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CND

AN ANARCHIST ALTERNATIVE

CND believes that its objectives can be realised by constitutional methods, viz: through the ballot box by electing to office a political party in agreement with its aims, i.e. the Labour Party. Is this feasible.

The answer involves looking beyond putting a cross on a ballot paper. The nature and function of the state and the character of the Labour Party must be examined.

States hold that the primary duty of its subjects is its defence whilst the ruling class, (capitalist or communist) who control the state, consider their own defence its primary function - the subjects must obey and defend their masters and their masters interests.

States are paranoid. Suspicious and fearful of their subjects, particularly of the working classes; envious and fearful of other states lest these states possess a greater potential than they to destroy humanity and in the case of the USSR and USA to destroy the world.

Repression is the life-blood of the state. Devoid of its repressive powers the state could not exist. The state is the coalition of all the powers of repression and control, i.e. the armed forces, police, judiciary, education (thought control), the economy, production and distribution, transport, communications, censorship (open or hidden) of the media and the arts.

An openly repressive and brutal state is 'totalitarian' eg. Nazi Germany, USSR; a state in which the repression is hidden under the guise of a parliament is 'democratic' eg. Britain, USA. The former is a mailed fist; the latter a mailed fist in a velvet glove - but the velvet gloves are discarded whenever the state feels threatened from within or without.

Moreover in every country states glorify militarism and prepare for war.

The belief that a Labour government will legislate for unilateral disarmament is fallacious. In the lifetime of nuclear weapons there have been Labour governments but Britain remains a nuclear weapon state.

Labour government began development of the British 'bomb', launched nuclear subs, and supported the improvement of Polaris Missiles. Harold Wilson endorsed unilateralism to get left-wing support then expediently dropped it. Out of office Aneurin Bevan was unilateralist; in office, as foreign secretary, he advocated retention of British nuclear weapons.

Micheal Foot proclaims; "I am an inveterate peace-monger". Yet he has never divided the house by voting against arms expenditure either nuclear or conventional. Nor as premier designate of a future Labour government has he pledged unconditionally for unilateral disarmament.

Tony Benn currently active in CND wasn't involved in the former CND. He too is probably using CND to get left wing support in his campaign against his Party's right wing.

The history of the Labour Party is littered with 'left-wing' MP's who have entered parliament to liquidate Brit-

ish capitalism and its ruling class, were corrupted by parliament and became reactionaries - supportors and perpetrators of the system they entered parliament to abolish.

Of such - to mention just a few - Manny Shinwell, Davy Kirkwood, Ellen Wilkinson, Jennie Lee, John Strachy, Stafford Cripps, Harold Wilson.

Micheal Foot, potentially next premier, has rapidly moved since becoming leader of the Labour Party from 'left' to 'right' and exhibits marked symptoms of parliamentary coorruption.

Thus there is no precedent for believing, and no guarantee, that Benn were he leader of the Labour Party or premier would remain committed to unilateralism. Even if it were possible for Labour MP's to retain their principles after entering parliament, unilateral disarmament still could not be achieved by constitutional means.

Governments take and remain in office, not because of the electorates votes but by tacit permission of the states ruling class. A ruling class whose power and privilege is threatened by a government or the people smashes parliamentary democracy and forcibly installs a military junta/fascist government. This is an

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BAKUNIN on Marxism

Micheal Bakunin, anarchist, philosopher and revolutionary was born in 1814 in Russia. In his early twenties he moved to Germany. With an interest in philosophy and politics he went through Hegalism, the pan-slavic movement, anti-colonial groups, then into socialism. Through the influence of the French school of anarchism and the works of Proudhon he was converted. He soon became the most famous exponent of anarchism at that time.

During the revolution of 1848 he fought on the barricades; was arrested and deported to Russia. In the same year he was imprisoned in the notorious Peter and Paul prison.

Eventually escaping in 1861 following a transfer to a Siberian prison. He fled to London, getting involved in the International Workingmens Association.

The German section bitterly opposed the anarchists. Led by Karl Marx they continually attacked Bakunin on a personal level, trying to discredit him at every opportunity. Marx and his lackies eventually succeeded in driving Bakunin out of public life, breaking up the International in the process. In 1876 Bakunin died whilst living in Switzerland.

TO THE MARXISTS

"Who are the Marxists, these partisans of so-called scientific socialism? They are the doctrinal revolutionaries, who have assumed the mission of destroying the existing powers and orders to create their own dictatorship upon the ruins. They are the enemies of the actual powers only because they want to take them over; enemies of the actual political institutions only because the latter exclude the possibility of the formers dictatorship. They are nevertheless the most ardent friends of state power, which they know must be maintained; without it the revolution, after having really liberated the people, would remove this pseudo-revolut-

ionary minority any hope of fastening them to a new harness and winning their favour with government measures."

THE MARXIST STATE

"For the proletariat, this will, in reality, be nothing but a barrack regime, where the standardised mass of men and women workers would wake, sleep, work and live to the beat of a drum; for the clever and educated a privilege of governing; and for the mercenary minded, attracted by the immense international speculations of the state bank, a vast field of lucrative jobbery." (letter to Liberte. 1872.)

"The leaders of the communist party, namely Mr Marx and his followers, will proceed to liberate humanity in their own way. They will concentrate the reins of government in a strong hand. They will create a central state bank and control all commercial, industrial, agricultural and even scientific production. The mass of the people will be divided into two armies - industrial and agricultural - under the direct command of state engineers, who will constitute a new privileged and political class." (Statism and Anarchy. 1873.)

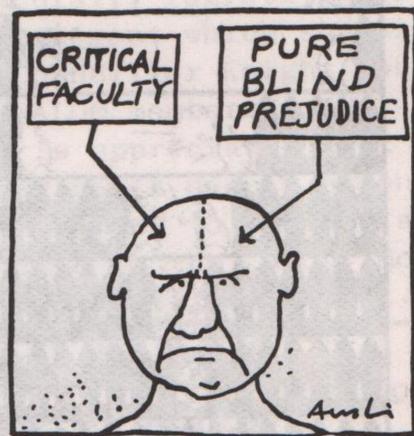


NAZI

NONSENSE

Well, what do you know! Those lovable old wankers, the British Movement have gone in for a bright new name change. From now on the B.M. will face the world with the catchy title of the British Nationalist and Socialist Movement. Bringing a little colour into our grey lives, the B.N.S.M. hope to capture the nations' hearts and imaginations.

Addressing a mass rally in the front room of his semi-detached, the movements leader, Mr McLaughlin proclaimed, "At last the mould of British politics has been broken, there is no doubt the next Reich will last 1,000 years."



Meanwhile, that well-known showbiz trooper, Johnny Tyndall, has hit the road with the British National Party. After the recent unfortunate flop of his 'New' National Front, the laughable old comedian told a packed press conference "Those jackboots and swastikas are such old hat, from now on the show will be fun, fun, fun." Asked if there was any chance of him getting together with Fatty Webster and re-forming the comedy duo that had thrill-millions during the 70's, Johnny quipped, "Fatty is such a lovable old dear but," he joked, "it will be the pink triangle and gas chamber for him next time." By this time the worlds press were rolling in the aisles. "Laugh, I almost cried", exclaimed a hack from the Billingsgate Courier. No doubt the traveling circus will be coming your way soon, watch out for details.

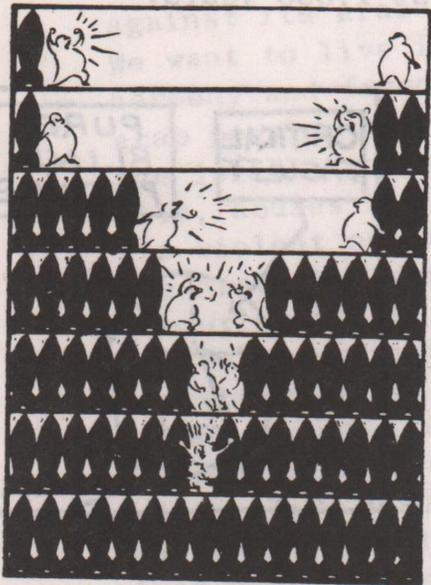
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historical fact of which the rise of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco were a tragic testimony.

Nuclear weapons have invested states with destructive and repressive powers hitherto unknown, and no state, no matter how democratic, will voluntarily relinquish that power because its subjects wish it. Because of this, and in view of the foregoing analysis, it is unrealistic to expect the British state to give up nuclear weapons and politically naive to expect a Labour government to achieve unilateral disarmament via parliament.

The previous CND put their trust in politicians and their faith in genteel demo's. Pre-



dictably the politicians betrayed them whilst the police were, and still are, only to pleased to shepherd CND'ers along predertimed routes. Thus ensuring the minimum of propaganda and the maximum of ineffectiveness. Consequently the movement has lost its momentum, supporters became disillusioned and the campaign disintegrated. Had the members paid less attention to their establishment orientated leaders and more to the 'Spies for Peace' and the 'Committee of 100' with their advocacy of non-violent direct action the commitment of members need not have been largely in vain.

The struggle against nuclear weapons is the struggle against the warfare state. Despite their power states are vulnerable; they cannot exist without their subjects support. Withdraw that support and the state crumbles. We can start fighting the st-

ate NOW. By non-violent direct action, eg. occupations of airfields, missile bases; vigorous anti-militarist activity especially with regards to the armed forces and arms workers; strikes, sit-ins, go-slows in war industries and blacking of war-like materials and supplies by trade unionists; general wide-spread state debilitating activity.

Anarchists are members of CND and supports its objectives. But it is not enough to ban the bomb. Our call is to abolish the causes of wars, ie THE STATE - whether it be capitalist or communist. We must destroy the state before it destroys us.

We earnestly request our CND comrades to seriously consider the anarchist viewpoint. reprinted from Black Star.

Commando Style

Strike breaking in France has recently taken a sinister turn with the use of ex-paratroopers in commando style raids. At the town of Isigny in Normandy a 200 strong commando, led by ex-paras, 38 in number, stormed a Camembert cheese factory which the workforce was occupying. In six hours the group, armed with revolvers, clubs and tear gas grenades, loaded and took away 750,000 cheeses, effectively breaking the strike.

A week later, a smaller group launched a violent attack on a battery factory in Clichy, Paris, where the mainly immigrant workforce was in occupation. During the events one of the strikers fell to his death through a skylight. An ex-paratrooper who had been arrested for smuggling arms between France and Belgium claimed "My friends and I will not tolerate socialists and communists in this country." What seems to worry them far more, though, is the thought of independent working class action.

OUR COMRADE STU
Our comrade Stewart Hurlbut, member of Leeds branch of DAM, was arrested in Leeds on 26.4.82 He was supporting the mass picket of Leeds Crown Court at the start of the Bradford 12 trial when he was arrested with some half a dozen others and charged with using offensive language and obstructing a police officer - a charge which, incidentally, he denies. His fingerprints and photograph were taken and he was held for 2½ hours before being released on bail.

Given the state of 'justice' in this country our comrade is almost certain to be fined and will need help from other comrades to pay that fine. So please show your solidarity by sending money to our branch secretary at the following address.:- Mark Nelson
1 Victoria Rd
Leeds 6.



CIENFUEGOS DISTASTER FUND DRAW

Drawn at 121 Bookshop Benefit on May 2nd 1982 at Alternative A Centre, Centro Iberica, 421a Harrow Rd, London W10.

- 1st Prize Mrs C CLOUGH
GLASGOW SCOTLAND
- 2nd and 3rd Prizes.....
- LEN STILL.....LONDON
- BOB.....SWANSEA
- Other prizes.....
- MARION BLANCHARD, RETFORD.
- P. BIELSKI, LONDON. GARY BROWN;
FLORIDA, U.S.A. ROBERT JOHNSTONE'
BELFAST. SUSANX BONEA DEX,ALA -
SKA, U.S.A. PAUL, LONDON. JOE
THOMAS, LONDON.



WE WANT THE RIOT TO WORK

This is the little item which caused two Anti-Terrorist Squad raids on anarchist printers in London, which caused P.D.C.(Distributors) to refuse to distribute and resulted in a cursory write-off in the trendy, liberal, lefty Leveller Mag. After all that does it stand up to its reputation? The answer

had also appeared in Anarchy 33.

The last section 'From Offence to Defence' is part theoretical and partly about post-riot political recuperation. The theory was difficult for me (I'm no good on jargon and deep deep analyses). However, the bits about the five differing

to this pamphlet are white." As a contributor with a decidedly non-aryan skin I think the remark is pointless and useless.

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BOOK



REVIEW

is yes. Since last years riots volumes and volumes have been written about them, most of the material published so far is worthless (apart from some notable exceptions) This pamphlet is one of them.

This introduction brings us up to date with local news, including some of the facts which left us surprised that no confrontation happened over Easter. From then on there are six eye witness accounts of the riots, the accounts vary but give an overall picture which has a lot of power but palls before the reality. One of the accounts had earlier appeared in Freedom, and is full of good background info as well as good descriptive material. (readers of J.G. Ballard will appreciate it.)

The Impossible Class is the next section, a lengthy analysis of the present class situation. This owes a lot to recent Italian Libertarian Marxism and is interesting and provoking. The theoretical jargon is not to bad and makes for intelligent reading. This section

defence groups is informative but again the reality was more sickening than the account suggests, (for example SOLWAR refused to help one of our comrades unless he joined their group).

As you might have gathered I'm not very good on theory but the pamphlet is very good and the eye witness accounts are the reason for the police interest. The basic idea that the riots were liberating, free and fun is so profoundly dangerous that the propagation of such material pushes the state into fast reaction (3 years for Simon Los).

However, I wonder who the pamphlet is aimed at. The young workers who fought in the streets will have little time for the analyses. And the arm-chair theorists won't have much to identify with the eye witness accounts. Still its a fair attempt at an all round pamphlet. Buy it and get 6 months extra when the police raid you.

A.Brixton Anarchist.

P.S. The introduction states "that all the contributors

OH HELL

It should come as neither a surprise nor a disappointment to note that on March 2, 1982, the Roman Catholic church's 'congregation for the doctrine of faith' confirmed in an official declaration that Freemasons, Nihilists, Charcoal-burners and Anarchists are to be considered automatically excommunicated from the church. (The Charcoal-burners, or Carbonari, were an underground radical sect of the last century, dedicated to the unification of Italy and the establishment of a republic. That'll teach 'em!) Such evil-doers are thus deprived of burial according to Catholic rites and will, of course, be consigned to the innermost circles of hell.

The declaration was made following an attempt by clerical "progressives" to do away with the order of excommunication. The main protagonist of this line, a certain don Rosario, has been denounced as a traitor and a heretic to the Christian faith. reprinted from OPEN ROAD.

POLAND

INTRO.

The struggle for freedom of the Polish workers has captured our imagination, and everyone from Reagan to the Euro-Communist Parties of most European countries have rushed in with support and advice, of differing kinds. Instead of giving our advice, we feel that it is necessary for people here to understand and precisely how Solidarnosc was and is organised, and the kind of ideas which have been used as a basis for action.

Since 1945 Polish workers have rebelled several times against the Russian-imposed state capitalist regime. Poznan in 1956, Warsaw Polytechnika in 1968, the Baltic coast in 1970, Radom in 1976. Each time the revolts were sporadic, un-coordinated and localised, and were all put down with varying degrees of force.

The cycle of rebellion and repression didn't break the opposition movement - at that stage there was little organisation to break, as the revolts were almost elemental reactions to poor working conditions, corruption and price increases.

Each revolt, and the need to help friends and work-mates survive subsequent repression created the basis for organisation in the future: networks of dissidents united by a common opposition to the state.

KOR

A crucial element in the growth of these networks was KOR - composed almost entirely of members of Poland's intelligentsia, including novelist Andrzejewski (author of Ashes and Diamonds) and dissident Marxist such as Kuron and Lipinski. KOR was small, starting with only 17 people but it provided a focus and an example.

Jacek Kuron has a long history of opposition. With Karol Modzelewski he was sentenced to 3½ years for distributing "An open letter to the party". The open letter argued from a left-marxist position, that Polish society was divided between the working masses and a 'ruling bureaucracy' that exploited the labour power of the workers as ruthlessly as capitalism.

KOR's initial role was to organise help and political support for imprisoned and sacked workers after the 19-

76 riots. It raised money for the legal defence and family of strikers, and campaigned for an amnesty and Parliamentary enquiry into police brutality. Its bulletins were openly circulated, describing specific incidents of harassment and oppression, often naming the policemen involved.

Its activities expanded, and it began publishing an information bulletin ROBOTNIK (Worker), intended for workers. When the first 'free trade union' groups were formed they were usually connected to KOR through local supporters of ROBOTNIK.

These industrial groups, like KOR, were small often numbering no more than 12 people, and formed spontaneously. KOR's existence, its crucial role as a focus for the growing opposition, and its intellectual composition resulted in its emergence as

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the theoretical mentor of the free unions.

KOR did not create the free trade union groups or Solidarnosc but it did influence its nature and for this reason its ideas are important as they were a source of strength and weakness.

Firstly KOR accepted certain elements of the status quo: the geo-political domination of the USSR, which threatened invasion if the opposition pushed too far. Secondly, it recognised the important situation of the Polish Church, which historically was closely identified with revolutionary nationalism. Thirdly, they accepted the continuing dominance of the Party.

These three factors certainly assisted the growth of the opposition, the formation of Solidarnosc, and the paralysis of the state machine. The end result, however, was that Solidarnosc was a curious hybrid - a revolutionary organisation with reformist aspirations.

The ideas that KOR drew on were very mixed: its model for industrial organisat-

ion was the formation of the Spanish Workers Commissions, which had been formed inside the fascist unions by dissident workers. These small, tightly-knit groups would not initially make demands of their own, but would become the embryo for a new organisation.

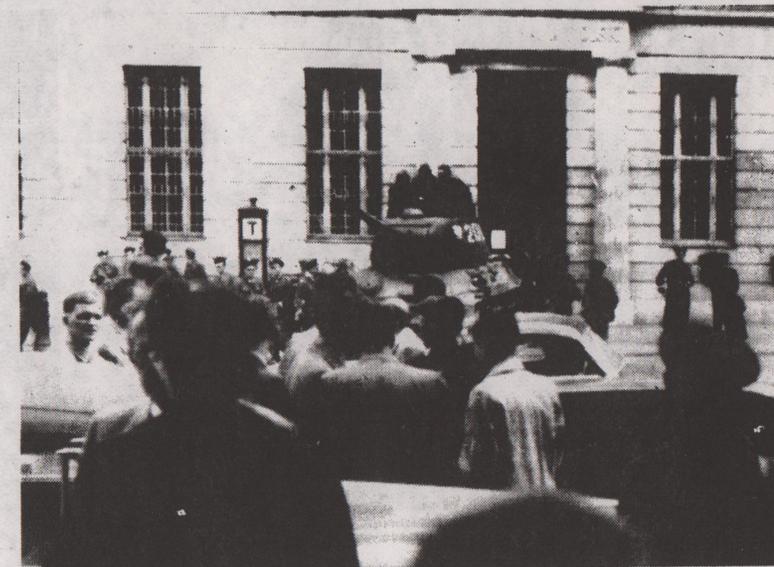
KOR's ideas on self-management stem from the Yugoslavian example, but also from the ideas of the anarchist theoretician, Edward Abramowski, who argued that socialism in Poland would be achieved through the formation of worker and consumer co-operatives inside the existing order (which in Abramowski's day was capitalism).

Some members of KOR also explored the ideas of Machajski - another Polish anarchist - who developed Bakunin's ideas by arguing that intellectuals using marxism as their ideology would become the new ruling class and that consequently the workers should make their own revolution. Interestingly, after achieving its aim of setting the workers in motion, KOR formally dissolved its organ-

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isation last August. Several KOR members, including Kuron, who was moving towards an increasingly reformist position, continued to play an advisory role.

The third connection between Solidarnosc and anarchism is the propaganda for anarcho-syndicalism that was produced between the two world wars by the Anarchist Federation of Poland, which published a whole series of newspapers and bulletins, including Walka Klass (Class Struggle) and Glos Anarchisty (Anarchist Voice) as well as a number of local papers such as Wolny Proletariusz (Free Proletarian), and many pamphlets and leaflets, which were distributed in thousands. The anarchist movement in Poland was used to repress-



A Russian tank in the heart of Poznan, Poland in 1956 when 70 people died and hundreds were arrested

ion - In 1929, for example, one member of the AFP received a four year prison sentence for simple possession of anarchist literature. It was however, unable to survive the dual combination of the Nazis and Stalinism. Much of the membership died fighting in the resistance, although it was able to regroup for propaganda purposes between 1945 and 1947. After this the movement was ground down by repression, emmigration and the incorporation of the syndicalist organisations into the state machine.

It's not possible to prove any direct connection between Solidarnosc's organisational structure and the anarchist movement in Poland, and given Solidarnosc's tendencies towards Catholicism, and charismatic leadership it would be futile to even try, although underlying these features there are important similarities.

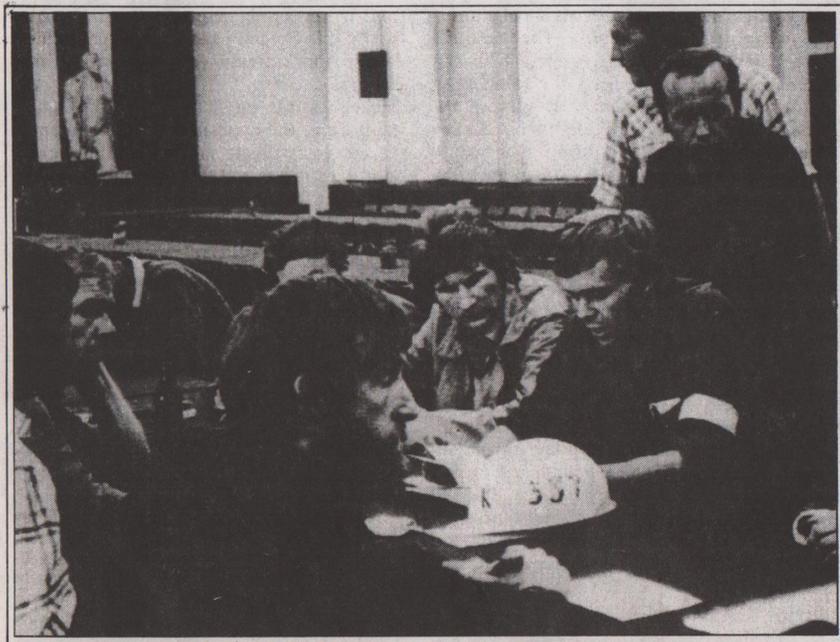
Solidarnosc was an organisation created in struggle and its structure reflects this difficult birth. One of its key features is its regional organisation, formed by spontaneous affiliation of groups of workers in different workplaces in the same area. This regional structure is important in providing a central focus for organisat-

ion and overcoming rivalries between blue and white collar workers and the existence of wage differentials.

The regional structure has strengthened the weaker social groups, with miners and steelworkers threatening strike action unless health service worker's demands were met. It also enabled Solidarnosc to put forward demands relating to the community: the organisation of public transport, food distribution or problems connected with education or the environment.

It is the strength of this regional structure, with its emphasis on local initiative and local decision-making which has enabled Solidarnosc to survive in spite of the wide-spread arrests and the military clamp-downs. Local bulletins are still being published, and workplace organisation appear intact. Active grass roots members, including several anarchists remain free, and active.

What went wrong? Its tempting to blame the streak of bureaucratization within Solidarnosc, and the reformist leadership for the reversal in Solidarnosc's fortunes, but to do so would be to ignore the factors that reinforced bureaucracy and reformism. by far the



Polish workers confer in the shipyard in Gdansk. Lenin far left.



ORGANISE



Eliezer and Dunia Hirszaug



EVA SZAPIRO - ARRESTED IN RUSSIA AND DIED THERE.

most important factor was the international isolation experienced by the Polish working class. Without revolutionary organisations in other Eastern European countries, and the absence of any revolutionary movement in the West forced Solidarnosc's members into realistic acceptance of the Russian threat, and hence reformism, in an attempt to buy time. Slowing down the pace and nature of social change put time on the side of the Polish state which had only to re-organise its repressive apparatus to organise a crack-down. the situation remains one of stale-mate, and is likely to stay so until the workers of both East and West can join together to bring down both of the barbaric systems that dominate Europe.

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Marila Huzazska

Some members of the Anarchist Federation of Poland during 1930s and 1940s.



S. Lewinski

Irish Shop Stewards

A London trade union official has claimed that the Prevention of Terrorism Act is being used to intimidate Irish born shop stewards.

Harold Goodwin told Hillingdon Trades Council in West London that many shop stewards involved in legitimate trade union disputes have been arrested under the Act because they happen to be Irish. The men concerned had in all instances nothing to do with terrorism and were subsequently released. "It's a sterile act for preventing terrorism but it's a bloody good act for attacking trade unionists" he said.

NO AMNESTY

In an unprecedented move France's socialist government amnestied French political prisoners - with the exception of the anarchists. At least 11 eleven militant anarchists remain in prison, dispersed throughout the French penal system in order to prevent them from communicating with each other.

The most well-known prisoners are the seven members of the Direct Action group being held for a rocket attack on a government office a few years ago. The new socialist government purposely removed their case from the

jurisdiction of the Cour de Surete de l'Etat, depriving them of the general amnesty connected to the dissolution of that court.

In a communique the French Anarchist Federation asks, "Who was responsible? A last minute ruse on the part of the magistrates, police pressure, promises made to big business or a deliberate political choice? We do not know. Whatever the case may be and however diverse our positions on violence in the face of state terrorism may be, we cannot let such a situation arise without taking action.

LIFE IN SOCIALIST LAMBETH

As members of Lambeth NALGO and South London D.A.M we produced a leaflet against NALGO affiliation to the Labour Party. (see internal bulletin) The leaflet was distributed at a poorly attended branch meeting where it was very well received (people taking copies back to friends etc.) The Editor of the branch magazine approached me about the leaflet and after some discussion I agreed to edit the leaflet for reprinting in the branch magazine. The editor had been in trouble with the SWP dominated local executive for previously publishing anarchist articles so I didn't feel to bad about deleting all references to anarchists and DAM and a reference to Ted Knight as a liar.

The branch magazine duly appeared complete with edited DAM leaflet. The response from members was favourable on the whole. However, it caused uproar at the next executive meeting, there were motions of censure, threats of resignation and lots of angry exchanges. This violent reaction was mild compared to extreme lefty Ted Knight's explosion. He hit the roof, ranted and raved, foamed at the mouth. He met leading NALGOites and threatened legal action. He was NOT joking. He was already taking Private Eye and Event to court, this noble friend of the workers had no qualms about taking workers to court.

After two days of frenzied meetings he finally agreed to the withdrawal of legal action on two conditions. Firstly a lengthy, grovelling apology which he would vet himself. Secondly, the public naming of the individual(s) responsible.

I was called in to meet the branch secretary and told the bad news. It seemed that Mr Knight was especially upset over the accusation that he would sack us to save his own career. Everybody agreed it was true, but it seemed that I had no right to state the obvious. Reluctantly I agreed to be named.

The apology was gut-turning of course, my name was the only name mentioned (leaving me open to victimisation from lefty hacks and management alike). Nowhere is there a mention of

legal action or threats. So Knight gets a grovelling apology and no sign that he was willing to take us to court. All this from the man with the reputation as the leader of the



most left-wing council in England. This is all the socialist wonderland has to offer.

THIS IS A COPY OF THE APOLOGY In the last issue of Cutlet an article appeared under the head-

ing "No Political Levy". In this article, views were expressed about Councillor Ted Knight, Leader of Lambeth Council, in a manner which many members, and Councillor Knight, found deeply offensive and insulting.

The Lambeth Branch wishes to completely disassociate itself from the manner in which these views were expressed, and wishes to emphasise that these views are NOT the official views of the Branch. They were taken from a leaflet published by certain individual members of NALGO and the South London Branch of the Direct Action Movement and distributed at a branch meeting on affiliation to the Labour Party by Pan Panayi

The Branch regrets publishing these views in this manner and particularly regrets publishing the statement which suggested that Councillor Knight would sack NALGO members.

It is appreciated that this suggestion is deeply offensive and insulting to someone as committed to the Labour Movement as Councillor Knight.

BEYOND THE BULLSHIT!

FESTIVAL AND WEEKEND OF ACTION

(JUNE 18-20 · CENTRO IBERICO · LONDON · WESTBOURNE PARK)





FRIDAY 18TH.

- * 5-7PM. ARRIVE & FOOD.
- * 7PM. "FUN & ACTION" ON THE TOWN.

SATURDAY 19TH.

- * 10-6PM. TALKS/LOCAL REPORTS.
- * 6-7PM. MEAL.
- * 7-11PM. MORE FUN & ACTION & NON-ALIGNED PARTY.

SUNDAY 20TH.

- * 10-5PM. MORE TALKS & VIDEOS
- * 5PM. FOOD.
- * 6PM. EVERYONE GOES ON ABOUT HOW BORING THE WEEKEND WAS.

NOTE: Bring sleeping bags, a sense of humour and plenty of energy. Let us know in advance if you're coming—phone 01-274 6655 or write to The Brixton Anarchists (Beyond the Bullshit!), 121 Books/Anarchist Centre, 121 Pallton Road, London SE24.. Also send in ideas for discussion topics. Suggestions already made include—Civil disturbances/creative vandalism; Squatting and the refusal to pay; Expropriation - exchanging techniques; The Right to Shirk; Pornography, rape and sexism; Fascism and Bolshevism—fighting back; Tape exchange/media access. See ya!

Isreali Anarchists

This is a shortened version of an article which first appeared in Anarchist News.

We, Isreali anarchists, true to our principles are opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state because all states (including both the Isreali and arab regimes) are based on exploitation and oppression of the people by its armed forces, its professional politicians and its all embracing parasitic bureaucratic apparatus.

We are likewise opposed to Isreali discrimination against its arab subjects. We want to live in equality, harmony and freedom with the arab people. We know that the Isreali government exploits, abuses and even commits violent assaults against the Arabs in Isreal and neighbouring areas. We know that Jewish chauvinism is just as reprehensible as Arab chauvinism. We have ourselves witnessed the evil consequences of forcibly planting Isreali settlements in the midst of Arab communities in Arab territory. We abhor the brutality of fanatical Jewish religious groups like those led by Rabbis Levenson and Kahane. The Arabian chauvinists are just as bad.

An amicable understanding is possible only when both peoples surmount their chauvinistic prejudices and one does not try to outwit the other. Solving the Palestinian problem is by no means impossible. Problems can only be resolved in accordance with the ethnic and cultural aspirations and needs of both Arabs and Isrealis and the autonomy of these groups are respected.

The Palestinian problem can only be resolved only when free peoples will live together in free decentralised federations and self-managed communities based upon a coordinated economy and coordinated essential services.

The politicians who pride themselves on their realism

will dismiss these principles of social organisation as a utopia. But the genuine self-managed people's democracy is far more practical than is the senseless, inefficient, suicidal, violent dictatorship of the State, its hordes of professional politicians, its all-embracing bureaucratic apparatus. There are no insurmountable economic, technical or scientific barriers to the introduction of the free socialist society.

We do, however, know that no state, Isreali or Arabian, will accept arrangements threatening its sovereignty or the prerogatives of its supporting classes. There is one alternative: BREAK THE CHAINS THAT BIND YOU! UNITE IN BROTHERHOOD.

GOING DUTCH!

It is a Saturday morning. Forty or fifty colourfully dressed squatters have gathered. Five people want to squat a house and the rest have come with us to help. People are loading furniture and materials onto a van. The sun is shining.

The house we are going to take is on a busy street and we have just discovered that a strange event, a mass jogging marathon, will be passing the house all day. The street will be crowded with police and spectators.

We set off, about 70 of us now, to the empty house a few streets away. The street is crowded and police are directing traffic. We line up in front of the door, all 70 of us, pretend to watch the joggers, clapping and cheering as loud as we can. The police smile back at us.

Behind our backs, Hans is smashing the two yale locks with a hammer and chisel. He is nervous, and seems to take ages. Suddenly the door is open and people are rushing in. The van pulls up and a chain of people pass the gear through the door. The door is shut, barricaded, bedsprings are nailed across the windows. A big banner flaps out from the roof - one more house liberated.

That was the first squat of the day, by evening we have taken four. If the house is empty and unfurnished the police cannot legally evict you - unless they find out your name. A strange law! In a few months a new law will make it much more difficult to squat.

The following Tuesday there is an eviction at the Groenburigival, we have been expecting it. Rumours have gone out that the special riot police have been seen. Informers have told us that they will come at dawn. The inhabitants of the house have barricaded it with steel plates and bars, wire mesh, trap doors, bedsprings, barbed wire.....

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Dear Comrades,
 My name is Alistair Taylor and I have been disabled with polio for 30 years, I have been thinking it would be productive to get in contact with other disabled anarchists, if there are any. I've lots of ideas but felt for this introduction best not to put them into print as you might think them binding. So if you're disabled and feel disabled liberation long overdue I would be interested in corresponding with you. So I'm sitting here in Pantarddulais looking forward to hearing from you.

yours Alistair Taylor
 3 Maesteg, Pantarddulais,
 Swansea, SA4 IPW. W. Glam.

GARDNERS

In the first issue of Direct Action we reported on the occupation of the Gardeners engineering factory in Eccles. Recently, the management felt confident enough to sack the works deputy convenor Mick Brightman in a blatant act of victimisation. Mick, an SWP member, wasn't too confident, many workers were paying back debts accrued during the last occupation. But the workers in a magnificent show of solidarity, occupied the place once more. After a couple of days the bosses backed down.

Of course we at Direct Action are not merely Right to Workers, we demand nothing of capital except its destruction. Social change will only come about when working people realise they have no need for bosses and bureaucrats, politicians and police and the whole layer of parasitic riff-raff. Work in an anarchist world would be a million miles from the boring, soul destroying, wage slavery that it is under capitalism. Production and distribution should be under the control of the workers and run not for the benefit of the profiteers but for the benefit of the community as a whole.

The occupation at Gardeners was not an earth shattering event but it was a small step in the right direction.



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QUEENS VISIT

We, the people of Salford, were pleased and amazed when the Queen paid a recent visit to our fair city and strolled down Coronation Street. She, the greatest human being in the world, Corrie, the greatest tv programme in the world, were to meet. First the Rovers Return and Annie Walker, her smiling face belying her 97 years. Next Bet Lynch wearing huge Charlie and Di earrings brought a smile to her Majesties lips. At the end of the terraced row stood the Ogden family with lodger Edward Yates looking very dapper in his donkey jacket. "My" whispered her royalty-ness to Hilda, "such quaint little houses, like itsy-bitsy rabbit hutches, no-one could possibly live in them, you could get the whole street and the Rovers in my downstairs loo." Then with a final wave to the dozens of Salford patriots, who were bowing and curtsying like things possessed and waving their little plastic flags, she swept off in her huge limosine. The Salford patriots, happy and content beyond belief, returned to their little rabbit hutches.

"If managers' orders were completely obeyed, confusion would result, and production and morale would be lowered. In order to achieve the goals of the organisation, workers must often violate orders, resort to their own techniques of doing things, and disregard lines of authority. Without this systematic sabotage, much work could not be done."

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At 4am they send out a general alarm through the squatters telephone network. Hundreds of sleepy-eyed squatters start arriving and barricade the area, overturning cars, tearing up the cobblestones.

At 5.30am 1,000 riot police arrive in armoured trucks with dogs, riot gear, motor-bikes, horses, bulldozers and helicopters. The barricades are set alight and abandoned as the police smash through. But it takes them three hours to break into the house, by that time large crowds have gathered. Small groups, especially the anarchists, roam around stabbing police van tires and smashing windows. That night we march around the city barricading streets, chasing police cars and smashing windows of banks and speculators. The house is lost, but the next day two are squatted.

The squatters are a strong community, against authority of all sorts. They have their own squatted pubs, cafes, cinemas, their own illegal radio stations, theatre, music groups, squatters aid groups, squatters depots, etc. As well as houses, empty factories, schools, churches, a swimming pool and even an old prison have been squatted!

The city is divided up into areas, in which the squatters organise new squats, and actions, which are discussed at meetings, but nobody is ordered in any way by any squatters authority, because no authority is accepted.

The increasingly radical resistance of the squatters and their supporters has led to the passing of a new law prohibiting squatting, which should be in operation by the end of 1981. Occupants of squats will be given one year to find new housing - which does not exist. 50,000 people are in need of housing

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- (1) The Direct Action Movement is a working class organisation.
- (2) Our aim is the creation of a free and classless society.
- (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.
- (5) We believe that the only way for the working class to achieve this is for independent organisation in the work place and community and federation with others in the same industry and locality, independent of, and opposed to all political parties and trade union bureaucracies. All such workers' organisations must be controlled by the workers themselves and must unite rather than divide the workers movement. Any and all delegates and representatives of such workers' organisations must be subject to immediate recall by the workers.
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I would like to join/know more about the Direct Action Movement.

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