

ANARCHIST WOMEN GATHER

There has been lots of discussion about anarchism and feminism, and after the last Black Flag readers meeting it was felt that a discussion weekend would be a good idea. Therefore the first weekend in September, 3rd & 4th, will see the debate taking place in Doncaster. Saturday will be for women to discuss the issue without the men, although they are quite free to hold their own, and Sunday will be a mixed discussion. Although we are not necessarily separatists most of the women who put forward the idea felt separate initial meetings were important. For further info. contact: A-Feminist Group, Box V, LAP, 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds. Or telephone: 0302 859015 (Jacqui).

CP LOGO

The hammer&sickle is out-of-date now, say the British CP, what with few British peasants to mobilise and not all that many workers, so they are running a £10 token as the prize for the best design for the official emblem. Send those abusive letters/symbols to C.P. HQ at 16 St John Street, London EC1.

ABC/BF,

I have just read the 12/8/83 BFNB and I have to say that your emphasis disturbed me - your emphasis on covering news of racist attacks. I was particularly disturbed by your coverage of the Black man who was badly beaten up when he came to the aid of a woman who was being raped - that was the point of the story wasn't it? No mention of the woman's injuries - I'll bet it wouldn't have been reported in your news Bulletin had the Black man not been involved. You take the trouble to find out about racist attacks; you could do the same concerning attacks on women.

L. Smith

We found your letter interesting and acknowledge some of your criticisms although we are very dependent on what news comes in from our readers/contacts. Anarchist women in B.Flag have always tried to give more coverage to women fighting back against the State/porn industry etc. We are very critical of some feminists views on censorship & State interference etc - longer prison sentences for rapists, and so forth. We would like to keep this discussion open.

ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON

ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON: supports and provides solidarity to prisoners. Its regular newsletter is published by prisoners with the help of friends outside. The first issues were put together by the ABD collective inside Walla Walla State Penitentiary. Other issues have been put together by groups in Seattle, Montreal, Wisconsin, Toronto (Ann Hanson of the Vancouver 5 helped with issue 6) and San Francisco. Copies of the newsletter are sent free to prisoners and outsiders were relied upon to foot the bill. For more information about the Anarchist Black Dragon please contact: John Bosch, 253269, Box 520, Walla Walla, WA 99362 USA.

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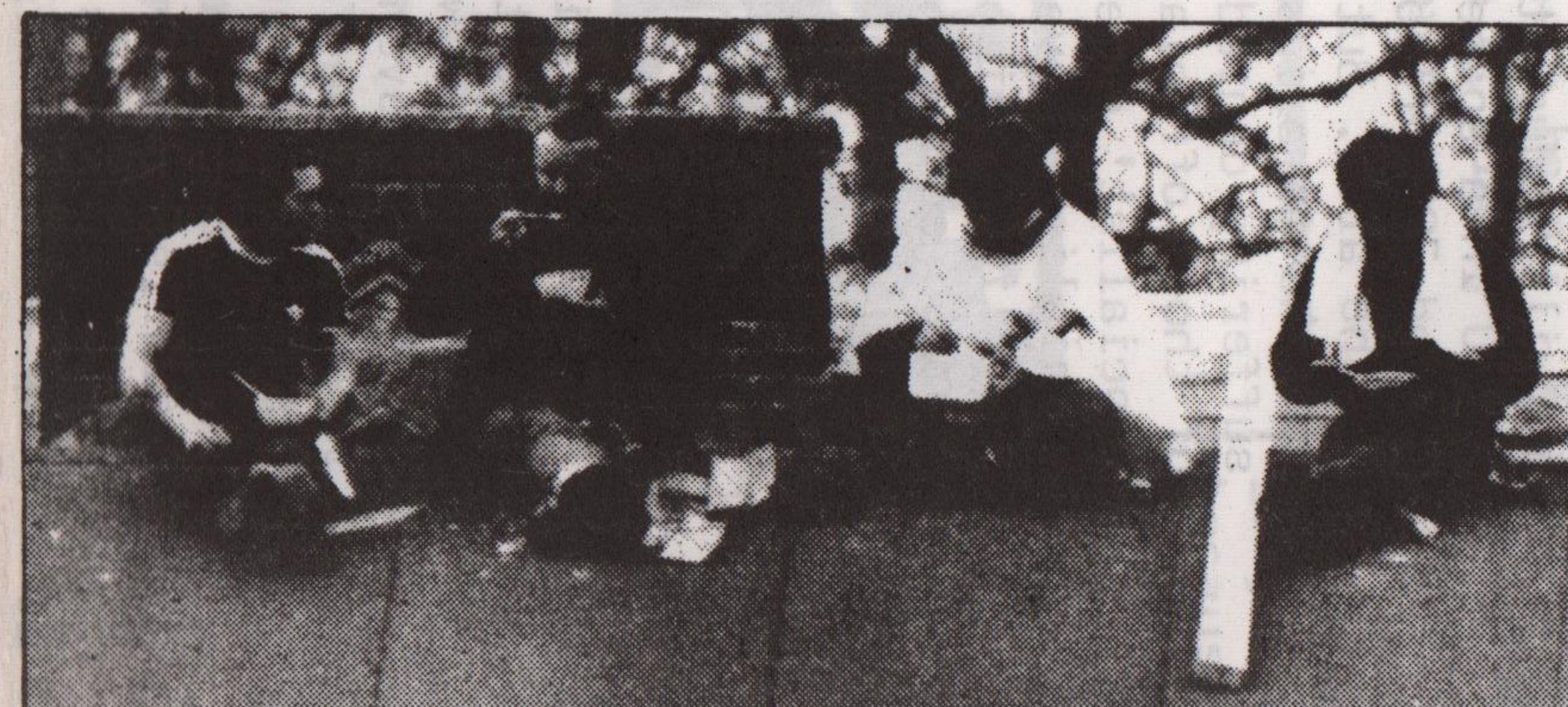
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S.M.O.T.

Contact has been established with the banned USSR trade union SMOT. Donations can be sent via Odive Reynard, 22 rue St. Paul, 75004 Paris. France.

VOLYA No 7 10 pages 10p. The Information Bulletin on Eastern Europe & the USSR was formerly the Campaign for Solidarity with the Soviet Working Class. Polish/Afghan solidarity/Scargill vs Soviet dissident miners, News from the communist dictatorships and reviews. Volya plan to bring a pamphlet out on @ in Bulgaria this autumn. In the future Volya intends to reproduce 'Makhno & the Jews' (a samizdat of recent origin), and 'Hungary 1956'. Subs: £2 UK, £3 overseas, £5 supporting to T. Liddle, 83 Gregory Crescent, Eltham, London SE9 5RZ.

ALBANY



PRISONERS

Ten days after the riot at Albany jail fighting broke out after a demonstration in D Wing Wormwood Scrubs in protest at the treatment of the Albany prisoners. This has been documented in the Media; no press space, however, was given to the rooftop protest at Camp Hill jail on the Isle of Wight or to the riot at Highpoint jail in Suffolk. The latter took place on June 6 as a result of 50 prisoners being transferred from Blundeston (Norfolk) only to find that at Highpoint the facilities were minimal and they would have to share four to a cell.

Paul Hill is one of those accused of taking part in the riot at Albany. He is one of three convicted of the Guildford and Woolwich pub bombings. The four have always claimed innocence and responsibility was in fact later claimed by Brendan Dowd and the Balcombe Street ASU. Paul, with several others in C Wing had not taken part in the main protest, which was in another

wing, but were nevertheless set upon by the MUFTI. He was later transferred to an isolation unit in Parkhurst and then on to Strangeways and finally to the Scrubs. He is now believed to have been ghosted back to Strangeways.

Meanwhile 12 of the 28 accused of rioting in Albany have already been convicted of mutiny and sentenced to solitary confinement, loss of earnings and privileges and substantial loss of remission. An appeal against the convictions is being lodged on the grounds that the hearings were against natural justice. Further hearings have been suspended pending a ruling by the European Court and the High Court.

It has also been reported that 8 prisoners in the Scrubs have been sentenced to a total of 693 days solitary for their alleged part in the 'disturbance'. The hearings against the 8 have been conducted in total secrecy, with the prisoners given no legal representation. The prisoners also had no automatic right to call or cross-examine witnesses and no right to appeal. Four of the prisoners have indicated that they intend to take civil action against certain of the screws for unprovoked assault (they were beaten with chair and table legs and staves during and after the protest). But this action has been delayed as prison rules demand that all legal actions be taken simultaneously through the internal grievance procedures (i.e., you have to pass on all details of the case to the governor first). The catch is, if your complaint is not upheld, then you can be accused and charged, under prison regulations of making

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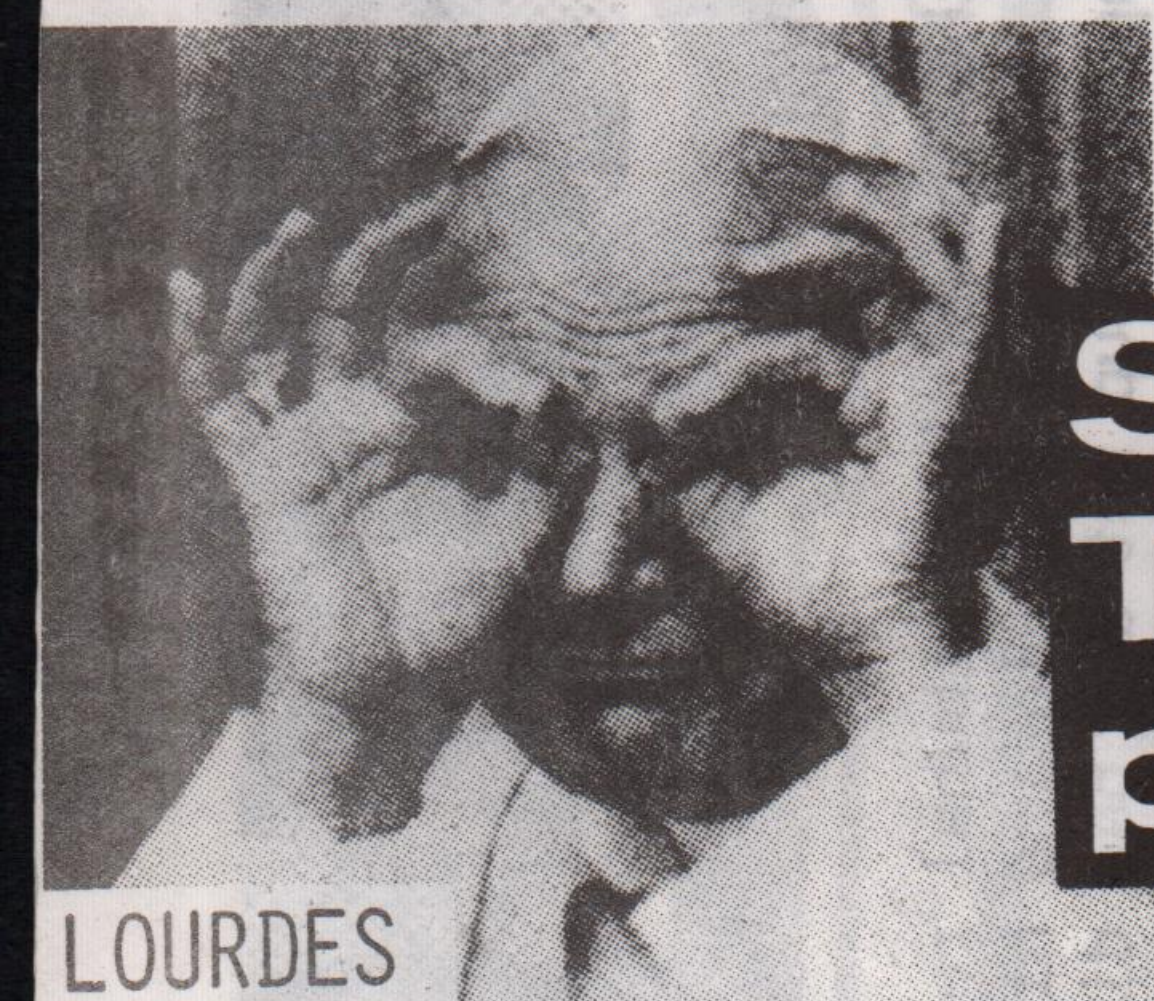
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FORTNIGHTLY

INTERNATIONAL NEWS - INTERNATIONAL

FRANCE

In Moissac, South-West France, £1.6 Mil. damage was caused to 2 companies involved in constructing a nuclear plant nearby. There were no injuries following the explosions. Police raids in the area have pulled in 3 'anarchists' as leads in tracking down the 'anti-nuclear group' responsible. We hope to have more details on this situation, any readers able to help with French should get in touch or simply send in relevant translations or news-clippings.



**STOP
THE
priests**

LOURDES

Three anarchists were arrested and 20 questioned following the fire-bombing of an office of a Catholic newspaper and the bombing of a religious statue just before the pope visited the Lourdes area of southern France.

SOURCE: L. Bunuel

ERITREA

While US backed government troops wage war against the people of El Salvador, Russian backed government troops have been fighting a war of attrition against peasants in Ethiopia and in the area known as the 'horn of Africa'. The Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front is the most organised of the several groupings committed to fighting off the attacks by Ethiopian troops. Remarkably the conflict has been going on now for over 21 years. It has continued so long because of financial and military backing from first the West to Haile Selassie (the spiritual guru of the rastafarians) and then from the Soviets to the new marxist-Leninist regime. The Ethiopian government wants to secure control over the 600 mile strip of coastline in Eritrea that will give it access to the strategically important Red Sea. Both the West and now Russia could improve their military forces in the region if they gained access to a port facility. The Eritreans maintain that most of their weaponry is either straightforward captured or simply recycled. But to a certain extent, they too, as with the Tigreans, are being

used as pawns by the West against the marxists. Their position is such that if they capitulate then they would have lost their independence to the one-party state of Ethiopia; alternatively, with the war at a virtual stalemate they face a programme of slow but prolonged genocide. On top of all this there is widespread famine across the whole of Eritrea and Tigrea.

Lt. Col. Mengista, who heads the regime in Addis Ababa, has recently deployed over 200,000 troops to Eritrea. Soviet cluster bombs and napalm have been used against the Eritrean nomads. It was only a few years back, when Selassie was in power, that similar weapons were used against them - that time supplied by the US. Over the past 10 years or so over 10,000 nomads have been wiped out and another 250,000 have been forced to resettle as a result of their villages being destroyed. At the moment the Ethiopian military have control over the skies and the Eritreans are forced to live most of their time underground in huge caves. In the caves vehicles and weapons are constructed, hospitals have been set up and everyone, from the young to the very old, helps out with all the daily chores. Its a question of survival and cooperation and sheer determination.

Turkey

More news on the prisoners hunger strike.

Six other prisons and over 2,500 prisoners are now involved. At least 2 strikers have died and over 40 are close to death. Those taking part are mostly 'politicals', including trade union activists. The strike itself was precipitated by the transferral of over 100 'politicals' to specially constructed isolation cells where there is no electricity, no daylight, and appalling sanitary conditions. Each prisoner - many of whom are inside on relatively minor charges - is labelled by the authorities as a 'terrorist'; nearly all of these are on remand.

News of the strike inside Turkey is sparse: strict censorship is being observed and the junta look upon it more as a rather efficient means of 'voluntary euthanasia' brought about by its opponents. The junta itself is strongly backed by the US: left opposition (even moderate opposition) cannot be tolerated to germinate in a country so valued by NATO for its strategic importance.

Recently reports of force-feeding have been filtering through. Also the trial of over 750 citizens of the town of Fatsa: they are accused of political crimes and 268 death penalties have been requested.

PROTESTS TO:

Turkish Embassy: 43 Belgrave Sq. London SW1 (01) 235 5252

U.S.A.

There were 10,000 people lined up at the Anaconda American Brass plant in Buffalo, New York early in April, applying for 46 job openings. Hundreds camped outside the employment office overnight, warming themselves by bonfires. Buffalo's unemployment rate exceeds 14%.

New York will soon become the home port of a cruise missile Carrier, the Iowa, and its fleet. NY politicians - all leading proponents of the Freeze campaign - have out bid other politicians in other ports in winning the fleet and the guaranteed 3000 new jobs that it will bring. The Iowa fleet will function as an integral element in the 'graduated response' strategy, given the initiation of a nuclear war. It can also take on the function of a task force, displaying the ultimate in tactical imperialist policing. The Iowa will carry over 100 cruise and the accompanying ships will also be armed with short-range missiles. New York is now a sitting target.

Inmates of the Federal prison in Danbury, Connecticut are making electronic assemblies for gilded-missile launches. Via the Federal Prison Industries Incorporated, the prison received \$20.3million in contracts in 1982 from the Army, Navy Air Force and Defense Logistics Agency. Federal Prison Industries operates 75 plants in almost all of the 43 Federal prisons, and 1981's total gross sales (to Federal agencies only) came to \$128 million. Prisoners get paid from 42c. to \$1.05 an hour.



IN BRIEF

WALES

At the Bulgaria vs Wales football match in Wrexham, Anarchists gave out leaflets protesting the imprisonment of their comrades in Bulgaria: Christo Kolev (who is interned in his home village), Vasil Uzonov (26 years inside) & Georgi Casabov (20 years in prison).

Source: VOLYA *

CUBA

Four lawyers have been arrested for defending workers accused of setting-up a 'free trade union'. 33 people have been given sentences for "carrying out acts of sabotage and preparing assassination attempts against the country's leaders". This follows repressive measures taken against striking sugar workers.

Source: VOLYA

Whether these people are genuine workers or CIA backed 'contras' remains to be seen, any readers with further information please let us know.

PHILLIPINES

Public Transport drivers in Southern Phillipines ended a strike after one-day, as the Govt. used Army lorries & refuse trucks to break the stoppage, a protest at rising prices.

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MORE ON THE SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY.
Additional articles will include:
Anarchism in Greece, History of
anarchism in Chile, Workers Defence
Groups, 'Bulldozer' statement, news from
the Berlin streets, a Warsaw commun-
ique (the libertarian underground),
and LOTS MORE.

ALBANY PRISONERS CONTINUED

'false and malicious accusations
against an officer'. (A bit like
making a complaint against the
police and then finding out, when
the DPP decides there is no grounds
for a convictable case, that you
yourself are being charged for wast-
ing police time.) Details of the
sentences have come through on
7 of the 8 convicted; they are as
follows:

Tom Tangney, 112 days loss of earn-
ings and remission; Larry Delaney,
168 days solitary; Alan Hirst 56
days solitary; Neil Wallace, 42
days; John Mogridge, 84 days; Wayne
Smith, Chris Clarke (and one other),
77 days each.

The total punishment the prison
authorities can give in charges
of the sort is 56 days solitary maxi-
mum. But they have got around
this ruling by running the sentences
consecutively.

One prisoner who was involved in the
Albany riot has specified that there
were no ring-leaders (IRA or otherwise)
as speculated in the press and as
alleged by the representatives of the
Prison Officers Association. On the 19
May, 4 prisoners, at around 7 am, armed
with clubs for self-defence, took over
and demolished four workshops, one of
which just happened to be the mail bag
shop. The MUFTI moved in the next day
and at that point other prisoners
came to the aid of the four. The prison-
er in question, in his version of
what happened, stated that 'to say and
blame the IRA yet again for something
they did not do, or start, as there were
no IRA POW's on the workshop roof (with
us)...'. Perhaps the press had got their
story from the Revolutionary Comm-
unist Group, who at the time also claim-
ed that the action had been led (rather
than participated) by IRA prisoners.
Parity with prisoner improvements in
the north of Ireland was a demand of
the Albany prisoners, that is certain.
But the RCG have to learn that, like
black people during the Brixton riots,
prisoners do not need any vanguard.
The prisoner in question has made it
clear that the IRA prisoners played a
valuable part in the defensive action
and in the protests. There will no doubt
be other versions of what happened
on the day; we will be interested to
hear the details, if available.

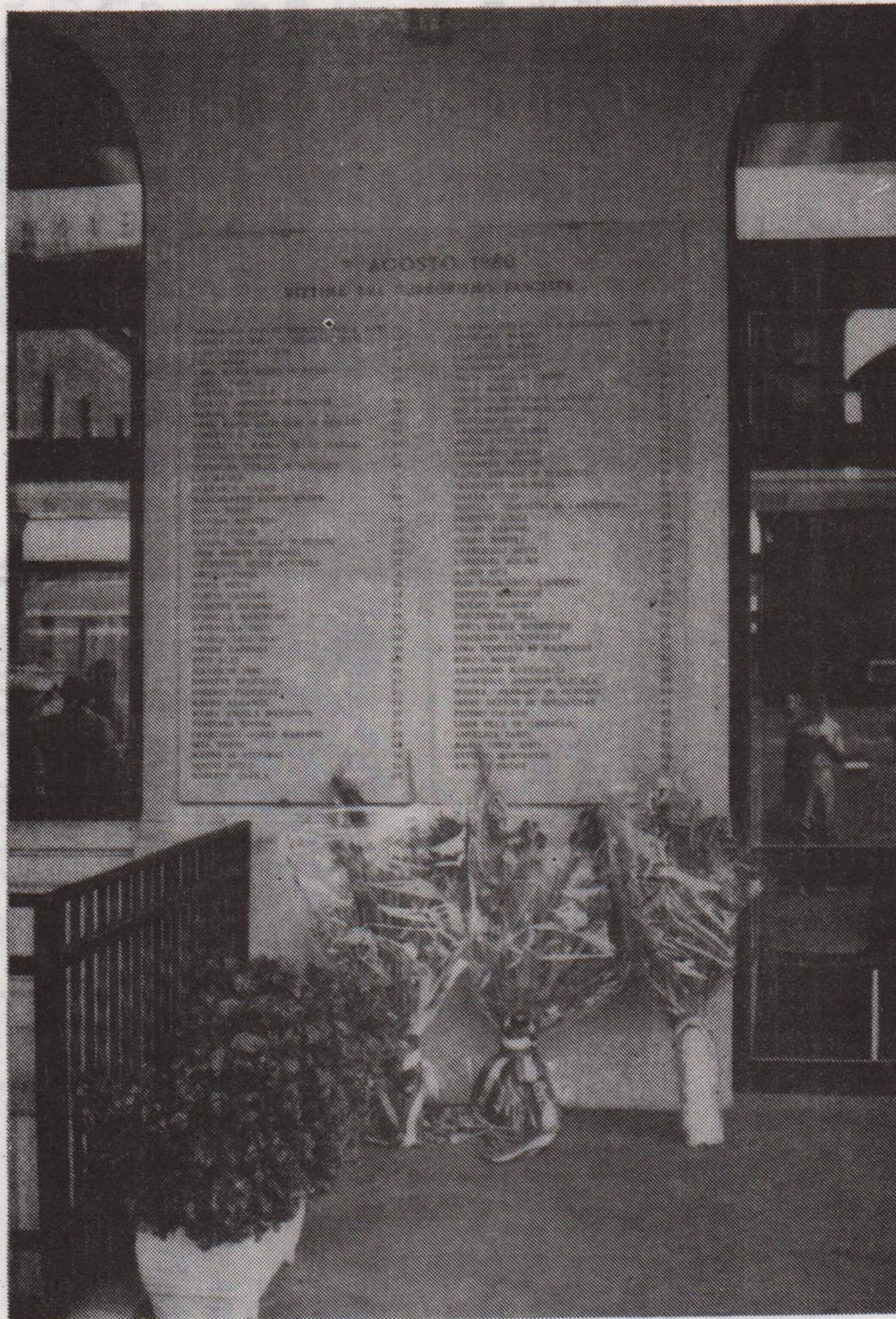
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

W.Germany

West German "violent protest" Law plan-
ned to stop street and other forms of
direct action. If you do not leave a
rally when you are ordered by police
and the rally turns violent you will
have to prove you tried to prevent
violence. Sentences up to 12 months are
proposed. Us Vice Prez George Bush was
stoned in Krefeld recently and right
wing Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmer-
man has pushed for stronger State powers.
This Autumn mass demonstrations are ex-
pected against new US nuclear weapons.
Zimmerman also wants penalties for con-
cealing identity (scarves or ski-masks)
and "passive armament" (wearing a crash
helmet to a rally). Protesters in Baden
Wuerttemberg received a bill for the
cost of policing a blockade of the near-
by US military base. Bavaria is also
expected to introduce repressive laws.
In Britain during the last Parliament
it was suggested that demonstrators &
peace-campers be made to pay for polic-
ing of their activities. Like the Police
Bill a rerun of these and other Laws is
expected (Hanging -defeated, Abortion
still to be debated, Censorship of
videos currently being debated etc) in
the near future in Britain.

CANADA

On July 8 Ann Hansen and Brent Taylor, of
the Vancouver 5, defended themselves at
their bail hearing. 4 witnesses were called;
2 offered to put up their houses as sureties.
The trial will be split into 4 sections; the
first trial will take place on SEPTEMBER 6
with the first few weeks taken up with
legal submissions and other procedures. the
trial proper is expected to take place
later in November. Donations for the Black
Flag Free the Five appeal are coming in and
a video-tape 'Trial By Media' is avail-
able (a copy is currently with BF/I2I.) We
will be reproducing an Open Road paper on
the case in the Black Flag Autumn Quarterly.



A plaque dedicated to the memory
of those murdered by the fascists
at Bologna station in 1980.

SPAIN

All those who thought the Barcelona
"Modelo" prison was, and is a model
prison are simply fooling themselves.
The chaos inside the walls, that domin-
ates the prisoner's lives has finally
exploded in the faces of the officials
who run the place.

Overpopulation creates tension that
generates hate, which leads to the place
getting smashed up. The Government says
it will reduce the population, now at
1,800 in a space of 6 months, sending
around 700 prisoners to other prisons
in the area. But all this won't wipe
out the memories of those who have been
suffering degradation or the memories
of those officials who permit it!
'Socialist' governments in Spain.
'Socialist' governments in Greece. How
many libertarians are and have been
imprisoned by the left? And how many
socialists have been imprisoned in
anarchist jails? Answers on a postcard...

PAPAL MANNA

The ailing Madrid daily, YA has received
40 million pesetas (about £221,000) from
the Pope which was collected during the
visit last November. YA, closely assoc-
iated with the Franco regime has a daily
circulation of 109,000 and is falling.
The proposed abortion reform law in
Spain is of course opposed by the Pope
and YA which has begun campaigning to
keep abortion illegal which forces many
Spanish women to leave Spain in much
the same way as women in Ireland.

ITALY

At Comiso, the site for 112 US-built
Cruise Missiles, there was a clash between
cops and 'autonomists'. 1000 protesters
turned out, 20 were grabbed, but no
charges laid. Construction & police
vehicles were surrounded, rocks thrown &
then the cops fired tear gas & used their
batons to beat off the demo. 30 cops were
taken to hospital while only 6 protesters
were injured!

BOLOGNA

About the same time as the escape
of Signor Gelli - who was awaiting
extradition proceedings from the
Italian authorities on charges
ranging from fraud to membership
(he was the head) of the banned
right-wing freemason type organisat-
ion, P2 - three people were seriously
injured in a bomb explosion timed
to go off as part of the 'strategy
of tension'. The explosion took
place on a train just outside Bologna
at a place called Prato. Responsi-
bility was later claimed by a fascist
group called Black Order.
The attack is reminiscent of the
much larger and horrific explosion
that destroyed the restaurant/cafe
at Bologna station. One person
who is wanted in connection with
the Bologna bombing, Petrone,
has recently launched an appeal
with the British courts not to proceed
with his extradition back to Italy.
His appeal comes up in September.

INDUSTRIAL

HORWICH

British Rail Engineering workers and the townspeople of Horwich are fighting to keep the local building & repairing of rolling stock workshops open. The Govt & BR are trying to axe 3-700 workers jobs in the Engineering works of Horwich, Shildon and Temple Mills. After nationalisation, the railways were taken over from the private capitalists by State bureaucrats who are incompetent and get paid huge salaries while the workers get paid paltry salaries and redundancy threats!

Solidarity is needed between various unions, (the Rail Union Leaders like all Union Leaders have a poor record of resistance over the years). Strikes in sympathy, occupations and work-ins with rank&file support in other industries can establish direct control of the railways by the workers themselves. Only then can unemployment (and low wages due to the fear it produces) be combatted. Send support/donations etc to:
Horwich Joint Action Committee,
Convenor's Office, Horwich Loco Works,
Bolton England.

Source: Bolton @/Leeds DAM



AT&T STRIKE

Telephone operators, phone installers, maintenance & repair workers are on strike nationwide. Some 675,000 members of 3 unions (Communication Workers of America with 525,000 members and the smaller Int. Brotherhood of Elect. Workers and Telecommunication International Union) are demanding a 6% increase and greater job security such as a training programme to upgrade employees skills as well as a voice in the introduction of new technology - as many will lose jobs. Also the company they all work for AT&T will be 'decentralising' into regional units which will be operating independently from early Jan. 1984, thus making 'collective bargaining' difficult. Meanwhile AT&T's 227,000 supervisors are filling 14 hour days to do repairs & operate switchboards which are comput-

AIRE VALLEY

After the Industrial Tribunal returned a verdict of Liaquat Ali losing his job, the support group met and has dissolved itself. Workers at Aire Valley Yarns had already returned to work and agreed to accept the Tribunal decision and a 3 month 'no-strike' clause.

HYSTER HEIST

The US forklift truck giant Hyster had a £19.5 million plan at their plant in Irvine, Scotland. At least £10 million came from Govt. industrial and retrain-ind aid. They proposed to retrain 1,000 people at the up-dated plant, which now employs 300 people...all this would mean moving the production line to Irvine from the Hyster Nijmegen factory in Holland, where 158 of the 600 workers would lost their jobs.

The Dutch workers are trying to resist this and have now prevented the line moving. They have applied for a court injunction in Holland and at the European Court. As well, an application to the Ombudsman in Holland, who has the power to investigate the financial affairs of the company, and stop the closure, has been made.

Boss...you're
outta order!

erised. The number of operator-assisted long-distance calls is dropping and the installation of phones have been postponed and repair work is grinding to a slow pace.

'Vandals' slashed telephone cables in several cities, cutting off services to rich suburbs & business areas (Miami, Dallas, Detroit, Philadelphia, Reno & New York have all been hit). 25 acts of 'sabotage' were reported in the first 3 days of the strike including cables to State police barracks & Fort Dix, an Army base. Shots have been fired at pickets in Atlanta. In Brooklyn New York, scabs were hit with eggs and cops punched up (3 pickets were arrested). The Company is offering 3.5% upon a return to work.

International Buzbee

Cleeland/Turner

In Gartree Paul Cleeland is being forcibly given drugs - the liquid cosh - to keep him quiet. He says that the drugs are affecting his mind and that the prison authorities are thus hoping that his protestations over his innocence will seem less credible. Cleeland has a strong case for a second retrial: a prosecution witness has admitted that the evidence he gave was submitted under pressure (He was threatened by the cops), the forensic officer did not cover all possibilities (the case centred around his 'evidence' linking Cleeland with a shotgun alleged to have been the murder weapon), and the retrial papers were, subsequently, tampered with by the prison authorities to make it look as if Cleeland had colluded with a defence witness. Cleeland is now in his 11th year of a 20 year old sentence. In the Scrubs Leonard Turner, over the last 3 weeks - after months

of fruitless appeals for a retrial, has resorted to fouling his cell (spreading faeces on the cell walls) as a 'dirty protest'. As a result Turner has been allowed no visitors and all correspondence has been stopped. His family have made several attempts to see him but visiting orders have been refused. Turner is serving the best part of 7 years for armed robbery; he is now in his 4th year. Most of his time has been spent in punishment blocks and he has lost virtually all his remission because of his determination not to 'do his time' obediently. His protests have also included a consistent refusal to do the shit work that the prisoners are forced to do. Turner's family are also alleging that the screws have organised a continuing campaign of harassment against him because of an incident when he emptied a pot of piss over a gaoler's head 3 years ago.

HANG ALL GOVERNMENT MINISTERS

1. Bring back hanging for all Govt. Ministers for their crimes of mass murder due to insufficient heating allowances causing death from hypothermia.
2. Bring back hanging for the crime of neglect of provision of decent housing for Britain's 70,000 homeless.
3. Bring back hanging for the crimes of death and widespread injuries in mines railways, factories and fishing boats caused by terrorist employers.
4. Bring back hanging for those who cause death and injuries to innocent people from Army firing ranges and police "mistakes".
5. Bring back hanging for Army terrorists who are killing children and adults in Belfast, Derry and South Armagh. For these and other crimes we are totally behind the public execution of any member of the establishment, Govt. Police, Prison warders, Employers, Labour and Trade Union bureaucrats and all other brutal authoritarian perverts.

MAKHNOVISTS
Birmingham.

MRS THATCHER WANTS HANGING
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR CAPITALISTS

fascists

In the London borough of Tower Hamlets a common pastime among certain sections of the white community is to go 'looking for an Indian'. This involves, generally, three or four going out in a van, 'grabbing a coloured', and taking them to a lake or pond and giving them a ducking. Tower Hamlets is also recorded as having the highest number of racial attacks according to the latest figures issued by the Metropolitan police. In the last eight months of 1982, there were 1293 victims of racial attacks in the London area; 898 of the victims were of Indian or Pakistani origin. In nearby East Ham, violence against the black community has been taken one step further, with small children, literally, in the firing line. Eight year old Sean Williams was nearly blinded when he was shot in the head by an airgun sniper as he played with friends. He is second such victim to have been attacked in this way in the area. SOURCE: VARIOUS