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DISOBEY THE CJA

OVER the last 6 months, it has been impossible to avoid the angry reaction to the Criminal Justice/Public Order bills, now Acts in England, Wales & Scotland.

Enraged by being targeted for increased police harassment & the removal of so-called civil liberties, "kill the bill" and now "defy the act" has become the burning issue for thousands of people. Previously separate, marginal groups, with some anxiety and dread, united in action and illegal demos to oppose the CJA.

Early defiance included the opening of collective squats in a disused Cinema in Oxford, NHS trust building in Rugby, disused Church Hall in Swansea and old Courthouse in Brighton, all evicted after violent police assault.

MUSHROOMING

By September '94, actions had mushroomed, with the huge Hyde Park Demo that ended in a pitch battle when cops tried to prevent the movement of a sound system. Ten days after there was a vociferous angry lobby of Parliament. The week following, some weird fluffies tried to levitate Parliament, and following anarchist skirmishes with the cops made the earth move.

After the passing of one of the Acts on November 4th, protesters scaled on to Parliament's roof, and the first charges under the Act were used on Earth First activists, including a 51 year old woman, in Manchester who had taken over a Crane on a Wimpey

site on Nov.7th. 400 Anti-CJA people invaded the grounds of Michael Howard's (Home Secretary) mansion in Lyme, Kent.

In October & November, illegal evening demonstrations erupted in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Dundee complete with sound systems and attitude. Faced with 4,000 in Glasgow defying the Act, the police tried to charge two organisers. A 'spontaneous' demo of 150 through the Glasgow city centre a couple of days later marched to the Police station and declared "Charge one, charge us all".

Down south, numerous actions took place, for example in Leicester and Hackney, where a riot took place outside the town hall. Elsewhere, 4,000 demonstrated in leafy North Devon, 20 occupied a Dundee Court to protest against trials of activists and the Labour Council denounced a "rent-a-mob" who disrupted their corrupt business.

BALL BLOOTERED

By December, resistance was widespread. In Cheltenham, 300 who picketed a Fox-Hunting Ball were attacked by police. A mass trespass in Ayrshire to a Tory Huntmaster's mansion after 4 sabs became the first charged under the Scottish CJA; there were 6 arrests in Chelmsford after a pro-sacked busworker's rally was charged by police during a sitdown protest; a confrontation took place in Stoke between 150 Defiance Alliance activists and Labour MPs protected by Police; 700 tried to invade Chequers, the country retreat of Prime Minister Major; 2000 in Bristol and 400 in Liverpool marched illegally, while a street presence took place in Sheffield and Manchester.

By early January, the focus

EVICTED - BUT THE CENTRE LIVES ON!

A Centre activist reports:

70 POLICE forcibly ended our 6 month occupation of Edinburgh's Broughton St. Centre on 1 December, arresting 21 people. 80 people resisted the surprise eviction for 8 hours. Labour controlled Lothian Region were determined to shut a self-managed community centre involved in direct action struggles.

But the Centre lives on! We immediately found new temporary premises, and continue to give advice and solidarity on benefits and poll/council tax hassles, and to act as a base for

Centre supporters resist eviction in Edinburgh on 1 Dec.. (Photo Craig MacLean)



shifted to the community opposition to the live export of animals. In previously sleepy Shoreham in Sussex, 80 arrests were made of local people trying to stop the export of veal calves. In police operations costing at £8 million, similar angry community responses took place in Coventry, Swansea, Plymouth and Brightlingsea in Essex. Hundreds of brave protesters were injured and tragically Jill Phipps was killed by a lorry at Coventry airport.

Back in Scotland, 700 marched in a Coalition demo to the Scottish Office on 21st Jan.. The next week, thugs in uniform broke up a demo in Maidstone, Kent, leading to 33 arrests. Among many charges against activists, 3 in Bristol were charged with aggravated trespass after anti-Wimpey solidarity actions

TANKED UP

Using imagination, an old centurion tank was driven into Downing St. and other early February actions included youths from the 'Salford Firm' turning up in force at a Manchester demo, plus marches in Loughborough and in Birmingham, where 3,000 mobilised. In Newcastle, six riot vans, a helicopter and mounted cops greeted a peaceful (decoy) demo. Meanwhile, 70 activists occupied the

social struggles, such as claimants' resistance and opposition to the M77.

We're still battling to re-open Broughton Street. 200 demonstrated outside the closed Centre on 10 December. On 1 February the drumming at our demo drowned out the Council meeting! Both demos were called without permission, in defiance of the Criminal Justice Act.

The struggle for self-managed community spaces is an important part of the struggle for a self-managed world! **Viva la Centre!**

The Centre is in the basement of the St Stephen Centre, St Stephen St (enter by lane at left of building). Open Mon - Friday 12 - 4 pm, meetings Tues 6.30pm. tel 0131 557 5846. Mail to The Centre, c/o Peace & Justice, St Johns, Princes St, Edinburgh. Support eviction defendants - meet 9.30am Sheriff Court, Chambers St. 17 May.

house roof of a hated Tory MP.

The persecution of hunt sabs continued with two in Kent up on 'aggravated trespass' charges. Further trespasses took place in Edinburgh, when 6 were charged near Rifkind's (Defence Secretary) residence as 200 police provoked the 150 activists. A larger action took place at Windsor Castle with 20 arrests after clashes with 500 cops. Within 4 months, 100 activists, mainly Hunt Sabs had been charged under the CJA.

At present, opposition is united against the new powers for the State and with the 'official' opposition such as Labour & the Union leaders on the sidelines, a possibility exists for huge numbers of people to be involved in direct action. Many people still aren't aware of the new powers to stop walking in the countryside or pursuing industrial action. **With festivals, raves etc. likely from the Spring, expect opposition to Britain's police state to grow in confidence and intensity.**

News on resistance to the Criminal Justice Act from the weekly news-sheet SCHNEWS, c/o on-the fiddle, PO Box 2600, Brighton. 01273 685913.

Free festival, Hyde Park, 11/12 June.

Act Local

MASH THE MAC!

McDONALDS are suing Dave Morris and Helen Steel for distributing leaflets telling the truth about the multinational. The trial will probably last till the end of 1995! Supporters of the unwaged London Greenpeace activists are calling for pickets of McDonalds everywhere on 15 April - the company's 40th anniversary. Solidarity actions have occurred in 25 countries worldwide.

McLibel Support Campaign, c/o 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX. Tel/fax 0171 713 1269. Leaflets £12 per 1,000 from 0115 9585666.

Outrage Arrests

Two 'Outrage' demonstrators were arrested for holding placards "Iran murders queers" and "Islam Nazis behead and burn queers" outside an Islamic Fundamentalist conference in Wembley which drew attention to the estimated 4,000 lesbians and gay men killed since 1980 in Iran.

Wheelchair Blockade
40 demonstrators, many in wheelchairs, invaded Harrods on Nov 18 to protest against restrictions on disabled shoppers but were ejected roughly by a private security firm. Nearly all shoppers walked out in solidarity. In mid February, 100's blocked roads after a lobby of Parliament by DAN.

Underclass

Opposition to the conditions and proposed closure of Hackney Downs School, London, has united pupils, parents and teachers. In nearby Tiverton Primary School, Tottenham, campaigning parents in January '95, have forced Haringey Council to pass repair funds.

No Bulgarian wine

Bulgarian seamen, without pay for 3 years, have occupied "The Rotalia" klondyker fishing vessel in Lerwick, assisted by the solidarity of Shetland Islanders.

Racism destroys us all
Oluwashji Lapite, a 34 year old Nigerian man, was beaten to death in police custody at the infamous Stoke Newington station on 16th Dec.'94. 200 demonstrated angrily outside the station shortly after. The UK State begrudges asylum to persecuted refugees from the 'third world'. Latest statistics show only 5% of arrivals are granted asylum, with only 20% allowed to stay on 'exceptional leave'. The UK, like other 'Fortress Europe' States is now trying to repatriate Bosnians and Albanians to a warzone & Tamils to Sri Lanka.

Orkney Victory

Good news from Orkney! The closure of beds at Kirkwall's hospital has been stopped after a January demonstration by a third of the island's population.

Future Spent Waste

17 activists were arrested on 1st March at an M6 service station in Cumbria after chaining themselves around a British nuclear lorry.

Non-Payers Winning

Councils are to abandon attempts to collect the whole £1.5 billion of unpaid poll tax the Audit Commission stated. It predicts that by Dec 95 the cost of collection will outweigh the income gained for many Councils in England and Wales. Lothian Council chiefs are set to write off £15m of debts. Solidarity with non-payers: APTs 0131 556 0903; 0141 552 1179.

Sara Thornton

IN OCTOBER 1994 Sara Thornton, jailed for killing her husband after suffering years of abuse from him, came off a 40 day hunger strike.

Sara was protesting at the length of time the Home Office are taking to respond to new evidence presented to them regarding her case.

Please send letters of support to Sara Thornton, HMP Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire SU9 4HR. Another woman unjustly jailed for killing her abuser in self-defence is Emma Humphreys - info from Justice for Women, 55 Rathcoole Gdns, London N8 9NE. Tel. 081 340 3699.

No natural born killer!

One of the thousands of prisoners of colour is Norma Jean Croy a Shasta Indian from California, shot in the back by a drunken police officer in 1978 and convicted of murder even although her co-accused was later freed at a retrial.

Self defence is no offence
IN 1986 Satpal Ram was violently attacked by 6 white men whilst eating in an Indian restaurant in Birmingham.

He was stabbed with a broken glass and had to defend himself the same way. Satpal and his attacker were both taken to hospital where Satpal needed stitches and his attacker refused treatment; he died 2 hours later.

THE MEN OF VIOLENCE - BRITISH TROOPS

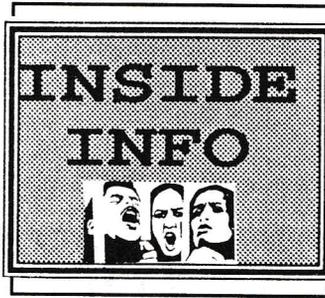
DESPITE the ceasefire, 17,000 British soldiers and 15,000 armed RUC police continue to harass Irish people - and to meet resistance.

In February the Irish Times reported soldiers "blocking off roads, abusing people, making victory signs" in south Armagh.

In East Tyrone harassment reported in January included house raids (one involving 100 police and soldiers), lengthy detentions of people going to mass, and intimidatory attempts to recruit informers.

On 16 November a man was hospitalised by paratroopers in Belfast. A British army patrol clashed with locals in Newry on 5 November.

Meanwhile Tories orchestrate a campaign to free Private Clegg, convicted of murdering 18 year old Karen Reilly in W. Belfast in 1990. Karen and 17 year old Martin Peake - youngsters with no paramilitary connections - were shot dead as their stolen car drove away from a paratroop patrol.



Satpal was charged with murder, convicted and jailed for life.

Satpal wasn't allowed to give his own evidence in court and his Bengali speaking witnesses, who supported his story, were not provided with interpreters so the jury didn't understand anything they said.

In 1993 the Home Secretary refused to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal.

The latest news is that in December Satpal won his fight for a Judicial Review and has had his case referred back to the Court of Appeal. But the bad news is that soon after he was charged with "prison mutiny" - concerning events that happened over 12 months ago!

Write to the home secretary, quoting the no. E94164, urging him not to contest the case and that the appeal be heard urgently. Write - Satpal Ram, E94164, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York - Free Satpal Campaign, c/o 101 Villa Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham B19 1NH. Tel 021 551 4518.

Unjust Desserts

IN JANUARY 8 Scottish prisoners (or more) went on hunger strike in support of the Glasgow 2 - Joe Steele and Tommy Campbell who were jailed for life in 1984 for torching a house as part of the so-called 'Ice Cream war', a violent dispute over mobile shop territories. A family died in the blaze.

The Glasgow 2 have passionately protested their innocence. Joe Steele has frequently escaped to publicise the case, once even chaining himself to the gates of Buckingham Palace. Recently he was captured sneaking out of Perth top security dressed as a nurse! Tommy Campbell has long been held in Special Units, and is part of the hunger strike.

New evidence of wrongful conviction has been officially suppressed. The Scottish police and judiciary continue with their 'couldn't happen here' lies about miscarriages of justice. The media has ignored the hunger strike, probably on Scottish Office instructions.

Counter Info would be grateful for any news about the G2 campaign and the hunger strike.



An RUC witness testified that the car never threatened the soldiers and that the paras beat one of their own number to

fake a "car injury".

British soldiers have killed 160 unarmed civilians in N. Ireland since 1969.

Rotten Beyond Repair

THE CHILD Support Agency is falling apart due to pressure from campaigns. Set up ostensibly to help lone parents, in reality almost all money clawed back from 'absent fathers' goes straight into Treasury coffers.

A recent enquiry into the CSA won some minor victories, recognising clean-break financial settlements, etc.. Grass-roots pressure on CSA sex-spies is causing havoc in Agency offices where morale is low, crack-ups are commonplace, and complicated case-files are conveniently "lost". Three-quarters of claims are wrongly assessed.

The Tories have announced that 3000,000 'pending' cases of lone parents on benefits have been "suspended indefinitely". No action is to be taken against 50,000 lone parents who refused to co-operate with the CSA. This is a major victory for grass-roots non-co-operation, especially since it was revealed that, even with no new cases, it will take the CSA 3 years to clear its backlog of 400,000 cases.

Don't co-operate with the CSA. Like the hated poll tax, we

can stick it in the trashcan of coercive history.

Campaign against the Child Support Act, PO Box 287, London NW6 5QU. Tel. 071 837 7507.

Year Zero

A year before the introduction of the Jobseeker's Allowance, claimants are increasingly subject to benefit threats whether on Unemployment Benefit or Income Support. A 'JSA' day scheduled is to coincide with the next stage of the Parliamentary bill in mid-March. Meanwhile, sick claimants are being hounded off higher benefits ahead of the new Incapacity Benefit, to be introduced April '95.

Free as it should be

Free travel in Chelmsford, Essex, has been provided by 105 sacked drivers of 'Eastern National' using minibuses donated by the TGWU. Donations go towards the reinstatement campaign.



No end to discontent

The South African government is facing increasing opposition by the black working class as it attempts to deliver its electoral promises. 3,000 former members of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we

Solidarity with Chiapas

In December 1994 the Mexican government was forced to lower the value of the peso thus forcing down workers' wages and putting all public welfare spending on hold. The US government stepped in to offer a loan package of \$40 billion but with the provision that Mexico pays back all its oil revenue and surrenders its ownership of some government owned institutions. The US Chase Bank has also asked the Mexican authorities to 'stabilise the country', i.e. quell the Chiapas uprising.

These developments have not gone unchallenged:

- 9 Feb: President Zedillo announces on TV that due to a find of gun caches in Mexico, the EZLN are to be treated as 'terrorists'. (The finds are no bigger than any large landowner would have.)
- 11 Feb: the Army starts offensive in Chiapas. It's been rumoured that Chilean and Argentinian military 'advisors' have been called in. As the army try to fly in more support troops, peasants blockade the airstrip with boulders. Colonel Monterola, senior commander of the Mexican jungle assault forces is killed in a EZLN ambush. 100,000 people march in Mexico City proclaiming 'we are all Marcos' (EZLN leader) and slo-

gans are painted on the front of Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonalds, Arbys, banks and expensive hotels. Speakers at the demo describe the torture of prisoners who are made to sign 'confessions'. Women prisoners are subjected to rape and sexual abuse.

- 13 Feb: the Army surrounds the city of San Cristóbal and attack Mayan Indians and poor farmers, raping indigenous women.
- 15 Feb: 50,000 march in Mexico City in support of the Zapatistas. Unions from the communications, electrical and oil industries show support as do lesbian and gay groups saying: 'Our human rights are violated too and the EZLN has always supported us'.

- 17 Feb: protests outside military bases throughout Mexico.

- mid Feb: 36 Chiapas towns declare autonomy. Many have thrown out their mayors. Roadblocks are set up between San Cristóbal and Comitán with banners reading: 'In this free and rebel territory we prohibit the entrance of military personnel, of public security, of judicial police and any person from the government'.

Demos in support of the EZLN outside Mexico:

- 12, 13 Feb: New York sabotage

Sizwe, who've been integrated into the white dominated SA army went AWOL in response to their maltreatment and squalid conditions. Bus drivers in Johannesburg blockaded the city centre during the evening rush hour as part of their pay rise demands. Meanwhile, in the townships, the 10-year boycott of rent and electricity, water and rubbish collection rates has intensified since last year's elections with more than 80% of residents refusing to pay.

actions against Bancomer, Banco Mexicano and Chase Manhattan banks. 130 protest outside Mexican consulate then head to Chase Bank.

- 14 Feb: Vermont, US; demos in 8 towns and cities. Venice, Italy; 100 people occupy Mexican consulate.
- 16 Feb: Detroit, US; protest with banners reading, 'Peasants are not collateral'.

Chase Bank has been targetted due to its internal memo, written by Riordan Roet, which said: 'the government [in Mexico] will need to eliminate the Zapatistas to demonstrate their effective control of the national territory and security policy'.

Chase Manhattan have a Free Phone number for International Calls (813) 884 2997 and within the US 1 (800) 545 0465. Call them and let them know how you feel. **Amor y Rabia, A.P. 11-351, CP 06101, Mexico DF, Mexico.**

Mexico City, On Nov 8 a McDonalds was ransacked by 40 masked people. The windows were broken, cash registers were thrown on the floor as well as rubbish. The demo was to protest Proposition 187 which is a Californian (USA) "anti-immigration" proposal.

Natural Born Resisters

Scattered militant actions occur throughout USA & Canada involving anti-authoritarian networks.

On Sunday 5th February, 500 demonstrated in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico, against anti-immigrant measures in states such as Florida & California. Over half of those present were hispanic, with virtually no leftists present.

The previous day, in Toronto a violent confrontation at Kennedy subway station left 2 Nazis and 2 anti-fascists injured and the media blamed the anti-fascists despite the fact that one had 3 stomach wounds and a serious neck wound. This followed a similar incident in Minneapolis which led to Kieran Frazier Knutson being charged for attacking a known nazi after he assisted the defence of an anti-racist demo on Minnesota campus. To highlight their opposition to the state's trumped up charges, 40 activists occupied the Chief Attorney's offices on January 27th.

On Feb 18th., 80 Antioch College students in Columbus, Ohio, were brutally attacked by police after one demonstrator was arrested for trespassing during a protest against cuts to student aid programmes.

Other recent examples of anti-fascist resistance include the disruption of a speech by Nazi apologist, David Irving on Oct. 13th at Berkeley camp. Literature was trashed & the cops had to intervene to protect Irving & his elite guards from the 75 direct actionists. A fortnight later, riots broke out in Lexington, Kentucky after cops shot a black youth dead in cold blood.

A World to Win

Bolger the codger.

Militant Maoris forced the New Zealand government to abandon the national-day celebrations at Waitangi, where Maori chiefs signed a treaty giving sovereignty to Britain. On 6th Feb., the 400 protestors, who say Maoris have been tricked by the government's plans for the final land claim settlements, tried to set fire to the building where the treaty was signed, spat at the Governor-General, stamped on the New Zealand flag, prevented Prime Minister Jim Bolger speaking and threw punches at the government's top Maori official, Wira Gardiner. It's the first time the ceremonies have had to be cancelled.

Forcing Climbdowns
Despite the climbdown of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur over new rules which would prevent 100,000 students at technology institutes from entering universities, thousands of students continued to protest in Nantes, Toulouse and Paris, among other cities on 10th February, demanding that they be scrapped completely and not just suspended until consultation with teachers and students.

Anarchist offensive
Police arrested 60 anarchists before a march commemorating the student uprising in 1973 (which led to the fall of the military dictatorship). On the previous day, Nov 16, anarchists fought police for several hours. Hundreds of anarchists occupied the Polytechnic School - the march's starting point and a symbol of the uprising - to demand the release of those seized in the police raids and were supported by 100's outside. On 11 Jan, in central Athens, 100's of anarchists again fought police after breaking away from a student demo and smashing bank and shop windows. 5 people were arrested.

Who Decides ?
Although French abortion clinics continue to suffer attacks, pro-choice protestors are fighting back. On Jan 17, the 20th anniversary of legal abortion, 300 demonstrated to demand less restrictions and, on the 22nd, pro-choicers hung a banner from the top of Notre Dame cathedral proclaiming it to be a 'Free contraception and abortion clinic' while 200 people demonstrated outside. The action coincided with a large anti-choice demo in Paris backed by US anti-abortionists. (*Bad Attitude* Feb 95)

Bangladesh strikes
On 14th February, workers campaigning for better wages and job security took part in a 6-hour general strike in protest at the killing of two comrades by police.

Shell means Hell
The run-up to the trial of Ken Saro-Wiwa, a major figure in the Ogoni people's fight against Shell's devastation of their land in Rivers State, has seen the leaking of official documents proving that the military government destroyed many villages, torturing and murdering up to 1,800 people. They also indicate that Shell paid for the military operation. 300,000 Ogoni people have protested at the destruction of farmland, oil spills, air pollution and water contamination caused by the government's and Shell's pursuit of profit.



Denmark: The working class district of Nørrebro, Copenhagen celebrated the New Year in style when shops and banks were attacked. The night's events culminated in the trashing of a recently opened McDonald's restaurant by about 400 first-footers.

A FIGHT FOR ALL

THE PEOPLE in Pollok, Priesthill, Darnley, and Corkerhill have little enough: craphousing and low living standards. But no suffering is great enough to command the guilt of those who profit by the oppressive organisation of our society.

The process of taking from those who have already been robbed continues with the theft of the land given to the people of Glasgow: Pollok Estate. We have so little and still they take; it is not enough to ask them to return it - we need to fight back!

EarthFirst! in Manchester have been squatting Wimpey cranes (one for 64 hours) in solidarity with Pollok.

Throughout roads campaigns people are taking control over their architecture and their fight for a decent environment. The Anti-M65 and Anti-M77 campaigns have both produced amazing and defiant living quarters. 17 tree houses have been built in Stanworth Valley, Lancs to defy the the M65. Hundreds of kids run free in the Pollok Free State. Pupils at Bellarmine Secondary have formed a Students Union which demands it be recog-



School students resisting the M77

So goes the cry at Pollok Free State, the anti-roads camp set up in defiance to the M77. The immoral and illegal contract between Strathclyde Region and Wimpey carves up the 1018 acre Pollok Estate, one of Glasgow's few remaining green belt areas. Already trees are being felled and hundreds are attempting to halt the work.

Roads protests in England have been determined, and costly to the profiteering rapists of our earth. Construction companies Norvest Holst (costs rise from £37-51m) Murphy (£4m costs doubled) and Christian & Neilsen (50% over budget) have all lost cash due to direct action protest. The 500 strong anti M11 occupation of Claremont Road, east London took 200 bailiffs, 700 police and 400 security guards a week to destroy at a cost of £2m., in late November.

Anti-roads protesters have used their power in a huge variety of resourceful and imaginative ways.

nised and granted the right to leave school to protest. As this has been denied they are on strike and fighting for, in their words, 'our future'.

Two 14-year-olds and two 12 year-olds were arrested in February along with an increasing number of Pollok Free State citizens. The campaign continues with tree-squatting, aerial feats, barricade building, chainsaw interrupting and attempts at persuading the security to change sides. On 25 Feb., after a 3,000 strong illegal anti Criminal Justice Act march, 200 tore down the fence round Wimpey's compound and swarmed over the machinery.

Pollok and the anti-M65 campaigns both desperately need your strength; what is being destroyed can never be fully reclaimed. But we can reclaim our own power. Govern yourself.

Pollok Free State, Barrhead Rd., Glasgow G53. Tel 0860 728244. Glasgow EarthFirst!, 3 George St., Paisley - 0141 946 2700. No M65 - 01772 704103. No M11-0181 558 2638. EF! Action Update, Dpt.29, 1 Newton St. Manchester

exploded on 19th Jan when 150 posties were suspended. Unofficial action broke out, with management hurriedly withdrawing disciplinary action against two Glasgow workers to avoid countrywide escalation.

The mood of defiance was matched by the chant - "We've got you now..." but in stepped the union to defuse the action. They got the suspensions lifted but ignored the 'speed up' practices that have caused the unrest. Then the courts slapped a fine of £7,500 + legal costs of £100,000 on to the postal workers union. This is an attempt to force union leaders to police an angry workforce. More unrest is predicted.

Clause 4? Class war!

LABOUR leader Tony Blair wants rid of Clause 4, which supposedly commits Labour to "common ownership of the means of production".

Blair is making Labour more Tory than the Tories, in a desperate bid for power. So should we defend Clause 4?

We say NO. Every Labour government - all "committed" to Clause 4 - has run the capitalist economy and put profits first. Last time in power (1974-79) Labour held down wages through the Social Contract and savagely cut social services.

What's more for Labour "common ownership" means nationalisation. But nationalised industries still operate for profit. They still have a hierarchical structure. They are just another form of capitalism - state capitalism, collective ownership by the ruling class.

Real common ownership means grass-roots workers and community control - no bosses, no managers. It means production for human need - no profit motive, no buying and selling. It means "from each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs".

DOING IT FOR OURSELVES

Real change will never come through parliament. More people in Britain realise this and are taking direct action against injustice.

Blockades of lorries transporting animals, defying the Criminal Justice Act, stopping motorway building, wildcat strikes. This mass direct action achieves immeasurably more than empty arguments over Labour's constitution. And the experience encourages a much-needed rejection of passivity and consumerism.

Ultimately direct action is the way that humanity can take control of the "means of production", and create a global community with genuine common ownership and real equality and freedom.

GET INVOLVED!

We invite you to write to us, and to the groups listed below. (Write if you want listed)

- **Active Distro**, BM Active, London WCIN 3XX (catalogue 29p stamps & sae)
- **AK Distribution**, 22 Luton Place, Edinburgh (write for catalogue)
- **Anarchist Black Cross**, c/o 121 Raiton Rd., London SE24 (prisoner solidarity).
- **Anarchist Communist Federation**, 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX
- **Anarchist Womens Newsletter**, PO Box 51, c/o Greenleaf, 82 Colston St., Bristol
- **Anarchists in London** Fax 071 326 0353 (24 hours) to contact Contraflow, 56a Infoshop, Anarchist Black Cross, 121 Centre, and Bad Attitude.
- **Angry People**, PO Box 183, Waterloo, NSW 2017 Australia.
- **Bad Attitude**, 121 Raiton Road, London, SE24 OL, UK. Tel: 071-978 9057
- **The Centre**, c/o Peace & Justice, St. Johns, Princes St., Edinburgh (mail only)
- **Class War**: PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW : PO Box 772, Bristol BS99 1EL, PO Box 4297, Dublin 1, IRELAND (groups Britain-wide & international):
- **Contraflow**, 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17 (excellant news-sheet)
- **DS4A**, Box 8, 82 Colston St., Bristol (mail order distribution)
- **Industrial Workers of the World**, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB
- **Kate Sharpley Library**, BM Hurricane, London WC1 3XX. (also publishers)
- **Kaos?**, c/o J.Bals, Blekksoppgrenda 39, 1352 Kolsas, Norway.
- **Kommunist Kranti**, Majdoor Library, Autopin Jhuggi, Faridabad-121001, India.
- **London Greenpeace**, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1
- **Norwich Solidarity Centre/Solidarity Fed.:** PO Box 73, Norwich NR3 1QD
- **PO Box 51465**, Raedene, 2124, Johannesburg, South Africa. (anarchist distro)
- **Scottish Federation of Anarchists** (£1 formagazine & sae for news-sheet): write for contacts: Box 1008, Glasgow G42 8AA.
- **Sheffield Anarchist Group**, PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY
- **255 PdG Info Shop**: write M. Decortes, c/o Libreria Utopia, via Moscova 52, 20121 Milano, Italy. Tel/fax 02-29003324. (write for catalogue)
- **Tottenham Solidarity Network**, c/o 72 West Green Rd., London N15
- **Wind Chill Factor**, PO Box 81961, Chicago, IL 60681, USA.

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Sorting out the Management

"All out Now!", was the rallying cry of postal workers during a wildcat strike. Within a day, 15,000 North-West and West London Royal Mail workers had brought the capital's deliveries to a grinding halt.

Fed up with increased workload and the undermining of health & safety due to new "computer assisted" management directives, a 3 day strike involving 650 occurred in early January against disciplinary measures. The simmering discontent