed and even if you don't want it voters here' is a new Airport at Stansted for the nation).

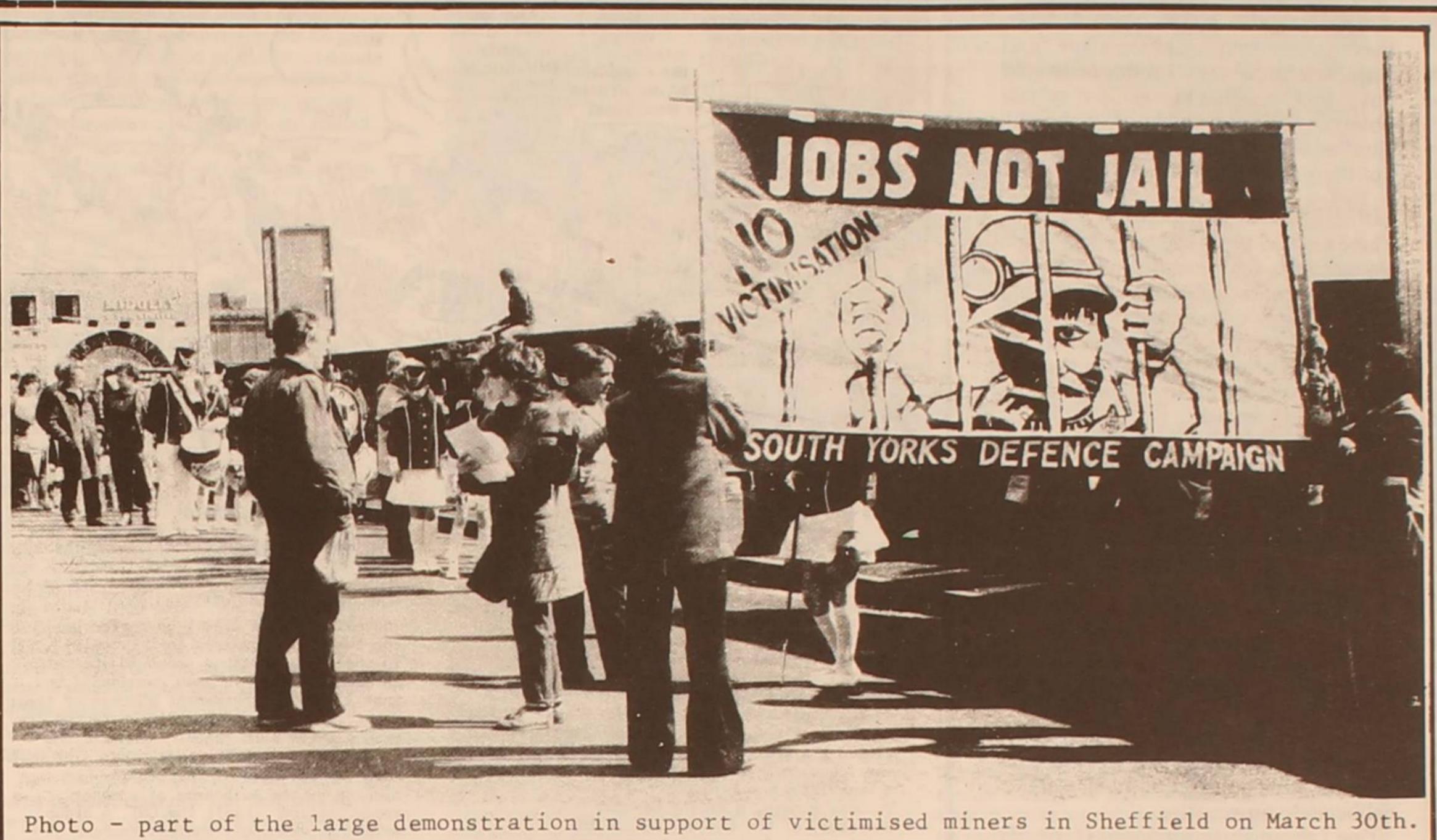


Homes For All Rally on Saturday June 22nd starting at Highbury Fields at 1pm (Highbury & Islington tube). The demo will end at Camden Town Hall (occupied by B&B families after a fire in one led to deaths earlier this year) after visiting other Town Halls, Estate Agencies and rich land owners on route. Islington Housing Action Group - Mollies, 287 Upper Street, N1. Haringey Homes For All -32 Alexandra Road, N8 Camden Squatters Association -4 Carol Street, NW1. Box N100 -234 Camden High Street, NW1. Advisory Service for Squatters 2, St Pauls Road, N1. Squatters Network of Walworth -362 Old Kent Road, SE1. Brixton Squatters Aid -121 Railton Road, SE24. Opening hours vary so write or drop by.

though taught as a science in many countries (exactly as is theology). It is rare that an ideology is totally lacking in correct ideas, especially regarding the failings of its opponents. Marxism has become a largely accepted superstitition because it has been seen to be in conflict with capitalism and carried out in Russia one anti-bourgeois measure, the elimination of the private capitalist profit motive. What it has substituted has been infinitely worse, and capitalism elsewhere has therefore claimed that this is what will happen if capitalism is abolished. Because of this, those criticisms

of capitalism which Marx had in common with Anarchism and other forms of socialistic theory, have been appropriated by Marxists as Marx's alone, and capitalists have been able to tarnish the whole of communistic thought with the Marxist brush.





Court cases initiated by King Scabs to get the Miners Strike declared illegal began a whole series of wranglings which lately have resulted in Notts scabs trying to get two Notts strikers expelled for not paying NUM subscriptions while on strike! The case failed. Another case over rule changes on NUM area autonomy is pending. Scabs produced 26.6 million tonnes of coal from Notts & Derbyshire according to the NCB. During the 12 months of the strike 800,000 shipments were made by lorries as sympathetic strike action of

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railway workers stopped coal trains. Almost 20m tonnes went to the 15 power stations in the Trent valley. Before the strike Midlands pits loaded 565 trains per week, BUT by May '84 fewer than 200 were being loaded. Notts always had 100 trains a week while other areas often had no trains. The Notts North & South Areas will merge in August and become the centre of national strategy under the Director Albert Wheeler who as Scottish NCB boss refused to reinstate any miner sacked or arrested in the region. The new centre will be based in Edwinstowe.

Meanwhile at Thoresby Miners Welfare near Edwinstowe the 76 miners who lost their jobs for striking (only 4 were taken back) have been banned from having any meetings on the premises and even when they could use the place were banned from bringing people from London in. Could be renamed the Manager's Yes

Finally Don Concannon, Mansfield MP for 19 years (yawn) and Ashfield MP Frank Haynes are supported by the Notts scabs. Up to <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of election campaign expenses are paid for by NUM sponsorship instead of the candidate or the local Labour Party.

During the Miner's Strike, the Shirebrook, Langwith and Pleasley Women's Action Support Group, borne out of poverty and need, rose to become the backbone for many families. Continuing their work, the women opened a new Shirebrook Community Centre last month where they have held socials and jumble sales (with clothes donated from, amongst many places, Holland) for the families of miners in jail. A local women's training centre has been set up with a nursery and advice and information. A coffee bar, old folk's club, junior clubs for teenagers and children, after school activities and unemployed activities are catered for, they also plan to produce a local newspaper.

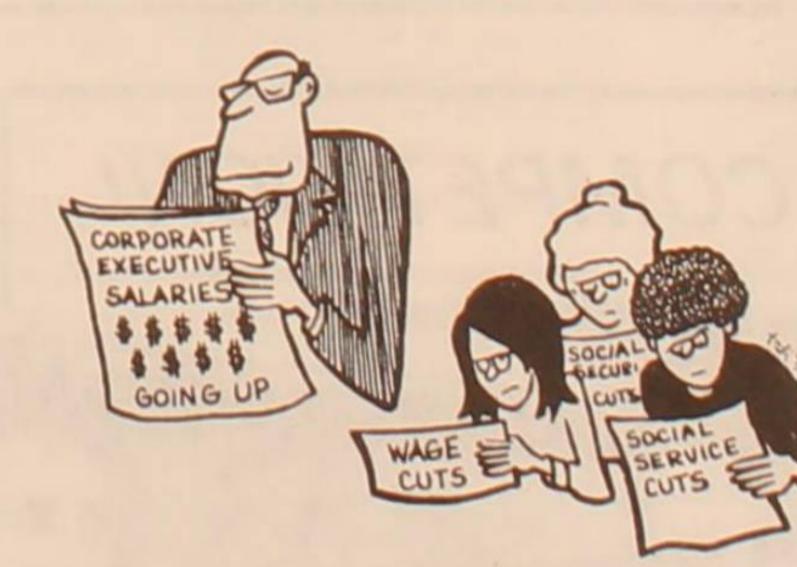
Meanwhile in Mansfield a new £1.45m Territorial Army Centre was opened by ex-Major Dennis Thatcher. It includes a miniature rifle range for use by A Company 3rd (Volunteers) Battalion, Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Royal Engineers, Notts Army Cadet Force and Army Careers Office.

A miner at Westoe colliery was sacked at the beginning of May for allegedly kicking a scab in a cage with over 50 men in it in total darkness. In response to the sacking the miners at Westoe immediately struck for 48 hours. Further action seems likely if the miner is not reinstated.

Joe Henry of South Kirby Colliery has been sacked for allegedly calling someone a scab. He denies it but the word of two scabs was good enough for the NCB. Mick Aldrid was one of two miners who were sacked for allegedly causing criminal damage despite having been released from Maltby police station without charge. 4 miners at Silverwood Colliery have been sacked for allegedly causing damage to a dead tree before their cases came to Court Christine Brown, a cleaner at Harworth pit and chair of the Women's Support

Group there, returned to work only to be told she had been sacked. No reason was given for her dismissal.

Since the end of the miner's Strike nearly 3 months ago around 20,000 jobs have been lost around the country by miners. The latest wave of redundancies are to be in the Doncaster area (2,500) while the closures of Bates and Horden collieries in North-East England will mean over 3,000 job losses.



### THE BOSSES LAW

John Hunter the owner of a coal mine security company in West Virginia was accused last month of hiring an undercover FBI agent to break the arms and legs of a union organiser.

He is also charged with trying to smuggle a pistol into West Virginia as part of the plot to injure Manuel D. Williams, a United Mine Workers organiser at a mine Hunter's company protects.

On April 10, Hunter allegedly gave FBI Agent Richard Kemp a pistoi and told him to make the attack look like armed robbery.

SOURCE: B.K.

## NO STRIKES ALLOWED? -**IT MAKES YOU SICK!**

Dutch air traffic controllers, legally barred from striking reported sick en masse to back a pay claim on Friday May 24th. It stopped flights of course but their bosses are still holding out. The workers went back on the 25th and flights returned to normal. Imagination and direct action in industrial struggles can get results though the bosses have promised negotiations.

# SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION!



**JEEP WORKERS PISSED OFF!** Some 4,000 Toledo Jeep workers were sent home on April 12th, following the second day of workers protests against loss of seniority and the Jeep company's and Union of Automobile Worker's decision not to repay concessions as had been agreed in 1982. Reportedly more than 150 vehicles on three assembly lines were damaged during production, with side panels pushed in, doors welded shut, and holes punched in the quarter panels. Company officials estimate that £300,000 of damage was done.

The situation stems from concessions extracted from Jeep workers in 1982. Under that agreement — initially angrily voted down but eventually accepted in the face of a concerted union drive for ratification — the workers loaned their bosses American Motors Corporation, which owns Jeep, an average of £6,000 each through a freeze on wages and benefits. The money was to be paid back in 1985, but the union is allowing the company to repay workers gradually - out of profit-sharing funds - instead. AMC made some 15.5 million dollars last year, and plans to pay workers about £200 each. At this rate it will take some 24 years for Jeep workers to get back the funds they loaned the company (also lose on inflation).

And as if that weren't enough, many of the workers who advanced the boss these funds in order to save their jobs have since been laid off!

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SOURCE: The Durham Striker.

### DURHAM

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# NORTHUMBERLAND

**NIGEL BIRCH: Bates** Three-month sentence from April 1985, Durham Prison, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HU WILLIAM SMITH: Whittle -21/2-year sentence from Febru- Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW. ary 1985. Durham Prison Old SIMON BROOKES:

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Wymott Prison, Moss Lane, Leyland, Lancs PR5 3LW. TERRY CAPSTICK: village - Nine-month sentence

**CLIVE THOMPSON:** Frick RAYMOND PATTERSON: ley - Three-year sentence.

ence from March 1985. , Wymott Prison, Moss Lane - Nine-month sentence from Leyland, Lancs PR5 3LW.

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# **RAG-BAG FASCISM**

RAGBAG FASCISM TODAY T here are two fascisms operating today in Britain. The drive towards the rightwing totalitarian State, under the Prime Minister, continues unabated. It needs no pressure groups, though one is developing within the Conservative Party. The other fascism is the discredited world of the traditional Nazi-Fascist right-wing, useless to the capitalist class any longer, since Mrs Thatcher is delivering the goods for them.

It is no use saying these ragbag remains of fascism 'need not to be taken very seriously'. True since they are not needed by the capitalist class they cannot come to power. If they could be used as strikebreaking or vigilante groups, they might be of use to the capitalist class but it does not need them while there is a strong State police force.

The wilder elements of the 'libertarian' right seek to dispense with the need for a State force on the grounds that this can be paid for privately.

The cheap way to gain support for the British Movement, National Front from the yobbo belt, has been racialism, but this has had a bounce back effect -Conservatives prefer the Asian shopkeeper class wedded as it is to capitalism and have long since welcomed into their ranks the upwardly mobile Jewish middle class it is only if you're Black you still have to 'get back' (or if you're Asian or Jewish and not rich!).

Where the ragbag remnants have to be taken seriously is for their nuisance value in which they act as agents provocateurs or effect personal, generally racial, direct attacks, or act as decoy ducks for the Military Intelligence or as ringers for militant activism.

THE DIRECT ATTACK METHOD An anti-CND group of Hooray Henry types have specialised in direct attacks on peace movement people. This was set up in early 1984 and known euphemistically as Youth for Multilateral Disarmament, and copying 'tactics of the far left' - ie. disruptions, interventions etc. especially as parodied by trots and other vanguardists.

This is a group working at the edge of the the Federation of Conservative Students -- whose Scottish groups have now moved so far to the 'libertarian right' as to alarm the Conservative Party itself lest it's 'hooligan tactics' frighten the punters off the official Tories who are carrying out fascist tactics as far as they legally can. This explains the haste of Tory Chair Selwyn Gummer to disown them with a heavy hand for little more than leaving the floor untidy at their conference.

It is easy to pass over from the type of political horse-nobbling to acting as a political ringer.

We have notes on two agents provocateurs - who are a rule, not an exception. One of them is Victor Norris who went directly from attacking left wing groups to posing by phone as an anarchist. He has now been identified as having run a Satanist book shop (often a cover-up for child attacks for which he has run foul of the Law). It is being suggested now in many quarters that he is implicated as a private detective in the murder of Hilda Murrell, CND activists, and close relative of the Communications Officer who handled the orders to sink the Belgrano during the Falklands invasion.

Among his direct assault groups have been the Salvo society, and the anti-Communist Commando; as part of his ringer activities he has passed out threats purporting to come from the former Angry Brigade, or tried to get others to follow his lead. According to Searchlight after the London Evening News had run the story of an 'Anarchist Machine Gun Factory Discovered', it was found that the two people running it were in fact hard line Nazis - the brothers Olliffe, in league with Norris.

Among those involved in this latter circle was a certain Bob Blatchford. This may well be a pseudonym and he maybe parodying the name of the well known Socialist pioneer who as a Nationalist is posthumously claimed by fascists.

Blatchford moved in anti-hunt circles but is known to be involved with the Monday Club. Some of the animal poisoning stories, attributed to the animal

liberationists, may well have come from this 'Blatchford'. This cannot be proved but it is certain that he was seen by an observor to be at a dinner of the Pytchley Hunt and it was pretty obvious he was not there in the role of saboteur!

## LIBERTARIAN RINGERS

There are two types of ringer now who are menacing the Anarchist movement, which has characteristically shrugged off the challenge or pretended it did not exist. Even when plain facts have been put forward in these columns it was thought by many they were part of a devious 'internecine' conflict.

One is the 'Libertarian right' section that likes sometimes to call itself 'anarcho capitalist'; the other the 'Libertarian left' that could presumable be called 'anarcho-Statist' (! to both): the one representing a faction in the Tory Party the other in the Labour Party.

At present the National Council of Civil Liberties is under attack more than ourselves, on the specious issue of whether the protection of Fascists and of strikebreakers is a matter of civil-liberties or not, which is in effect to say there should be no strikes but massive police aid must be given to demonstrations which are deliberately provocative.

One Labour Party supporter (formerly a contributor to Anarchy magazine when it was the theoretical journal of Freedom Press, and he is still we believe a member of the FP Trust), Tony Smythe – for years into quasi-libertarian bureaucracy of the Labour Party type - has stated that it is the 'authoritarian left' who want to oppose fascism and police cover for the National Front. 'Authoritarian anarchism' is now one of the catchphrases of 'Anarcho-Statism', or 'anarchists' within the Labour Party, to describe anarchism.

On a point of view like this, the ringers come together both 'right' and 'left'. But one should not mistake the situation. The Smythes, Nevilles, etc are longstanding ticks in the weak underbelly of the libertarian movement, who have now changed the meaning of the word 'libertarian' to suit their new stance.

The decoy ducks within the political Parties, who now use the word 'anarchist' they had always in the past denigrated, are a different matter.

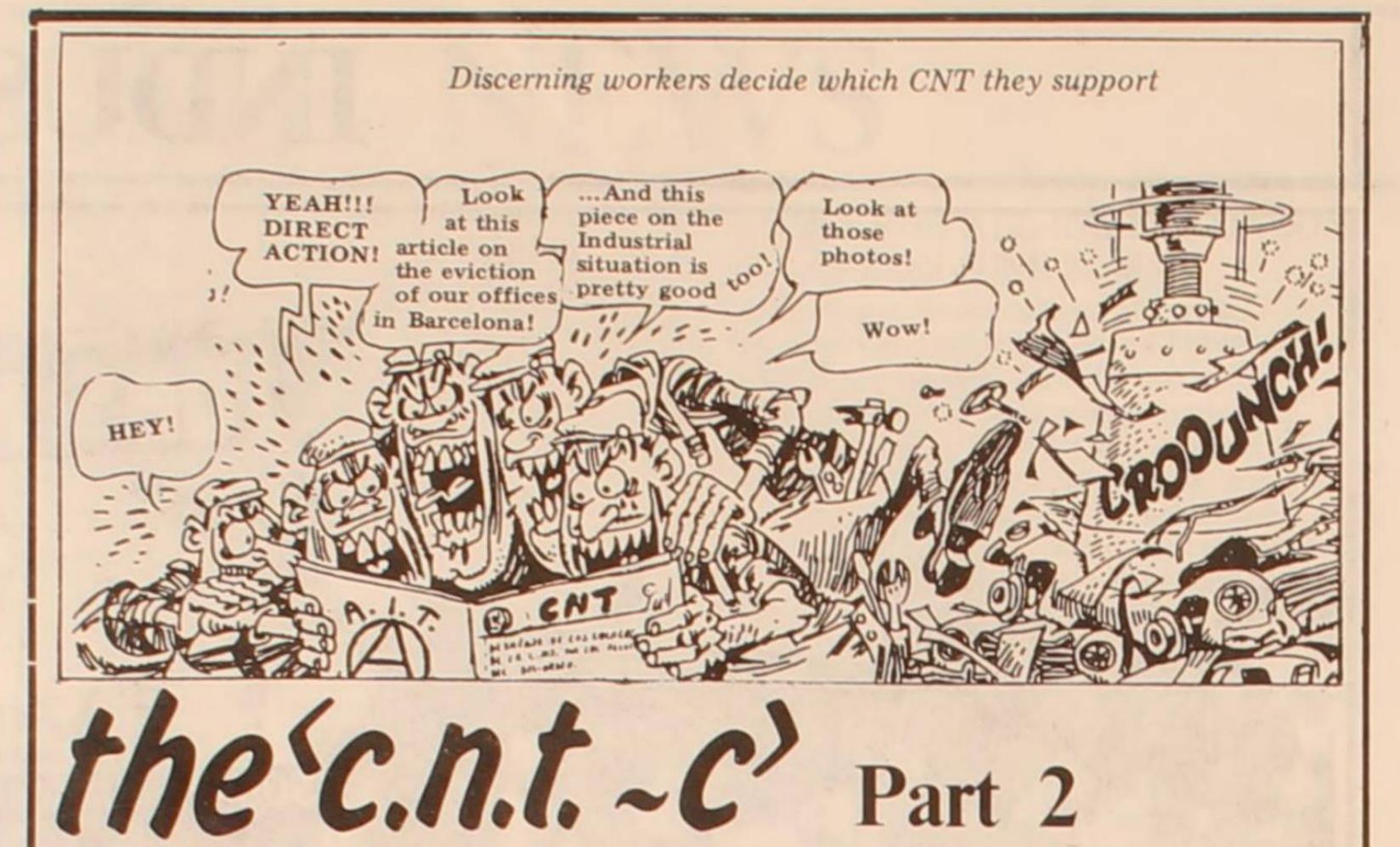
These are the Libertarian Right within the Tory Party, and the 'anarchist' faction in the Labour Party, and are also not to be confused with the Trot factions now carving up that Party into slices.

There is a third such tendency within the Liberal Party, formerly in its youth section. We shall examine this in a second article in the next issue - DECOY DUCKS DUCKS 2 - and identify the ringers for 'Anarchism' in the three main Parties (Tories, Labour and the Alliance), for which the Anarchists proper are in no way responsible.

BF Collective.

# BLACK FLAG COMPETITION!





This is the second part of an article about the CNT-C (a.k.a. the 'Renovadas).

Who the hell are the CNT de Catalunya? 1. Casas - head of the entertainment union of the CNT/C. An ex-member of the CNS (one of Franco's vertical unions) and a known friend of Martin Villa, the Spanish Minister of the Interior at the time of the Scala case (in which five CNT-AIT members were accused of bombing the Scala nightclub; the only witness to the event the owner of a nearby newspaper klosk, whose testimony contradicted the police verstion radically, was found dead in mysterious circumstances a week later).

2. Jose Bondia, a recent General Secretary of the CNT-AIT before the split, apart from being a member of the CNT/C, is known to have direct relations with the PSOE (Spanish Socialist Party, now in power).

3. Perez Canales, another recent General Secretary of the CNI-AIT before the split, is now known to be a veteran of the Communist Union (originally part of the Spanish Communist Party but now separate).

4. Jose March. Now the General Secetary of the CNT/Renovada/de Catalunya, he originally worked for the post office, up until 1984. Now he receives a pension both from the post office authorities and From the UGT (socialist) union. 5. The majority of the CNI/C militants belong simultaneously either to the UGT of the CC.00 (socialist and communist trade unions respectively).

CNT/C Statement Recently the CNT/C made a statement of its beliefs. It said that it renounced the ideas of anarcho-syndicalism and had broken completely with the AIT (the International Workers' Association). It has for a while now had relations with both political parties and workers' organisations which collaborate directly with the State. This year they've asked the UGT and CC.00 if they can march with them on May Day. The two unions concerned said no. The CNT/C have followed a policy of making contact with groups which have always been opposed to the CNT-AIT.

### The Patrimony

The government of Spain has officially recognised the right of the CNT to its. historic patrimony (some 252 buildings overall, full details enclosed), but have blocked it on the grounds that there are two CNTs. This despite the fact that under the government's own constitution it is illegal for any political organisation to use the same initials as another political organisation which was formed earlier (thus splits from

The 'CNT-C has nothing to do with the CNT-AIT, the Spanish section of the International Workers Association.

the Spanish Communist Party - the PCE were forbidden to use names like PCE Marxista-Leninista, for example, had to use a new set of initials). The CNT-AIT have slowly been reoccupying their old premises in Catalonia. In one case, Badalona (town adjacent to Barcelona), they've been successful and that is now the permanent address of their Local Federation there. Elsewhere they've been evicted with force. Meanwhile the legal transfer of their premises - of which there are 36 in Catalonia - is blocked by the existence of another group calling itself the CNT, a group which has seemingly endless sources of cash, a negligible amount of popular support, and whose most prominent affiliates have more than dubious connections with political organisation directly opposed to the original CNT. I'm going to try and find out in more detail about who the CNT de Catalunya are and where their money comes from but that'll take time and will appear in a later article. The CNT-AIT have no doubt that the people behind it, if not all of the affiliates, are in league with the government and working in State interests, in the most cynical and selfinterested way possible. The atmosphere in the CNI-AIT offices in Barcelona becomes bitter and pissed-off whenever the subject is mentioned. The CNT de Catalunya are one more obstacle among the many the anarcho-syndicalists already have, but they are something more too, in that some

of them are ex-CNT-AIT affiliates who have turned on their friends in a way which in its viciousness goes far beyond an ideological disagreement. Their actions contradict absolutely the principles of solidarity inherent in the CNT-AIT's history and ideology. And of course the

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CNT de Catalunya give the person-in-thestreet the impression that the anarchists, god bless them, can't agree on anything, even among themselves. There is plenty of scope for discussion and debate within the CNT-AIT, as following articles will show, but the split with the CNT de Catalunya goes beyond discussion and debate (the CNT/C, as you've read, have renounced the principles of anarchosyndicalism. Why then don't they form their own group, or join one of the numerous tendencies which fit in with their ideas? Why insist on using the CNT initials?). It's interesting that even unions which have nothing in common with the CNT-AIT, like the communist CC.00., have refused to have anything to do with the 'new' CNT, on the grounds they're not a real union. No further comment.

M.T. 26.4.85

BIG NEWS this issue is the announcement of the winning entry in the Black Flag competition, to find the best caption for this photograph from the miners demo in London on 24th February.

**Italian Anarchists Errico Fedele and** 

East Africa by the 'Socialist' French

Giovanni di Guiseppe have been

expelled from France to Burundi,

LATE NEWS

Government.

Thinks...'Umm, is this the bit when I indulge in totally justifiable self-defence? Which one is the smallest?' From M.G. of Merseyside.

M.G. asked for his winnings, a Black Flag subscription, to be donated to the Murrays, we'll be sending £12 to them. Thanks to everyone who sent in their

suggestions. Other inspired captions were: 'Beam me up quick, Scotty!' 'But I'm a LIBERAL cop - I beat people up and agonise about it afterwards.' 'Ok lads, so you don't like my impersonation of a prick -can I have the helmet back now please?'

'Oh no, not that, anything but the Arthur Scargill impersonation!'

# **INTERVIEW WITH LANCASHIRE** SCHOOL STRIKER

How did the strike at your school happen? Arrived at school. . . one morning this lad came up at break time who said he had heard on Breakfast time TV that there were strikes by school kids that day. So by dinner time we told a few people, we all grouped and started to walk off from school when a teacher came up and said 'you can go out for lunch, but if you don't come back you will be severely punished', then cleared off with a few students who feared detection etc. We walked off down town, most of the school really followed on. How many was that?

About 300/400 out of 1200 at the school but we were enough.

How did the word spread? Well, we spread it from break to lunch time, me and a few mates so people knew soon enough. . . We all met up in the Town centre, after walking in and having a laugh on the way. We all stood around in the shopping precinct, then these Militants came up with their newspapers and said 'I think you should all protest at the YTS (Youth Training Schemes) and stand outside the Town Hall and we'll organise something; then shouting Maggie, Maggie Maggie. . . Out! Out! Out!' expecting us to join in too. They were really hassling people to buy their paper, 'it's a good paper, we're all behind you and that. We tried to get rid of them, walking away etc. but they kept on mingling in with us, selling their papers. A mate of mine went up to the bloke who was selling them and asked to see one before buying one. He ripped it up so the Militant said 'Stop causing trouble, you'. But my mate said it's not us it's you lot that's causing trouble, clear off! But they wouldn't have it. What we did, like, there was a few of us, 'villians' we started spitting at him and then everybody did! A semi-circle around him all spitting, so they did clear off. Someone said let's go to the Town Hall so we all did and piled in running about, having a laugh, a really good time, dossing in the lifts and visiting the Careers Officers. These two CO's were sitting there and asked us 'what do you lot want?' So we said 'Oh, we've dome down for an interview' So one of 'em said 'Oh, I'll just go and get someone' and cleared off leaving one alone. She said 'What would you like to be when you grow up?' We said 'An artist, we want to draw the dole!' We got cheesed off with. waiting so we said 'Go and get him, tell him to hurry up' banging on the tables. . . 'Shape it up, Shape it up!' When she left the room we starting ripping things up, vandalising it all. Someone yelled 'They're coming' we we all legged it back to where the others were hanging about. Since that day, I haven't been back

In Glasgow some of the kids there said they would be expelled any way, so there's no point in worrying about it. Many of them ripped up their school books saying 'we've had it'. Why were the kids on strike do you think? For a laugh, they were sick of school, all the crap, people telling them what to do. To get their own back, get out of school which they couldn't handle.

Was there anywhere else besides the Town Hall people went for? Nicking stuff from Boots, girls were taking lipstick. People dodging in and out of the

What about the School Stopper's Handbook? That happened about two years ago now, it was a really weird happening that. I took about seven copies from London up to Blackburn and I was in two minds about whether to take them to school or not. I didn't want to get caught. So my mate came by, started reading them and said 'I'll take them tomorrow'. We did and gave them to people to read. I wrote on each copy, Read, Memorise and Pass On. People did, passing them about, everyone stood about in groups reading them and laughing. Then things started to happen. The first thing was graffitti, behind the school. Someone had written up NF, so I said 'Cross it out, put this'. We put up an @, someone said 'Smash the school' so that went up. Then someone said let's put one on the Headmaster's door for a joke. Everybody laughed. Then this nutcase said 'I'll do it'. So we all waiting for him, and he came back with his can all covered in blue aerosol saying 'I've done it'. It started to grow with more graffitti all over the school and people bringing in tools. There were these stairs going up to the offices and with their tools people were taking bolts out of them and after a while if you walked up these stairs they'd start swaying from side to side. They had to close that as it was really unsafe. Taps went missing. Someone started snipping the intercom wires for the speakers in the class rooms. Hiding the blackboard dusters so the teacher couldn't wipe the board clean. Someone unscrewed a socket, took the fuse out and then put the socket together again. This socket on the wall lead to the big heater, a convector blow thing and so it wouldn't work. We all sat at the back in Maths watching this caretaker trying to fix it. He took the front off it and had it all in bits when all it was was this fuse from the socket. We were all really laughing at this. The School Registers got nicked and burned in the woods. The Register was kept just outside the Reception Area office on a trolley. Someone just ran up and grabbed them, kept running to the woods. Everyone there just ripped them up and burnt them. It was okay after that, because you could not come into school, you didn't have to get a mark so people were just coming and going as they liked for a few weeks.



6,000 schoolkids riot in George Square, Glasgow in April this year

What about the teachers, how did they react? They never publicised it in assembly saying Pack it in and all that; they kept really quiet about it. They got two lads and came walking up to the bike sheds where everyone goes for a fag and said 'You, You, come here' and took them off to the Offices and started interrogating them, but the lads said 'we don't know what you are on about'. Nobody talked, everyone acted surprised 'What?'

What about the Headmaster? Well, the headmaster's door had this @narchy sign put on it and these teachers were standing around while it was being cleaned off and stopping anybody who looked at what was going on. The door was set back from the wall so you had to look in to see the headmaster's door, and those who did got asked what are you doing around this door, suspicious. They had to strip the door down which took time and was an effort. The school toilets were a joke. You'd walk in and get your feet wet, people had been blocking the sinks up. The walls were covered in all sorts of spray, not just kids names but all sorts of messages saying things like 'If you're a teacher you're gonna get murdered'. Teacher's car tyres were being let down. Someone said make sure you do two tyres so they can't use their spares. The posh cars were really getting done. It was good because everyone started getting stroppy with teachers then. In the classroom everyone was out for a laugh, so by the end of the year even when they asked you to get your school books out, people had a go at them. After the school holidays when we got back the school had been done up and people were not making trouble any more. People who played football outside the school kicked the ball through windows and then would apologise. Someone nicked all the gym equipment and started leaving it about the school for people to take with them. The gym teacher was a skiing fanatic always taking kids to Switzerland, well he got his skies nicked and they were snapped in half and put back in the same place where they were nicked from. So he got his skies out and oh! He beat us up for walking across a cricket pitch once. We were all on the school field trapsing along when he yells 'Oi! What are you doing on that cricket square?' It was only grass, but he came down and punched us about. So someone got a spade and we started digging it up.

What else went on? We put dead fish and a dead rabbit up in the ceiling by pushing up the polystyrene squares and it really stank after a while. We superglued locks too. Other kids were sniffing glue nearby and gave some around, so you nad kids really out of it trying to do their lessons.

Was everyone in on it, nobody informed to the teachers?



Well everyone knew what was going on, but noone grassed anyone up for fear of getting done over by the rest. This teacher went out of the room and a lad began to clip off the wires to the public address system; not just clip it in two but remove a section of the wire so they couldn't just put it together again easy. One student spoke up and threatened to grass him up and everyone in the class ganged up and threatened to have him if he did.

What is unemployment like there now? At school now it's like a race to see who can get the most O-Levels, cos people think if they have more than so and so they will get a job. But it's just not going to happen. The kids in the lower forms just don't really care anyway; they were the ones who were right into the strike, hard, looking for laughs sorting it out, some of them taking just one CSE. People who are taking about eight O Levels just don't make trouble they tow the line and think they'll get a job.

What about gangs, skins and the like? Yeah there's loads of them. These Militants were trying to say when we were on strike that we were there against YTS, but we weren't, it was nowt to do with YTS. We didn't care about

They cannot believe people are against school? Yeah, they don't think in that extreme, they are just another political party. They don't want anything to change. That's about it. Push the Labour Party at yer. Try to tell you that under a Labour Government it will all be different.

Besides the strike and School Stoppers did anything else happen?

There were fires. This lad got up at about 6.30 and came to school and set fire to the school library after he broke in cleared off home had breakfast and then came to school again. He got blamed and while he was in trouble his brother set another fire so that it was clearly not his brother. But he got caught too so one of their mates did the same again thinking to clear them of it by setting a fire but he got caught too. Two brothers and their mate. They got caught by bragging saying to people don't tell anyone but it got around it was them, to a teacher.

There have been reprints of the School Stoppers Handbook and the strikes were all over the country so there must be a lot going on you don't hear about unless you are directly in it or live locally. In Southampton and near Bradford there was people arrested for distributing School Stoppers, and the 1982 print run was 10,000!

Yeah the trouble runs deep. Well that's about it.

## **DEMONSTRATIONS CRIMINALISED** – STATE RECOMMENDS GUERRILLA **ACTIVITY INSTEAD!**

As in most third world, fascist and totalitarian countries, demonstrations and marches in Britain are soon to be subject to such conditions as make them nearly all illegal. This will be done in the name of 'democracy and protection of the individual'. The State hopes to hive off confrontation, but instead will encourage more devious and imaginative forms of iolent protest.

The Government's attempt to reform the Law regarding demonstrations, marches, violent behaviour, etc and to stiffen penalties, is merely the legitimation of a trend already well developed and will ultimately mean that future confrontation will be less contained, with the inevitable escalation of revolutionary violence.

From now on, if the recommendations get the go-ahead, demonstrations will only be allowed if the organisers can guarantee 100% in advance that there will be no violence or disruption caused by the protest.

Mass picketing, the encirclement of military bases, 'Stop the City' type demos, any kind of meeting or march that might lead to trouble: all can be banned under the proposed reforms. Spontaneous demos

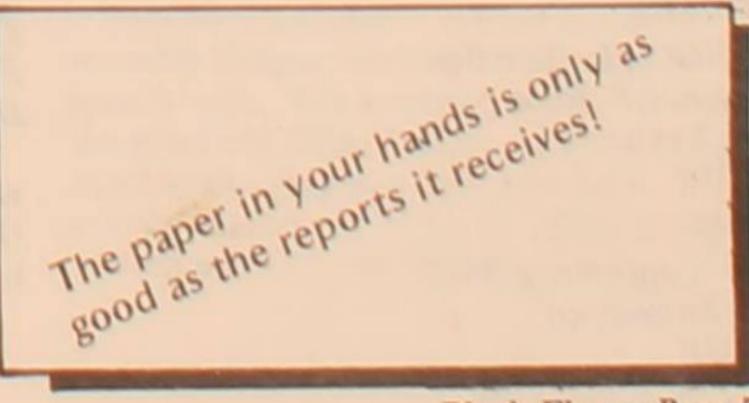


will also become illegal. The reforms include a provision for the 'organisers' of all marches/demonstrators to notify the police in advance - something that should be an anaethma to anyone. If the police are informed they will have the power to refuse permission to go ahead; they can also dictate the route of the march, its size and duration. In short, what people are allowed to protest about.

Those who take part in a march which does not get police approval or who break the conditions imposed will be subject to penalties of up to three months imprisonment or a fine of up to £1000. Incitement to break conditions can also mean charges with similar penalties for those involved.

For those who get caught in violent activity the penalties have been increased. Ten years for 'Riot', five years for any 'Violent Disorder' and three years for 'Affray' or 'Threatening Behaviour'. The differences between the four offences are deliberately blurred so as to give the police the political power to decide what level of charge to bring against which political offender.

Proposals last year from Tory backbenchers to make organisers of demos pay for the policing operation which their protest caused (overtime, plainclothes, helicopters, video-taping?) was dropped in favour of the new more all encompassing Legislation. Ironically too the bans on NF/racialist demos which in London led to a one month ban on all protests and bans on pro-IRA demos which many 'libertarians/liberals' had backed as an alternative to confronting thugs themselves with local youth etc now has played into the Government's hands to control all protest.





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# LIFE IN TEXAS

Living conditions in a Texas Prison, (the Texas Department of Corrections) are meant to be better than in most other prisons in the US today, yet Prison Officers there are unbelievably pettyminded. They spend their time walking past cells and making comments like 'Get that calender off my wall' and 'Don't tie that fan up there on my bars'. They alsc enjoy nabbing inmates whose hair has grown over the tips of their ears. Inmates are also subject to disciplinary action for possessing canvas tobacco pouches, leaving soap dishes on cell sinks or saying 'Damn it'.

In other words, they are at the mercy of an Officer's whim 24 hours a day. They can tell you to walk slower, read faster, whistle or sleep with your legs crossed. An Officer's orders, no matter how unreasonable, must be obeyed, never at all questioned. The abuse of this power, not surprisingly is widespread. For example, if someone complains that the cuttlery in the kitchen is dirty then the warders simply transfer them to the pot room and makes them personally responsible for ensuring that every item of cutlery is spotless. Other favourite tricks include allocating 'trouble-makers' to bar-dusting duties or having 'random searches' of their cells carried out at midnight. If this doesn't work, it's always easy to transfer a prisoner.



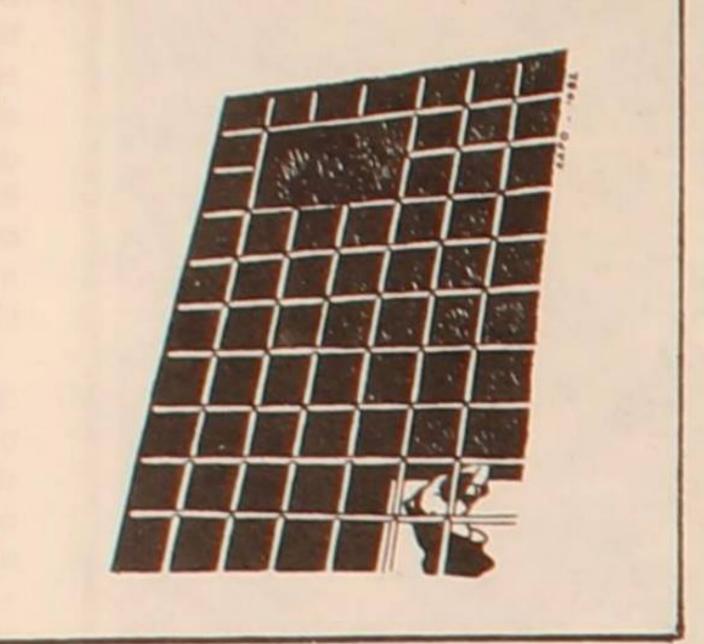
# WESTERN EUROPEAN DISSIDENTS GROUP DISBANDED

The Western European Dissident Group set up to help coordinate anti-militarist activity in Europe, has now been disbanded.

The Group originally planned to hold their first Conference in Europe this year but have instead decided to restrict their activity to exchanging addresses between those organisations, including the Anarchist Black Cross, who showed an

interest in the project. This list of organisations is reproduced below:

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## VANCOUVER 5 UPDATE

We heard recently from Doug Stewart (one of the Vancouver 5 now doing jail for taking direct action against the State) that he has been forbidden to receive 'radical' publications, including Black Flag. A few months earlier Brent Taylor (serving 22 years) told us he hadn't been receiving Black Flag for ages, yet we'd been sending him copies for 6 months!

Not content with robbing anarchists of a substantial part of their lives, the State is doing its best to make life as miserable as possible for those who understand and fight the injustice of capitalism.

Send solidarity greetings to: Brent Taylor, Millhaven Prison, Box 280, Bath, Ontario KOH IGO CANADA

Doug Stewart, Kent Prison, Box 2000, Agassiz, BC VOM IAO CANADA

The London ABC is planning to publish a series of pamphlets in the near future, highlighting various cases which have been brought to our attention including the Murrays, K.Omori, the Vancouver 5, CNT-AIT and libertarian prisoners in Spain, and a history of the Anarchist Black Cross.

Anyone interested in helping out with this project should contact us c/o BM Hurricane, London WC1N3XX

## ARGENTINA

We recently heard that the FORA (the Argentinian Section of the International Workers Association) celebrated May Day 1985 by holding a public meeting in Buenos Aires and distributing leaflets. They also hope to publish their paper, Organisacion Obrera soon too. Publication will depend upon local and international support. Donations and greeetings to: FORA Cnel. Salvadores 1200 Buenos Aires ARGENTINA.



Dear Black Flag, A 16 year old school lad has been sent to a D.C. for four months for trashing a Macdonalds. Letters of support would help him a lot. The Court made a concession he can take his 'O' levels inside the D.C.! He is: Paul Harvey, H.M. Detention Centre Foston Hall Foston Derbyshire. He was sentenced on May 9th so he will probably be inside until August. Glad to hear the good news re.121 bookshop.

Peace, Anarchy M@D Emma.

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# ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

# inmate X

The following article was first published in Ideas and Action (No. 5 Winter, 1985) it has been slightly edited.

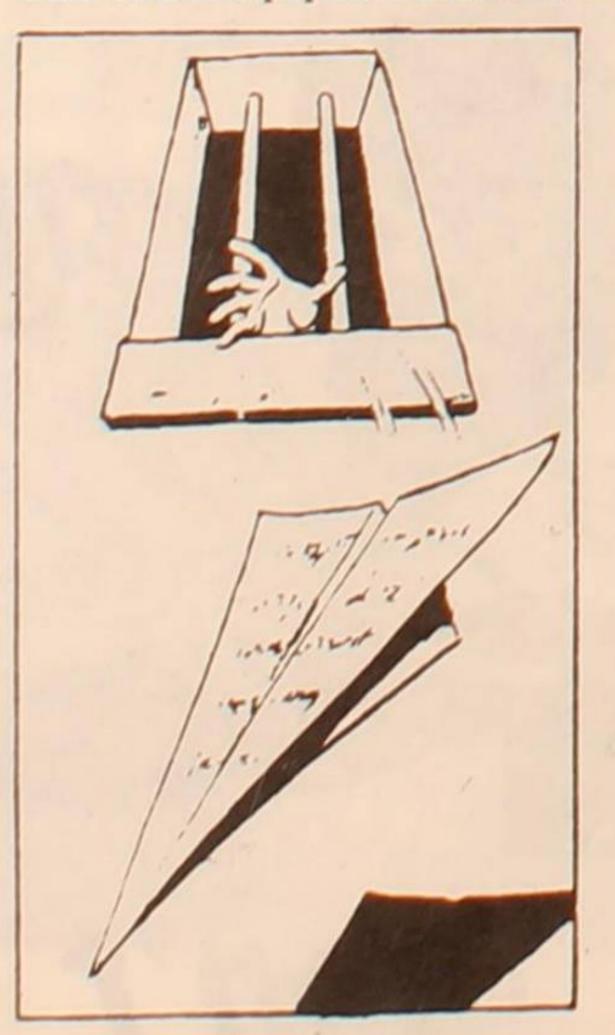
There are many things that are against the rules in Federal prison, but the focus of the attention of this article will be on Code 306 which is "refusing program assignment." This is similar to "refusing to obey a direct order."

Inmate X came to prison at the age of 25. He was serving ten years for sale of marijuana. He was placed in the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas and given a "program assignment." His assignment consisted of being in a cell with five other inmates and working in the prison dining hall. This in itself is routine and is in no way extraordinary. The thing that makes Inmate X's situation significant is when he found it necessary to "refuse his program."

Inmate X, before coming to prison, had had the misfortune of being sexually assaulted at the age of seven years by a 40-year-old adult male. Sexual abuse was thus a very sensitive issue with Inmate X and he began having problems. Since there are no women in male prisons, homosexual rape is a very common topic of conversation and activity. The more aggressive and insensitive inmates sensed that Inmate X had a soft spot in this area. Once this became known, they proceeded to harass, intimidate and pressure him for sexual favors. As the intimidation and threats became more direct, he began to be afraid. He did not wish to be a homosexual, and he decided to arm himself with a weapon. This arming is the only "macho" way to defend oneself in prison. It can lead to murder and a life sentence, but it is the standard conduct - the only conduct acceptable to other inmates. After a couple months of intimidation, Inmate X was propositioned and threatened by a group of convicts. After this direct threat he proceeded to assault (stab) one of the propositioners. The man did not die, but Inmate X lost all of his good time and received the worst end of the deal from the administration. He was transferred to another Federal prison to do his time the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia.

There is a "grapevine" by which word travels all through the Federal prison system. When Inmate X arrived in Atlanta, it was known that he had had "sex trouble" in Leavenworth. It wasn't long until groups of people were harassing him in an attempt to "overcome his resistance." They worked on him day and night by making sly remarks that had an undercurrent of meaning to them. They made indirect threats of rape and violence. They spread propaganda in an effort to get someone who was ignorant of the stabbing incident to approach him directly. After approximately two months of living in fear, Inmate X went to "the hole." The hole is the lock-up unit — the place people go for "refusing program"; for disrupting "the orderly running of the institution."

Inmate X was written an "incident report" (formal charge) and threatened by the administration with loss of more good time if he didn't return to population. He tried to explain the situation but it fell upon deaf ears. He was told that he would either return to population and face the



music or that he would be put in a strip cell (a cell with nothing in it) and tried for refusing program. Inmate X refused. After his refusal he was tried by the disciplinary committee and found guilty. He was sentenced to 60 days in the strip cell, and his good time for those two months were taken. Inmate X remained in strip cells for the next year for successive refusals to go back into prison population.

At the end of a year the administration called in the big guns to deal with Inmate X: the prison psychologists. Psychologists are experts in the field of manipulation. In the case of Inmate X, the psychologists drew a profile on him during interviews. With this profile they were able to interpret what his personality defenses were. Having gained this information, they locked him in a strip cell in the basement of the hospital and began his "behavior modification program." The tools they work with are deception, distortion, confusion, disorientation, doubt, fear and physical oppression.

They will take a warrior-spirited individual and strip him of his pride. Force him into submission through frustration. They will provoke him to anger or aggression by deception and fabrication. They will create distortion and confusion by manipulating his sense of reality. They will make him hate air by making it stale, hate water by making it impure. Make him hate food by making it unfit to eat. They will make him hate the cold by forcing him to sleep naked in the air conditioning. They will make him hate the warmth by making him sleep with the heat on in the summer. They will make him hate flowers by writing him an incident report for picking one. And what will they do with this hate? They will use it to their advantage, just as they used Inmate X's fear against him.

Inmate X was later transferred to the Federal Prison for the Criminally Insane at Springfield, Missouri. He never bowed to their wishes and they destroyed him. I know because I was there, an inmate nurse on the psychiatric ward at Atlanta.

The motive for trying to brainwash Inmate X was to "secure the orderly running of the institution." The behaviorists reasoned that if they could persuade him to accept the role of a passive homosexual then their problems would be under control. They would have him in the prison population, working on a slave labor job, and causing minimal disruption. As it was, his resistance was a threat to security. He was unmanageable and a problem. He needed help, but that is not their policy. By distorting his sense of reality with vague interpretations and explanations concerning his fear, they tried to brainwash him into accepting an unwanted role. Their ploy backfired in Inmate X's case but it has succeeded in many other cases. There are numerous human robots walking around, in roles that have been programmed into them. Not all of them are homosexual roles, but all of them are passive and robot-like.

Wake up people! That is my message to you! The only thing that you have is a memory and the power to create. You are exactly what you believe yourself to be. Your only real obligation to yourself is to believe in what you really are — a human being (among other human beings) who deserves to live, and to earn decent wages for your labor, in this world. Wake up and know that you have the power to change the world if you want to. Don't vote because they tell you to vote. Don't

work because they tell you to work. Don't be afraid because they tell you to be afraid. Do what you feel, people. Eat when you're hungry. Sleep when you're tired. Work when you're paid for your labor. You have the power, and you're the majority. It's your world. Even the stars that shine in the sky belong to you reach for one, no one has the right to stop you. You have the right to live and breathe and eat without being oppressed by anyone.

- Jim Nanny Note: The author of the above is in Federal prison, and would welcome personal responses to what he has written here. He also says that he hopes "to build a defense fund to bring law suits against the prison psychologists who practice this type of brainwashing that was tried on Inmate X." His address is:

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# canada **TORONTO FREE SPEECH** CAMPAIGN

On April 29th, 1985 Brian Burch became the first person to go on trial in Canada for the offense of attending a demonstration. Striking miners in Britain faced the same bail conditions to keep them from picketing. He went on trial for the charge of 'Breach of Probation'.

On September 5, 1984, Judge L. DiCecco removed Brian Burch's right to participate in any public demonstration or assembly for six months, as part of an 18 month probation order, for having shouted: 'Why can the police take pictures of us, but if we take pictures of police we are threatened with assault?' to then Attorney-General Robert Kaplan, when an officer from 52 Division threatened to break the arm of someone for taking a picture of him.

The 'Breach of Probation' charge was laid on December 7, 1984, at a demonstration against Pentagon Arms buyers. Brian was arrested after the demonstration had ended and the media departed. He was held overnight and finally released on \$400 bail at about 6.30pm the next day.

Brian Burch is the Toronto delegate of the Industrial Workers of the World (a revolutionary syndicalist union) Canada. Support Brian in his effort to overturn the dangerous precedent established by taking his right to protest away. Contact: Toronto Free Speech Campaign c/L.L. PO Box 1031, Adelaide St. Stn., Toronto, M5C 2K4 CANADA Tel: 416-967-5822.

# australia

**QUEENSLAND POWER STRIKES** The union blockade of Queensland, which we reported in a previous issue of *Black* Flag, is officially over, but resistance has continued, as the 1,000 sacked electricity workers have not been given their jobs back.

Now the Federal Government has introduced Legislation which will bring Qland electricity workers under Federal Government'control, which supposedly would mean the reinstatement of the sacked workers.

The Queensland Premier, Sir Joh Bjelke-Peterson, well known racist, fundamentalist Christian, etc. says he will oppose the interference in the High Court. Messages of support and donations can be sent to Electrical Trades Union, Trades Hall, Edward Street, Brisbane, Queensland. AUSTRALIA

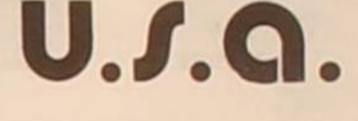
# **ANTI--ABORTION RAIDS**

Meanwhile, in Brisbane, the Queensland capital, angry women took to the streets after police raids on abortion clinics on the morning of the 20th May. TV news had shown police 'searching in the drains' and women covering their faces as they fled. Police stole 47,000 medical histories from the clinics, which the 'Justice' Minister described as 'factories'. Two doctors have been charged, no women have been prosecuted as yet.





David Tate, fascist, posing in 1983 in Idaho



# **DISORDER HITS THE ORDER**

United States terror group 'The Order' have taken a severe beating over the last six months after a fellow nazi decided to jack in his jack-boots and collaborate with the FBI and expose the group's activities.

As a result of this informer's information, twenty-eight members of 'The Order' have been arrested and twenty-three now face a variety of charges, including two murders, in a trial due to take place in Seattle on June 17. It's unlikely that many will ever stand trial, however, because the majority are expected to negotiate with the authorities or enter guilty pleas before the trial begins. Out of the twenty-three, three are still in hiding while one is negotiating a surrender to the police through his lawyer, as we go to press. Apart from the two murder charges (one is for the murder of Jewish radio chat show host Alan Berg in Denver on June 8, 1984) the Nazis are accused of holding up and robbing a Brinks armoured truck in Ukiah, Calif. in July 1984 (netting \$3.6million) and robbing another armoured truck in Seattle (netting \$500,000) on April 23, 1984. One of the defendants, Gary Lee Yarbrough, has already been convicted for shooting at FBI agents near his home in Idaho, last year.

Another defendant, David Tate, has been the object of a massive police hunt after he shot dead a State Trooper at a routine road check in South West Missouri last month. Around 150 police officers were involved in the search, aided by helicopter gunships, aircraft attached with infra-red sensors, dogs, road blocks and house-tohouse searches around the Missouri--Arkansas state border. Tate was finally caught in Hollister, Southern Missouri, not far from a 224 acre settlement run by yet another 'white supremacist' (ie. Nazi) group called 'The Covenant, Sword and Arm of the Lord'. This settlement has since been raided by 80 FBI agents on April 21, and its leader is in hiding.

'The Order' was originally set up a couple of years ago by Robert Matthews as a splinter group from the 'Aryan Nations Church' of Hayden Lake, Idaho, headed by nazi Richard Butler.

The order believes, along with the KKK, Aryan Nations, CSA and most other US Nazi groups, that Jesus Christ was not a Jew, but was of aryan descent and that Great Britain and the USA were the true Israel referred to, in the bible. They also believe the American government is a 'Zionist Occupation Government' and that non-whites have no soul.

Matthews, founder of the Order, was killed during a shoot-out with over 100 FBI agents in December 1984 on Whidbey Island in Seattle.

SOURCE: B.K.

# **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE MAY 1986.**

An International Labour Conference is to be held in May 1986 in Chicago to help commemorate the Haymarket centenary (100 years ago 5 anarchists were killed by the State) as well as the 50th anniversary of the Spanish revolution and the 30th anniversary of the Hungarian.

More importantly it will bring together rebel workers from around the world and the USA to discuss common problems and ways to confront them. Invitations have been sent to IWA/AIT sections, other revolutionary unions and some rank rank and file groups.

Beginning May 1st, 1986 it will run for 4-7 days and while being a Working Conference with speakers and workshops, time will be set aside for rallies and demos films, concerts and other cultural events to commemorate the anniversaries.

International guests who are willing, can be scheduled for speaking tours before and after the Conference, sponsored by the IWW branches. Those invited are any militants involved in labour organisations engaged in workplace struggles, not controlled by political parties or governments and who seek to replace the wage system with a self-managed, worker -run economy. Further information from: IWW, 3435 N. Sheffield Avenue. No.202 Chicago, IL 60657 USA Tel: (312) 549-5045.

# tokyo

In Tokyo, Genshu Hanayagi, a well known Japanese writer and dancer, has had her home ransacked, and had death threats from right-wingers who accuse her of being being a 'traitorous swine' and 'national enemy' for distributing leaflets against Emperor Hirohito.

She called for a stop to the birthday celebrations of 'war criminal Hirohito' just before the Emperor's 84th birthday, naming him as an agent of death who massacred far more people than Hitler.

For this she was charged with 'unauthorised pamphletting'. Before the War, those people criticising Hirohito were liable to receive the death sentence.

In 1980, Genshu stabbed in the neck the Leader of Japan's most famous school of dance, for which she was imprisoned for eight months. She became a symbol of the fight against dynasties of masters who turn the arts into big business, selling diplomas, and having great power in Japanese society.

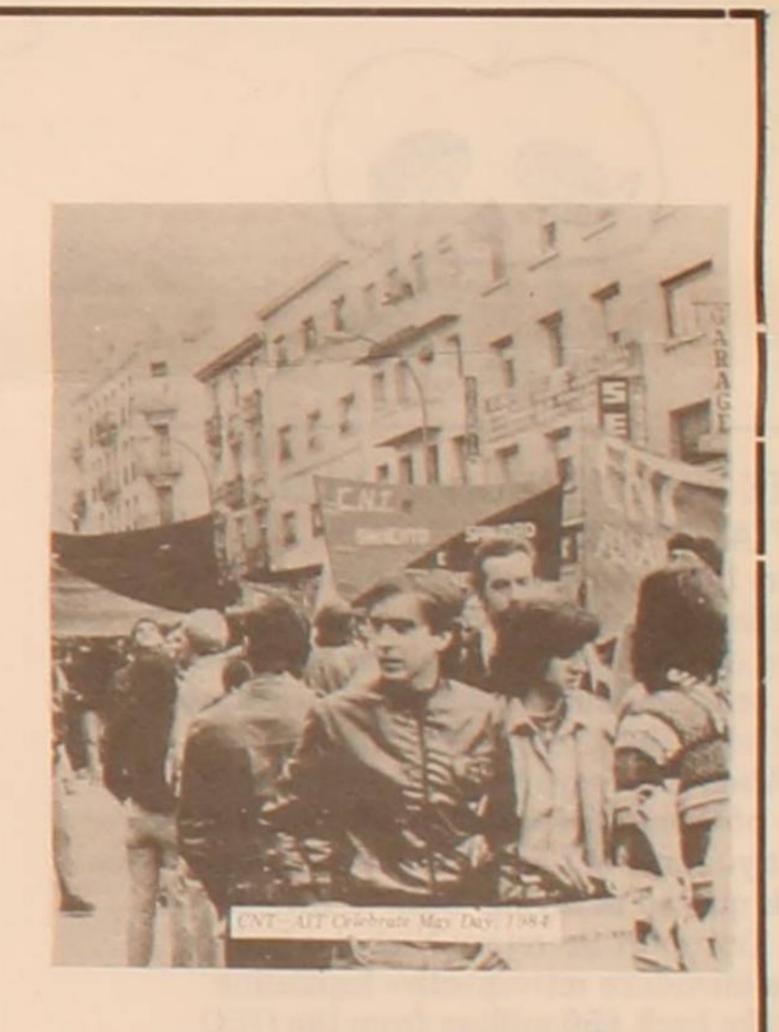
With the current move by the Japanese Government to restore Japanese nationalism, with Hirohito as it's core, 'recognising his Godship'(sic) any voices of resistance are being suppressed viciously.



# spain

For May Day the CNT-AIT held a meeting and demonstration in a civic centre in north-west Barcelona, the Cotxeres de Sants. There was a really good attendance 5,000, larger than planned, and Frederica Montseny spoke at length (this was the first time I'd heard her speak and it was something extraordinary: an oratory that was everyday in the days of the Civil War but hardly exists now). As far as the audience, composed of mainly CNT affiliates but plenty of the curious and a sprinkling of English, Dutch and German anarchists were there too, were concerned she could have gone on speaking twice as long. The theme of the CNT's May Day was a 'Century of the State against the Workers – 1886-1985' referring to the anniversary of the rigged trial and execution of five Chicago anarchists last century. The points she made were as follows: That the First of May should never be called the Work Festival (as the left wing unions label it) given that it came about as a result of bitter class-war struggle. The false accusations that led to the Chicago hangings – and they must have been false because when the short-fuse bomb that the accused were meant to have thrown exploded, the accused were speaking at a public meeting — were the culmination of a long oppression of the libertarian movement in the USA. After the executions, they created 'official' unions in order to stop working people fighting back effectively, and to make them participants in the capitalist system. What happened in America also happened in Europe; the French CGT, originally anarcho-syndicalist fell into the hands of the socialists, and when it became apparent that the socialists were collaborating with the bourgeoisie they went over to the communists, who then did, and still do, the same as the socialists. This has happened — this stifling of workers' resistance — in the UK, as everybody knows. That's what the trade unions there are (she quoted lack of support for the miners from other unions). The same thing happened in Germany, where socialists handed the working movement over to the Nazis with its hands tied. This has always been the tactics of capitalism





in this century. We gave the world an example to the contrary that it still hasn't forgotten. Recently I heard from Granada TV in the UK that a planned showing of six programmes about the anarchist achievements in the Civil War in 1986 has been banned by the new director for political reasons. Because nobody wants it known that the social conquests of 1936 weren't a utopia, but a reality, which thousands of workers lived.

Dozens of red-and-black flags waving and then a song or two and then a walk down to the Paral.lel, past a Guardia Civil station where a bunch of middleaged affiliates stood on a grass verge and yelled GOATS, ARSEHOLES, SONS OF BITCHES, BASTARDS at the conglomerate of armed cops who'd come out to look at us and then down to the end of the Paral.lel where it finished peacefully.

There isn't much to say about Reagan, who didn't come within stone-throwing distance of Barcelona, except to say that, as in every other town, village or city in Spain, the walls and even pavements were saturated with anti-Reagan graffiti and posters. Printed by every organisation except the far right. On a popular level you can't find anyone with a good word to say about him. The comic magazines - here very popular — carried cartoons showing Reagan starting his opening speech with: 'It's lovely to be here in the good old USA, I mean – ' and another showing him trying to get a missile phallus out of his fly while Spain waited with it's arse spread. .

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