

FEEDBACK

New Publications

Stop The City

Over the past few months an idea has been developing within the various peace ecologist/libertarian movements to occupy the 'City' of London, especially around the Stock Exchange as a protest against the war machine. Sept. 29th is the day when profits for the summer are being reckoned up. (A day of reckoning?). 60 people attended a planning meeting, from this a Manchester "Stop the City" has also been planned. London coordinating group meets every other Monday at 6 Endsleigh Street, WC1
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Vancouver 5

At a recent picnic in London to raise money for the Five, a collection from the 40plus gathered produced £5 for our comrades in Canada and £20 to 'save the seals'. Is this the state of anarchism in Britain today, we ask?

An Emergency Fund to provide additional support and propaganda material about the Five has been set up. We urgently appeal to all readers to send donations to: **VANCOUVER 5** Appeal, Box ABC, c/o 121 Railton Road, London SE24. Their trial is not far away and, if found guilty, could face life imprisonment. For the cynics who criticise symbolic protest, here are five people who stand accused of putting their cynicism into action.

SHOCK HORROR BUT IT'S THEM

BOMB MRS THATCHER...imagine how hard the Special Branch would come down on someone who said that...would an excuse about "a sense of humour" help with a judge? But it was OK for Kenny Everett to come up at the Young Conservatives with "Bomb Russia" - a rapturously received far more murderous idea - and "Kick away Michael Foot's stick"...imagine "Spice Denis Thatcher's drink with arsenic" coming under the attention of the Criminal Court...
And we wonder what the *Sun* and

CLASS STRUGGLE 2p Issue No.2 Anarcho-syndicalist Bulletin produced by Hull DAM (IWA). Two page duplicated sheet with articles on Aire Valley Strike, Trust House Forte & St. James Leeds. International news and Anarcho-syndicalism versus Trade Unionism.

Class Struggle is available from D.A.M. Box 20, 164-166 Corn Exchange Bldg Hanging Ditch, Manchester M4 3BN G.B.

The Loon Op Zand Exchange From the press of the Dutch speaking lands: the Netherlands and North Belgium. No. 1 May 1983 From: Bas Moreel, van Hornestraat 15, 5175CC Loon-op-Zand, The Netherlands. Short reviews in English of Dutch works. Irregular but interesting.

SPLASH No. 3 10p Plymouth Libertarian & Independent paper from c/o Box 23, 115 St. Pancras Ave. Manadon Vale, Plymouth PL2 3TL. Amnesty & Beyond, Local News & Views, a good read.

Pissed Off

In Vancouver a few months ago, a woman was acquitted on charges of mischief even after admitting she had urinated into a constables hat. She was about to be released without charges related to an investigation when she was told to shut up for asking to use the toilet: when she was refused permission, she used a constable's hat left in the room to relieve herself. Just proves nothing will stop the flow of the revolution.

Source: *Black Bairn* June c/o Box 3, 488 Great Western Road, Glasgow. Scotland.

the *Mail* would have made of Mr Foot's employing a speechwriter who was a former agent of the KGB, member of the CP, commissar in the International Brigade...Mrs Thatcher did, and now he's Sir Alfred Sherman.

Incidentally, north-east London teenagers put on a musical comedy "Flaming Liberty" during June. The *Hackney Gazette* says "The play is a farce about a girl who made a bomb to blow up Margaret Thatcher but accidentally leaves it at a friend's home just before it is due to go off." Sounds more like a tragedy.



COMISO, SICILY SHOTS FIRED AT PROTESTERS

At approximately 1.30 am on Sunday 17 July, two masked men, armed with sub-machine guns, broke into the coordinating centre against Cruise in Comiso, Sicily, and threatened the occupants. Twenty people, among them members of the anarchist group in Catania on the east of the island, were lined up against a wall and the guns levelled against them. A shot was fired in the direction of Alfredo Bonnano, editor of 'Anarchismo', and it was later found that a bullet had pierced his clothing. The two men then made it clear that unless they got out of Comiso, they would have to 'face the consequences'. The two, believed to be mafiosi, then left.

The next day Jean Weir, another member of the 'Anarchismo' group, contacted Black Flag and asked that we help to inform as many comrades as possible about the threat, to contact the press and to picket Italian premises. Two dailies and two independents covered the story in Britain (in Sicily the story got front page coverage in most of the papers). Other actions included a blockade of Brawdy airbase in South Wales and in London loads of leaflets were handed out alongside a picket outside Alitalia.

The pickets and blockade were timed to coincide with the commencement of the planned occupation of the airforce base at Comiso on the week-end of July 22-24.

On Saturday 23 July over 500 people had gathered near the base for the occupation after marching from the town. Some groups attempted to invade the base, others were content to do more symbolic protests. More people were expected to come down from the north

over the next few days: there was no great hurry. However, later in the evening the local police decided to take their revenge. About 200-300 protesters were still near the base when the cops decided to attack. Several hundred armed police descended on them without warning and proceeded to savagely beat up everyone in sight. They used flares and tear gas and they also fired live ammunition above the heads of those gathered. One witness reported how a partially disabled man was set upon and beaten senseless. The police were armed with wooden staves and wore special leather gloves with metal studs. People were thrown into ditches where the cops continued with their assaults. Many people were later hospitalised and as there was no ambulances available transportation was supplied by the local Sicilians. Later it was discovered that Simon Malone, who had come to Comiso with a band from Britain called 'Four Minute Warning' to support the occupation had been so badly beaten up it is feared he may be paralysed; on top of this he remains under arrest on various charges. He is currently in the Hospital Regina, Margarita, Comiso. His lawyer is Guy Christofano (tel. 010 3995 375304).

After the attack many of the police returned to the town to intimidate anyone on the streets. They openly threatened people with pistols and imposed an unofficial curfew. A group of cops also decided to raid the anti Cruise coordinating centre, but there was only one person there.

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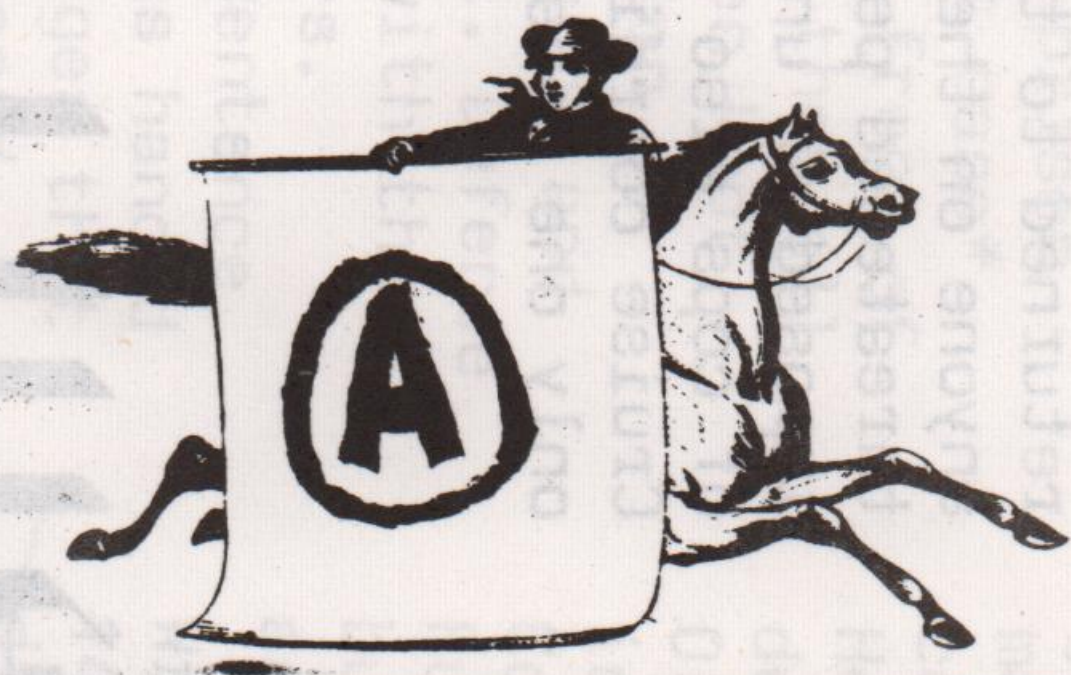
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COMISO

The next day the spirit of the protesters was undaunted: they regard the weekend not as a failure but more a beginning with lessons learned all round. It is hoped that more people will come to Comiso to give a hand. Time is running out: already some equipment has been installed in the base and the rest will be transported in by air. This will leave everyone no option but to sabotage the training exercise as the missiles are taken on manoeuvres. Already US troops have been issued with instructions on how to deal with the anti-militarists and have been given licence to use whatever methods necessary to neutralise intruders. Police in West Germany and Britain will be observing the tactics of their colleagues in Italy with interest.



Dear Black Flag/ABC,

Thanks a lot for the papers! They'll be very useful as I'm doing an article about @ in Britain for our mag "TOTAL". The @ situation in Sweden right now: The Syndicalist Union, SAC had its 22nd Congress a few weeks ago. Most @'s are members, though its not as revolutionary as it could be. Over the years thousands of members have been forced to quit because of pressure from the reformist/soc. dem. unions.

The Swedish @ federation is being rebuilt after collapsing a few years ago. There are of course lots of local groups across the country as well. As for books, SAC publishes and distributes most of them. SAC has also a weekly paper, "Arbetaren" (the Worker) and some bulletins etc. Other @ papers are F.S.T., Praxis, April, and Brand (which has been going since 1898!!) Then there are lots of @-fanzines and locals.

In Lindesberg there's the local SAC section and we're trying to get an @ group going. In the outskirts of our town there's a factory that produces arms and we're gonna DO SOMETHING about that! Well, that's Sweden...

By the way I hope you don't get evicted.

Anarchy & Rage
D.M.

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INDUSTRIAL

AIRE VALLEY: INTIMIDATION



AIRE VALLEY

The Industrial Tribunal of Liaquat Ali has been adjourned yet again until July 25th when the summing up speeches are expected and hopefully the verdict will be returned, allowing him to go back to work along with his 18 co-strikers who held out for 15 weeks to get him re-instated. The local support Group will be meeting on the 27th July to consider the result of the case & to co-ordinate any support actions eg. stopping supplies to Aire Valley Yarns.

FAIR WAGES

The employment secretary, Norman Tebbit, intends to abolish the Fair Wages Resolution on September 21. The FWR is designed to prevent employers from cutting wages in order that they can compete for government and local government contracts. In practice it has never worked and has only served as yet another legal obstacle for the unions to respect. Recently a test case was brought against Grandmet in the London borough of Wandsworth by NUPE and the GMB over the lower wages paid to refuse collectors. Grandmet lost the case, but Wandsworth council now have simply taken out the Fair Wages clause from their contract with Grandmet. Back to square one. In future the unions will no longer have the 'luxury' of such legal niceties. Instead unions and/or workers will have to resort to means outside the legal system. N.B. The whole question of privatisation, nationalised industries and redundancies will be covered in the next BF Quarterly. Readers who wish to contribute to this should send in their comments by mid-August.

TELECOM

The second strike against Mercury Private Telecommunications system being connected to Telecom has begun. Six telephone engineers in the Holborn area of London have walked out from these duties. The Post Office Employees Union has levied a £1 a week from its 125,000 members to build a fund to fight privatisation. Tory plans will mean a loss of 250,000 jobs in and around the industry so a Special Conference of the Union has been called for August.

On day 4 of the Aire Valley Yarns tribunal an interesting story of intimidation was reported. Mohammed Wolayat was produced as a surprise defence (on behalf of the bosses) witness. Wolayat was out on strike for 15 weeks in support of Ali, the 'workers ringleader' and was active on the picket line, at one point getting arrested for allegedly throwing a stone at one of the bosses car as it sped into the factory. Yet suddenly he is produced in court to testify on behalf of the management. The defence solicitor found, however, that things were not going to work out exactly as planned. Apparently the day before (day 3 of the tribunal) Wolayat had signed an affidavit stating that Ali had bullied himself and the other workers into forming a union branch, and that furthermore Ali and his friends had threatened to bump him off unless he testified on Ali's behalf. In court, however, a totally different story emerged. Wolayat claimed that the intimidation came from Bedford and Rawson (the bosses) in the presence of the defence solicitor, and that he was threatened with possible arrest and loss of job unless he signed a statement implicating Ali. He also claimed to have been offered a £500 bribe by Bedford if he cooperated.

SOURCE: DAM/LOP.

HINDLES..ON STRIKE

A meeting took place in 'neutral' York where the two sides in the Bradford strike were to meet. Union Officials excluding the Hindle's Convenor and shop steward met with management who want picketing to cease so Trade can 'pick up' and then some of the strikers might be rehired! Previously workers lifted the picket line as the bosses said there would be 'something on the table', there was 35 redundancies! The strike began over a wage increase, no figure was mentioned but the bosses refused to even discuss it. Lightning strikes failed to get negotiations going so an all-out strike involving 72 workers began on March 11th. Since then all the strikers have been sacked. There was an attempt to use the media and letters were written by the bosses Press Agent to the strikers wives asking them to get their husbands back to work. In response the women picket every Wednesday between 4.00 and 6pm. Recently a woman was hit by a car that was driven through the picket line. Donations to the strikers can be sent: HINDLE GEARS STRIKE FUND, AUEW OFFICES, 2 Claremont, Bradford 7 NB. Hindles Gears is on strike and is the only Union shop in the little Empire at the bottom of the Manchester Road. The non-unionised plants' non-unionised workers have been offered bigger pay rises than the Hindles Gears workers. A public demonstration in support of the strike is being organised. The AUEW promised that they would organise secondary blacking; when they didn't the workers themselves traced suppliers to the factory, made trips to suppliers in Manchester and Peterborough; they got workers to black goods intended for Hindles Gears which was a victory and shows it can be done.

SOURCE: LEEDS DAM/IWA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS=INTERNATIONAL

TURKEY

An invasion of Iraq now seems imminent, not only from its eastern front as it falls prey to the Iranian army, but also on its northern front where Turkey has installed over 40,000 troops waiting for the collapse of its war weary neighbour and for the spoil of war to be plundered.

Already some incursions into Iraqi territory have been made: on several occasions units of up to 1000 troops, backed up by helicopter gunships and artillery, have crossed the border 'looking for bandits'.

The USA is already involved. They are concerned that Iran will become all too powerful and therefore another power - to either back up the ailing Iraq or act as a buffer to further Iranian expansion - is needed to balance things out. The US also fear that Syria will gain as well if Iraq falls. For the US, therefore, Turkey - a strong NATO member - holds all the answers, or at least some of them. It's the old 19th century 'balance of power' strategy all over again.

Over the last few weeks other signs that Turkey intends to deploy its troops in the mid-east have been apparent in the form of increased US consultations.

In May the US chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Vessey, arrived in Ankara. He was shortly followed by Richard Perle (the US Assistant Secretary of Defense and a one time expert in Kurdish affairs), Henry Kissinger (have war will travel), Vice-Admiral Rowden (Commander of the Sixth Fleet), General Rodgers (Commander of NATO combined forces), and Joseph Luns (NATO's Secretary-General). More recently it has been announced in Washington that AWACS and F16's are soon to be put at Turkey's disposal to be based near its border with Syria.

For Turkey and the USA an intervention in the Iran/Iraq war has many strategic advantages. Firstly, for Turkey, the capture of some of Iraq's oilfields, with the USA as a customer. Secondly, an invasion would enable Turkey to kill two birds with one stone: namely, to sort out the Armenians (who are currently employed in an assassination campaign in Western Europe) and the Kurds once and for all. Thirdly, by fitting in with US strategy for the region as a whole, Turkey can then insist on more US and NATO aid as a reward and so as to function properly as a true satellite of the Western forces. A stronger Turkish military would also mean a stronger regime fight off 'communist subversion'. Finally, Turkey would also then be in a position

to try and fulfill one of its long term ambitions: the acquisition of Cyprus.

N.B. The two Armenians accused of plotting to kill a Turkish envoy in London have been found not guilty. However one, Zaren Bedros, was found guilty of possession of weapons and sentenced to 8 years. His co-defendant, Grish Gregorian, stated in court that 'Armed struggle may not be right, but it is the only option the world has left for us'. Bedros has been jailed in an unnamed prison as the authorities fear that his comrades will try to secure his release.

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Italy

THE LOCAL MEMBER FOR....

Padua - 4 anti-terrorist police were given suspended sentences of 12-14 months for torturing Cesare Di Leonardo (applying electric shock to his genitals) after the release of the kidnapped US Army General & NATO Official James Dozier. Di Leonardo is serving 27 years for the kidnapping along with 16 other Red Brigade members. A fifth cop, Salvatore Genova, was excluded from the Trial because he was elected to Parliament last month. Parliamentary approval is required for criminal prosecution of a legislator.

Meanwhile Professor Tony Negri the infamous Autonomist whom the Italian State tried to frame as the Head of the Red Brigades/Autonomia has got himself elected to Parliament as a Radical Party member, and under Italian Law he should be released from Prison to serve as an MP.

BRAZIL

For the first time in over 20 years a general strike took place in Brazil on July 22. It was acclaimed a partial success.

The strike was most successful in Sao Paulo where over a million workers stayed at home for the one day stoppage. The Ford, Volkswagen and Mercedes Benz plants were completely shut down. Buses carrying scab workers were stoned. In the centre of the city buses and underground transport came to a virtual halt. Some union leaders were arrested. The strike came only a week after the IMF forced the Brazilian government to implement even more harsh austerity measures in order to pay off the huge international debt to the banking community of \$90 billion.

The austerity measures include substantial wage cuts all round and a general increase in rents. Combined with an inflation rate of around 130% this means an estimated 30% cut in the real value of earnings. Over 10 million people - mostly young - are now jobless and over 49% of all families are earning below the poverty level (ie cannot afford to feed themselves).

Back in April the unemployed of Sao Paulo rioted causing over \$10m worth of damage. The labour unions stood by helpless and only stepped in at the last moment in order to cool things down. Brazil at the moment is like a tinder box - ready to explode.

Central America

The isolation of Nicaragua from outside supplies is almost complete as the US government continues its plan to provide backing to the military regimes of the far right.

In advance of the naval blockade that will include 8 US frigates and the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, the CIA, it is revealed, has plans to mine the entrances to the main Nicaraguan ports. The Naval Task Force is already on its way and will soon divide into two: one section to cut off supplies from Cuba, the other to blockade the west coast and prevent the Nicaraguans supplying their comrades in El Salvador.

Meanwhile 5000 US troops have been sent to Honduras and deployed to the Nicaraguan border to join 12,000 Honduran troops already poised for the invasion. It took anti-militarists and libertarians in the USA 10 years to get off their backsides to present a formidable protest against what the US government was doing in Vietnam. Will it take a similar amount of time for another such movement to grow to do something about US policy in Central America?

PERU

The maoist 'Shining Path' guerrilla organisation has, for the first time, conducted an armed attack aimed at involving loss of life. The target was the HQ of the ruling Popular Action Party of President Terry. 3 people were killed, 32 wounded. The attack was remarkable in that it was performed in broad daylight and only yards away from the Civil Guards HQ. The raid was led by a woman carrying a machine gun.

CHILE

Despite an increase in army and police patrols and near to state-of-emergency conditions, a third day of national protest took place, starting off with a bus being seized and blown up by insurgents. The protest was called in response to the massive arrest of strikers and union activists.

In the southern part of the capital rioting broke out and the army was called in to help the police. In the centre of the city refuse and old tyres were set alight in the streets to form barricades. For the first time since Pinochet came to power 10 years ago the army was deployed to provide back-up to the police to quell a riot.



Students in Santiago beat a drum to voice growing discontent

A curfew between 2am & 5.30am weekdays is in force following strikes and activities in the working class areas of Santiago and other cities. May 11, June 14 and July 12/13/14 have been days of arrests, shootings, alternating large presence of people, then police, on the streets and rolling strikes in several industries. As a protest against food prices and inflation saucepans were banged together in street rallies.

S.B. Takeover-bid!

The Anti-Terrorist Squad may soon be disbanded. Their success rate hasn't been too good lately and their Special Branch colleagues find they're doing more of their job anyway. The SB are therefore making a bid to oust the ATS and to take over their duties altogether. One of the reasons for this move is the cut-backs the SB is itself facing as a result of Commissioner Newman's rationalisation policy. There has always been a strong rivalry between the SB and the ATS, not least because the SB's brief is far wider and there is an obvious overlap in responsibilities. The ATS are used to dealing with the IRA, the Palestinian organisations (and even, sometimes, anarchists), whereas the SB have for a long time included industrial activists and the 'fringe' activists within their area of concern. Today some politicians see



even pacifists as terrorists of a sort, never mind the letter-bomb despatcher from within the animal liberation camp. The SB, unlike the ATS, are probably more realistic in their assessment of what is threatening and what is not and know how to deploy their more decentralised resources more economically, giving due attention to information-gathering, intelligence work, etc and not to spectacular arrests that lead nowhere.

FASCISTS

The National Action Party, based around the leadership of Eddie Morrison, is expanding to the north. They have also been spotted in the Reigate area. The NAP now use a BCM box 4161 as their address point and put out papers called 'National Action', 'Combat' and 'Signal' (quarterly). Kevin Randall is their 'national regulator'(!), Adrian Wiltshire is the editor of Combat and Morrison edits National Action. Morrison

also edits a paper called 'The Way Forward'.

The politics of the NAP are similar to those of the National Front: anti-IRA, pro-Palestinians, anti-NATO/CND, pro-independent deterrent, anti-communist and international capital/multinationals. Also, like Hitler, they support animal rights and abhor animal experimental concentration camps (preferring these more for humans?).

SOURCE: LD (ASDNN)

Trial BY Visitor?

28 prisoners charged with mutiny during the riot and roof-top protest at Albany will be dealt with behind closed prison gates....A public Court Trial in 1970 of Parkhurst Prisoners after a riot there led to 2 defendants being acquitted & the Home Office making ex-gratia payments to prisoners injured by prison officers....The Hull 1976 Riot case* defendants were dealt with in front of a Board of Visitors and since then all disciplinary hearings have been kept inside.: No legal representation or friends are allowed to be present and cross examination is difficult. Defence witnesses can only be called with the leave of the Board of Directors.

* The equivalent of a 3 year sentence (1,000 days lost remission) was handed out at the Hull Inquiry...Charges that carry 6 month+ sentences are heard before a Jury trial out here in minimum security!

Earlier this year, at Parkhurst prison, John Bowden and Jimmy McCraig held the Governor prisoner for a few days. On the 25th July they go to Court charged with "kidnapping" and "threatening to kill a prison officer". During the siege heavily armed para-military Police unit took over "C" wing and were backed up by a special group of screws in combat gear and head masks of leather. The Home Office taped conversations that took place in the Hostage room and with friends of the defendants when they telephoned the Home Office. John Bowden's girlfriend Sandra is currently being held in Solitary Confinement on the infamous Governor's Rule 43b from which there is no release but to insanity. John has been warned to accept a lifetime of Solitary Confinement.

Write to John c/o Prisoners Are People, 14 Warren Road, Leyton, E10 or to him direct at: 41173 Bowden, HM Winchester, Hants. and letters of protest against Rule 43b to the Governor (above address)

CANADA

On Monday June 13th the Toronto Police raided the home of the Bulldozer (a magazine written by and for for political prisoners with production and distribution done from Toronto) Collective as a result of the groups local support work for the Vancouver 5 (persons charged with bombing the Litton - Cruise Missile computer systems - Plant and several other unsolved bombings and robberies). In the midst of production for Issue 6 the Police raid set back the publication date. Seizure of the copy was specified in the Search Warrant. Typeset galleys were taken along with original articles, the mailing list was also seized. After legal threats xeroxes of the mailing list were returned and the typeset copy is also to be returned. The political offences listed on the warrant were:

1. Seditious Libel. 2. Sabotage of Litton. These charges remain over those raided and could be laid at any time or held off indefinitely.

The case against the Vancouver 5 is weak so the Toronto police probably want to help out/"solve the case" regardless of evidence. The police have been caught flat footed recently. They have drawn blanks in virtually all of the major cases over the past year or so. And, the British Columbia police actually produced most of the leads that exist on Litton. Seditious Libel is an advocacy of the use of force to overthrow government without proper authority; no documents of the Bulldozer group call for an armed uprising as such pointless rhetoric only reduces and trivialises their politics.

Bulldozer is a legal magazine, a forum for debate and discussion, communication for the "disappeared" people in North America.

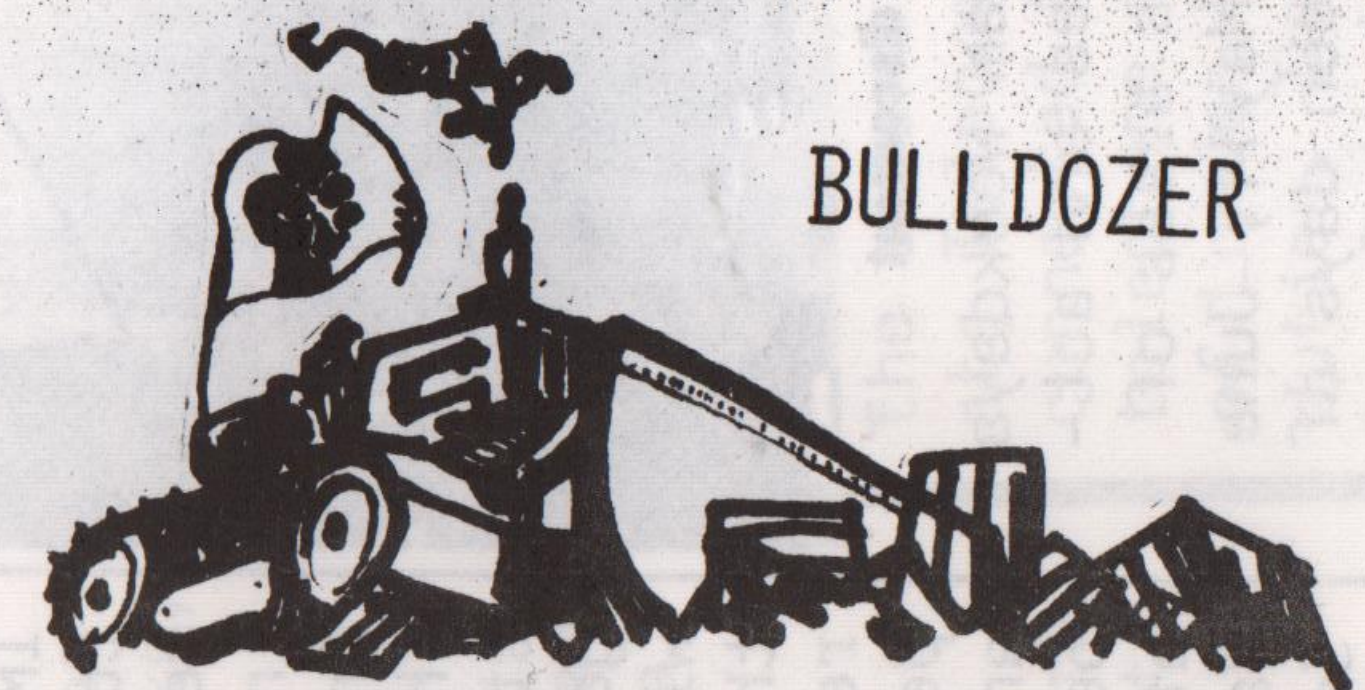
The surveillance on the group has led to four criminal charges (procuring an abortion, procuring instruments for an abortion and two theft charges) being laid by police on a woman who had no direct participation in the political activities of the group. The charge was laid as leverage to try and gain information on the political activities of the Bulldozer group.

Bulldozer 6 will be ready soon. It's articles include "Resistance and Repression" ironically enough. The group are asking for support, money received if not specified will be shared out between the costs of bringing out Bulldozer, the abortion charges trial, and fighting their own legal battle. Contributions to: BULLDOZER, POB 5052, STN A, TORONTO, ONT, CANADA M5W 1W4.

Source: Survival Netw

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NB. Reminiscent of the 'Persons Unknown' Conspiracy Trial when Police of the Anti-Terrorist Squad seeking to justify their large numbers and resources during a lull in Irish Nationalist guerrilla actions on Britain's mainland raided Anarchists and tried to 'fit up' six people with a wide range of Conspiracy and unsolved robbery charges.



BULLDOZER

"THE ONLY VEHICLE FOR PRISON REFORM"

Shane Green

Shane Green has asked us to publicise the fact that on April 29 three screws (one of whom was involved in the rape of Carl Harp) came into his cell and confiscated all of his belongings (including papers, personal files, letters, etc). He has already contacted the prison legal service about it, but expects little cooperation as they have already refused to provide him with assistance on previous occasions ever since the hostage taking incident in 1979. Letters protesting about the confiscation should be sent to: Larry Kinchelve, Superintendent Washington State Prison, PO Box 520, Walla Walla, Washington 9352 USA; or, Amos Reed, Director of Prisons, Department of Corrections, FN71, Olympia, Washington 98504, USA. The whereabouts of Shane is currently unknown (his application for out of state transfer was successful.