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ACT OF DEFIANCE

THE LAST 2 months have witnessed many more protest actions, demos, benefits, etc., against the Criminal Justice Bill which is shortly to be passed regardless - which is when the real fight begins.

Most towns of any size now have groups with more people getting involved all the time. "DIY week" (September 19 - 26) saw various demonstrations in Northampton, Manchester, Bath, Croydon, Huddersfield, Brighton, Canterbury, Brixton, Leicester, Guildford, Lowestoft, Norwich, Nottingham, Sheffield, Oxford, and Hastings. The week before saw a largish demo in Edinburgh and the big demo in London on 9 October. 33 people were arrested in clashes with the police after the Hyde Park Rally. Particularly encouraging was the opening of the massive community squat against the CJB in Brighton in September. This old courthouse has dozens of rooms with an infoshop, bookstore, vegan cafe, gig and theatre spaces, crèche, art gallery and is always busy with events and people.

Fight the Fluffiness

More depressing and dangerous is the unfortunate point that in most areas the Freedom Network and their newly found pacifist allies, mostly discovered in the "hippyish" elements within the environmental movement and the festival/ techno scene, are growing in numbers and influence.

They encourage people to "keep it fluffy" - join hands, sing songs, sit down and in some cases grass on "violent agitators" to the co-operative boys in blue. Many of us thought with relief that libertarian politics had mostly rid itself of such naive and deadend ideology back in the mid-1980s, we must now struggle once again to destroy this bullshit, it's even more of a

pain than the SWP/Militant/RCP trying to sabotage/take over our activities. Of course we dislike violence, but recognise it as an often necessary tool in the class war against our oppressors by any means necessary. In any confrontation watch out for these people - they are not on our side. The real fight against the criminal justice bill will start when it becomes law, don't be intimidated, together in strength we can resist it on many fronts making it unworkable.

Contact : Brighton Squatting Centre against the Criminal Justice Bill, The Old Courthouse, 17 - 19 Princes St., opp. Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Sou'siders Against the CJB, c/o Larkfield Centre, 39 Ingfield St., Govanhill, Glasgow.

UP TO 700 refugees are being detained in detention centres and jails every month, up to 200 being deported monthly. The 1971 Immigration act allows people seeking asylum from oppression to be held indefinitely, without charge.

At Campsfield House Detention Centre in Oxfordshire 99% of the detainees are black. A clear attempt to divide the working class along national boundaries, the refugees have suffered racial abuse, attacks from staff, being moved at short notice' and in 1991 Omasasi Lumumba was murdered by officers in Pentonville. However detainees have fought back. In March a hunger strike by detainees spread to 10 other jails and detention centres. On 26 March demonstrators chained up

The Centre fights eviction

THE first application of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act may be by a Labour Council against community activists, the majority unemployed, some homeless.

The Centre, in Broughton St. Edinburgh is barricaded and awaiting attack by sheriff officers. On 16 Sept. the Labour Lothian Region - the Centre's landlord - obtained a "move to eject" decree.

The Region has no other use planned for the building. They are refusing to grant a lease to the local community council - a proposal which would enable the Centre to continue. The Region are out to destroy an autonomous space which has long been a base for direct action and grass-roots struggles.

Ironically the Centre - formerly Edinburgh Unemployed Workers Centre - has never been busier, with a thriving cafe and busy crèche, well-used meeting spaces, a darkroom, a reading room, community arts space, music workshops, claimants' resistance and benefits advice, frequent socials and so on. During the occupation the Centre remains open to the public and all activities continue.

The attack on the Centre is part of a general attack on self-managed community resources the world over. The attack must be resisted, and we need help to keep the Centre open. Write, phone, turn up, join the occupation! Viva La Centre!

The Centre, 103 Broughton St., Edinburgh EH1. Tel. 031 557 0718.

Below: Centre supporters demonstrate in Edinburgh on 1 Oct.



Refugees resist

the centre gates and then broke into the grounds. In June hundreds attended a national demo and a riot inside caused £20,000 worth of damage while 6 people escaped. The Campaign to close Campsfield demands no detentions and no deportations - write c/o 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford OX4.

FIGHT THEM BACK

Despite the state's attempts to criminalise them communities continue to defend themselves against racism and police brutality. In May a group of 20 white men threatening people with baseball bats and bars were driven out of the area by young Asians in Downall, Sheffield. The police response was to drive the racists around the corner and release them.

A spontaneous demo against a planned BNP meeting in the area, however, found the police descending in riot vans and arresting 8 anti

fascists. Hundreds of people from the local community formed a defence campaign and organised a public meeting and pickets; demanding an end to police harassment, all charges dropped and successfully forced an independent enquiry into Altercliffe police. The charges were eventually dropped or reduced.

In July local Asians came to the defence of a cab driver in Rotherham who was beaten by a gang of white men. As the racists got away 6 young people were arrested. Locals marched on the police station and 2 nights of rioting followed.

In Scotland opposition continues to BNP activists Gavin Robertson, a Scottish Office employee, and Gus McLeod at Glasgow's Burrell Collection.

Info : CARF magazine, BM Box 8784, London WC1N 3XX. Contraflow.

NO JUSTICE! NO PEACE !

The I.R.A. cease-fire may offer Peace. Will it bring justice ?

A propaganda battle, largely fought on American TV, has yet to alter the way people live in the north of Ireland. The British troops are less 'battle ready', yet plastic bullets have been used in catholic Belfast, and, the infamous Paratroop Regiment is about to be 'deployed' in West Belfast. The European Union wants to bring down the huge dividing wall between loyalist and catholic ghettos and substitute 'environmental improvements', yet in North Belfast a new wall is planned to keep apart battling revellers in a park. Early September saw local people in Co. Fermanagh, Ireland, taking action to open roads across the border which the British army had closed for "security reasons". The army closed the roads again but locals came back and reopened them again - even using a bulldozer. The British state is torn between promises to the Unionists at Westminster, the US role and the financial dividends of 'troops out'.

One of the groups in Ireland which has consistently opposed the presence of British troops, while recognising that Republicanism is nationalism rather than revolutionary socialism, is the Workers Solidarity Movement. We reprint part of their recent "Statement".

"We welcome the cease-fire. Over the past 25 years over 3,000 people have been killed and 40,000 injured. Thousands have been through or are still in prison. The primary blame for these deaths and all the associated suffering belongs to the British State. No cease-fire has as yet been declared by the British State. Likewise the loyalist paramilitaries have not yet declared a cease-fire, and have killed Catholics and bombed a Sinn Fein office since the IRA ceased their military campaign. In these circumstances the IRA cease-fire will not bring peace, much less justice.

A Compromise with Imperialism

Some on the left will see the IRA cease-fire as a sell-out. We don't. The politics of nationalism were always going to lead to a compromise with imperialism, it was only those with illusions in the republicans' 'left turn' that thought otherwise. It has been clear for a decade, even to the republicans, that the armed struggle was going nowhere. Britain could not be defeated militarily, and Sinn Fein could not expand on its vote either in the North or South. With the reaching of a compromise in El Salvador, South Africa and Palestine it became no longer a question of 'if' but one of 'when', and the logical conclusion of the republican strategy.

The 'peace process' will not deliver a united socialist Ireland or significant improvements apart from those associated with 'demilitarisation'. In addition, it represents a hardening of traditional nationalism and an alliance of all the nationalists, Fianna Fail, SDLP, Sinn Fein and the Catholic Church. Republican statements have focussed on the need for a De Klerk type figure to lead the Protestants to compromise.

Depending on developments, it may also become easier over the next few years (for revolutionaries) to begin a more sustained approach to Protestant workers. To date this has been almost impossible due to the fact that loyalist death squads have targeted and even killed revolutionary socialists and anarchists who attempted to work in their community while maintaining a principled opposition to imperialism.

Building on Sand

If the peace holds, the next few years will be a test of our ability to build a viable alternative to the bosses, north and south. But we are aware that 25 years ago the British State smashed something (the Civil Rights movement) much more modest than what we propose, with armed force.

In the short term it would be possible to build workers unity on day to day economic issues without mentioning partition but it would be building on sand. In the past, working class unity has been swept aside on a tide of bigotry. This will be a real test (and) it is where the cease-fire assumes its international dimension. All over the world the authoritarian left has collapsed due to the inadequacies of its politics. Our success or failure depends on our ability to convince people of our politics, demonstrate the ability to fight and win, and give people the confidence to change society. This is the process that can lead to a lasting peace with justice."

The full version of this can be obtained from POB 1528, Dublin 8 or via e-mail an64739@anon.penet.fi Read an alternative view in Organise, magazine of the A.C.F.. Send large SAE for sample, address on p.4.



Villagers celebrate the premature — and short-lived — reopening of a cross-border road

Stop the Strip-Searches

LAST YEAR 40 women workers at Asda in Barrow, Cumbria, were stripped and searched for a missing £10 note. This was a frightening widening-out of strip-searching which is deliberately degrading and humiliating and frequently used on prisoners. In Maghaberry prison in Ireland 22 women prisoners were brutally strip-searched by male and female screws.

The Stop Strip-Searches Campaign is organised to publicise and oppose the strip-searching of women prisoners and has leaflets, info, badges and videos available.

SSSC, PO Box 104, Sheffield 1.

ACTIVISTS NEED SUPPORT

John Perotti; Still Fighting On

For some years now Inside Info has reported the relentless struggle of IWV prison union organiser John Perotti. Recently, after another hungerstrike, John was freed from solitary and transferred to general population in Lucasville prison, Ohio, scene of a recent bloody riot. Almost immediately, he was stitched-up by 2 screws against whom he'd won a lawsuit years ago. Flung back into solitary, John has also lost visiting rights and access to legal materials. John is a self-taught, qualified lawyer and helps other cons to fight their cases. Andy of the John Perotti Defence Fund says 'A major problem seems to be that John's name has become so well-known over the years that people don't notice it any more. Nearly everyone seems indifferent these days, but John needs our help just as much as he ever did.'

A Danger to Whose Society?

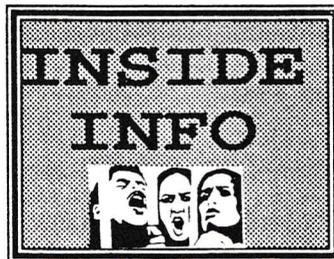
Originally jailed for belonging to the revolutionary underground, Salvatore Cirincione was recaptured in December 1992 after 8 years on the run. Frequently beaten and tortured by screws, Salvatore now suffers from haemorrhage and serious infections. His left testicle has been removed, his pelvic bones are smashed and his 'genital apparatus is dead'.

After a hungerstrike Salvatore's current state of health is precarious. The Italian Ministry of Justice is

refusing him medicine and treatment. The prison authorities justify this savage treatment by saying that Salvatore 'as an active Anarchist is a danger to our society'. Obviously they intend to let him die as a warning to others.

SALVATORE NEEDS MONEY TO STAY ALIVE.

DONATIONS; London ABC, c/o 121 Railton Rd., London SE24. SUPPORT: Salvatore Cirincione, Carcere di San Vittore, Milano, Italy.



Bowden Unbowed

John Bowden is another campaigner for prisoners' rights and a frequent contributor of in-depth supportive articles on prison resistance. John escaped from prison and was recaptured after 18 months in Scotland last June. His escape was motivated by a knowledge that, after 12 years inside, he would never be released until he was 'broken, subdued or murdered'.

Like Salvatore and John Perotti, John Bowden is classed as a 'dangerous subversive' and as such is, like the others, kept in solitary and at the top of the screws' hit-list. He needs letter of support.

John Bowden 1273/94, HMP Perth, 3 Edinburgh Rd. Perth, Scotland.

CAN'T JAIL THE SPIRIT

In top-security Perth Prison in September cons gave the screws a lesson in mutual aid.

Prisoners in C-Hall set off the staff alarm and when the screws rushed to the 'trouble-spot' the cons in E-Hall broke into the canteen and liberated all tobacco, tea, sugar, sweets, groceries and soft drinks. "The whole thing was planned and executed like a military operation" said one con. "It went like clockwork. It's the biggest feast we've had since getting locked up!"

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Anti roads protestor stops digger at Solsbury Hill, Bath. photo Julia Bayne.

THINK GLOBALLY ACT LOCALLY

Time to save our beautiful planet is running out. We need to match the bravery and determination with which Glaswegians are fighting to stop the proposed M77 that would carve up the 1018 acre Pollok Estate in Glasgow.

The creation of a rapidly growing camp in the Pollok woods goes some way to drawing the often divided movements for social justice and an undamaged environment together. If the road goes ahead the people immediately hit will be, as usual, the already exploited; folk from the surrounding council estates will suffer from the raised levels of pollution and traffic danger. The camp began with just one or two people sitting round a fire. Now the fire is still burning, the camp has about 20 permanent residents and there is a sign saying Pollok Free State flying defiantly as you enter. Living communally means that people have got together for the first time and are

learning from each other. The personal is political and living together cooperatively is a challenging political act. Direct Action demands that you trust the people you do it with - that's one of the reasons it's a force for real political and social change. It works; in Britain the government has delayed one third of its road plans due to the powerful Anti-Roads campaign.

Another long established (12 years) Free Zone is Faslane Peace camp where the struggle against the nuclear menace continues. Constant direct action and Mass Actions such as the Spiral and Rust Actions physically defy the convoys and security guards.

Foiled

In Gorleben, a small German village, the 20 year fight of its residents - with the support of grassroots environmental groups - continues. The government want to build a reprocessing plant or to bury high level radioactive waste in the area. The nuclear industry has been foiled by demonstrators

building a hut village on the proposed site. 1,000 people have taken up residence in the village and 300 people blocked a railway line likely to be used by the convoy. Mysterious tunnels have appeared underneath roads which would cause them to collapse if the 120 ton transporters were to drive over them. Next came a police eviction of the village and a ban on all demonstrations. Now after continued campaigning the ban has been lifted and the transporter containers plan has been delayed due to 'technical difficulties'.

Also in Germany, the Earth Liberation Front has declared 31/10/94 to 6/11/94 to be an International Action Week. It's a time of sabotage and mischief... against road construction, vivisection labs, corporations with poor workers' rights track records (ie. all of them) and oppressive state legislation. ELF say "It is hoped that with enough imagination groups can create enough chaos to disrupt whole transport, power and communications networks".

M11

Meanwhile the campaign to prevent the M11 continues despite 60 people being arrested and 10 charged on August 2nd after bailiffs and police cleared protestors from 3 of the houses they've been occupying in Claremont Road, London E11, on the route of a link road.

On the 6th September, 2 men who were part of a gang hired to burn down an anti-M11 camp last December, were jailed for 6 years between them. However their paymasters, who put up £12,000 for the raid, have escaped prosecution due to "insufficient evidence". Pollok Free State - write Glasgow Earth First!, PO Box 180, Glasgow G4 9AB. Tel. 041 636 1924. No M11, 66 Claremont Rd., London E11 4EE. 081 558 2638. Earth First Action Update, dept.29/1 Newton St., Manchester M1 1HW

Act Local

Balloch Blockade

Activists from the Faslane Peace Camp, supported by large crowds of local people, blocked the nuclear convoy for 45 minutes at Balloch Roundabout on the 29th July. 15 people were arrested.

Hostel under Attack

Workers who have occupied the Peterloo Housing Association hostel for the homeless in Manchester to prevent its closure are under threat of eviction by the hostel's management. The occupation, made necessary after the Labour controlled city council slashed its funding, has received large public support.

Solidarity Works

York postal workers went on lightning strike on the 1st July after a shop steward was suspended - he was reinstated the same day. And on the 20th July a bus driver, sacked after arguing with his boss over proposed roster changes, was reinstated when his colleagues staged an immediate one-day strike.

Candid Cameras Contested Glasgow soon will have joined the growing number of towns like Airdrie with closed circuit television cameras. Four square miles of the city centre will be under constant 24 hour surveillance. Some crime will shift to other areas to suit businesses. By watching our every move, the cameras will also be used to monitor direct action and other demonstrations.

In Glasgow, the anarchists among others, are opposing this and welcome news from home & abroad.

The Girls and Boys Done Well

Tabriz, Iran: late August saw demonstrators attack public buildings, radio and TV headquarters and set fire to buses and bank offices after the Basijis volunteer police attacked women leaving a football match (women are banned from attending matches). 1,000s came onto the streets chanting "death to this oppressive regime".

Food not Bombs

WITH over 735 arrests since 1988, San Francisco's Food not Bombs continues serving free vegetarian food and advocating the rights of the poor.

Since former police chief Frank Jordan began his "Quality of Life" MATRIX programme to "clean up" San Francisco for tourism, the homeless have seen their blankets/belongings tossed into rubbish trucks and been ticketed for "camping", public urination, and simply existing as homeless people.

Food not bombs volunteer Frank McHenry has been singled out and been stalked and assaulted by Jordan's cronies, arrested 92 times since 1988, held on bails up to \$75,000, and given such trumped-up charges as "felony possession of a milk crate" and "felony assault". The assault charge occurred when the artery in Frank's hand was severed attempting to stop a City Hall glass door being slammed on himself and his 71 year old companion.

The ideals and vision of the group and its 50 N.American sister groups are spreading rapidly and gaining support...
PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL GATHERING THE WEEK PRIOR TO 26 JUNE 1995! On the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations in San Francisco, protest and organise for human rights!
Contact Food not Bombs, 3145 Geary Boulevard no.12, San Francisco, CA 94118, USA. Tel. (415) 330 5030. Frank Jordan's tel. no. is (415) 554 6113.

McLIARS!

TWO unwaged people are taking on the mighty McDonalds multinational in a libel trial. McDonalds have sued Dave Morris and Helen Steel, alleging that a London Greenpeace fact-sheet libelled McDonalds.

The trial in London is expected to last till at least March 1995. The opening weeks saw Helen and Dave grilling 'Big Mac' - McDonalds UK president Paul Preston. Denied legal aid and refused a jury, Helen and Dave have still forced damaging admissions from McDonalds witnesses.

It is clear that McDonalds exploit their workers, destroy rainforests, produce polluting packaging, cruelly rear and kill animals - all to make millions from unhealthy junk food.

McLibel Support Campaigns are active in Spain, Australia, New Zealand, Italy and the USA. McDonalds have been picketed Britain-wide. 15 October sees a national demo in London.

Show solidarity by - distributing *What's wrong with McDonalds* leaflets - attending the court - making a donation - picketing your local McDonalds.

Contact: McLibel Support Campaign c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1 9DX. Tel./fax 071 713 1269. Leaflets £12 per thousand - 0602 585666. McDonalds Workers Support Group, c/o TU Support Unit, Colin Roach Centre, 10a Bradbury St., London N16 8JN.

POSTMAN PAT'S FIGHTING BACK

80,000 POSTAL workers have walked out unofficially in the last year to resist attacks on their wages, conditions and organisation.

Post Office bosses are preparing for privatisation. To make the postal service an even juicier prize for the fat cats in the city they aim to shut many sorting offices and cut 6,000 jobs.

The trade union (UCW) has been doing deals with management and trying to control and stop any effective action.

But workers' direct action has won victories. In late June P.O. counter workers across E.London struck without a ballot after workers were suspended for refusing to accept cuts in mealbreaks. Now management have restored the lunch breaks. Also in June 30,000 sorting staff in SE England took unofficial strike action.

Disregarding the law, spreading the strikes and involving post office users in the struggles - these are the ways forward. See Class War 64 for a longer report.

DON'T TAKE VAT

ACTIVISTS opposing the imposition of VAT on fuel are increasing their activity in the run-up to the November budget, which will decide whether VAT on electricity and gas bills will double to 17.5% in April 1995.

Lothian Communities against VAT on Fuel and Water Privatisation have published an excellent leaflet detailing how people can collectively refuse to pay VAT. As they say, light and warmth are "basic human needs which

should be free."

Leaflets and posters from - Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network, c/o Peace and Justice Centre, St. Johns, Princes St., Edinburgh. Tel. 031 557 0718 (Mike). - Tottenham Solidarity Group, Box 12, 72 W.Green Rd., London N15. Tel. 081 802 9804.



Protecting the ruling class in Haiti

The so-called restoration of democracy to Haiti is a total fraud. The same 5 rich families who bankrolled the junta, and ousted Aristide after his populist election victory, will be protected by the US 'invasion'.

A few fall-guys in Fraph, the death squads encouraged by US Intelligence 2 years ago, will take the rap for the hundreds of thousands of poor haitians wiped out, or driven to become 'boat people' (like poor Cubans) - many of whom have drowned. US investment in the island based on wage rates as low as 14 cents an hour will become respectable again, and if Aristide and his supporters don't toe the line, the US will throw its support behind Emanuel Constant, whose role in past Fraph atrocities is well documented. The crowds who welcomed the US troops will be driven to oppose their role which as always is to protect capitalism using the illusion of democracy.

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 WC1N 3XX (catalogue 29p stamps & sae)
- **AK Distribution**, 22 Luton Place, Edinburgh (write for catalogue)
- **Anarchist Black Cross**, PO Box 3241, Birmingham B83 DP (prisoner solidarity)
- **Anarchist Communist Federation**, 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX
- **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 Railton Road, London, SE24 OL, UK. Tel: 071-978 9057
- **The Centre**, 103 Broughton St., Edinburgh EH1. Tel: 031-557 0718
- **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 (excellent news-sheet)
- **DS4A**, Box 8, 82 Colston St., Bristol (mail order distribution)
- **Kate Sharpley Library**, BM Hurricane, London WC1 3XX. (also publishers)
- **Kaos?**, c/o J.Bals, Blekkisoppgranda 39, 1352 Kolsas, Norway.
- **Kommunist Kranti**, Majdoor Library, Autopin Jhuggi, Faridabad-121001, India.
- **London Greenpeace**, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1
- **Norwich Solidarity Centre and Norwich Solidarity Federation** : PO Box 73, Norwich NR3 1QD
- **PO Box 51465**, Raedene, 2124, Johannesburg, South Africa. (anarchist distro)
- **Scottish Federation of Anarchists** (£1 for magazine & sae for news-sheet 1&2): write for contacts: Box 1008, Glasgow G42 8AA.
- **Sheffield Anarchist Group**, PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY
- **Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network**, c/o Peace & Justice Resource Centre, St. Johns Church, Princes St., Edinburgh.
- **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.

DAN DARES DIRECT

ON 28 September hundreds of disabled people and their supporters demonstrated in Oldham town centre. They were protesting about their civil rights bill being thrown out of parliament and calling for an end to discrimination and equal rights for all.

Following the march members of the disabled peoples Direct Action Network (DAN) handcuffed and chained themselves to buses on the main street. Traffic was at a standstill for an hour as demonstrators fought off attempts by the police to remove them. They are demanding accessible public transport for all.

DAN are committed to non-violent confrontation as a way of highlighting the discrimination and prejudice faced by disabled people and bringing about liberation.

DAN 081 889 1361 and
061 301 2695.

Sign of the times ?

The selective industrial action by signal workers organised in the RMT union and their new bosses, Railtrack dragged on through the summer causing rail chaos.

The dispute, as with those in the health service etc, highlighted the creeping privatisation of former State enterprises. The solidarity of the signalworkers ensured little scabbing but despite the efforts of a few Solidarity Groups such as in Dundee there has been no community involvement.

Likewise other railworkers in the RMT and Aslef, the traindrivers remained separate from the dispute. This meant that the militant actions seen in France, involving both unionised and non-unionised rail and airport workers wasn't repeated here, as industrial action was subordinated to a public relations 'chess game', encouraged by Labour & the TUC, to "settle" rather than win the dispute.

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A World To Win

Watteau Riot!

Milan city centre was transformed into a battleground on 10th September. Clashes erupted between police and 20,000 demonstrators opposing the eviction of the long standing Leoncavallo Social Centre. 5 days later the independent, self-managed social centre was granted a legal lease to their newly squatted premises in Via Watteau. Direct action pays! Meanwhile spontaneous strikes hit Turin, Bologna and other northern Italian cities on the 8th September, as workers opposed the Berlusconi government plans to cut pensions.

Blitz Blitzed

Over 2,000 people demonstrated their support for the Blitz squatted community centre in Oslo, Norway on the 24th August following the 'fascist' bomb attack on it three days before.

East Timor

Protests have been held in Darwin, Australia and London following the attack by Indonesian police and military on an unarmed demonstration in the campus of East Timor university on the 14th July. Three students were later killed in custody in military barracks. The demo followed harassment of students by military intelligence agents. Since invading East Timor in 1975, the Indonesian military, supplied with arms by the US, UK and France has brutally suppressed the East Timorese people.

South Africa

300 striking miners staged an underground sit-in at the Anglo-American owned mine in Carelton near Johannesburg. They were later attacked with rubber bullets and stun grenades by security guards.

Feral Fights Back

Croatia's government has failed to suppress the Feral Tribune, an anarchist paper which regularly exposes political corruption and generally makes life difficult for the HDZ's (ruling party's) attempts at strangulating the free press. The minister for culture, Vesne Giradi-Jurkic, has resorted to branding the paper "pornographic", forcing its taxes to the high levels the state collects from pornographic publications. Reports in the mainstream press, which commonly does contain pornography but has avoided any hassle due to its comfy relationship with the government, stated that the Feral Tribune had folded but the new issue is already in the kiosks.

Info: ZAGINFLATCH (English language newsletter), c/o ARK-ZAPO, Tkalciceva 38, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia email:

72500.2176@compuserve.com