

FEEDBACK New Publications

LIVERPOOL ANARCHIST GROUP

Box LAG, 31 Gothic Street, Rock Ferry B-Head, Merseyside. Now collecting relevant material such as newspaper cuttings, for collating & storing as a resource.

AWARE MULTIMEDIA

c/o Autonomy Centre, 2nd Floor, 8-10 Great Ancoats Street.

From September DAYSCHOOLS are planned Libertarian Industrial Organisation/Alternative Education/Northern Ireland Squatting. Besides selling Tapes/records fanzines they have a meeting room and a practice room, do ASDNN information gathering and are organising the STOP THE CITY action during September 29th.

SHEFFIELD ANARCHISTS

The Council were granted an eviction order on the Nursery St premises, and as defence was difficult they are now: c/o THE ANARCHIST CENTRE, formerly CHURCH HOUSE, St. JAMES ST, SHEFFIELD 1 Visitors welcome, a squatting advice service to homeless has begun and the queues outside the Sheffield Council Housing Dept. was leafleted.

LEEDS ANARCHIST WOMEN

& Leeds Active Anarchists, Box V, c/o L.A.P., 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds 2

THE DAILY BATTLE No.1 Vol 1, Free, Single newsheet; anti-authoritarian. From: Anti-Authoritarian Studies, 612 Eshleman Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720.USA

THE LOON OP ZAND EXCHANGE No. 2 August 1983. Mostly academic, pacifist though interesting. Ask to be put on their mailing list. Bas Moreel, van Hornestraat 15. 5175 CC Loon-op-Zand, The Netherlands. Do not mention Loon-op-Zand.

BREAKOUT July 1983. Anti-prison duplicated pamphlet. No price marked. Send money to cover postage. Contact: Prisoners are People, 14 Warren Road, London E10.

WALES ANTI NUCLEAR

Hundreds of the London-Comiso leaflets along with a few of their mini-posters were distributed in the Swansea area through the Welsh Anarchist Federation. Unfortunately the turn-out was disappointing to comrades there. Contact was made with a women's peace camp in Brawdy, who were sympathetic to anarchist ideas.

SOURCE: *Black Dragon*, Box 5, Neges, 31 Alexandra Road, Swansea, WALES.

Italian Consul. Occupied



On 22nd July, 25 people occupied the Italian Consulate in Edinburgh, in solidarity with the occupation that day at the Comiso cruise missile site Magliocco airport. Protesters gained access to a large first floor room in the consulate, while others distributed leaflets outside.

After successfully occupying the building for over an hour, people left the Consulate together and went on to distribute leaflets in the centre of Edinburgh. Despite a sizeable police presence there were no arrests. The participants included people from Glasgow, Grampian, Kirkcaldy and Rcsyth Women's Peace Camp as well as Edinburgh. Source: SCRAM NVDA Group, 11 Forth St, Edinburgh.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH TRAINING SCHEMING

If averages are anything to go by at least 700 (a conservative estimate) young people will suffer serious injury and 17 more will probably die while working in unsafe conditions under the new Youth Youth Training Scheme. These predictions are based on figures relating to the last 12 months for young people working on Youth Opportunity Schemes (same difference). Under YOP the number of health and safety checks were negligible, but with the YTS they will be non-existent as the government has recently announced that such checks will be withdrawn from YTS stipulations. If 700 managers had suffered serious injury there would have been an outcry, but working class kids are considered expendable.

Also in future, jobless kids won't have much of a choice: another government announcement has made it clear that it will soon be mandatory for all kids without jobs to join YTS otherwise they will be docked up to 40% off their measly supplementary benefit (ie from £15.80 a week reduced to £9.48) for up to six weeks as a punishment.

Troublemakers and those with a sense of creative vandalism, can, of course, always join the armed services which also offer a YTS deal (£25 per week minus £10 for 'bread and lodging' - and look out for ways of sabotaging the countries military set-up. One way of keeping the pacifists off the streets.



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Sixteen year old Sean O'Brien from Coatbridge, Lancashire was killed while working on a Govt. training scheme for Rosehall Engineering, Palacecraig Street Coatbridge. The firm failed to provide Sean with safety information but did provide him with a paraffin contaminated overall which caught fire when he stood too close to a heater. At a Court hearing Sheriff Arthur McIlwraith deemed the failure to supply safety information 'irrelevant'. On the 27th three judges sent the case back for a second hearing after appeal. The fatal exploitation of young men and women demands resistance!

Source: A.B. Irvine, Ayrshire/LeedsDAM

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THE BLACK FLAG QUARTERLY COMES OUT AS A
MAGAZINE IN SEPTEMBER 1983.

In addition to containing the regular
BLACK FLAG features, the quarterly will
incorporate items from the Cienfuegos
Press Anarchist Review until Refrac is
in a position to start publishing the
Anarchist Review again.

This next issue will include Stuart
Christie on Armed Non-Nuclear Defence,
Albert Meltzer on The Death Wish of the
Labour Party, articles on Nationalism,
and of course the Anarcho-Quiz.

Price £1.00 (50p subscribers). A combined
sub. for the BLACK FLAG QUARTERLY and the
FORTNIGHTLY BLACK FLAG NEWS BULLETIN still
costs only £9.50 (with Miguel Garcia Story)

NEW ADDRESS DAM/IWA

Box DAM, c/o The Autonomy Centre,
8-10 Great Ancoats Street,
MANCHESTER 4.

Radio Libertaire Lives On

The great success made by the French
Anarchists in their gala to aid Radio
Libertaire, and the public response
to that event on 30th June and sub-
sequently, has convinced the French
Government that there is no alternative
but to let Radio Libertaire carry on,
in its lone voice against the political
charlatans.

*Radio Libertaire, the free radio of
the French Anarchist Federation,
transmits a Spanish programme on
Saturdays from 2pm to 6pm with the
collaboration of the Spanish union
CNT, and the rest of the week in
French. 89,5MHz-FM.*

Miners

Fifty-eight miners in Sallent staged a
sit-in strike in their mine on June
18th, as a protest against an agree-
ment signed on their behalf regarding
wages and conditions by the UGT and
Comisiones Obreras (socialist and
communist unions respectively) which
they had never agreed and on which they
had not been consulted.

The CNT, and non-unionised workers,
as well as some members of the UGT and
Comisiones Obreras, called the strike.
(Non-unionised workers in Spain are not
the same as in England: all can take part
in election of workers committees for
which the political unions stand in the
election as parties do for Parliament).

The action of the striking miners was
spontaneous, and spread through Sallent,
Balsareny and other Catalan collieries.
A comrade of the CNT rushed to Barcelona
where the Regional Committee was hold-
ing a cultural event at the trades hall
in via Layetana (some of which appeared
on television). Groups of comrades
immediately left to go to Sallent in
solidarity and to act as pickets,
where the sit-in miners were on hunger
strike.

INDUSTRIAL

HINDLES

John Hindle, Manager of Hindle Auto Group
Bradford whose gear section workers have
been on strike since February is trying
to sue the Amalgamated Union of Engineer-
ing Workers for £20,000 for 'lost prod-
uction: 20 strikers occupied the offices
of Hindle Gears in Caledonia Street in
June for 4 days. Hindle is also taking
legal action against secondary picketing
of an associated Company Power Unit
(Hindle) Ltd. just across the road from
Hindle Gears - "illegal under the 1980
Employment Act" - through the Legal firm
Gordons of Bradford.

A spoof on the Strikers Newsletter (from
the Minister of Disinformation?) by the
'Free Worker's Democratic Press (sic!)
on behalf of some of the strikers' came
out encouraging 'moderates' to leave the
'militants' and accept the bosses.
Meanwhile the AUEW President Terry Duffy
has been falsifying membership figures
to get an extra seat on the T.U.C. Gener-
al Council. How many members, how many
paid up is a hot potato at present.

The strikers are demonstrating on 10th
September at 10am, marching from Denby's
Dye Works (where workers were sacked a
few years ago for taking strike action)
to Hindle. For more information and to
send support: **HINDLES GEARS STRIKE FUND**
A.U.E.W. Offices, 2 Claremont, Bradford,
BD7 1BQ

St. JAMES

Laundry workers at St. James hospital
have staged sit-ins and walk-outs to
protest at Management plans to cut wages
by up to £25 a week. The workers plan
to ensure that while Management is hit
by the strike, patients don't suffer.
The 33 workers who originally struck
are women who earn £45 for a 32 hour
week, male workers take home £77 for a
46 hour week.

Meanwhile the bosses at Leeds General
Infirmary have used ITT to install a
complete Internal telephone system that
is linked to the outside British Telecom
network. A print-out facility means the
Bosses can monitor staff calls.

100 angry healthworkers from Bradford
& York forced Brian Askew Chairman of the
Yorkshire Regional Health Authority and
two of his officials to hear why they
did not want Thornton View & Shipley
hospitals for the elderly closed. By
taking a bus to the HQ and bursting in
on the Conference room they caught the
slippery bureaucrat unawares.

N.U.S.

NATIONAL UNION OF SEAMEN attempts to
block the dumping of nuclear waste
resulted in the charter for the US
Atlantic Fisher being withdrawn by
the nuclear waste disposal contract in
order that the ships owners can use
the ship for another job. The NUS have
consistently refused to crew the ship
and the 3,600 tons of radioactive
waste from Belgium and Switzerland
awaiting dumping will have to be stored
elsewhere.

CAR WARS

The Talbot and Peugeot factories in Paris
announced 7,000 redundancies. Immediately,
in Poissy, the four rival unions combined
to stage a 24 hour strike. Some 3,000 work-
ers, having tied up the plant, marched with
slogans "Peugeot assassins" and "Talbot will
live". Others staged a sit-in.

Peugeot is sticking out for its "right"
- as in Spain and Britain, where it has made
similar cuts - to turn off the work force at
will in the interests of profit. But such a
demand has at any rate momentarily brought
the four rival unions together.

There are some important lessons here:
France does not have a closed shop system
which is the main prop of British trade
unionism - and which Conservative theoret-
icians would, in principle, like to see
abolished (Conservative Industrialists
think otherwise). Unions are forced to be
more militant, in order to keep their members
No French union dare therefore lapse into
complacency or expel its members unneces-
sarily, or be less than active. The competi-
tive principle works here too! Though the
Communist Party seized the CGT, the first &
original anarcho-syndicalist-union, back in
1919 they have to perform to keep up with
the others who have to keep up with them.
Not only the Force Ouvriere - the socialist
union and CFTD - left socialists - but even
the CSL, set up by the company itself and
thought of as a company union.

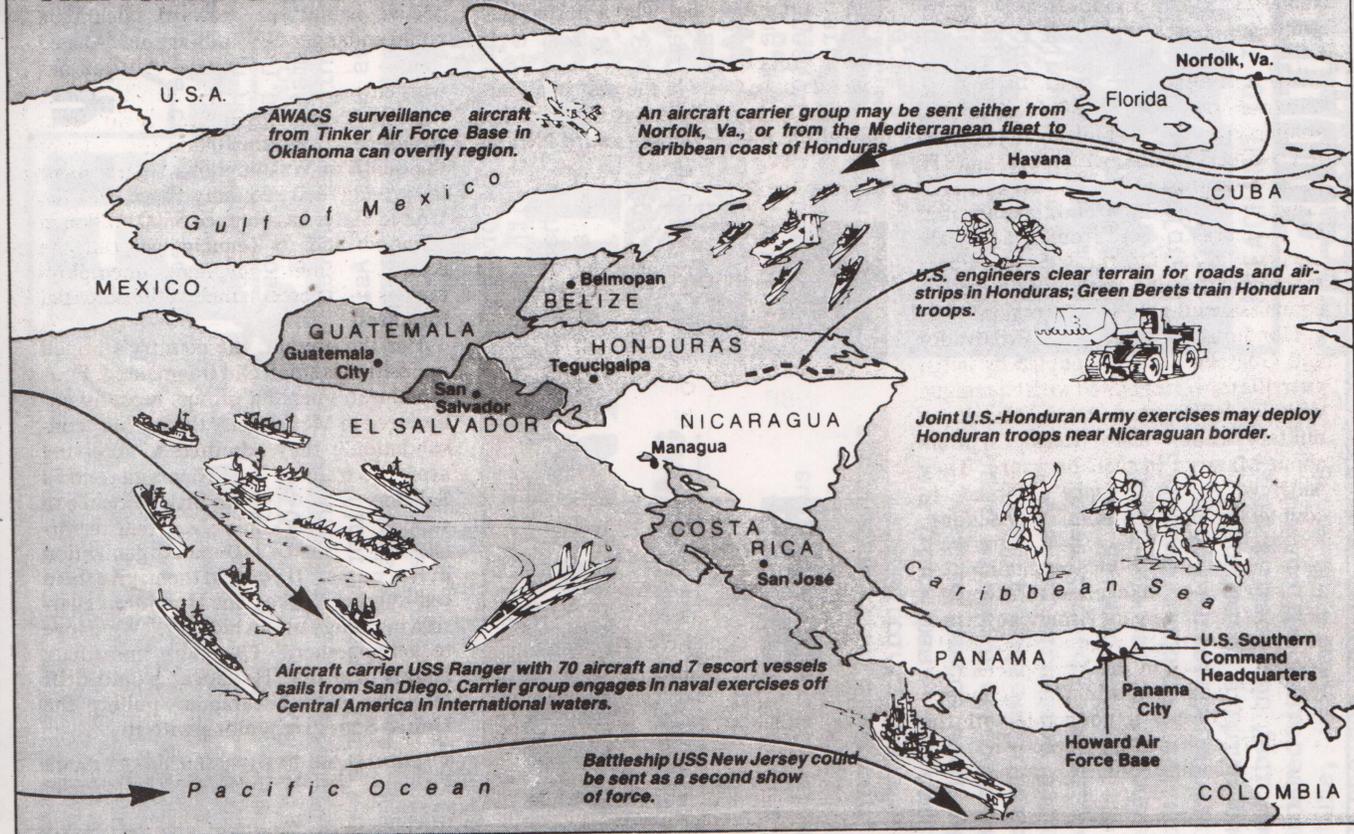
Incredible? Well, any grouping of people
with like interests is bound to end up as a
defence of those interests, even if it were
formed for purely social purposes (to para-
phrase a well known economic dictum). The
workers belonging to CSL are actually
taking more militant action than the rest!
(It must be borne in mind their union
wouldn't be able to find them a job outside
- the others would find it-- difficult enou-
to place their members in the present
economic climate).

Protests and 24 hour stoppages are not
enough; expropriation is the only answer.
The stay-in strike is a pointer to it. If
only the British car workers had gone as far
if only the French car workers would go
further.

Holiday Job Loss

90 textile workers (fabric dyers & fin-
ishers) came back from a 2-week holiday
to discover that their Nova (Jersey)
knit factory, in Caerphilly, South
Wales had vanished. Nearly all the
equipment was removed in a secret
management operation; it is believed
to Nottingham. Retaliatory action such
as occupations, picketing etc. seems
only possible at the company HQ in
London. The firm was set up as a direct
result of Govt. grants which has forced
an enquiry to see if any money can be
got back. Security men now patrol the
empty building. The National Union of
Hosiery and Knitwear Workers is also
quiet. The company's head office direct-
or, Mr Paul Burg, can be contacted at
Nova Knit Ltd Txtl Mfrs Marcol House
289 Regent St. W1 London 01-580 7231.

REAGAN'S BIG STICK: EXERCISES IN POWER



Turkey

Twenty-five hundred prisoners in Metris jail (Istanbul) are still on hunger strike - they are on their 5th week and are protesting against vicious conditions. These include the beating up of visitors and relatives, the destruction of defence documents, and day-to-day solitary confinement for the politics. Many of those imprisoned are inside because of their trade union activities or because they were members of a civil rights or peace group. One man has been given eight years for publishing a book containing reprints of old newspaper articles.

Sri Lanka

Now that the right wing tendency of Trotskyism is labelled a "left wing tendency" and the Tapeworm Tendency in the Labour Party is passed off as the "Militant Tendency", one can hardly expect any political commentators to point out that once this tendency succeeded not only in penetrating a political party, previously slightly social-democratic, and pushed it far to the extreme right, BUT HELPED TO FORM A REPRESSIVE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT!

That was in what was then known in the West as Ceylon and now as Sri Lanka. The trotskyists in the Ceylon Govt., incidentally, triggered off all the more successful trot parties in the world and its especial protege was the Tapeworm Tendency which has now succeeded in penetrating the Labour Party.

The result of fascism in Sri Lanka was to re-divide the country, formerly divided between planters and workers, along national lines, between Sinhalese, Tamils and others. The Trotskyists, in combatting (as they thought) fascist division, reformed the national lines into national liberation struggles. Now the Sinhalese workers are massacring the Tamil workers. But no doubt the trots (and eventually the pale imitations of them in the package deal left) have succeeded in re-labelling so that the Sinhalese "progressive masses" are only massacring the "Tamil upper class" just as they have the Christian-Moslem workers of Lebanon divided into "phalangist" and "left wing liberation fighters".

Not difficult, anywhere to resurrect national hatreds especially of the people next door. In England it is correctly labelled as racialism and fascism. Given a few Marxist phrases, how easily to stick a false label on the bottle.

their political stance clear. The trial commenced on July 11, but so far it has been impossible to form a jury as no one in the area wants to serve in case of reprisals. Over 1000 potential jurors have been dismissed. (Many corroborated their unsuitability with doctors notes). The defendants have also been able to dismiss jurors on the grounds that they are either white or middle class or both.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Either the USS New Jersey (based in Norfolk, Virginia) or the USS Coral Sea (now in Naples) will take the role of task force leader for the Caribbean contingent of the Naval force sent to blockade the Nicaragua. *The New Jersey is armed with cruise missiles.* Meanwhile in El Salvador, government troops are still taking part in 'Operation Goodwill' whereby they hope, by a process of destruction followed by construction, to 'win the hearts and minds' of the locals. The question is the brainchild of the US advisors but doesn't stand any chance of achieving their objective: enthusiasm within the Salvadorean army is low (they're tired of fighting) and the guerrillas are now seen as the main protagonists of peace. Although it is reported that there is a lull in the fighting while talks with the US

are sought, the guerrillas are in a weak position. Recently it was announced that they captured two important communications bases and destroyed the equipment that controls microwave, satellite, radio, TV and telephone links for the eastern part of the country. Salvadorean government troops 'successes' have, on the other hand - according to one source, included the murder of over 1050 civilians during the first 6 months of this year. Unofficial sources (the Catholic Church) say the real figure is more like 2527.

In Honduras 300 US engineers and advisors are helping the 12,000 Honduran troops, now stationed near the Nicaraguan border to prepare for hostilities. A new training centre has also been opened up at Puerto Castilla. The US are now bypassing the Honduran government altogether in their dealings and are collaborating with the army generals direct.

eventually captured were taken in as a result of raids and stake outs. The security of the trial has been deliberately over the top: defendants were taken to the local jail escorted by dozens of cop cars, helicopters. The jail itself is constantly under guard by armed deputies inside and outside the building; and the courthouse has been re-designed as a mini-fort Knox. Such theatrical precautions have served to impress the guilt of the defendants upon the local community (and jury) before the trial has even begun. The town of Goshen has seen nothing like it and most of the locals have been made to feel that they can expect any day a 'terrorist attack' to liberate the three.

Despite the heavy-handedness of the authorities the three defendants have not been afraid to speak out and protest in court and make

Weather Underground Trial

Three members of the Weather Underground Organisation and the Black Liberation Army are currently on trial at Goshen, New York State, charged with 3 counts of murder, robbery and assault. They are Judith Clark, David Gilbert and Donald Weens. They, together with several others, were picked up after the hold up of a Brinks security truck in October 1981. The hold-up took place in nearby Nyack - one guard was shot and they left with \$1.6m. Cops were told to look out for a U-Haul truck and a Honda. The U-Haul was stopped at a roadblock and whilst the two whites in the front were being questioned, several black men got out from the back and blasted two of the cops dead. All of them, except one of the whites, (a woman) managed to get away. Later the Honda that was being sought crashed and Gilbert (wanted in Colorado for arson and assault on a cop) was taken in. Most of those

DEWSBURY 3

On the 24th of July a car smashed into the rear of a parked car in Dewsbury near the Scarborough Hotel. The four white occupants then attacked those people in the car smashed into, 4 Asian youths. Later that night ten whites armed with pool cues attacked 5 Asian youths, one was admitted to a specialist hospital with a fractured skull.

The next day Police raided an Asian home, smashed a door in and arrested 3 brothers, they are charged with damaging police property, actual body harm, causing an affray and have to observe a 9pm to 7am curfew.

The following Saturday, 700 Asians marched against racist attacks in Dewsbury. 200 white racists led by NF and BNP organisers from Leeds and Manchester twice attacked the march. 7 racists and 2 Asians were arrested. The march was demanding the charges against the three youths be dropped and the Scarborough Hotel be closed as it is a breeding ground for racists and racist attacks: "Burn it down!" was chanted as the march passed by.

8 youths in London facing conspiracy charges for defending their community from racists known as the Newham 8 are awaiting trial and speakers at a rally after the march pointed out the recent history of Southall, the Bradford 12 and that "Self defence is no offence".

DEPORTATIONS

MOHAMMED KHAN has appealed against his Deportation but the Appeal Committee has been adjourned for an unspecified period.

JOSEY THOMAS has lived in Huddersfield for the most part of 20 years. Despite this, the Home Office has been trying hard to deport her ever since. She returned from Grenada, after visiting her ill father there! As she had been away from this country for more than 2 years the British Authorities would only allow her a visitor's visa therefore denying her the right to re-settle here.

To help Josey please write to David Waddington, the Home Office quoting the reg. no. T 135557 The Josephine Thomas Support Committee address is: 54, Deighton Road, Huddersfield HD2 2VF Tel:Hudd:26092

NEW CROSS VICTIM DIES

Anthony Berbeck, aged 21 survived the fire in Deptford 2½ years ago in which 13 young black people died. Nobody has ever been caught for starting the fire. Anthony escaped by leaping from a first floor window. Three weeks later he was admitted to Bexley Hospital and returned there three more times before his death. The Massacre Action Committee has always held that the fire was the result of a racist attack. A large demonstration in protest at the fire deaths and racial violence marched into London. An inquest jury returned an open verdict in May '81 and last July the High Court upheld the finding. The Massacre Committee plans to hold its own inquiry as the police have failed to get anywhere.

RAPE

Recently in Blackburn, a rapist managed to escape after the man - a black man - who came to the victims rescue was in turn attacked by a gang of fifteen white youths. Absalam Nadi was driving in his taxi when he witnessed the woman being assaulted. He immediately got out of his cab and went to her aid. In the process of cornering the rapist, he was suddenly attacked by a passing gang of racists who were incensed at the idea of a white guy being set upon by a black. Mr Nadi was badly beaten up and the rapist managed to get away.

Mr Cheema came to the UK as a visitor but towards the end of his stay he married a woman who was born here, so entitling him to stay.

Despite this fact the Home Office refused his application to stay but were overruled by an adjudicator who found the marriage to be genuine.

However since his wife left him the Home Office is trying once again to deport Mr. Cheema, this time on the grounds that it would be 'conducive to the public good'.

The decision to make a deportation on 'conducive' grounds illustrates the length the Home Office will go in order to deport black people.

For more information contact: Cheema Must Stay Campaign, 54 High Street, Southall, Middlesex.

policing



SOUTHALL RIGHTS

On 10th July Raj Thakur, an Asian youth from Southall, was badly beaten up and stabbed by a gang of skinhead racists when he went to the aid of a friend who was being attacked by the same gang. As Raj lay in a pool of blood it took three 999 calls and 35 minutes before the cops arrived (for a journey that usually takes 3 minutes) and even though an ambulance-man had been requested, nothing arrived.

As Raj was being put into a police van (to be taken, later, to Ealing Hospital). One of his friends pointed out those responsible for the attack (only 3 yards away) to the police, and was told to "shut up" and threatened with arrest if he didn't comply...If this was not bad enough, none of the information collected by police in statements on the night of the attack was followed up, and it took 10 days for police to take any further statements.

The racial attack on Raj Thakur and the police handling of his case epitomises the attitude of the police to the harassed black community.

For further information contact: Southall Rights, 54 High Street, Southall, Middlesex Tel: (01)571 4920 or (01) 843 0094.

FIREBOMB ATTACK

The home of the father and brother of Femi Adalya, of the Black Peoples Action Centre in Croydon, has been firebombed. The fire was started outside a window and quickly spread inside. Femi has been one of the leading activists in the centre, campaigning against local heavy-handed policing and against the National Front who have their headquarters nearby. The BPAC, which was also firebombed earlier in the year, are still publishing their paper *The Sniper* which specialises in monitoring the activities of the local police and digging up dirt on them. Femi and the BPAC collective have in the past worked with the Brixton anarchists on an anarchist-counter information radio programme within the "Our Radio" open access set-up.

I.R.U. a-go-go!

It took about four IRUs (Instant Response Units), 20 officers and a helicopter to serve a warrant of arrest on a man, who had jumped bail. The raid took place at the black peoples club - the Mangrove - in Notting Hill. There was virtually no resistance and the incident was seen as completely unnecessary: the man in question was known to the local police and could have been nicked at any time. IRUs were also used recently to police a demonstration outside Tottenham magistrates court. The protestors were picketing the court hearing of comrades arrested during the anti-fascist march when the National Front held a by-election meeting in Slough, clashes between black and white youths outside a disco were broken up by cops in riot gear, carrying protective shields. The youths retaliated and bottles and bricks were lobbed at the riot cops.

Source: SEARCHLIGHT

DENNIS KELLY

The two hundred plus supporters of the Free Dennis Kelly Campaign, their direct action tactics outside Watton Gaol to protest at his removal to Wakefield, and the sabotaging of the British Open Golf series at Royal Birkdale to draw attention to the case, would put the left to shame. The Socialist Workers Party disowned Eddie Horner and his mates (party activists) because of their violence when they decided to take revenge on their ex-boss, after they were sacked, by expropriating some of the firms funds. Horner was done for murder (a cop was killed during the get-away) and now temporarily in Liverpool Gaol awaiting transfer to somewhere more permanent. He is Category A and has been given 20 years.

It is interesting to note that all through the Trial the local paper described him as an "extreme left winger" but after sentence was passed as a "self-styled anarchist".

This is a new variant on an old trick! Local journalists should take note, that way they'll make Fleet Street yet.