

FEEDBACK

121 BOOKSHOP **Anarchist Centre**

121 Bookshop is facing eviction. Lambeth Council, who own the building have given us until the 3rd May to vacate the premises. Letters of protest can be sent to: Mr Nigel Baker, London Borough of Lambeth, Directorate of Housing, Hambrook House, Porden Road, London SW2 5RX. Ph. 01-274 7722 ext. 2460. In the meantime the collective have said they will be looking for alternative premises but intend to fight to retain the premises.

NEAF NAWF CONFERENCE

Held in Leeds on 26th March. 50-60 people attended from all over the North and the Midlands. A proposal to form a Northern Federation was rejected on the grounds that it was too premature at the present moment. It was decided to have an Anarchist Day/Demonstration on November 11th in Manchester. (Last year when this idea was discussed, it got quite a lot of support but alas, never got off the ground). It will be organised by the Manchester @s. For further information contact NEAF or NAWF
NEAF Box 168 Sheffield 11
NAWF 224 Garston Old Road Liverpool 19.

RESEARCH PROJECT

We are currently undertaking research on the ideological relationship between nationalism and national liberation, struggles and the possibility of strategic links between fascist paramilitary organisations and 'left' vanguardist groups (e.g. instances of direct collaboration, common sources of aid/funding, etc). All contributions to this project are welcome. However, no information received will be taken as reliable unless confirmed by at least one other independent source. We are interested in facts not unsubstantiated opinions.

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PETERBOROUGH

Anarchists have squatted a centre in their town of Peterborough. More news next issue.

New Publications

RESISTANCE No. 5 Winter 1983
Documents & Analyses of the Illegal Front. From Friends of Durruti, Box 790, Station A, Vancouver, BC Canada. Subs: 4 issues for \$US8.

OPEN ROAD Winter 1983 Canadian Anarchist Newspaper, 50p From Open Road, Box 6135, Station G, Vancouver, Canada. V6R 4G5.

PROCESSED WORLD No. 7, San-Franciscan small magazine for office workers. 75p. From A Distribution, 84b Whitechapel High St. London 1.

QUIET RUMOURS Collection of Anarchist Feminist Writings. Dark Star Publication. £1.50 from A. Dist.

THE SHEFFIELD ANARCHIST March 1983 30p/Donation. From Sheffield Libertarian Society, PO Box 168, Sheffield.

ANARCHIST-FEMINIST MAGAZINE London Summer 1983 50p From 121 Bookshop, 121 Railton Road, London SE24. or A Distribution, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1.

WRITINGS ON ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM 2nd edition in preparation. From 121 Bookshop.

NOBODY RULES OK! Views of the Dublin Anarchist Collective. From: Steve Woods, 46, Amiens Street, PO Box 1305, Dublin. Ireland.

Resistance Magazine, March issue. Send sae to Box G19, 40 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin. Ireland.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Although they have a similar BM address (WC1N 3XX) IRIS and the ASDNN groups are separate and distinct bodies. All IRIS correspondence should continue to be directed via BCM REFRACT, London WC1N 3XX.

Flaming cheek

AN Austrian tramp caught cooking onion soup over Berlin's eternal flame has been gaoled for violating West German insult laws. The flame is supposed to burn until the two Germanys are reunited.—AP.

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BLACK FLAG

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Julie Belmas



Gerry Hannah



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Doug Stewart



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DIRECT ACTION CANADA

MORE NEWS ABOUT THE FIVE ARRESTED (JULIE BELMAS, GERRY HANNAH, ANN HANSEN, DOUG STEWART, BRENT TAYLOR). CHARGES INCLUDE: THE BOMBING OF A BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO ELECTRIC SUB-STATION ON VANCOUVER ISLAND, THE FIRE-BOMBING OF 3 VIDEO PORN STORES (SEE BELOW), CONSPIRACY TO BOMB A PROPOSED CRUISE MISSILE TESTING SITE, AND CONSPIRACY TO ROB A BRINKS SECURITY TRUCK. THE POLICE ARE ALSO SEEKING TO IMPLICATE THE FIVE WITH THE LITTON SYSTEMS PLANT BOMBING IN TORONTO WHERE CRUISE MISSILE PARTS ARE MANUFACTURED.

Continues Overleaf



Anarchist prisoners Kyriacos Miras and Photis Danatos have begun a hunger strike in Korydalu Prison, near Piraeus. The comrades have asked us for our support. Please send protests, etc. to the Greek Embassy at 1a Holland Park, London W11 or to Korydalu Prison, Piraeus, Greece. (We hope to have more details for the next issue of the News Bulletin). Source: PP

NEWS BULLETIN

THE NEW FORTNIGHTLY FROM BLACK FLAG

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RETIRE!

Former Trade Union leader Jack Jones is in his retirement leading a campaign for 'senior citizens' - but there is a bigger priority than raising questions to the government - that of tackling current trade union mentality.

It is always easy to get support for pushing some (other) workers out of jobs and putting someone else in them: Just single them out and attack them: as they used to attack 'pin money girls' or married women for 'taking men's jobs'; later the idiot mentality switched to immigrants - who have varied over the years. Now union people, and the trendy left, have seized on 'older people' still working while 'young men with families and mortgages' do not.

Unemployment is not solved by a form of musical chairs. Nor is the magic word 'retirement' to be used to putting someone on the scrap heap.

Everyone has the right to well-being. That right is only available in a capitalist society to the worker through work.

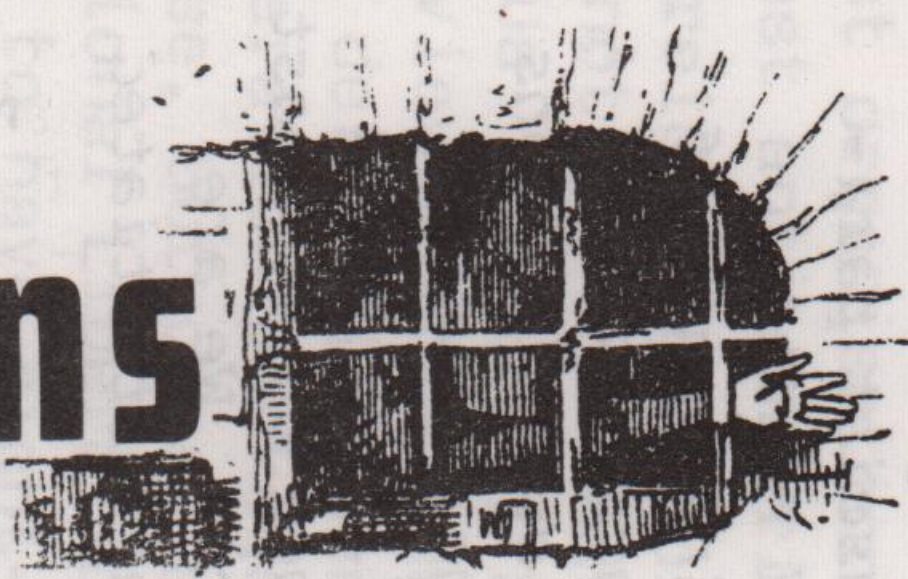
It cannot be obtained through putting people out of work, which causes further unemployment and further depression.

Jack Jones envisages a campaign for free transport for the older people. OK but not enough. What they want, before they get too old to enjoy life at all, is the right to independence and to earn for themselves.

FIRST: The absolute right to the pension, not withdrawable on entering hospital nor if they work.

SECOND: The opportunity to contribute to the general well-being, while they wish to do so, with useful production. The lack of gainful employment is created by the State in an artificial control of economy: the answer to it, in a capitalist society, is non-taxable production, wrongly known as 'the black economy', which makes unemployment obsolete. If this can only be done by collectives or working person units, so be it.

PRISONS



BRIXTON SHUFFLE

At present there are 770 persons on remand in Brixton prison. Last year 75,000 people passed through the cells, which is to say 500 per day! Many have to share a 'one man cell' with two others, some even sleep in the corridor and forced drugging by injection of tranquillizers such as Largactyl 'the liquid cosh' is frequent!

Ireland RANK. AND FILED

Workers at the Dublin factory of Rank (part of the Rank-Hovis-McDougal chain) are currently engaged in a lengthy confrontation fighting for the continuation and future control of their jobs.

Despite making a profit last year of at least £38m, Rank's decided to 'rationalise' its labour costs and to enforce a harsh redundancy programme. However the crunch came when the management informed the workforce that they would not be abiding by the redundancy terms, jointly agreed to with the unions; instead many workers would find themselves without a job, with a pittance of redundancy pay, and no earnings related (no longer available).

The rationalisation plan was rejected outright and strike action soon followed. Rank's then announced that they would close down the firm regardless and this left the workers with no other option but to OCCUPY! Within days of the occupation a court injunction was slapped on those involved and 14 were arrested under the new Illegal Occupations law. Their union-the ICTU-refused to support the 14 on the grounds that their action constituted a 'direct challenge to the institutions of the State'. But after workers from the Datsun and Mazda car plants, together with the dock-workers, came out in support, and when finally strike action was threatened from workers at Rowntrees, Oldhams, and Beaumont Hospital, the management at Rank's were forced to capitulate and remove the injunction, thus freeing the 14.

The battle, however, was by no means over and on their release the 14 went straight back to the plant to continue the occupation. To date, neither the future of the factory and the jobs, nor the rationalisation terms have been resolved and the dispute continues. There is no denying, however, that the support shown by workers throughout Dublin against the imprisonment of the 14 charged under the new Illegal Occupations law constituted a direct challenge to this law and may make the State think twice about provoking such further actions of mass solidarity.

Source: 'Resistance'
(Dublin)

WANDSWORTH INQUESTS

J.K. Johnstone: 'death by misadventure'. He had been given a 'liquid cosh' a very large dose of Largactyl tranquiliser for 'schizophrenia' afterwards 'hung in cell'. '...the dose was not particularly high ...he was a very sick man...a liquid cosh is used the world over...to make prisoners quiet. He died on Feb 20.

A £20 note counterfeiter died from a blood clot caused by septicaemia: 'death from natural causes'. Mr J. Bhadresa 52 also died on Feb 20 after complaining of pain all over and was treated with antibiotics.

Prison doctor Ian Griffiths treated both these people who happened to die on the same day.

SCABS

What have Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Sir Richard Attenborough, Alan 'Boys from the Blackstuff' Bleasdale & Bernard 'Yosser' Hill all got in common? They've all crossed the picket line at the Grosvenor Hotel. The various Royals you expect to cross the line, but the Blackstuff lads? Surely not these concerned, Left-wing, working class heroes? Of course they did, they had to pick up TV awards didn't they. Why they even made moving speeches in support of those on the dole, in support of the workers no less. Whilst the real life workers were picketing outside. Of course, radical TV personalities are excused, huh, they should be kicked in the teeth for what they've done. Anyone who crosses a line is a SCAB.

The management of the Grosvenor Hotel have come up with a new trick to further isolate the pickets. They've a Court Injunction, on the name of 2 union members, to stop any unofficial pickets. This means anyone who joins the picket in support of the workers (as many anarchists have done) is liable to bring heavy fines on the heads of two union members. The union is looking into the legal intricacies of the matter. But perhaps its time to move onto a different plane of support. New tactics should be looked at now.

Source: SLDAM

Donations to: Grosvenor Strike Fund;
c/o Pam Gudgin, 4-6 Dukes Rd, London
WC1 9AD

N.B. We have heard that a Croydon firm, Noveltex, has started producing an item called a Yosserband-made of sponge rubber, which fits across the forehead, enabling the wearer to 'nut' their head without sustaining too much self-mutilation, other than a slight bruise or the occasional recurring headache. (This is not a joke!). Noveltex claim to already have over 5000 orders for the device.



symbol of destruction before reconstruction
the rag to wipe the slate clean
- to wipe the state clean (away).

Black: the most beautiful colour
for within its depths is contained every colour
and colours never seen or dreamed of.

Black: for hope,
for the poorest who have nothing
and therefore nothing to lose
and everything to gain in its blackness.

Black: the flag of no country,
of no one people,
of no army,
of no government.

because one day the stars will shine Black,
the moon will cover the sun,
the sky will bruise and bleed red and rain Black:
the only colour will be Black.

and we with our Black flags will rise
and sweep the dust and shatter the brick of our oppressors
with the swathe and furl of our flags.

and then there will be no more Black
for we shall have no need of it.

Clare VanZetta

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Women protest against pornography using graffiti on a shopfront in Oxford.

CANADA - Womens Fire Brigade

On 22 November last year, 3 'Red Hot Video' porn stores, which sold/rented films depicting women being beaten, raped, tortured, and generally degraded, were firebombed. The actions were claimed by the 'Womens Fire Brigade' and were taken as a final resort after many months of widespread protest and petitioning for the chain of stores to be closed down. Strategically the actions were both well timed and coordinated and were seen to be fully integrated within the wider protest. As a result the actions received little criticism from the non-violent elements (as if that matters anyway) and womens groups throughout Canada demonstrated their solidarity in the streets. Later, as a direct consequence of these demonstrations and the WFB actions, 6 more porn shops were forced to close down. Many more closures were to follow.

Source 'Open Road'

Spain

VALENCIA FLOOD AID

In the last news bulletin we referred to the work of the CNT in co-operation with SIA in distributing food, clothing and medicine to the Valencia flood victims. We were able to get some photo's:



Continued from front page..

Direct Action:

Prior to the arrests many anarchists, anti-militarists and even pacifists had been placed under constant surveillance. Some comrades were picked up, held for days on end and threatened with arrest under the anti-terrorist laws; others had their files lifted and their libraries seized. Nor did harassment cease after the arrest of the 5: the cops lost no time at all in brushing to one side all the usual rules of sub-judice, passing on mis-information to the Media, who in turn took the opportunity to print lie upon lie about those arrested and to construct a, near hysterical, hate campaign in an attempt to discredit and criminalise libertarian and anti-militarist protest. Our Canadian comrades are not, however, taking this assault lying down, but are united in their opposition to the attacks by the State and Media alike and in their determination to resist at all costs the ever growing threat of the international war machine. The one, significant, exception to this united stance is the paper 'Strike!' (the paper that 'supports direct action'), which has printed articles criticising 'Direct Action' for being vanguardist and putting the anarchist movement at risk. Donations to: Free the Five Defence Group, Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C.

SOURCE: 'Open Road'

Russian Roulette Rumanian Ricochet

Stancu Papusiou was a young Rumanian worker who has spent the last ten years in various jails in one of the more 'liberal' of the Warsaw pact countries. His crime has been that of refusing to live under State oppression. He has made six attempts to leave Rumania, the first when he was 16 years old. Finally he made it to the land of the free, Britain. What happened then? He was arrested and put in the notorious Ashford Remand Centre (remember Cartoon Campbell and Jim Heather Hayes?). Papusiou began a hunger strike in protest at his ill-treatment, and was transferred to the hospital wing. There, on the 24th of November last year he was attacked and beaten up by screws. Four days later he was beaten up again. Papusiou was later put on a plane and sent back to Rumania, against his will. The Rumanian Authorities had made it clear that they did not want him back. Stancu Papusiou was the sort of person no State wants, a worker who fights back. If he had been an academic, ballet-dancer or middle-class intellectual he would have been welcomed here with open arms. But as an uppity worker he has been imprisoned and beaten up on both sides of the Iron curtain. When it comes down to it, the working class is shit on by all sides, the politics of the arsehole make no difference.

Sauce: Noamnesty Internationale



Brigitte Mohnhaupt.

GERMANY R.A.F. Prisoners

Christine Klar and Bridgette Mohnkamp have been arrested and charged with complicity in several Red Army Faction actions; namely: the assassination in 1979 of Seigfried Buback (the former Chief Public Prosecutor—who was responsible for the imprisonment of many RAF and other guerillas), the killing in 1977 of Jurgen Ponto (head of Dresdner Bank—the 2nd largest in W. Germany), and the assassination attempt in 1981 on US General Kroesen (NATO C in C). The trial is expected to take place in Stuttgart.

HISTORIA libertaria

It was revealed that Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, the French fascist who collaborated with the Germans — whom Pierre Laval considered too extreme to include in the Vichy Government, but later came in as Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, and who ran a paper 'Je suis partout' to denounce the 'moderation' of Laval, the Vichy Premier, died three years ago near Malaga. He had been sentenced to death in France in his absence in 1947 but escaped to Spain where he had the protection of General Franco. He hid from the Jewish hit-squads seeking revenge for his part in the holocaust, so effectively that when he died, his identity was not known.

He was one of the many Fascist war criminals who were aided by Franco in this way. It is not generally realised that most of those who escaped to South America did it by way of Spain or the Spanish Embassy.

During the world war thousands of

refugees used the Spanish route to escape from Hitler. They were guided over the Pyrenees by Resistance people, largely of the CNT, and directed into small hotels and pensions in Barcelona, from which they got by forged passports onto foreign boats. The principle was that those who had money, paid for the service and kept the libertarian resistance going. Those who had nothing but their anti-fascism or their status of being persecuted to recommend them, were taken over for nothing. The embassies got the bill for escaping soldiers and airmen (and reckoned the debt discharged by financial payment — the Allies did nothing politically and in the end betrayed the resistance).

The floods of refugees were an embarrassment to Franco. Where he could, he sent them back. But he did not wish to fall out with the Allies. Sometimes the Falange — outraged at this official 'bureaucratic delay' —

hauled out the refugees from their beds and beat them up, or left them dying.

To prevent this, Franco set up special concentration camps for escapees and refugees, classified according to political opinion, racial category, or military affiliation. Nothing like as bad as the concentration camps of Hitler — or of his own for the defeated or the civil war — they were all the same pretty grim.

Today you will find in Israel tributes to 'righteous Gentiles' who aided in the escape of Jewish people from Hitlerism. You will never find a trace of recognition of the Spanish Anarchists. On the contrary: Franco is often lauded for his failure to implement the racial policy of Hitler and for his 'part' in 'allowing' the escapes through Spain. ... actually carried out by those who were at the time facing a literally life-and-death struggle with a vicious and mortal enemy.



OUR RADIO BUSTED

On Wednesday 23rd March at 9.30pm the police and Home Office raided a flat in Deptford South London. They seized a transmitter and other equipment. After 4 failed attempts the Home Office had at last got Our Radio. The 5 week hunt had used 4 carloads of men, a van, use of tracking equipment, radio, night binoculars, phone tapping and heavy backing from police forces across London, even the police helicopter was used. In all probably £30,000 was spent to seize a £150 transmitter...An open access pirate which included Radio Solidarnosc (half in Polish), Women on the Waves, Gaywaves a magazine programme called The Message, (which in part covered news of London's 40,000 squatters)...future plans were to include shows made by Black People's Action Group (whose premises were bombed by fascists recently), a Greenham support group and many music projects. A recent public meeting by Our Radio was well attended, but they need help. They want all sympathisers to send a little cash so they can continue to:

OUR RADIO, BM Box 103 FM, London WC1N3XX

FREE THE AIRWAVES

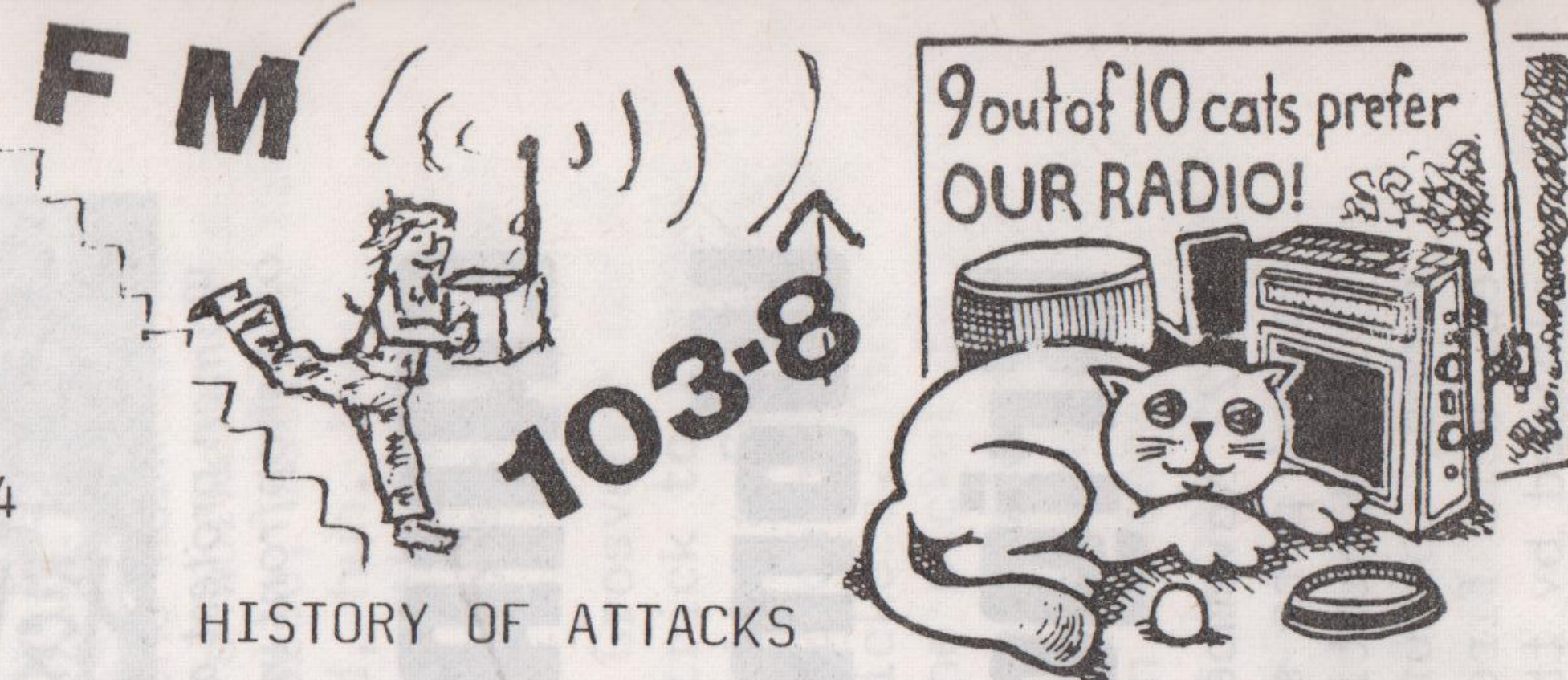
The first FTA Bulletin is available:
Box CCR c/o the Bath House,
Gwydir Street, Cambridge

COMMUNITY RADIO CONFERENCE

April 8th & 9th in Sheffield.
Write Common Sound, 87 the Wicker,
Sheffield S3 tel 0742 22791/738572

LETTER BOMBS

As reported in the last News Bulletin, 'Makhno's Anarchist Army' claimed responsibility for the 2 letter bombs that were sent to the US Naval HQ in Mayfair and to No.10 Downing Street. The anti-militarist basis behind these actions is apparent and within days of the attacks a counter device was sent to CND luminary, Bruce Kent; this was later claimed by a group calling itself the 'English Peoples Liberation Army'. There is no monopoly, of course, on the use of particular techniques to demonstrate resistance/counter-resistance, nor is there nothing to prevent right-wing organisations from capitalising and making full use of the Media spectacle arising from the spate of letter-bombs sent over the last few



HISTORY OF ATTACKS

Wed Dec 15th 82, O.R. Transmitter seized in Kilburn. One person arrested and later fined £80, equipment confiscated. Off air for 5 weeks (rebuilding).

Wed Feb 23rd 83, tower block in Bermondsey raided, O.R. escape by running down 15 floors and hiding in a cupboard.

Wed March 2nd 83, full show goes out but Home Office watch with night glasses & a police helicopter "buzzes" about, Dept.

Wed March 9th 83, in Camden after 1 hour a raid but O.R. in disguise get away.

Wed March 16 83 after barely ½ an hour on air, O.R. hide their equipment safely & escape from a North London site as 5 van loads of Home Office await police backup. Wed March 23rd 83. Using Deptford again, O.R. set up a dummy transmitter which contained a light bulb, 2 cans of lager, and a note "Better luck next time Eric, heres a consolation prize"..Eric Gotts is the head of the Home Office pirate squad. Police come straight to the flat after Home Office observe with night glasses. Equipment seized, detain the occupant for 3 hours then illegally evict him.

OUR RADIO have produced a pamphlet: HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN PIRATE RADIO STATION. The first edition has sold out so a second issue is planned: BCM Box BCM Box 103FM, London Wc1N 3XX

weeks to various targets. Back in 1981 letter-bombs were sent to Thatcher and claimed by an organisation called the 'English Republican Army'- a name extremely similar to that used by the group that sent the letter-bomb to Bruce Kent. The ERA bombs were all posted in Belgium and it was later revealed that there may have been a connection between those responsible and the VMO (Belgian fascist organisation). The League of St George (UK based fascist group) have always been very pally with the VMO and, furthermore, have consistently supported a policy, in line with their Continental colleagues promoting, through others, classic vanguardist armed struggle as a strategy for enactment by the forces of the Right. Another noticable feature of their policies has been a marked

'NEW BRITAIN PARTY' - PICKET

There was a strong picket (SWP/left dominated, but with a strong libertarian presence as well) outside Slough Town Hall on 26 March to counter a conference held there by the fascist New Britain Party. The picket attempted to blockade the entrance to the hall and prevent the poorly attended conference from taking place. The Police waded into the picket line, pushing people aside, kicking and punching some of those demonstrating. However, when they tried to make arrests on individuals, the cops were quickly encircled, fought off, and those who had been grabbed were freed.

The NBP followers tend to be posh, respectable, ultra right-wing tory types as opposed to the headbanging nazi's of the NF and BM(still around, but under various guises). Their propaganda is usually about relatively harmless causes, such as reforming the Church of England or reforming the closed shop- the kind of issues that the Freedom

Association is keen on pushing. Both the NBP and the FA provide the unacceptable face of toryism that the so-called 'wets' would not like to admit to, but they are often used by the Conservative Party to help push through changes in the law- especially anti-union legislation- or to challenge workers' resistance (eg the Grunwicks dispute). They are the kind of tory element that would support the sought of policies unsuited to the needs of the workers, such as the NF or the BNP, would propagate and because of their 'respectability' (they like to suck up to local dignitaries- at the Slough conference the town mayor acted as host) they tend to get away with a hell of a lot more. A point where big business and reactionary politics can combine without too much discomfort and without (Slough being one of the exceptions) drawing too much attention to their insidious activities.

Source: a Thames Valley anarchist, et al.

The Peace Protesters CND Prefers To Ignore

Two "counter-cruise cosmic carnival" protesters who knocked down several posts at Greenham Common were given 3 month custodial sentences. The group caused nearly £10,000 worth of damage to a perimeter fence while armed with clubs and sledge-hammers. They threatened and threw stones at police who tried to stop them. The carnival had no connection with the Greenham women's peace camp.

Source: READING @s



absence of criticism against the nationalist movement in the north of Ireland. Some members of the LoSG are opposed to continuing this Euro-line ('international nationalism') and wish to investigate further the possibility of taking up the neo-Strasserite approach (national 'liberation' from within, leading to a typical fascist state brought about through a combination of 'consensus' and intimidation) as exemplified by the National Front. One area where all the British fascist groups do unite is in their opposition to CND- who they see as a Soviet puppet- and over the last year or so attacks against anti-nuke groups have been on the increase (the most notable being the firebombing of the SCRAM (Scottish Campaign to Resist the Atomic Menace) HQ in Edinburgh. All in all, the anti-foreign aid, we-

can-do-it-alone stance that the nationalist organisations have taken has an almost anti-imperialist ring to it (the 'foreign aggressor' being anyone that is not of the 'nation' and its indigenous 'culture') and from their point of view places their struggle within the definable bounds of a national liberation package. To everyone's surprise, but ours, a future English National Liberation Movement may turn out to have right-wing roots and not, necessarily, develop automatically out of a 'left-wing' rebellion. (Were Trotskyists, Marxists ever left-wing?). NB We have no further information to that reported in the national press about the 14 year old boy who has been charged with sending a letter bomb to Margaret Thatcher (yet another one). The case is, of course, sub-judice.