

Tax rate in Britain back in administrative careers are £572.89 was below the unscathed, and the reduced Spending Assessment of £ 573. management structure as When Haringey was listed as before. one of the 21 Labour councils "charge capped" in The cuts should begin to April, it was put down to unite and broaden active sheer vindictiveness. The opposition to the Poll Tax, NALGO's proposals to the ludicrous 95% payment rate constituent groups. The improved payment rates to 90%(!) and start. cut the Poll Tax to £ 536.

Enter Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the The same cannot, Environment. In spite of the unfortunately, be said for ridiculous optimism of a 90% the Council unions, of which payment rate - the reality only NALGO, with no ties to is about 35% - Patten thinks the Labour Party, has it is not on for the Council responded forcefully to the to revise its estimates. So, cuts. NALGO nationally our hero has got leave to identified Haringey as a key appeal against this decision area in the fight over Poll not to cut the Poll Tax to Tax capping, but the £508, and the new bills meetings of "capped" printed at a cost of f. 8,000 branches seem to be intended cannot be sent out.

CUTTING SERVICES

The 13.9m cut works out like this: 2 libraries closed, 2 others merged; homes for the elderly and off demands from the children with learning activists for political difficulties will shut; 2 strikes. They can do this social services area offices because of the way the will be closed; Youth union's structures separate Services will be halved, as activists from the mass of will the Adult Education the membership, and allow budget; charges will be the bureaucrats to come over introduced or increased for as the voice of reason to Home Helps, Meals on Wheels, members who have not heard Playschemes and Nurseries, the debates which have taken as well as Adult Education; place in shop stewards' homeless people will be put in prefabs. 150 vacant posts executives. will be deleted, in addition to the regular vacancy levels required to balance budgets, and 500 workers will be made redundant.

It is blindingly obvious who these cuts will hit hardest - the poorest people in the borough. Corporate

BUREAUCRATS

more as a way of controlling opposition to cuts than of building and spreading it.

The union's objective is to limit opposition to service conditions issues, and head committees and branch

In Haringey, industrial action was organised and was overwhelmingly supported by the membership on the first, and only, day of strike action on 23rd July. That was supposed to be the first of 8 days of all-out strikes in 60 days, to be supported

Haringey Council in North "services" required for the by indefinites strikes by of jobs and services London set the highest Poll building of political and "key workers" like Poll Tax. But the strike demands were March, but the figure of being left relatively only for talks about the cuts, and guarantees of no Government's Standard services have the same huge COMPULSORY redundancies and the honouring of national and local agreements.

CLASS CONSCIOUS

Council dutifully slashed which has so far been Council on HOW TO SAVE THE £13.9 million off its limited to Haringey Anti- MONEY are even more budget, which on its Poll Tax Union and its significant. They want an voluntary estimate would have meant a Haringey Forum for the redundancy scheme, a Poll Tax of £ 508. However, Defence of Jobs and Services recruitment freeze and it revised its estimate of got off to a promising "proper redeployment". This implementation of the Poll



is not a fight against the cuts, although many of the union's members will see it as such. It is the age-old trades union demand for the right to negotiate over conditions. According to this logic, if you fight something all the way down the line you miss out on a chance of a say in how it's implemented. This narrow view of members' interests, as opposed to the class conscious view that defence

ANARCHO-SYNDICALIST SUMMER SCHOOL MANCHESTER 22 SEPT. CONTACT LOCAL GROUP



workers and working class people who use public trades unionism. This is million members, the Labour consistently defeated since 1979.

NON-PAYMENT

The fight against the Poll Tax cuts, in effect the demand for non-

Tax, will not come from trades union structures. It will have to come from the workplace, though.

Non-payment alone will not defeat the Tax. Scottish councils have sat out one year's non-payment with little real difficulty. All it can do on its own is cause councils budgetary problems, and we all know how they solve that. It is

fighting the Poll Tax by harmonises the interests of opposing, on principle, the cuts it causes that represents the greatest services, illustrates the potential for defeating it. limits and fatal weakness of The maintenance and strengthening of mass nonwhy, for all the TUC's 9 payment is vital to the morale of the anti-Poll Tax Movement has been so movement, but more effort needs to be put into encouraging and supporting workers' action.

WORKPLACE GROUPS

The key to such a strategy is the building of workplace anti-Poll Tax groups. These groups should not degenerate into mere "rank and file" groups making demands of union leaders, but should base themselves on practical activity. Finding out who is likely to get their wages arrested, and building support for industrial action in their defence is vital. So is supporting any fight over conditions which is caused by the Poll Tax, and arguing in the workplace that the fight should be broadened out into one against the Poll Tax itself.

CRACKS

The Government believes that the non-payment campaign is run by "about a thousand militants" and will disappear after another year. This kind of complacency is a gift for the resistance, and suggests that once non-payment enters its second year in England and Wales and its third in Scotland the cracks will start to appear. But nonpayment will be a war of attrition and its costs will be heavy. The final offensive that will open wide the cracks and shatter the Poll Tax will be workers' fight for nonimplementation. Anti-Poll Tax activists must help build the organisations that will start that fight.

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War Games As the war machines are revved up

workers throughout the world are being submitted to the usual propaganda designed to whip us all into line behind our respective rulers.

We've had Hussein as the new Hitler, and soon it'll be Iraqis eat babies (they are already starving them). We've had the US "defending international law" just like they did in Panama and Grenada, not to mention Vietnam.

The Iraqi propagandists, on the .other hand, talk of the great anti-imperialist struggle and the wonders of Arab brotherhood.

For the ruling class, "morality" is only ever a convenient cover for their economic and strategic needs. Control of the oil fields is what this is all about - nothing more.

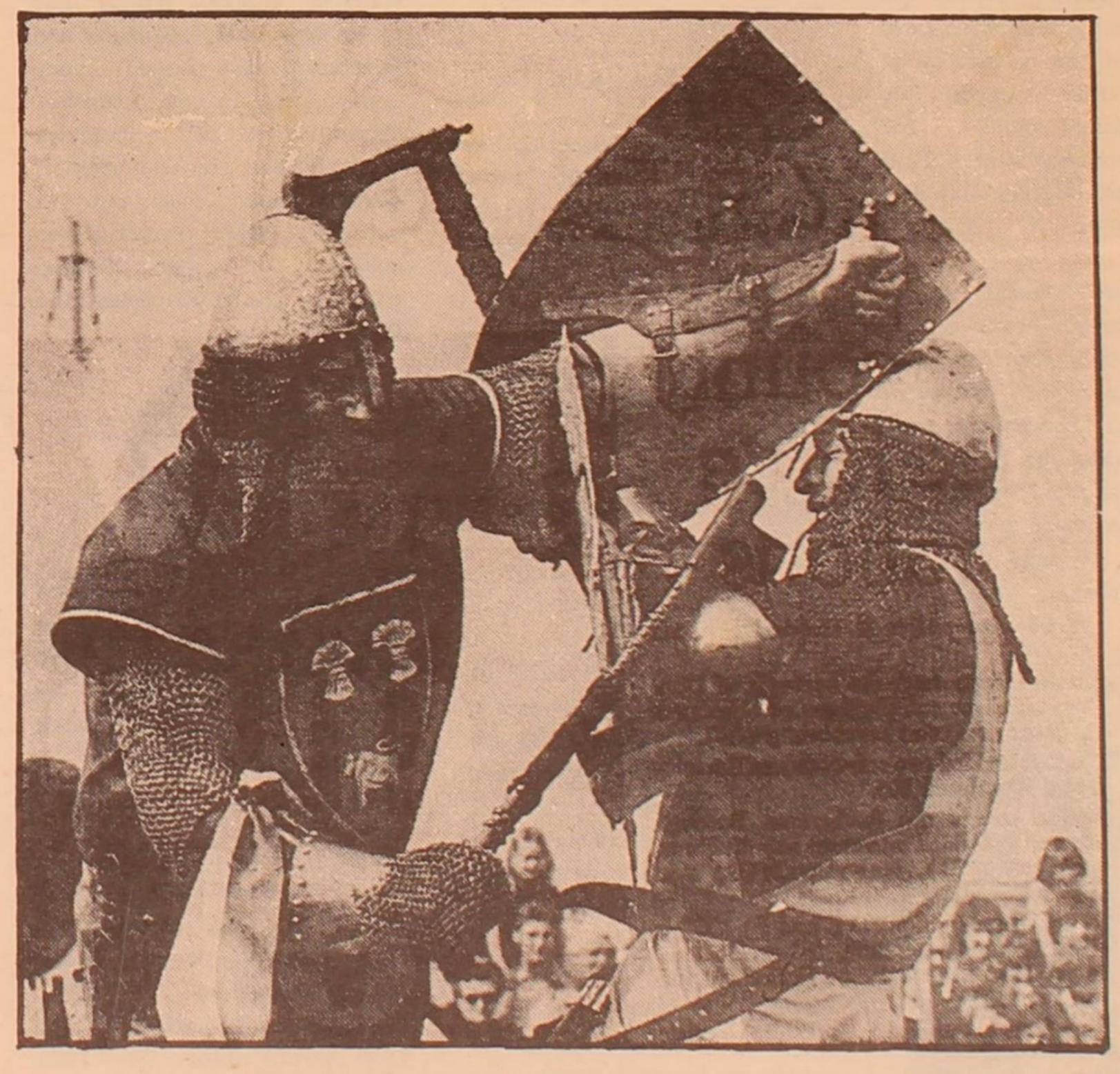
Iraqi propaganda is echoed by the various left groups over here calling for "Hands Off Iraq". For instance the Socialist Workers Party hopes that Sadam Hussein will give Maggie "a bloody nose".

We do not. It is the working class that die in our rulers' wars. It is the working class that is made to pay for those wars - not just by cuts in living standards over here but, on the frontline, by starvation and destitution.

The propaganda is designed to take our minds off the war that is permanent to capitalist society: the class war. North Sea oil workers have shown the way by refusing to be blackmailed into giving up their fight "for the good of the country" (ie the oil companies' profits).

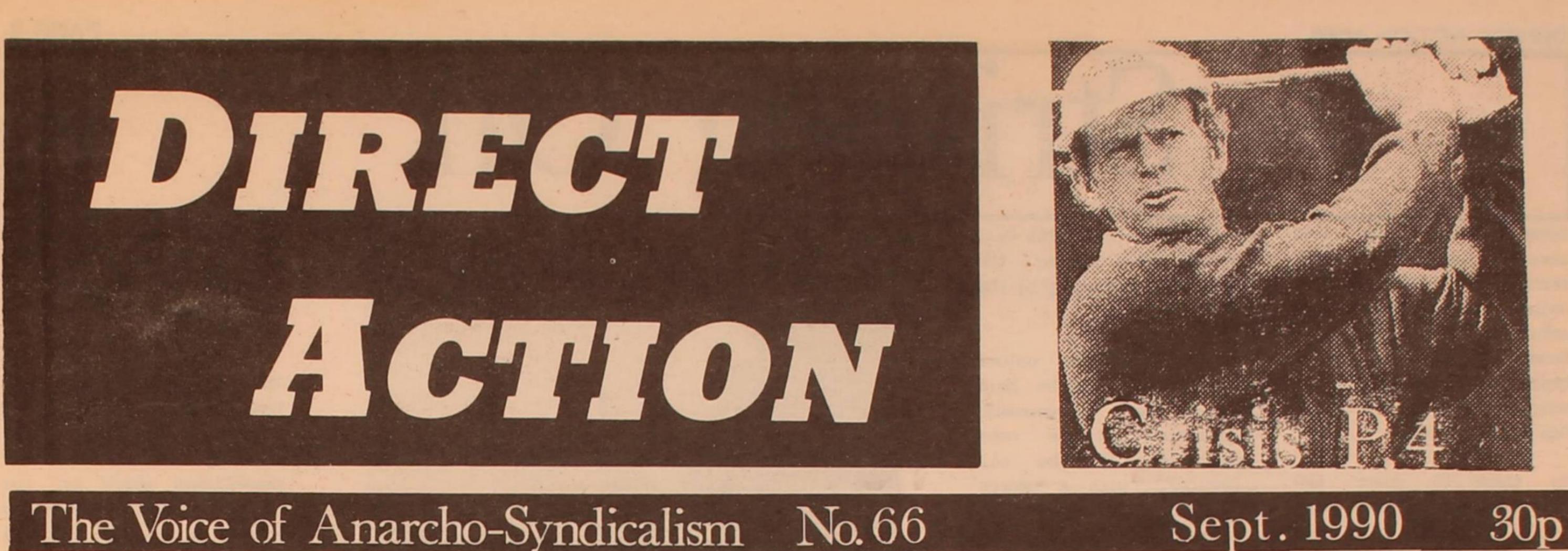
Our hope is that Iraqi workers will come increasingly to sabotage the war drive of their rulers, just as they did in eight-year Iran-Iraq war. The fraternisation of troops and the revolt of many Iraqi communities became so serious that Hussein was forced to bomb and gas "his own" people (no protest from the "defenders of international law" then).

It is the fear of the consequences of that happening again that holds back



"the Allies" from actively destabilising the Iraqi government. They would rather "madman" Hussein stay in power than give workers an opportunity to take their destiny into their own hands.

We refuse to be slaughtered in the interests of those twin gods, State and Capital. Rather, we welcome the day when all the "madmen" and "butchers" that make our lives a misery have been dealt with by the working class of the world.



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That is why we anarcho-syndicalists of the International Workers Association will never cease in our fight for international solidarity between workers - across ethnic, racial and national lines.

We won't fight the ruling class's war games, which are waged at the price of working people's lives.

For us, there is no war but the class war.

Direct Action Movement - International Workers Association

THE FERENCE FRANK FRANK

weeks have seen Recent several 24 hour wildcat Another death during the strikes in the North Sea for strike was hushed up by the union recognition and oil companies. safety. The long awaited Summer of Discontent is the The seven offshore unions biggest dispute in the 25 have been happy to be held year history of the North back by government Sea Oil Industry.

offshore workers have lost ballot for union recognition their lives. The oil in case they might actually companies go along with have to take some action. Thatcher's return to Victorian values. Safety offshore are standards simply Dickensian. The bosses just find new ways for the workforce to die, because profit still comes before safety.

SUBSTANTIAL PROFITS

The oil companies tried to claim that the strikers were holding back safety work on Emergency Shutdown Valves which stop gas from pipelines fueling a fire on a platform. The bosses have known about the necessity of ESVs for over a decade but did nothing until 167 offshore workers were killed in the Piper Alpha disaster in July 1988.

The Middle Eastern oil fields have never been secured by the western Offshore capitalists. workers in the North Sea, where production costs are very much higher, are forced to work 15 hours a day, 3 weeks on, 1 week off to that the oil ensure companies still make a substantial profit.



UNREST

The industrial unrest escalated when 7 more Strikers on the sit-in were offshore workers were killed in the last week of July onshore were forced to sign this year. Six of them were a no-strike agreement. killed when a helicopter owned by Robert Maxwell legally binding and the

crashed into the North Sea.

legislation and the noncooperation of the oil In these 25 years 600 companies, with a secret

> This problem has been overcome by the strike being organised unofficially by the Offshore Industry Liaison Committee. It is an open rank and file committee that has been going for the last 16 months. It draws its members from the whole of the offshore workforce and is funded by their donations. However, the OILC strike committee makes important decisions without being fully accountable to the mass meetings.

NEWS BLACKOUT

The OILC funds Blow-Out, an independent monthly paper which carries news and views the oil companies would rather not let the workforce see.

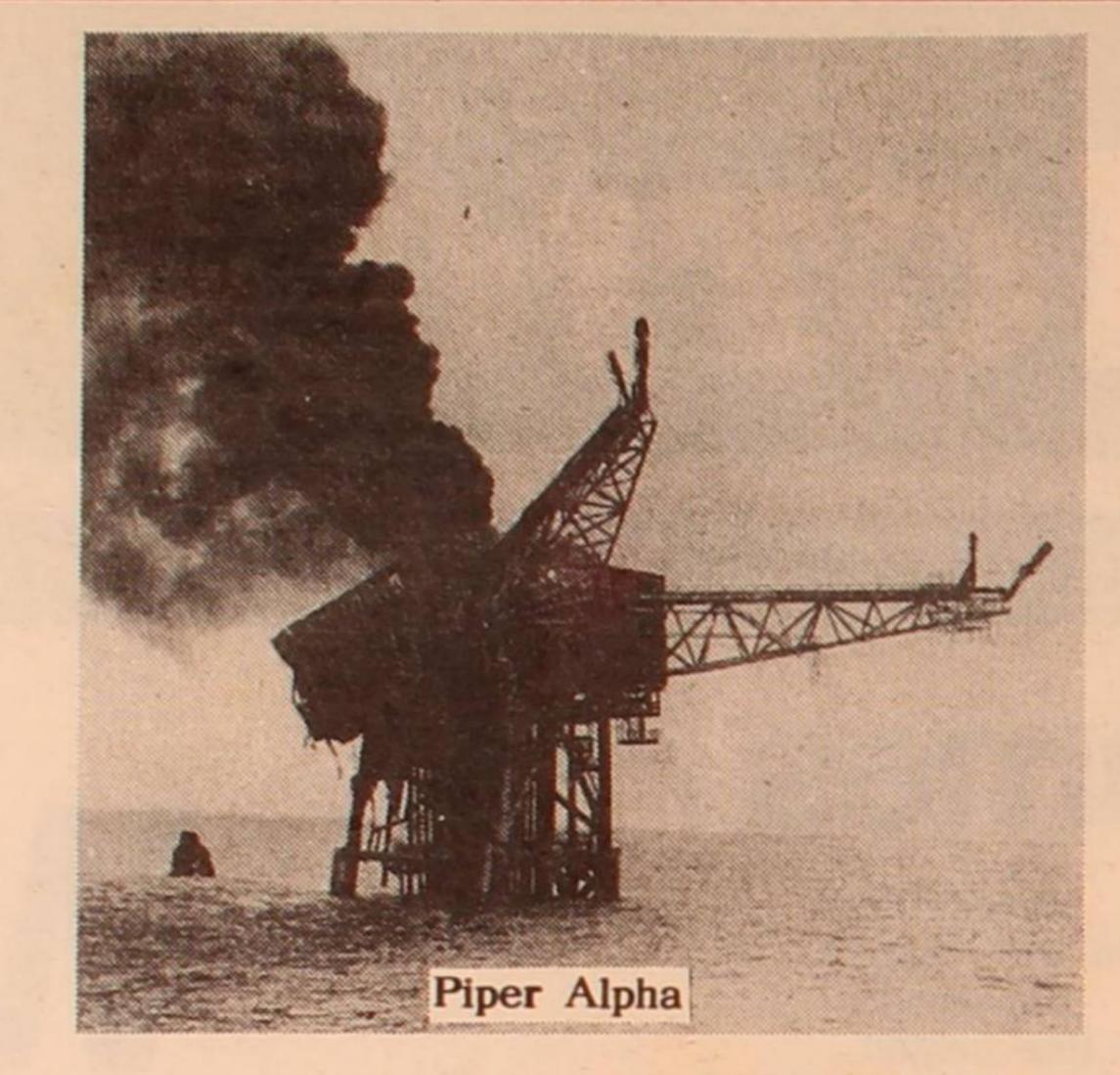
Throughout the dispute Shell and BP have tried to operate a news blackout, cutting off phone-calls to the OILC office and confiscating radios on platforms.

SIT-INS

The OILC is mainly made up of construction, engineering and catering workers who are worse off than workers directly employed by the oil companies. Thousands of involved in them, maintenance work went out on strike.

After the first 24 hour strike 1500 workers began a sit-in on several North Sea installations because Shell and BP were flying strikers offshore, sending them home for a month without pay. Strikers picketed departure lounges to encourage other workers to keep up the sitin. They occupied gangways between main platforms and accommodation platforms so that they could not be towed off and left isolated like last summer.

sacked and workers coming Fortunately, it is not



action soon spread onshore. Mass meetings of the workers sent home marched on oil company offices.

SPREADING SUPPORT

Women's support groups set up in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh have played a very active part in the dispute. Thousands of onshore construction and engineering workers have come out in support. Even construction workers for Trident downed tools at the Clyde Submarine Base !



Offshore workers have showed their willingness to take the lead and use direct action and are prepared to jeopardise their jobs rather than return to business as usual.

Large pay rises earlier in the year didn't buy off the workforce. In some cases there had been no pay rises for 3 years and it still doesn't take them back to 1985 levels before the 1986 oil slump.

negotiated North Sea.

There is potential for the become unrest to international as the workers for parity with fight The workers. Norwegian

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Striking



Whatever the outcome of the current dispute, they will continue their fight for a Continental Shelf Agreement giving trade union protection, regularly wages and conditions and the right for workers to sit in on safety committees in the whole of the British sector of the

BILL THE DRILL

THOUGHT I SAW JOB HILL LAST NIGHT: A Personal View by Bill the Drill

Joe Hill was an American union activist who lived in the early years of this century. His exploits were with. The heartache behind legendary, and so neatly did he fit into the spirit of the times, that like most hadn't if he legends actually existed it would have been necessary to invent him. The authorities paid him a back handed compliment, labeling him as a trouble-maker and labour agitator, which of course was just their way of saying that Joe had a mind of his own and could see through their criminal activities which were being passed off as free enterprise in the most brutal and expansionist period American of capitalism.

The story goes that when Joe was on his death bed he fellow his inclored unionists not to mourn but to organise. It was said that such was the strength of his personality and commitment to the cause that wherever there was workers' struggle of any sort the spirit of Joe Hill aould also be there. The hairs on the back of my neck never fail to tingle when I hear that story ... Now put that on hold for a minute. Last trip the P&J carried some memorials to the lads who were killed on the Piper. For me it Mas poignant reading. Anyway it took me an hour or two to settle down. I'm sure you know the feeling. A name

bloke you here, a occassionally drank with, a mate you traveled with, a phrase there (Shine on Crazy Diamond, we remember you), and Christ, even some you never particularly got on every simply worded memorium left you numb, and as you ages of the the read left fatherless, children the numbress gave way to frustration and then of course anger set in all over again.

Psychologists have remarked on the guilt which many of the survivors felt. Well I can't comment on that but I know of my own guilt. I know that I burn with shame when I confront the fact that it took something like the Piper to waken me up to the farce come tragedy which daily passes for industrial relations and safety on the North Sea.

Look! Joe Hill wasn't being hard hearted or cynical when implored his fellow he workers not to mourn his death. We in the North Sea can't forget. We'll never forget We'll never ask for whom the bell tolls, but two years on I've made a conscious decision. As God is my witness, I won't mourn the souls of any of our colleagues and friends who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the crude rush to extract oil from these waters. I'll troubled remember each and every one in the spirit of Joe Hill.

> DON'T MOURN, ORGANISE!

offshore unions have agreed not to negotiate separately, encouraging moves toward one big union for the whole of the industry.

anarchosyndicalist These tendencies must be encouraged so that an oil industry union is established which is run by the workers themselves and not by union bureaucrats who've never set foot on a rig.

Glasgow DAM

Thanks to Blow Out for their help. Copies of Blow-Out are available from the Offshore Information Centre, 52 Guild St, Aberdeen AB1 2NB.

DIRECT ACTION Nº66

In bad health

local media released a shock story of job losses and ward putting up rather inadequate closures at the Leicester leaflets in very obscure Royal Infirmary.

the For most of healthworkers effected, this members. was the first they'd heard. Whilst the head of Leicester The strategy put forward by Health Authority talked of Leicester DAM was: alterations in priorities, "Workplace meetings must be staff faced being kicked out held where a strategy of and redeployed, increasing resistance is worked out

In late June Leicester's NUPE made no real effort to reach its members, simply places. As ever, the Trade Union bureaucracy was totally divorced from its

waiting lists and an ever including occupation of



increasingly workload.

stressful

5 WARDS TO CLOSE, 107 BED LOSSES, 167 JOBS TO BE CUT INCLUDING AT LEAST 55 REDUN-DANCIES !

Faced with these huge cuts, the Joint Shop Stewards Committee organised mass meetings to discuss the next move. Over 50 domestic staff, who are not directly involved, turned up and voted to walk out, but the turn out by nursing staff was only a handful.

A slightly more successful event was the lobby of the Health Authority meeting which was to confirm cuts. But even though there was good attendance at this event, no fightback was organised.

DAM LEAFLETS

NUPE are the most active Health Service Union in Leicester yet Leicester DAM put out more propaganda than NUPE managed to. The DAM group did several mass leafletting sessions which got a good response.

Occupation for Unemployed

A struggle to save Doncaster organised by taking on the Unemployed Worker's Centre Council and drawing support erupted in August. The from women's groups, Poll Council want to site the Tax Centre in useless, shared organised workers. They and smaller premises. The claim that the Council do. users of the Centre were not not like the Centre's happy when the plans (linked prominent (and valuable) to Poll Tax capping cuts) town centre location and were announced and went into want to make the unemployed indefinite occupation of the invisible. In response, the Centre.

The users group has shown visible as possible! the potential of unemployed people when they get P, Doncaster

campaigners and local unemployed and their supporters need to be as



closing wards, refusal to transfer patients and solidarity strike action by other healthworkers".

This was proved correct depressingly quickly as wards began closing only a week after the cuts were announced.

DECIMATED

Nationally the Tories have set out to destroy the NHS and in Leicestershire over the last year the health service has been decimated. There have been nearly 1000 hospital beds lost and all we've had in return is a vague promise that new buildings (one of which maybe ready in Autumn 1991) may generate about 700 beds. To defend what we have, we must fight now. Healthworkers, patients and the public are shocked by such cuts as shown by the good response to a demo in early August in Leicester where about 300 people up and where turned some good militant images were portrayed.

Only by refusing to accept management budgeting and taking control of doomed wards can we force health authorities to search more urgently for cash to keep our health service from closing.

Geoff, DAM Healthworkers

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-Rip-Off! ----

medical insurance schemes of £19.90. and more than £1,000uncontrolled.

less than £4.

that a patient insured by send their patients to. WPA had a hospital bill for \$52,000 for 10 weeks in in intensive care). When the the NHS'

Recent revelations in the WPA checked the 60 page press show that some private bill, they found a number of hospitals have been charging anomalies. Among the 6,000 people £2 for an aspirin, items was a charge of \$6.80 for a strip of £129.38 for a tin of baby elastoplast, f.7.45 for a powder. This was adjusted as disposable razor, £10 for a a 'computer error' but a sleeping pill and £68 for an charge of £982.96 for 22 injection of a drug costing injections was defended as correct. A food supplement, Vitrimix, was listed on the Apparently, 7 million people bill at £ 70.66 compared to a are covered under private pharmaceutical trade price

million is spent annually on With the internal market private health care in moving nearer as every day Britain. Profit margins are passes, we can clearly look forward to similar problems when Health Authorities are In a row between Western billed by either self-Provident Association (WPA) governing hospitals or those and BUPA, it was revealed in the private sector they

hospital (including a month From 'Sheffield Hands Off



DEAD POETS

The government is to employ Saatchi & Saatchi to mount a E2 million TV campaign to recruit teachers. It will Robin Williams feature playing John Keating from the film "Dead Poets Society" (the NUT has asked him not to do it).

"Dead Poets Society"? Isn't that the film about a good enthusiastic teacher who is beaten into submission and flung out of the profession by an authoritarian headmaster and school regime?!



BOOM BOOM BOOM

Government mouthpiece " Employment News" had a bold headline in July. "Boom Boom Boom" it said, proclaiming a A pity the bosses in the CBI had to spoil the party by increasing reporting closures and bankruptcies of small businesses due to high interest rates at the end of the month.



ALL CHANGE

According to the Home Office, Wandsworth prisoners are allowed to change shirts once a week, while those in Liverpool and Pentonville can change their shirts twice a week. People held in Leeds, Durham and Birmingham are allowed three shirt changes a week. Underpants and socks can usually be changed twice a week.



GREAT CAPITALIST CONTRIBUTIONS TO HISTORY Pt. 23

The edible pencil is set for the production line, according to its Californian inventors, Constantin Boyn and Laurene Leon. The writing implements (or snacks, depending upon when bonanza for small business. you last ate) will be fashioned from dough and carbon. "Percils are bitten and chewed so much that they are never really used to their full capacity" says Mr Boyn, who has patented his brainwave.

With the Iraqi invasion of play off the two major power Kuwait sparking off the blocks to gain both economic latest Middle East crisis and military aid. and bringing forward the usual simplistic reactions, Western influence became with Saddam Hussain cast in the role of a madman or the new Hitler, it is surely time to look behind the propaganda and examine why the latest events took place.

The region has always been of strategic importance to the capitalist world. From the building of the Suez Canal, the various colonial powers vied to gain control of the disintegrating Ottoman Empire. Later, the increasing dependency on oil of the capitalist economies made the need to maintain influence and control in the area vitally important.

RISING NATIONALISM

After the last war the British and French withdrew from the region but attempted, with American threatened. The attempted help, to ensure lasting moves to Pan-Arabism were influence by setting up pro- perceived as dangerous and western regimes and usually floundered and soon maintaining control of the the Arab states were seen oil fields. This was later either as 'conservatives' ie challenged by rising nationalist feelings and one 'radical'. by one the Arab states took control of their own oil Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the production and adopted a UAE were ruled in an almost neutral position, trying to feudal manner and tended to

more covert with the United States supporting various factions or states to ensure western capitalist interests were

be conservative. Syria, Egypt and Iraq vied to become the leader of the radical wing of Arab politics. To the west these states were dangerous and were made attempts to destabilize them to ensure they did not become too



more inclined to the west or



farming accidents are at homes available and shoves their highest for four up prices. years. Sixty one people were killed on British farms in Job 1989 - 90. Factories and construction sites are not only the dangerous workplaces.

These figures are just the problems faced by people living in tithed houses.

Deaths as a result of This decreases the number of

opportunities are limited and figures show the loss of 15,000 agricultural jobs in England alone between 1977 and 1986. The Poll Tax also causes problems for many rural tip of the iceberg of workers, especially those

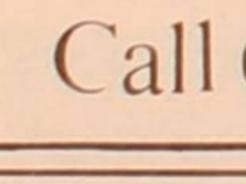


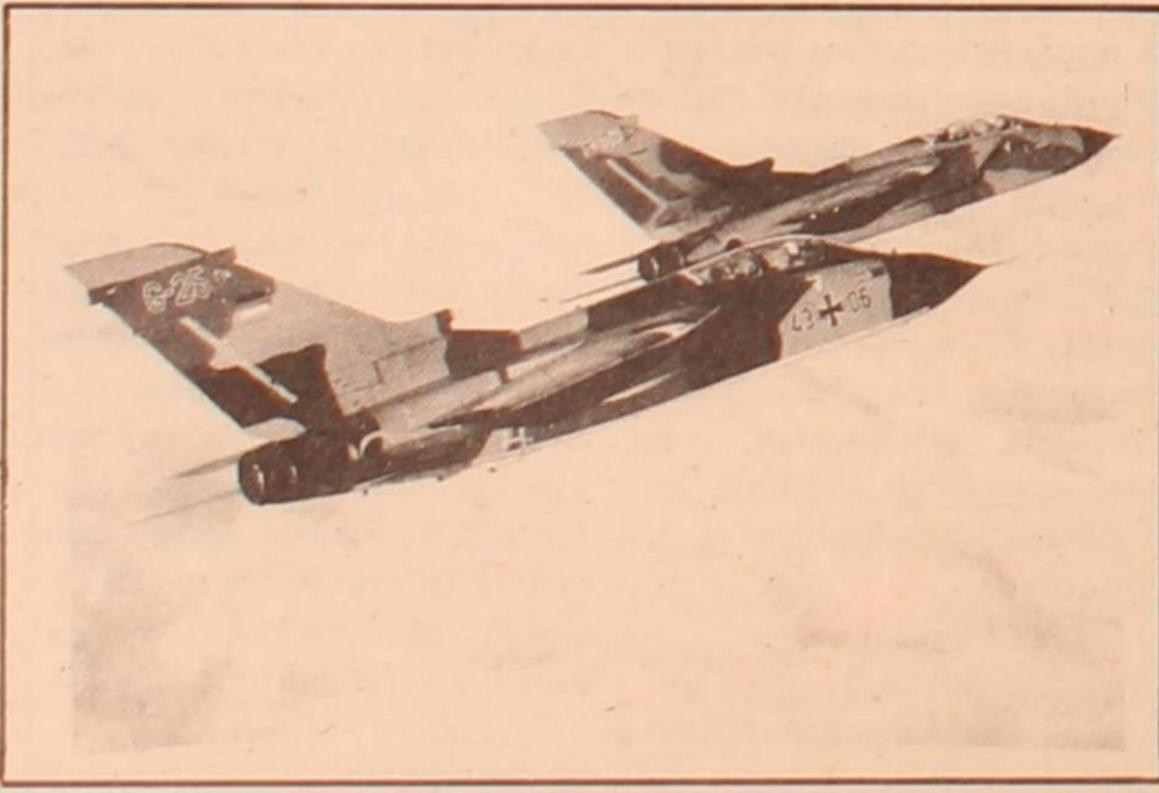
living in rural communities. As well as the 'usual' low British rural workers now have housing problems caused second (or third!) homes. the workers!

Perhaps it is time for a rediscovery of the tradition of rural uprising symbolised wages and seasonal lay-offs, by the Tolpuddle martyrs in Britain and taken to greater achievements by the peasants by long distance commuters of Spain and the Ukraine in and assorted rich bastards the first 30 or so years of buying up rural property for this century. The land to

ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM

of The Islamic rise fundamentalism complicated the situation. Despite western attempts to prop up the Shah of Iran, he was toppled. Arab leaders also feared this upsurge and played down any pro-western beliefs.





With oil supplies from the North Sea disrupted by the series of unofficial strikes organised by the Oil Industry Liaison Committee (OILC), is it only a matter before the time despatches government destroyers, minesweepers and fighter-bombers, we ask ourselves?

Perhaps the Shetland Islands could stand in for plucky little Kuwait as the excuse for despatching a task force to sort out the OILC madmen

The Cauldron of War

Yet the influence of the west was undeniable. Saddam Hussain himself was brought to power in 1963 with the help of the CIA worried about the growing strength of the Iraqi Communist Party. During the war with Iran, Iraq was supported by the US through Saudi Arabia. This support helped ensure that the war would go on as long as it did.

After the ceasefire Iraq was left with a huge army, a crumbling economy and crippling war debt. For them an increase in the price of oil was seen as the way to revive the economy and pay off debts. Also, internal discontent meant that Saddam needed a diversion. The on Kuwait and claims pressure to increase prices were the build up to the invasion.

GAMBLE

The Iraqi invasion was a calculated gamble that has not paid off. Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the other Sheikhdoms had no interest in increasing oil prices. For them the second major source of income is from investments on the western stockmarkets. The last thing they want to see is the western economies in crisis.

Call (another) air strike!

who have the audacity to demand union recognition and minimum safety standards. (Interesting also that the oil field employers are desperately crying for the official unions to take control of the wildcat OILC strikes, seeing as the wouldn't employers previously recognise even the feeble TUC unions.)

We say we don't give a damn about Thatcher and Bush's oil supplies. The only war worth fighting is the class war;

It is certainly not in the interests of the Arab working class who remain impoverished and exploited while living in an area of the world with the most sought after of resources.

BLOOD MONEY

Whatever the final outcome, one thing is certain: it is the working class, be it Arab, European, American or Russian, who will pay the price. It is workers who fight and die in the capitalists'interests. It is workers who produce the wealth that capitalism is so eager to defend. The price of oil is measured in dollars but it is also measured in blood. No other energy resource has cost so much in human suffering and death. This applies not only to the Middle East but to the North Sea as well.

As anarchosyndicalists we can only reiterate our basic belief that workers should fight for their class and not for any country. Only by uniting across artificial boundaries against the common enemy can we ever hope to end the poverty and misery that workers live in throughout the world.

Manchester DAM-IWA



Economic realities are just becoming apparent in Eastern Europe. The recent rises in oil prices after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait will have worried those countries more than in the past.

Before the upheavals, the Warsaw Pact states obtained their oil from the Soviet Union at a special price. But now they have been informed that they will have to pay the full market price, just like any other free market capitalist economy.

Czechoslovakia and Hungary already were contemplating a doubling of the cost of their oil and were worried about the effect on their economies. Now with the price increasing, even more strain will be put on them.

With unemployment already rapidly rising there can be no doubt that increased oil prices will add to more workers finding that western style capitalism is not all it's cracked up to be.

Anti-semitism & fascism

The macabre attack on a Branch (Stamford Hill is in Jewish cemetery in France, Hackney) is organising in in which the newly-buried the East End around racial corpse of an 81-year old man violence in schools. was dug up and impaled on a spike, has focused attention Tyndall, of course, has a on a series of such attacks throughout Europe. While goes back to the National they have achieved a level Socialist Movement in the of publicity never given to '60s. The party's leader, the daily catalogue of Colin Jordan, had declared attacks on black people and "Hitler was right ", but the immigrants across Europe, open nazi stance caused it their significance is being problems. Twelve nazis played down. They are characterised as 'mindless' or 'copycat' attacks, in the vain hope that their perpetrators will desist.

As Europe approaches the restructuring of frontiers which will produce, among other things, pan-European racist immigration controls in 1992, a pan-European racist movement is looking more of a reality. The rise of fascist electoralism in France and Germany, along the with virulent nationalist movements unleashed in Eastern Europe by the breakup of the Soviet empire, is giving the racists greater confidence.

GENOCIDE

The Nazis' genocidal policy against the Jews (and the gypsies, Slavs, mentallyhandicapped and homosexuals) of Europe has made the open expression of anti-semitism taboo as is no other form of racism. The neo-nazis are no less anti-semitic than their forebears, but they are aware of its capacity to alienate much of their wider support. Many who might be appalled by genocide have no qualms about immigration controls and deportations. Electoral parties in particular cannot afford

to alienate such support.

It is a measure of the confidence the fascists feel the anti-semitic that attacks are now taking place. In Britain, a Jewish cemetery in Edmonton, north London, was attacked with sledgehammers and daubed with swastikas in May. Anti-semitism, for all its Leeds, Cemeteries in Blakley, Manchester and the nazis' politics. Their Bushy, Herts., as well as a opposition synagogue Middx., have also been and to class conflict, attacked. Attacks on Hasidic requires an explanation Jews (who have a distinctive which to the initiated is appearance), particularly that both are tools of a schoolchildren, in Stamford World Jewish Conspiracy Hill, London, have increased using class conflict to in recent months.

Hackney and Tower Hamlets Race'. That the nazis really

long nazi pedigree which including perfume heiress Francoise Dior, formerly Tyndall's fiancee and Jordan's wife - were convicted of fire-bomb attacks on 34 Jewish buildings in London. This ensured that race relations' legislation applied to Jordan, who was forced to change the party's name to British Movement.



BNP FUHRER JOHN TYNDALL

By then Tyndall had moved on to other things, becoming Chairman of the National Front in its heyday. The NF got neutralised as an electoral force, and marginalised politically for a number of reasons - they were physically opposed on the streets; the Anti-Nazi League successfully exposed the unsavoury backgrounds of Tyndall, Martin Webster and other NSM veterans; the respectable racists of the conservative party, notably Margaret Thatcher, stole much of their thunder.

NAZI RUBBISH

dangers, remains central to 'both' to in Staines, capitalism and communism, divide and weaken the White Race' to ensure the The most openly anti-semitic dominance of the Jews. of the active fascist groups 'Black immigration' is a is John Tyndall's British similar 'Jewish plot' to National Party, whose dilute and weaken the White

seen from their booklists.



Pat Harrington

Promotion of social peace and racial nationalism are vital to the appeal of a successful fascist movement. To ban the lockout along with the strike is onesided, and in practice they take the bosses' money to revolutionaries, attack whose internationalism and class solidarity they hate. Third Position, The developed by Italian nazi terrorists and championed by the wing of the NF which is now the Third Way Movement (led by Pat Harrington) is simply classic centrism dressed up by leftist rhetoric.

Trying to break out of the isolation of the nazi mould led to Harrington claiming in October 1988 that anti-Jewish members would be expelled from his party. Two hitherto key leaders, Derek Holland and Nick Griffin resigned in protest at this 'promise' and the party was subsequently renamed Third Way Movement to exploit confusion. Don't be fooled: Harrington was the author of "The Other Face of Searchlight" (the proanti-fascist zionist magazine) in which it was alleged that "the historical persecutions of the Jews have always started because of the actions of Jewish extremists".

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POLAND

shame. What follows is a canister. chronology based on a report from the Polish Anarchist 1 May, Jaworzno - Anarchist four months of 1990.

22 March 1990, Cracow - 300 anarchists marched to army 1 May, Warsaw - Joint (facing trial "special force" Clashes with soldiers in full combat kit.

29 March, Cracow - Skinheads of 500 for Mysior. Police Constitution (1791). have to save skinheads from being lynched.

31 March, Cracow Anarchists, (KRET) picket embassy in solidarity with anti Poll Tax movement.

and Peace" (WIP), KPN and Tiennanmen Square events. Anarchist Federation currents.

6 April, Warsaw - RSA attacked. (Alternative Society Movement) hold 200 strong 16 May, Warsaw - Anarchists anti unemployment demo to cabinet building.

7 and 8 April, Rabka -Anarchist seminar organised 19 May, Warsaw - RSA and by Black Alliance attended

11 April, Warsaw - Anti militarist demo outside embassies of USA and USSR.

19 April, Cracow Flyposters announce opposition to Solidarity leadership on day of their 500 activists Congress. demonstrated against collaboration, unemployment and exploitation. March

Polish revolutionaries have to Solidarity Civic been maintaining levels of Committee ends in occupation activity which puts their and chasing away of Western counterparts to bureaucrats with CS gas

Federation covering just organised demo against unemloyment and plan for 24,000 mining redundancies.

prosecutors office demanding anarchist/left demo at 10 am release of Mirek Mysior to Culture Palace. At 1 pm for several hundred anarchists desertion), abolition of returned to Culture Palace compulsory military service and fought with nazi and dissolution of army skinheads guarding right units. wing parties meeting inside.

3 May, Warsaw - Anarchist and anti-militarists demonstrate against military attack another demonstration parades commemorating 3 May

5 May Warsaw - Anarchist Federation picket British - Embassy to call for end of libertarian war in Ireland on socialists and Trotskyists - anniversary of death of British Bobby Sands.

13 May, Warsaw - Anarchist Federation picket Chinese 6 April, Cracow - "Freedom Embassy to commemorate

demonstrate against rising 15 May, Cracow - Anarchists fascist and nationalist demonstrate against death of Piotr Siouda (killed by KGB in USSR). Soviet Consulate

> block entrance to Soviet Embassy to protest against murder of Piotr Siouda.

others picketed Canadian by delegates of many groups. Embassy ot protest against brutality against Innu people (native North Americans).

> 24 May, Cracow - Street battles during demo for Siouda. Cops injured and 22 arrested. Two facing serious charges.

1 June, Gdansk - Violent demo at Soviet consulate over Siouda murder. Fire started and Soviet demands government protection Soviet offices in diplomatic Poland.

1 June, Warsaw - RSA demonstration of Solidarity with Peking students outside Chinese Embassy. -

4 June, Warsaw - Amnesty International, libertarian socialists and anarchists demonstrate outside Chinese Embassy. Chinese flag burned. Clashes with riot police. 9 arrested. One comrade hospitalised after beating from riot cops.

The destruction of the Amazon jungle began with the arrival of european colonisers in the 16th Century, thus ending more than 20,000 years during which the indigenous population, calculated at between 2 and 10 million indians, maintained a harmonious balance with the environment.

The devastation of the tropical forest has increased alarmingly during this century, particularly since the 1960's. The forest fires caused in 1987 and 88 alone destroyed a surface area comparable to that of Spain. If the destructive spiral continues in this way, the Amazon will have disappeared within 20 years.

THE CAUSES

The blame must lie with the ruling class of the with an unjust international the directives of the are followed at the expense to speculation. of exhausting the resources of the underdeveloped countries.

It is well known that Brazil is a country dominated by the military and the landowners. On taking power minerals. in 1964 the Brazilian military began a policy of This enormous mass of people 'integrating' Amazonia so as is being swindled through not to lose control, the colonisation projects so-called avoiding a internationalisation of Amazonia. According to them this would be the take into account the meagre. consequence of 'nonobviously, the natives and emigrants living in the jungle).

The most significant military project was that of Calha Norte, which involved making a clearing some 150 kilometres wide along the northern frontier of Brazil 'in the interests of national security'(?') endangering the way of life of the Yanomani people as well as the National Park of the same name.

ESCAPE VALVE

Amazonia has served as an escape valve for the uncontrollable social pressure of the poor, due to the absence of agrarian reforms and to great social The differences. concentration of land in Brazil is in the hands of

very few. 18 of owners hold amazon countries, as well as 45% of the cultivatable land. 800,000 square km of system. A system in which agricultural land in the south of the country, in the International Monetary Fund hands of the big landowners, and the developed nations is under-used or dedicated

> Thousands and thousands of families see the jungle as . be practised is one of somewhere they can take over land for cultivation or where they can get rich by mining gold and other

undertaken by the government and financed/dictated by the IMF. These projects do not

or zero agricultural/cattleraising fertility of the jungle, and promote crops that are not suited to the special characteristics of the soil of the Amazon ecology.

Consequently the agricultural policy that has come to deforestation - exploitation exhaustion - abandonment and taking over of new areas - deforestation ... (the cycle is repeated). A trail of destruction is thus left.

MULTINATIONALS

Repayment of the foreign debt , in Brazil (\$120,000 million) as in the other countries of the region, has

occupation' of this vast, 'empty' space (they forgot, obviously, the natives, and WHY THE AMAZON MUST LIVE

6 million square kilometres species of plants and conventional agriculture and spanning Brazil (where more animals. The majority remain cattle-raising. than half of its area is undiscovered or not concentrated), Colombia, Bolivia, Surinam and the habitat. It encompasses more Guyanas, constitutes the largest of fish, one eighth of the uninterrupted mass of forest planet's birds ... on earth.

It is also the largest water cause and effect of the collecting basin on the constantly planet. The Amazon river temperatures, the abundant contains a volume 4 or 5 humidity and water. However, times greater than the river the soil is extremely poor, Congo, 17 of its tributaries since it retains no are longer than the Rhine ... nutrients or mineral salts, One fifth of all the world's this wealth being found in fresh water flows along it. the plant material itself.

GENETIC BANK

It is the major 'genetic bank' of our planet, with erosion sets

Peru, scientifically recorded and Venezuela, are exclusive to this Amazonia than 1 million known species

> The lush vegetation is the high

Because of thi forest is fell is lost an



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given rise to penetration of the multinational corporations and the dictates of the World Bank. The large-scale economic projects demand enormous investment, which in turn necessitate new loans, thus leading to a vicious cycle of debt and inflation (currently 1,000% a year).

The multinationals have fixed their sights on the resources to be vast exploited in the jungle. Nippon Amazon Aluminium, Rio Tinto Zinc, Reynolds, Volkswagon, Kawasaki Steel, Bethlehem Steel and Shell are amongst them.

We can look at the Albras

and Alunorte projects for the exploitation of aluminium mines to provide the Japanese market. The Carajas Grande plan jeopardises the survival of an area of forest as large as Spain, Portugal and Italy put together, together with the indigenous life and culture, in order to mine iron ore and supply the EEC with half of the metal it needs in the next few years. There are also projects to exploit manganese by the US (Amapo), tin (Rondonia), cellulose and paper (Jaray), petroleum, cattle-raising and agriculture for export, etc...

IRRATIONAL

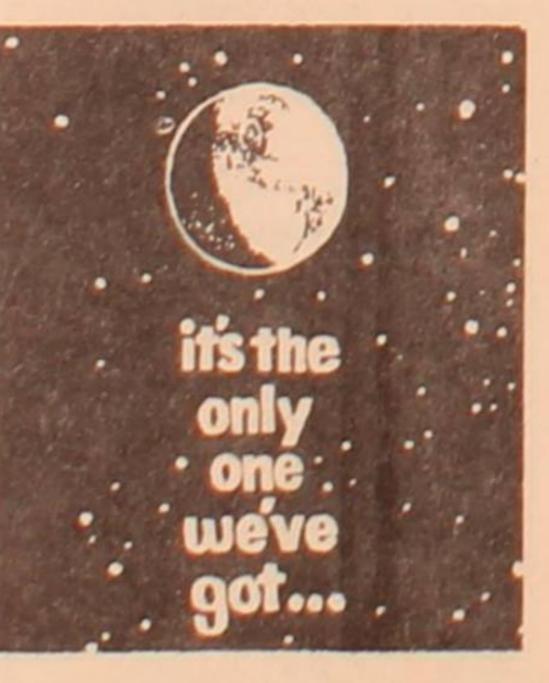
For these purposes huge hydroelectric plants are necessary (like those of Tucurui), which will flood enormous areas so as to he able to supply the vast amounts of energy required. The building of roads to give access to these raw materials will demand the deforestation of extensive areas.

The consequences of the destruction of nature, the irrational exploitation and exhaustion of resources, and the contamination will be paid for by the Amazonian countries and by the rest of humanity, while the benefits will line the pockets of a few in the so-called developed nations.

(Translated from the July issue of 'CNT')

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With a circumference of some no less than 2 million such land is inadequate for 1 million.



GREENHOUSE EFFECT

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The ecological consequences of its destruction will effect the whole planet. The climate will be effected, drought will be increased, as well as the GREENHOUSE EFFECT by the increase in Carbon Dioxide. The 'sponge effect' will disappear with which rainfall will become erratic and will produce devastating floods. Also, the circulatory system of the winds will be altered. An immense genetic inheritance of flora and fauna will be lost.

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The release of the Guildford the Birmingham Six are The hit may have been UDR Four, but for anyone who Four last year, as well as innocent. An interesting the quashing of the convictions against the the Labour right - keen to MI5 or the Special Branch. jury] Diplock Courts". Winchester Three, has seen score points off the Tories Framing four members of the the start of a process where by pushing for the cases to UDR, notorious for its the system of legal repression of anti-unionists in Ireland and the Irish in Britain has come under significant pressure. This has also led to it losing much of the credibility needed to fulfil its function as, in General Kitson's phrase, "a propaganda cover for the disposal of unwanted members of the public".

However, the function of the Prevention of Terrorism Act as a means of gathering lowlevel intelligence on, and intimidating the Irish in Britain remains largely intact.

The British State is also carrying out damage limitation procedures. This means, for example, that the Winchester Three, released on a "technicality", are immediately served with exclusion notices and deported. This measure being be reopened, but needing to calculated to suggest that shore up the system. The been an ideal cover-up. they were really guilty, but Sun's Garry Bushell went were freed by the "fairness" even further. of British Justice.

MAGUIRE SEVEN

The "confession" of Gerry Conlon, one of the Guildford Four, also implicated his aunt, Anne Maguire, who was absurd picture of mass media convicted, along with six controlled by left-wing proother people, of running a republican non-existent bomb factory These are known as the Maguire Seven. On 11th July, the Home Secretary referred Winston Allen, Noel Bell, their case to the Court of Jim Hagan and Neil Latimer Appeal, on the basis of the were convicted of the murder findings of the May Report of Adrian Carroll on the on the convictions.

forensic evidence crucial to case has come to light as a the Maguire case has been result of campaigning on demolished is good news for their behalf by friends and the Birmingham Six, who were relatives, including a sixconvicted on the basis of day hunger strike in similar evidence as well as February. their forced "confessions". Along with the discrediting Ulster Volunteer Force(UVF) of the West Midlands Serious sources admitted involvement Crimes Squad, who beat the in the killing of Carroll "confessions" out of the back in November last year. Six, this makes their Why the RUC were so keen to release a matter of time and convict the Four is a pressure. Damage limitation question that needs is the reason for the delay answering. Carroll came from in exonerating the Six, just as it was for the release of family. His brother Roddy the Guildford Four.

TABLOIDS

Haines, has challenged the Tommy, is a prominent local view that "everyone knows" member of Sinn Fein.

intended for another member has been wrongly convicted piece of schizophrenia from of the family, and set up by and imprisoned by the [no



The Birmingham Six: (clockwise from top right) Hugh Callaghan, Bill Power, Gerry Hunter, John Walker, Dick Mclikenny and Paddy Hill

In the course of an article on the "Armagh Four" - four members of the Ulster Defence Regiment convicted of a sectarian murder in 1983 - Bushell painted an forces.

ARMAGH FOUR

dodgy of basis identification evidence and The fact that the dodgy forced "confessions". The

a well-known republican was an INLA member assassinated by the RUC in one of the "shoot-to-kill" killings investigated by Daily Mirror mouthpiece, Joe Stalker. Another brother,

sectarianism, would have

PAISLEY

These questions are not being raised by the Four's establishment "supporters". They are cynically using the case to fuel the "Hands Off the UDR'" campaign of Ian Paisley's DUP.

The February hunger strikers summed up their demands: "All we ask for is British Justice, not just for the

After the recent remarks in the Spectator by Nicholas Ridley another right-wing bigot has shown his colours.

This time Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, has taken the opportunity to confirm what we have always suspected.

In an interview he stated that the death penalty should be used and that the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six should have been hanged.

were probably guilty and "we

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When it comes to the crunch, the unionist population of the Six Counties can no more expect justice from the British State than antiunionists can. It will always dispose of their lives as it sees best. Writer Robert Kee, whose book "Trial and Error" helped publicise the cases of the Guildford Four and Maguire Seven has pledged support to the Armagh Four, and says that the Dublinbased Free the Birmingham Six Committee is also willing to help. Anarchosyndicalists and antiimperialists should support the campaign to get to the truth about the Armagh Four.

JUDITH WARD

We should also not assume that the Birmingham Six and Judith Ward (another frameup victim from the 70's) will get released as The matter of course. greater the pressure the be able to repair.

The Irish victims of frameups and show trials must be supported, not because they are the only people for whom there is no "British Justice", but because the fight against injustices against Irish people is a blow against all injustice. It is no use saying that noone gets justice from the British state, that way leads only to apathy. By



establishing that Irish people are oppressed in specific ways for specific reasons we raise the question of how and why WE are oppressed.

Finally, Home Secretary, Waddington's David statements that he is considering giving defence solicitors greater access to prosecution evidence, as a result of the May Report, should be taken with a pinch of salt.

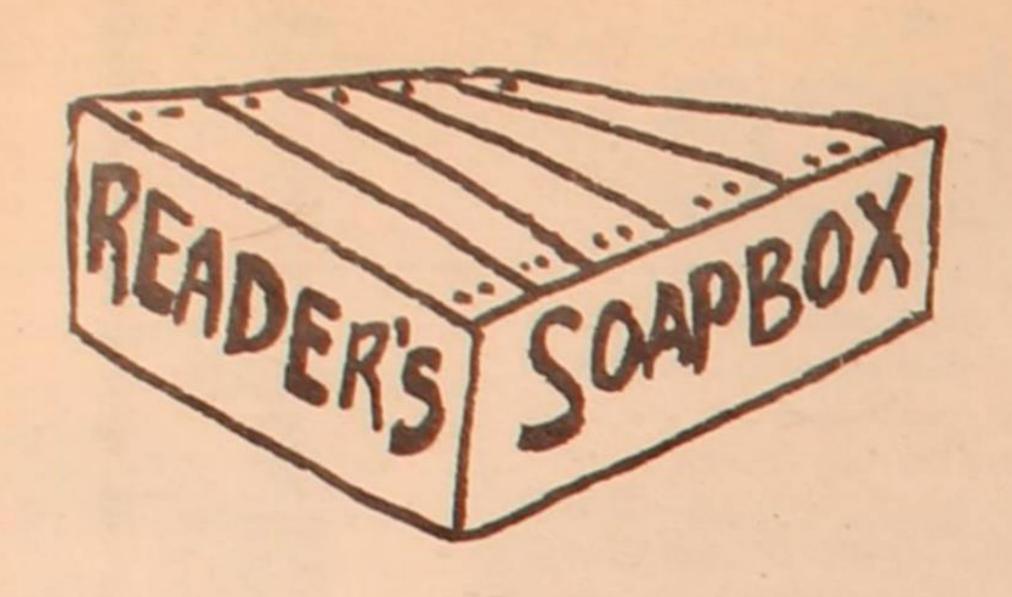
Solicitors working for the Trafalgar Square Defendants' Campaign met stiff resistance to their requests for all the photographic less damage the state will and video evidence from the events of 31st March. This evidence is believed to prove that police used riot units without provocation and engaged in indiscriminate violence, only shots which suit the prosecution case were being released. Political trials are governed by political considerations. They can and must be fought on that basis.

F.O'NKILL



would have been forgotten to do with English law". level?

Denning and Ridley simply shouldn't have all those He also had a go at a few that or are they the campaigns to get the establishment figures and beginnings of a wider Birmingham Six released. If called Leon Brittan "a campaign to raise racism and they had been hanged they German Jew telling us what national chauvinism to a new



Not Seen And Not Heard

in the press recently about on an individual basis (as the need for workplace lovers, friends or family) creches in order to attract or in larger groups for mothers back to work. The collective activity, work, demand for creches has been leisure or political events. widespread amongst leftists Creches do not allow adults and the women's movement. But what exactly does a creche mean?

Creches or nurseries mean a number of things. First of all they separate children from adults. Secondly, they lead to the creation of full-time or professional For childcare to be taken on aren't responsible for caring for children.

social revolutionaries we from their responsibilities. believe that the caring for and rearing of children is ultimately the responsi- Within our own organisations bility of the whole of these ideas.

Creches are like schools, against any natural process development relationships.

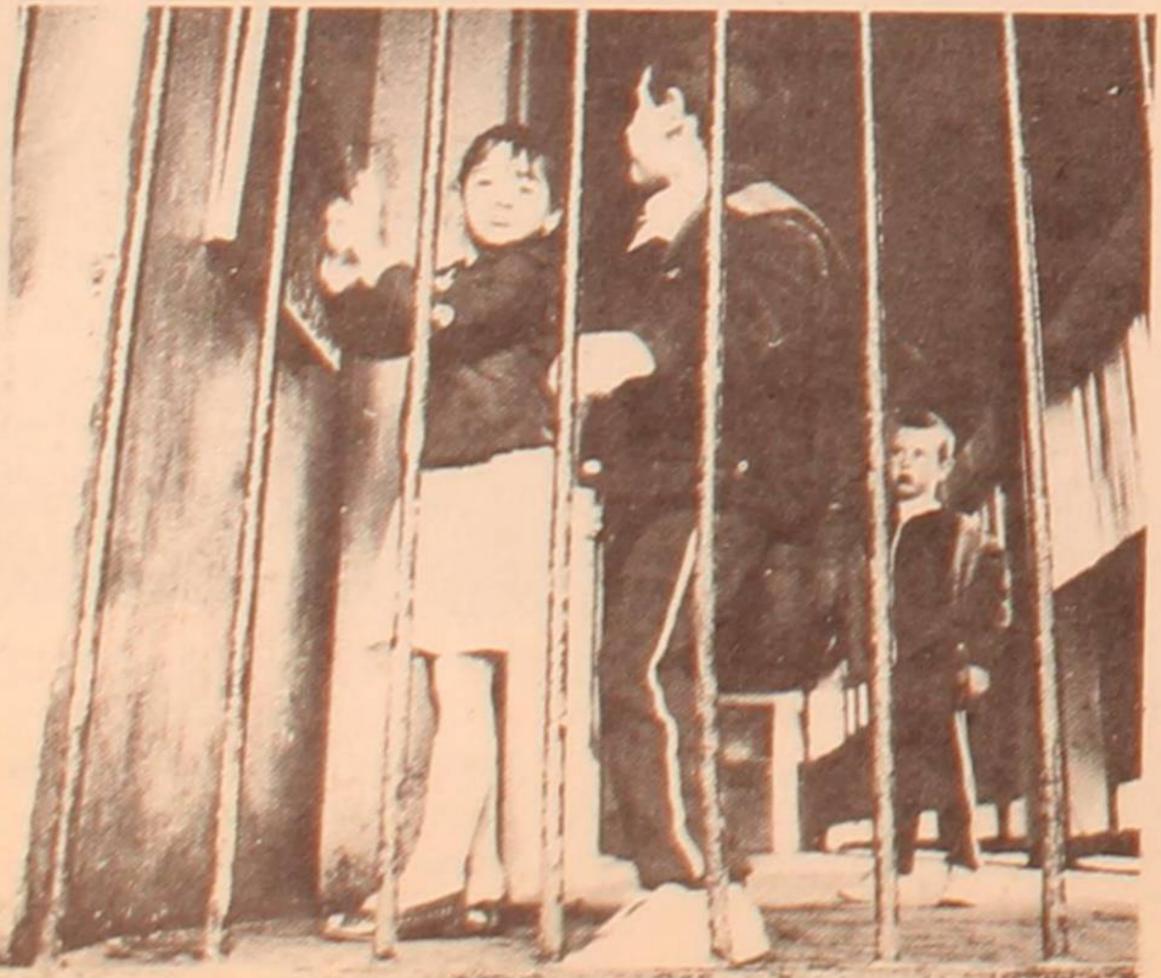
People relate to one another outside.

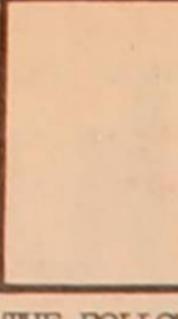
There has been a lot of talk in one of two ways, either

and children to relate as individuals nor is it shared activity. Like school, it is a battleground, with children either competing for the attention of adults or trying to avoid it.

childminders. In general, by the whole of society all they draw divisions between adults must be aware of the those who are and those who needs of children. This means being aware that children need to be cared for, educated and protected. The care of children is a This is a non-stop thing and non-stop affair and not isolating children into something that can be schools, creches and the switched on and off. As family home cuts adults off

we must allow children to society. Dividing children "be" at our meetings and from adults is alien to activities. Children should be allowed to mix and play around events, as well as having a space where they seperate from the real don't have to be quiet. We world. As schools lead to all have to be responsible the creation of 'expert' for children, shepherding teachers, creches lead to the younger ones and talking 'expert' childminders. This with the older ones. It division with experts who means allowing children to 'know best' is totally participate and explaining the whys and wherefores of of education, personal what we are doing. It means and not shooting into the pub after events, leaving the parents and children stuck





THE FOLLOWING IS A SHORTENED VERSION OF AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN MERSEYSIDE ANARCHIST'

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Anarchism is constructive, and because of this undeniable fact, anarchist theory totally rejects the of idealism or charge Utopianism. It uses the historical method in an attempt to prove that the society of the future is no anarchist invention but the irresistible product of social history.

And because Anarchism is constructive, Anarchism is organised living society order, not disorder, the natural order in contrast to the artificial order imposed

One of the biggest hurdles to overcome is parental possessiveness and the "my way is the right way" attitude. We all relate to people differently and it is a part of growing up for children to learn this. While adults are looking out to see how the parents are reacting they are not looking out for the child. Parents must learn to trust other adults but this will only come when that trust is earned.

collective responsibility for childcare, there are some who do not wish to spend their time looking after children. This is something that the "it's your turn in the creche". brigade refuse to accept. We must be free to choose where to put our energies: though we may not be a doctor, we have an obligation to ensure the sick and injured receive the health care they need. The same obligation applies to children.

As with most things, there is a contradiction between how we should act and demands we should make on the bosses and state. Even in workplaces safe for children, no boss is ever to allow the going efficiency of his business to be effected by children running in and out of playrooms and workers taking off time to play with them. So we have to demand workplace creches, nursery schools or other restrictive means of childcare. But at the same time we must be aware that these methods are not building the structures and attitudes of the free society we are aiming for.

Malc, Doncaster

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Constuctive Anarchism

from above - it is true unity as opposed to the false unity brought about through force domination. Anarchism is the highest degree of liberty and order to which humanity can aspire.

CLASS ORGANISERS

Those so-called 'Anarchists' opposed to organisation make the fundamental error of believing that organisation is impossible without authority, and so reject any kind of organisation. But I would still prefer the authority which imprisons and saddens life to the disorganisation which makes it impossible.

Anarchists are not only the

massive surplus produced not in the interests of feeding the world's population but satisfy capitalist economic food quotas and price manipulation of the markets. The vast consumer society of the west is not created in the interests of free consumer choice but of capitalist competition and higher profits.

This fact has not in any real way stopped people in the west from accepting it or people in the 'developing world' looking towards it as the ultimate goal in society - freedom of consumer choice. It doesn't matter that, for example, the dozens of different washing powders are all made by the

protagonists true organisation, but first class organisers. However, this new organisation must be established freely, socially, and above all from below - for and by the working class. The principle of organisation mustn't But society is ultimately in advance so as to impose must come from all sides of society to create coordination and natural centres to serve all.

What a Social Revolution government is Industrial Organisation. This new organisation will push to the fore of society the 'selfprinciple of - workers might. management' control of the means of production, community control of cultural society ie, communism in its truest and most creative form.

CONSUMER CHOICE

The western capitalist system is geared towards making the greatest profit massive food mountains left

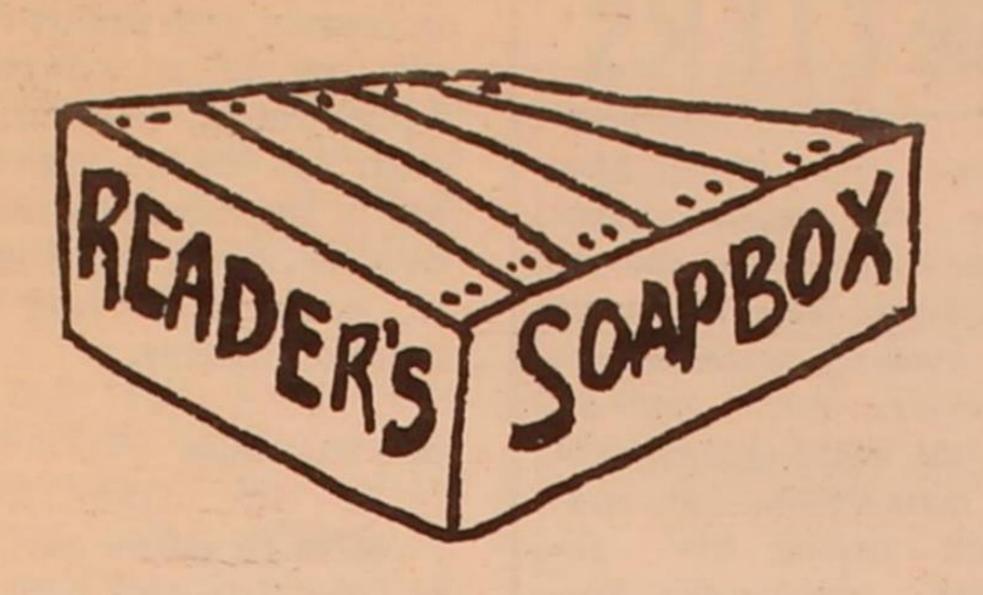
same company and that there is no such thing as true competition because you get what you pay for (usually rubbish as you're paying for a name). It really is one big enormous con.

issue from a centre created geared toward feeding the masses, for the economic itself on society, but it system (whichever one) will not survive if it can't produce enough food, energy, warmth etc. Capitalism has survived, grown and expanded from the west at the expense of the vast majority of will put in place of people across the world. It holds down the oppressed through its State machinery of courts and police and those in the 'developing' world through military

> Past experience has demonstrated that Social Revolution increases demand and diminishes production and the country that engages in it will find itself encircled by Imperialist aggression.

possible. The creation of These circumstances result in shortages and hunger. to rot in huge warehouses is Hence it is vital to prepare due to over-production - a in advance to prevent or

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"Constructive Anarchism" continued

It needs to be decided by from the Social Revolution whom and on what principles production and the defence assure the integration of of the revolution are to be organised. Such measures Anarchist require organisation of the highest degree. For Anarchists to fail in this would be industry and agriculture. criminal.

FREEDOM OF LABOUR

Union, The based on Anarchosyndicalist principles, will be the main of form economic organisation.

Anarchosyndicalism totally rejects compulsory industrial mobilisation or labour battalions. The main of syndicalist principle production is 'freedom of ensure the technical and labour' ie everybody's right administrative means to join to choose the type of activity most attractive to organisational them, the right to change jobs etc, with consideration scale. The Assembly would to the prevailing social and balance supply and demand, economic circumstances of direct; direct, distribute the day.

diminish such circumstances. The new society resulting will seek ways and means to labour, breaking all monotony. A syndicalist society will also struggle to bring about the ever closer co-ordination of

> the interests of achieving smooth functioning and efficient communism in industry and to prevent the possibility of one industry or workplace going against collective interest, a system of unification needs to be established. This would be an economic federation with a supreme assembly at its head. Unification would all industries into one whole, ultimately on a world-wide and share out world

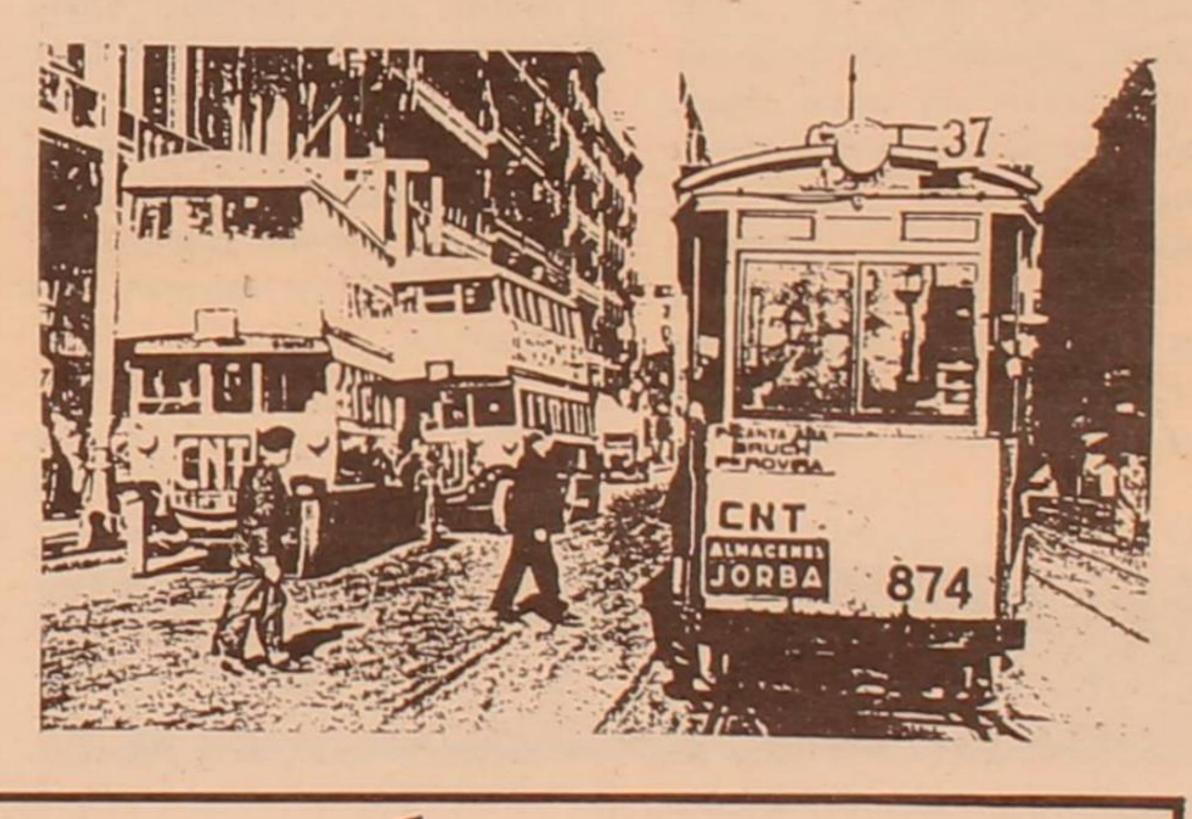
industrial production different amongst the federations therefore and crisis in trade and employment, enforced stagnation, world poverty and hunger should disappear.

FREEDOM OF INITIATIVE

The principle of 'equality' ie equal sharing accordance with increasing production, is fundamental. The criteria for this must be the minimum necessary for subsistence, human allowances for dependents and special needs. This bare minimum will increase as production grows.

As for small scale industry, Anarchosyndicalism, rejecting the idea of compulsory integration into large scale production, will implement principle the of COoperation, encouraging freedom of initiative.

Each person will have the right to work. This fundamental principle places on society the obligation to



Knee - capped

campaign against kneecapping him. in the north of Ireland. Her activity started following Last year there were 96 the kneecapping of her son kneecappings in republican after he had'a fight which areas (and 65 in loyalist involved a man who had done ones) as well as numerous time for IRA activity. The beatings. This is the fight was on a minibus highest total for 15 years. returning from a charity evening when one group British state propaganda objected to the singing of would have us believe that republican songs.

After being questioned by godfathers keeping control the IRA, five men smashed over a reluctant community. their way into Paddy IRA supporters would have us Gracey's home but he managed believe that it is the only to escape. Twice more they way to keep down anti-social came for him and both times he escaped. Three times his mother went to see the local "boys" and three times she got Paddy's safety assured.

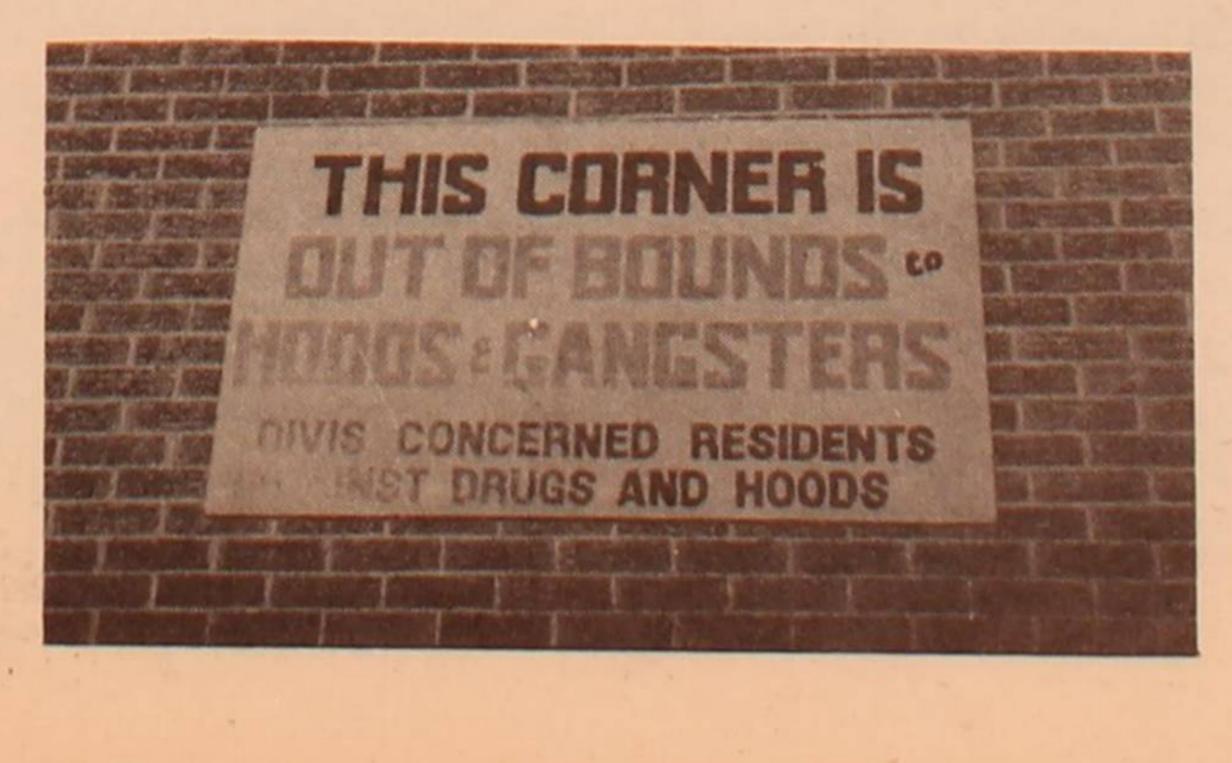
Eventually, Paddy, his girlfriend and their four year old son agreed to a meeting in a pub to discuss the situation. Armed men took Paddy outside and shot him in the left leg. Only a jammed gun saved the other leg. His girlfriend and son

Nancy Gracey is organising a were then brought out to see

these kneecappings are the result of terrorist

between.

claim, they are anti-social give power to those without elements and at the same guns. time the IRA has widespread support in these communities, then why resort to kneecapping? The naming Of of individuals involved in retribution may be crimes against the community necessary, but ultimately it could resulting in the person not of strength. A community being barred from pubs and that could enforce curfews clubs, not being served in on people or do justice to shops or getting lifts in



provide everybody with reasonable socially useful work. In the event of not enough work to go round, society has the obligation to maintain people on a level equal with everyone else until work can be provided.

As for those who, though fully capable of work desire to have their right to indolence, society will make no effort to limit that right but will leave them to die of starvation. A society whose very foundation is work must carry out the principle "Those who do not work of their own free will shall not be a part of society". Those who cannot work will be fully provided for in every possible way as will retired people, keeping them on an equal footing with others in terms of the necessities as well as of comforts life.

Communism is a social order based on liberty and the material well-being of all. Under such a system there will be no need to struggle

elements in areas where taxis. This form of there is very little trust community retribution would in the police. The reality be highly successful in the is probably somewhere in enclosed communities of places such as Belfast. Of If, as supporters of the IRA course such actions would

INDEPENDENCE

physical course be circulated, is a sign of weakness and people who have been wronged would be a community that. would be independent. It is this independence that the IRA is opposed to.

> The IRA is involved in a war with the British state but you don't win a war by putting more bullets . into your potential supporters than you do into the enemy. As Nancy Gracey says "I don't understand why they do it. They are making enemies for themselves."



rights and for the protection labour. of Labour, ceasing to be an object of exploitation, will become the guiding principle in the socio-economic order. Society as a whole will take care of the health and labour of each individual and vice versa, while respecting each others rights.

Society will have an obligation to provide a comprehensive education system preparing young people for socially useful work. All forms of inequality and discrimination based on sex, race, sexuality and age will be fought in every way.

IN TRANSITION

In the transition period wages will be abolished because hiring somebody's labour will be abolished. The producer will not be a hired worker but an active and equal member of society. Every participant will receive an equal share of the public wealth. The size of this share will depend on the efficiency of production which in turn depends on the members of the communist economy themselves.

Anarchists are federalists and this structure is a dual one: economic in the form of a federation of selfworkers managing associations and administrative in the form of federations of geographically organised community associations.

FEDERALISM

Industrial organisation would be on a federalist basis. Past experience shows that centralised stateplanned economies lead to the bureaucracy, the emergence of an 'official' class, the removal of control and workers ultimately to economic crisis as can be seen all too clearly in Eastern Europe and China.

Anarchist Syndicalism calls for production to be organised on the lines of technical concentration and administrative decentralisation. We're not against centralisation just for the hell of it - but because it doesn't work. We advocate a form of non hierarchical democratic planning.

OFF THE ROAD "Don't run screaming from of this guide assume the room", is the first piece of advice given by NALGOs National Lesbian and Gay Steering Committee to when heterosexual women meeting Lesbians. Other gens on this list of socalled advice include "Don't assume you're not attracted to her"; "Don't invite her someplace where there will be men unless you tell her in advance. She may not want to be with them". And they got on with (and lastly, "Don't assume her trusted) a particular heart will leap if you touch person. her arm".

Let's pretend for a minute that this is a guide for

Lesbians' sexuality is so ever-present on her mind that that would be the thing she'd chat about when say, going for an after work drink with a co-worker. Why wouldn't she be as likely to chat about rubbish telly programmes like anyone else? By the time most people get around to the details of their personal lives, they would have already sussed if

Surely a more useful publication from NALGO (or whoever) would be a guide



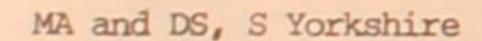
hetero women when meeting hetero men. How then do these words of wisdom sound? myths about why women choose "Don't assume that he's to love one another sexually dying to talk about his sex and not men, etc) and life and relationships - but don't expect him not to"; always a dominant one and a "Don't immediately start passive one") and which telling him about your boyfriend or husband. Don't assume that he is not attracted to you".

This Steering Committee has just driven right off the road. The point about meeting people is that it should be done on a one to between basis one - not just individuals reactionary swapping stereotypes for 'right-on' ones!

The divisions in our class arise out of ignorance and fear. By underlining sexual stereotypes, albeit in a supposedly right-on way, a guide like NALGO's is reinforcing divisions. Why on earth would a Lesbian be more inclined to talk about her relationships than anyone else?

In other words, the authors

countering myths (ie myths about Lesbians and s & m; stereotypes (ie "there's presents sexuality in a positive healthy way.



On 6 August Sheriff Officers were attacked in Belshill outside Glasgow when they attempted to carry out poindings in the homes of Poll Tax non payers. 50 people surrounded their car, rocking it. The car was protesters turned up to damage. physically stop poindings town.

offices of the sheriff pay



on the body-work with chips. police forced their way in They didn't bother coming and arrested them, causing back 4 days later when 200 thousands of pounds worth of

planned at 12 homes in the Fortunately, Strathclyde Police Force has had to be cut because of non payment After the first day, 50 Poll of the Poll Tax. Another Tax protesters occupied the bloody good reason not to

BYE BYE £327MILLION

already outweighs what they financial year will lose from capping over the whole year". So said The figures show that mass Municipal Journal after a non payment is having an surgery at the end of the effect. The councils must be win. first quarter of the pushed into a crisis financial year. The report situation across England and suggests that the quarter's Wales, and council workers total shortfall for rates must unite against not just and charges in the 21 capped capping but against the authorities could be as high whole Poll Tax fiasco. The as £ 327 million. Patten government must be faced

"Non payment of Poll Tax to wanted the councils to cut Poll Tax capped councils 1216.7 million in the

Poll Tax group. action against arrestments, cuts and the tax itself.

Dear DA,

The short article in the last issue of Direct Action (DA no 65) regarding the built without world cup entitled "ITALIA injury. 90" was to say the least crap. Whether or not it was To protest the deaths of written to stir up response workers at the hands of big and open up a letter's page is besides the point.

it's very useful for being the Colin Moynihan Fan revolutionaries to indulge Club but that we are quite in sterile moralising on simply interested in safer these occasions" sounds like working conditions. a mouthful of marxism to me. It's true that the World Cup Cheers, Mick, Glasgow only comes around every 4 years and that we see some of the best football the world has to offer in the Dear Comrade, space of a month, which I enjoy, but to write off the Either you didn't read my deaths of 26 working class article fully or I didn't Italians by making out that write it very well. anybody who protests too (Probably a bit of both ...) loudly is a moralist is not only insulting to building Of course 26 needless deaths workers the world over but and all that money spent not also totally misses the least to glorify the Italian point.

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with the wholesale collapse of local government and a total revolt of council workers spreading to the D.M. rest of the public sector and beyond. United we will

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planning and more than likely the usual corner cutting by those in charge. The deaths were defiantly not some unavoidable or 'necessary evil' without which the world cup couldn't have gone ahead. It goes without saying that the stadiums could have been serious

business has got bugger all to do with moralising. After all, I don't think To say that: "I don't think anybody suspects DAM of

REPLY

State are indefencible. thought I said that in the The rush job made of the article. And of course it stadium was down to bad was right for the Italian anarchists and others to protest against the tide of white and green red, triumphalism, just as the Spanish anarchists are right to be already gearing up to protest at the Barcelona and Olympics the celebrations of the 500th centenary of Columbus' "discovery" of America in 1992.

> What I meant by "sterile moralising" is that attitude which some adopt of totally ignoring the event, usually they don't because particularly care for the sport anyway. Much better to be a cynical observer (and protester) than go off to be HMP Full Sutton a hermit in the desert for a month.

And of course we'll have things like the Mondiali 26, Heysel, Hillsborough, Bradford etc, for as long as the bastards dictate the rules of the game ...

Dear DA,

the next meeting of the CSAN, PO Box 446, Sheffield Class Struggle Anarchist S1 1NY. Network?

It will take place at 11am Keith, Liverpool DAM

THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT TO DA' IN JUNE. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STUART SINCE AND HE IS NO LONGER ON HUNGER STRIKE. HOWEVER, HIS FIGHT FOR JUSTICE CONTINUES (HE IS IMPRISONED ON ROBBERY CHARGES) STUART NEEDS PEOPLE TO WRITE TO HIM AND SHOW THEIR SOLIDARITY.

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to inform you that as from 07.06.90 I have been on hunger strike ... and will continue until my 5 demands are met. I fight for justice so that my son and my nephew and nieces may not have the chance to become the next figure on the already high list of victims of injustice.

I cannot sit back and watch while people like the Birmingham Six are still imprisoned for a crime they did not commit. I will continue to fight so that one day the British and Irish people may feel safe about the judiciary system.

I ask for support so that together we will force the people in higher authority to create safeguards so that our children and their children may be protected from corruption in both the British justice system and the British police.

My demands are as following:

1) Retrial where I will be able to call witnesses.

2) The Home Office take my protest seriously and look into my case.

3) An independent enquiry into the tampering of my mail here at Full Sutton which I have proof of.

4) No more forcing us to work in low paid jobs.

5) More educational projects instead of jobs such as Cut and lawnmower and Sew repairs.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Dilsworth

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Many thanks,

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Dear D.A.,

I feel that Malc missed an important point in his article on the corruption allegations against Scargill in the last issue ...

As Malc said, an anarchosyndicalist union has no bureaucracy, any office holders remain workers (or are paid the average wage in the industry), and they're recallable and accountable. Which is a million miles from the fat cats of the bureaucratic TUC unions.

But just as the invasion of Kuwait is not what the Western powers are concerned about in the Persian Gulf (but rather oil and geopolitics), when 'The Mirror', 'The Sun' etc. attack Scargill they are not really concerned about his not inconsiderable wage, £ 125,000 home, or the fact that he's N.U.M. President for life.

Scargill has been a bete noir for the ruling class for years, long before they dredged up the issue of the donations by miners in the during the 84/85 Miners' Strike, because quite simply he's the best of a bad bunch. Scargill has his faults, he's an unreconstituted stalinist, and no doubt he mad "mistakes" during and in the aftermath of the strike. But to his credit, and uniquely for a British trade union official, he actually believes there's a class war going on. Which is why they hate him so much.

Of course we have to say that leftwing bureaucrats are not the way to regenerate unionism. But we also must be clear that the anti-Scargill hysteria is mainly about besmirching an incredible year of struggle, the 84-85 Miners' Strike. They want their version of history to prevail, as victors always do. We have to defend our class history.

Dino, Middlesborough



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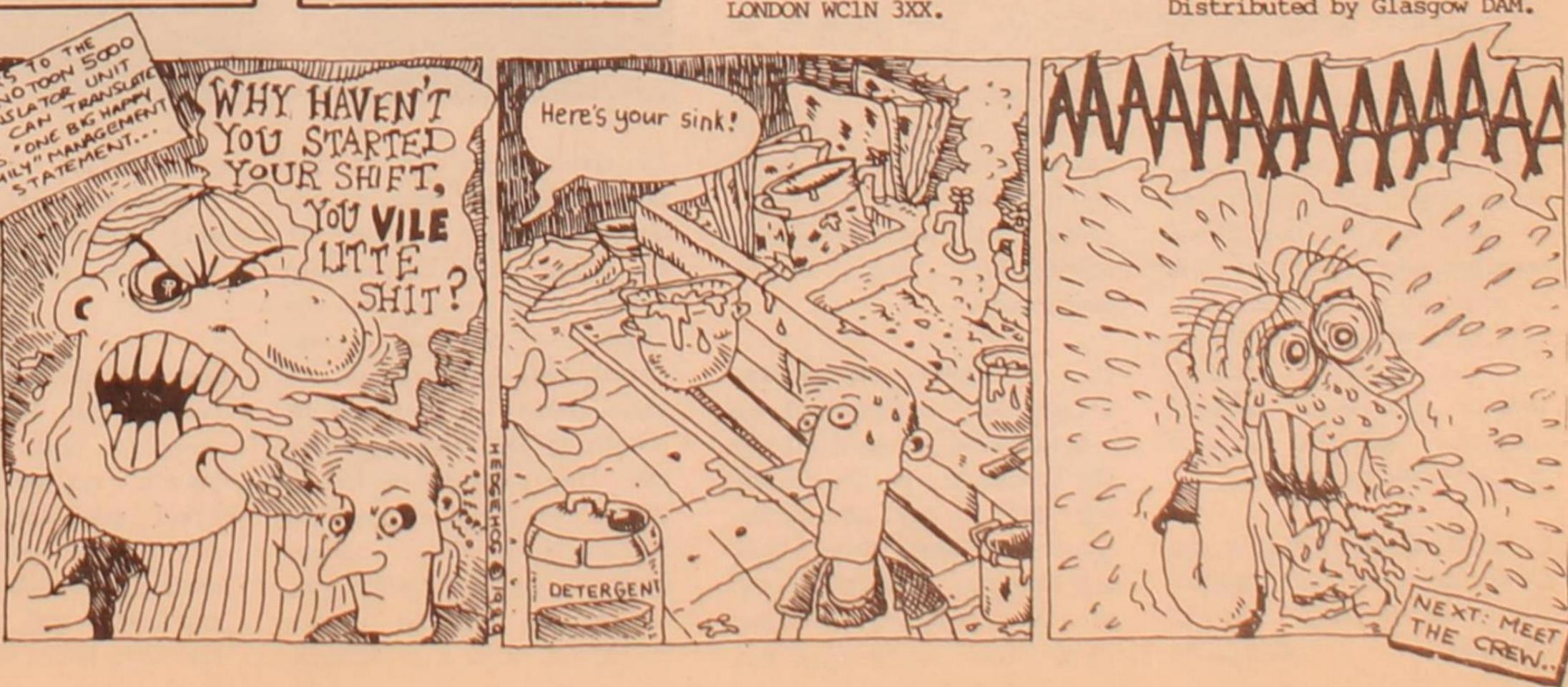
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3 · We are fighting to abolish the state, capitalism and wage slavery in all their forms and replace them by self-managed production for need, not profit. 4 . In order to bring about the new social order, the workers must take over the means of production and distribution. We are the sworn enemies of those who would take over on behalf of the workers.

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