

# FEEDBACK

## GLASGOW MEETING

A meeting on ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM is taking place on Saturday 7th April from 1pm-5pm at The Star Club, 44 Clyde Street, over suspension bridge). GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

## CHICAGO MEETING

The Autonomy Center in Chicago is organising a gathering of Anarchists on Friday May 4th to Sunday May 6th 1984 for the following purposes:

1. Building for and planning for May Events in 1986 - the 100th Anniversary of Haymarket and 50th Anniversary of the Spanish Revolution.
2. Working on and co-ordinating Anti-Election Events in the 1984 US elections.
3. Enjoying ourselves and meeting with, being with each other.

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## TRANSLATORS

Anyone who is regularly receiving non-English language Anarchist or Anarchist-Syndicalist papers, could they please send in translations of anything that seems important or newsworthy. Our own 'in-house' translating facilities are already overstretched and we badly need some help, especially with papers put out by our Italian and German comrades.

## PUBLICATIONS

Anarchismo. No. 42 March 1984. From Alfredo Bonanno, C.P. 61, 95 CATANIA. ITALY.

The Monkey & The Dragon are distributing Black Rose, a Canadian Anarchist journal and various Anarchist tapes. Write to them for a catalogue. M&D, Tweed Street, High Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7HW.

Prisoners of War 10p. Paper of the South Manchester Anarchist Group. Address: The Autonomy Centre, 8-10 Gt. Ancoats St, Manchester M4 5AD (We don't make it on their back page, tho.)

## CRIFA MEETING

The CRIFA Secretariat (which acts as a liason among Federations in the International Anarchist Federation) held a meeting in January of the French, Spanish and Italian Anarchist Federations, with a member of the former Anarchist Union of Bulgaria. The IFA was created in the first Congress at Carrarra (Italy); with delegates from thirty countries. It has had two congresses since. No British organisation exists filling the role of the national federation. But the last Conference (Savona, Italy) called for co-operation in countries where organised federations did not exist. The CRIFA is independent of the International Workers Association, the anarcho-syndicalist international.



## EDDIE HORNER

Eddie Horner has moved from Liverpool: Eddie Horner No. 008 HM Prison Hedon Rd. HULL, NORTH HUMBERSIDE HU9 5LS. Please keep writing, sending publications to him.

Diatribes. Fanzine-style magazine from: Jon, 40 Bromshaw Close, Harestock, Winchester, SO22 6LT.

DIRECT ACTION, National Paper of the Direct Action Movement. Issue 13 now out. Includes Battle of Warrington, Augustin Souchy obituary, IWA reports etc.

'EMERGENCY', includes short story by John Barker (convicted on Angry Brigade bombings), articles on the work ethic, Italian Autonomia, racism and violence against women, the Class of '68 - where are they now?, prison violence, the failure of pacifism, etc., cartoons. £1.95 (70pp A4) from: Room 265, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1.

## TROOPS TO DISAFFECT ?



The signs are that the government is expecting a mass campaign of incitement in the near future. History has shown us that in times of economic recession and in the period leading up to a major war, a government takes steps to secure the loyalty of its troops (and senior civil servants). Since the last issue of 'Black Flag' the government has initiated several developments as part of their own campaign to curb dissent. These developments include curbs on the rights of members of the Armed Forces, the tightening up and extension of vetting procedures for civil servants, and an indication that greater priority is to be placed on the sponsorship of more and more 'no strike' type staff associations.

The vetting of Ministry of Defence staff, so as to weed out those who are not sympathetic to current government policy, signals a change in direction. The government is now looking at the whole question of vetting procedures,

with the intention of incorporating a form of political vetting. This new vetting procedure would involve all MoD staff, not just those in sensitive posts. The implication is that the government will also try to extend political vetting to other government departments, if there is little opposition. With a huge majority in parliament and with a perceivably weak TUC the government may very well be encouraged to go all the way. To a certain extent civil servants go which ever way the wind blows anyway, but the introduction of political vetting could help the government reduce the risk element, prevent possible leaks, and limit any attempts by unsympathetic staff to sabotage the efficient running of the system.

The government has denied that such political vetting would be party-orientated. The main target would be the CND supporter (or members of any other movement or organisation that

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## editorial

Making what he obviously regarded as a decent gesture of moderation and conciliation, a leading Conservative, complimenting Mrs Thatcher on her victory at Cheltenham (which he compared to the victory she had gained in the Falklands) urged that she be magnanimous in triumph and show forbearance to a beaten foe, in a speech which left little doubt as to the identity of the enemy. By current standards its pleading was a little 'wet'.

Senior officers were meanwhile engaged in a series of provocations and humiliations at Cheltenham (demanding the union records, banning union representatives entry) to a degree they had not extended to the Argentine Junta, at the time it was a viable proposition. But these were still only the moderates. What should now be done in other 'sensitive' areas? And why stick at trade unionism? Immediately trade unionism was declared 'extremist', why not vet for political opinions? Could a Govt. tolerate people in its employ not only looking on its policies with indifference, but actually voting against them in their private capacity?

This raises the whole area of defence but also a far wider area; obvious ones are the prison services, the police services, education and welfare, information, the judiciary. If it is intended to retain parliamentary traditions, we shall soon be with the American spoils system. Indeed the logic of the present situation is either complete shift of jobs as each new Govt distributes its largesse — already done within Parliament — or else no changes in Govt at all, and a coiffured fascism.

There is nothing in sight the Tories can be so conceivably frightened of that they need seek such drastic powers to suppress it, therefore it must be concluded they seek drastic power for its own delights. The key to absolute power is the control of people's labour.

Only a slave cannot go on strike.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON ANARCHISM

Q: Why do Marxists under-value the unemployed — lumpenproletariat and think that only workers can bring about revolution, and not peasants (if we had any in this country) saying that peasants are bourgeois-minded and only interested in their own little bit of land?

A: These terms are flip terms which become popular, but have changed meaning. In Victorian times (Marx's) the concept of "unemployed" was different; without social security if you permanently lost your job you had literally NOTHING, you eventually dropped out into slums or street, in Trotsky's term "human rubbish", Jack London's "people of the abyss". This lumpenproletariat (rogue-proletariat) were WITHOUT labour to sell, the bane of "respectable workers" and not to be equated with today's unemployed who are not reduced to begging or theft as a permanent life and the only one of survival.

Marx undervalued THEM, so some of today's Marxists undervalue today's unemployed thinking this is what he had in mind.

He thought the industrial workers had the skill and ability to run economic life and therefore to change it, but he thought they needed a leadership from without/"outside", (like him and Engels).

The Social Revolutionary Party in Russia thought the peasants could run social life, and city life was of no importance, so all THEY needed was a leadership from "outside" (like them natch!). The SRs are sometimes confused with the Anarchists because of their militancy (against both Tsarism and — after a brief honeymoon — Leninism). But their economic ideas have more in common with G.K. Chesterton's distribution (he imitated the) (he imitated them). This degenerated into Catholic fascism, as Hitler imitated and degenerated Marxism.

Marx felt Anarchism was "Petty bourgeois" (not bourgeois, by which he meant capitalist) which in those days meant an independent worker. The crafts forced into factory life became anarchists according to him (he has a point) — based on French, Spanish and Italian experience — and such workers create anarcho-syndicalist unions instead of opting for settling down as bench slave slaves and following the leadership "from outside" — actually thinking they know better! (In England however they became Radicals and founders of craft unions).

## DISAFFECTION — Cont...

campaigned against party policy). In this sense it would seem that the government's intention is not necessary to load the Civil Service in its favour, but to neutralise it, and to rid it of any subversive elements.

It has also been revealed that the MoD are to make operative, changes in the regulations restricting the liberties of Forces personnel. The changes in question now mean that members of the Armed Forces are actively discouraged by the regulations from becoming a member of, or sympathising with, any political or dissident movement. This means that any Serviceman or woman who takes part in any political demonstration, of any sort, could face disciplinary charges. Up until now restrictions have been confined to participation in the activities of political parties only and it is clear that the government is worried that members of the Armed Forces may be open to influence from anti-militarists, etc. The new measures are therefore precautionary and are designed to nip in the bud any possible disaffections. From now on any Forces personnel who wish to join or participate in political activity will have to do so clandestinely. Merely talking to a 'peace protester', for example, will become an offence under these new regulations. Under the 1934 Incitement to Disaffection Act the Crown has to prove that there was an attempt made to incite, or that there is intention to cause disaffection; but under the new regulations responsibility has been placed on serving members, as an additional safeguard, to ensure that they are not incited in the first place.

Clearly the government is attempting to stifle dissension it already feels is within the ranks. Also by politically neutralising certain sensitive areas of the Civil Service, by sealing off contacts between Crown employees (ie GCHQ) and the trade union movement, and by restricting the political expression of Forces personnel. The government is demonstrating that it is trying to strengthen loyalty towards the state, at a time when dissent is up-front. The sort of questions the government are concerned about include whether or not the troops could be relied upon in the event of mass civil or industrial unrest, or whether there would be mutinies in the lead-up to a nuclear war. If, for the government, these questions remain unanswered, then the government may decide to seek further protection by criminalising any outside interference (either from trade unionists or anti-militarists, for example) in the smooth running of certain government and nationalised industries (eg Defence, Telecom, etc). We predict that disaffection will also become an issue involving Crown employees. And it is time therefore that trade unionists resolve once and for all the question of loyalty and loyalty to whom. You are either with the state and support its priorities or you are against it. This is the lesson that GCHQ has brought into the open.

N.B. A full and detailed account of Incitement to Disaffection — its history and influence in assisting mutinies — will appear in the next 'Black Flag' Quarterly (Spring '84).

## FASCISTS

### In Search of a Home ?

The Strasserite National Front finds itself in a strange position. Whilst flaunting its "left nationalism" for all its worth, (and coming across like a bunch of racist Trots), they find themselves stuck in a right wing ghetto. They may see themselves as anti-capitalist but their fellow fascists remain very pro-capitalist, i.e. the Hitler cultists of the fragments of the BM, the BNP, NAP etc or the various fringes of the Tory party. The NF doesn't like its own company. In a bid to pull itself out of the ghetto, and gain some credibility as more than just a bunch of moronic racists, it's going in some strange directions. The NF are now into animal liberation, ecology, trade unions and ...anarchy?

The latest issue of 'Nationalism Today', the magazine for the odd nazi who can read and write, contains a lengthy piece about BLACK FLAG. Patronisingly they tell us where we are right and where we are wrong. They even conclude that we are 'more poisoned than poisonous'. If that were not bad enough Nick Griffin, NT's editor, even wrote us a pally letter suggesting we get together 'for a chat'. All this in an effort to get out of their ghetto and gain some credibility.

We will have nothing to do with this. They can drown in their own slime. Our response to Nick Griffin and his fascist comrades can be summed up in two words: FUCK OFF.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## SPAIN

We have received information from FAI (Iberian Anarchist Federation) comrades in Barcelona that the GAL (Anti-Terrorist Group of Liberation) is sponsored by both socialist administrations in France and Spain, and funded by the Basque business community. GAL terrorists have recently been responsible for the spate of assassinations on Basque resistance fighters, especially members of ETA-Militar. Furthermore we are informed that additional funds for the GAL originate from senior ranking members of the Marseille mafia. Authorities in both the French and Spanish Administrations are fully aware of how the GAL is funded and how it is organised. The GAL acts with the full approval of both governments and has carried out the murders as hired assassins.



Both governments have assisted the GAL in cross-border raids. The GAL has also received further cooperation from the police on both sides of the border: no attempt has been made to track down the assassins and it is suspected that the police and paramilitary are working directly with GAL, if not within it. Our FAI comrades fear that the blatant use of these paid assassins is but a sign of how things forbode for the future. They are reminded of the Sindicato-Libres, the hired killers who were paid by the state to murder CNT (Confederacion Nacional Travail - anarchist-syndicalist union) members. Just as the Sindicato-Libre acted with impunity and with full state authorisation, so too does the GAL. The far-right and fascist criminal and business communities do what they wish, while the 'socialist' mandarins turn a blind eye to the dirty work performed on their behalf.

## CUBA

The Cuban Anarchist movement traces its roots back to 1885 with the start of the first discussions and propaganda groups. The movement played a major role in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century workers struggles. However in the late 1950's the movement was far from united; two wings of the movement existed, the anarcho-syndicalist wing and those that favoured armed struggle and some co-operation with the then 'libertarian' Fidel Castro. However with the defeat of the Batista regime the highly centralised Communist Party began to work its way into power, predictably this meant the suppression of the @ movement. The following is a list of @ and libertarian prisoners in Boniato prison, included are seven anti-authoritarians jailed for attempting to set up independent trade unions. Unfortunately this bare list is all we are able to get at the moment.

Santos Mirabel Rodriguez 30 years 24/3/78  
Jose Oscar Rodriguez Terrero 20 years 14/2 14/2/81  
Hector Cambrera Torres 20 years 23/3/81  
Eduardo Cabote Rodrigues 15 years 28/3/81  
Pedro Santana Camego 20 years 7/4/81  
Sergio Montez de Oca Gil 20 years 7/4/81  
Manuel Hernandez Cruz 20 years 5/5/81

## IRELAND

In the last issue we printed a letter smuggled out of Long Kesh prison in the north of Ireland. The author described how Republican prisoners were being harassed since the spectacular escape a couple of months back and went on to say how some of those who were recaptured were beaten up and left naked in solitary and how tension was rising generally. It was a forewarning of things to come: a week later the prisons' Deputy Governor, William McConnell, was executed by the IRA's Belfast Brigade. He was specifically singled out because he 'had organised and directed beatings in the gaol (and had been) selected by the administration to break Republican opposition to the allocation of menial and degrading work tasks'. Astoundingly, after the killing, the national press reported that there had been no recent claim by the Republican movement of ill treatment. Either the press are deliberately covering up the truth about what is happening in the Kesh or they are clearly out of touch.

## JAPAN

We recently received word that the anarchist group in Kyoto, Japan are still fighting for the release of K. Omori, the young anarchist who was to have been executed in January this year. The comrades there are hoping to continue this fight over the next few years inside as well as outside the prison and in the courts.

They warn us of a new law that has come into use recently in Japan which enables any judge to pronounce a death sentence without any evidence or confession from any witnesses (sounds similar to Diplock Courts in N. Ireland). They also warn us that if Omori is executed, other Anarchists in Japan will be hunted down and killed in a similar way to Omori. They ask that in order for them to free Omori they need further support and continued solidarity.

The London K. Omori Defence Group, have been holding pickets outside the Japanese Embassy every fortnight since December last year and have put out numerous leaflets about K. Omori's case. We are hoping to do a poster in the near future. A comic-form leaflet arrived from Melbourne, Australia in January this year. Unfortunately there was no contact address on this leaflet. We are compiling a list of Japanese businesses which we hope to leaflet/picket soon. More people are needed in London for these actions and any action outside London we would like to know of and publicise. All enquiries about the case to K. Omori Defence Group, c/o 121 Railton Road, London SE24. Phone: (01) 274 6655 2-6pm.

## ORDER FROM BLACK FLAG: JUST OUT

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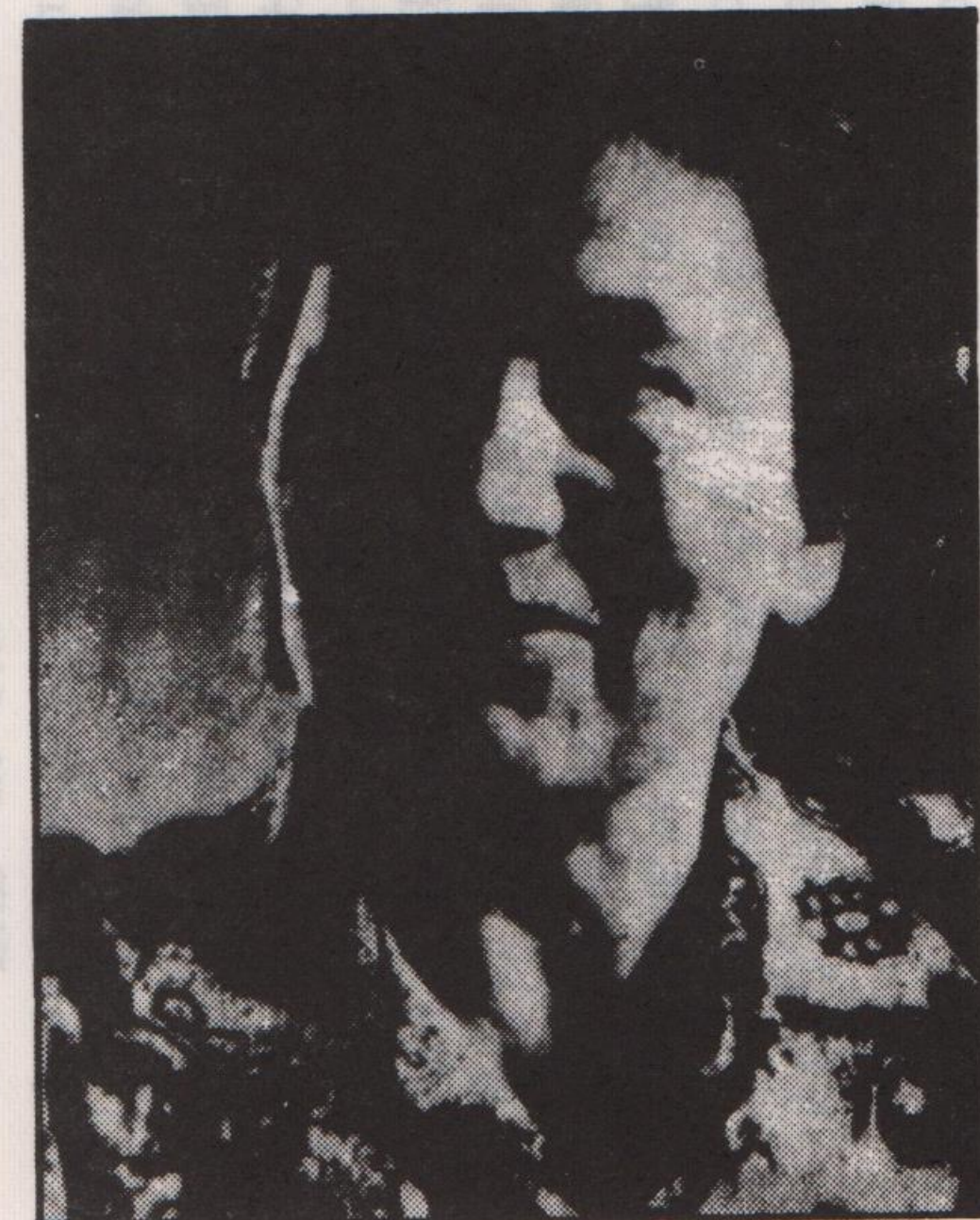
## POLAND

### ANNA WALENTYNOWICZ

Anna a 54 year old crane operator from the Gdansk shipyard and leading Solidarity member is again in prison.

Anna was arrested on 4th December '83 along with along with other Solidarity activists outside the Wujek coalmine in Silesia. About 500 people had gathered to put up a plaque that Anna had funded from compensation she had received for valuables stolen by cops during a house search. The memorial was in honour of the miners who were killed during the brutal suppression of their strike in December 1981. The gathering was attacked by the police and several detained.

ANNA WALENTYNOWICZ



Archive

Anna's dismissal from the Gdansk shipyard and the subsequent occupation/strike which led to the formation of Solidarity have made her 'an enemy of the state'. She was interned for 7 months after the Martial Law declaration. A months freedom in August 1982 was followed by a return to jail until her trial in March 1983 where she was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment suspended for three years. The charge? Continuing trade union activities after 13 December 1981. Cards can be sent to:

ANNA WALENTYNOWICZ  
Zaklad Karny w Lublincu,  
42-700 Lubliniec,  
POLAND.

Protest letters to:  
The Polish Embassy, 47 Portland  
Place, LONDON WC1.

SOURCE: Hull DAM

## TURKEY

Seven political prisoners in the South-east town of Dijiarbakir have died. They had been on hunger strike since January. Another six are in very serious condition. The prisoners mostly Kurdish, are protesting at the removal of political status, by the military authorities who run the jail. After several episodes, including a fire which killed six prisoners, they decided to go on a three week hunger strike in protest. However 43 of the prisoners have decided to continue to refuse food until death.





# PRISONS CONTROL UNITS

In the last issue of the News Bulletin we reported on a hunger strike by five women prisoners in an isolation block in Durham gaol, who were protesting at the severe conditions within their wing. Later the women called off their action, as it was clear the prison authorities had no intention of meeting their demands.

However within days of the protest being called off, a 13th century church in Durham was firebombed as a demonstration of solidarity with the protesting prisoners. The action - which caused severe damage - was later claimed by the IRA.

A spokesman for the IRA claimed that an ASU had planted the device and that it was done as a protest against the treatment of Irish prisoners in Durham gaol and elsewhere. (One of the five women who were on hunger strike was convicted of complicity in the

M62 coach bombing, involving British soldiers; also Paul Norney, another Republican prisoner, is being held in Durham in solitary.)

The Durham control unit is by no means the only such unit that is being kept open despite official recommendations to the contrary. The notorious Wakefield Segregation Unit is still being used against certain Category A's, especially Irish POW's. Shane O'Doherty is currently being detained in the unit and has stated that the regime inside is not much different from how it was in the old unit (condemned by a special commission). Silence is maintained at all times, visits are kept to a minimum and there is no association. So far the prison authorities have not yet re-introduced the 90-day cycle regulation (abolished in 1975), whereby prisoners in the punishment block are expected to sustain no infringements of discipline otherwise they repeat their 90-day segregation cycle all over again. However O'Doherty believes that the old conditions have been restored near complete and that in time the unit will get steadily more repressive.

# FASCISTS NF RAIDS

Why did Special Branch raid the NF leadership? The raids took place in the early hours of February 28, only a couple of weeks after the expose on TV's Panorama programme on the links between fascists and the Tory Party. They raided the homes of NF Deputy Chairman, Ian Anderson, and 'Nationalism Today' editor, Joe Pearce. They took away with them large quantities of files, address books, etc. It was clearly a fishing trip - where will the information end up, on the SB's computer or on 'Searchlights' desk? Either way, the police may be out to get a prosecution, seeing that members of the Obscene Publications Squad were also present at the raid. It's not that the police would disapprove of the NF's racist garbage...more likely they wish to keep their activities contained, seeing that they are currently

an embarrassment to the state fascists who are already in power. Which brings us to the Monday Club resignations. Could it be that John Pinniger and friends were named in NF files? Was Pinniger therefore advised to resign by the Club so as not to bring the Tory Party into even greater irrepute? And did he decide not to leave with a whimper, but to stir up controversy and make it difficult for the 'moderates' who ousted him? Of course there may not be any connection at all between the raid on the NF and certain goings-on in the Tory Party and the ultra-right wing Monday Club. But there again it is not that usual for the far-right in the Tory Party to publicly break ranks. Perhaps by forcing Pinniger's resignation, the Club hoped to cover up an even bigger scandal. After all the fascist organisations are well known for their tendency to leak information and documentary evidence proving categorically links between them and the Tories would be damaging for all (except the fascists). The Club's Special Branch friends may well have acted in the nick of time.

# MILITARY GREENHAM

In several issues of 'Black Flag' we made various predictions regarding what is happening at Greenham. Over the past couple of weeks, some of these have come true.

Firstly we predicted that when the practice convoys leave the base they would head for MoD land...probably Salisbury Plain. After the recent excursion, Press and TV reports all mentioned Salisbury Plain as the destination point where the first convoy ended up before returning to Greenham. If such an excursion is repeated, we predict that the convoy is likely to pass somewhere along the A338, then the A3087, and then the A345.

Secondly we predicted that the military would endeavour to displace a complete convoy (plus or minus the missiles) to another base within MoD territory. As we go to press we learn that a convoy left Greenham and did not return. It may very well have ended up at another Forces base where practice runs could be performed at will, away from public attention. A convoy could be stationed at such a base either temporarily or on a permanent basis.

Thirdly we predicted that the MoD would look into the possibility of constructing dummy missiles - either to replace the real ones at Greenham (and install the live missiles elsewhere) or to function as surrogates for training exercises that could take place at

other bases. In fact a little bird has told us that the government has every intention of constructing dummy missiles - allegedly to fool the Soviets (who would not know where to target their counter-missiles), but also to fool the peace protesters (whose numbers would become overstretched).

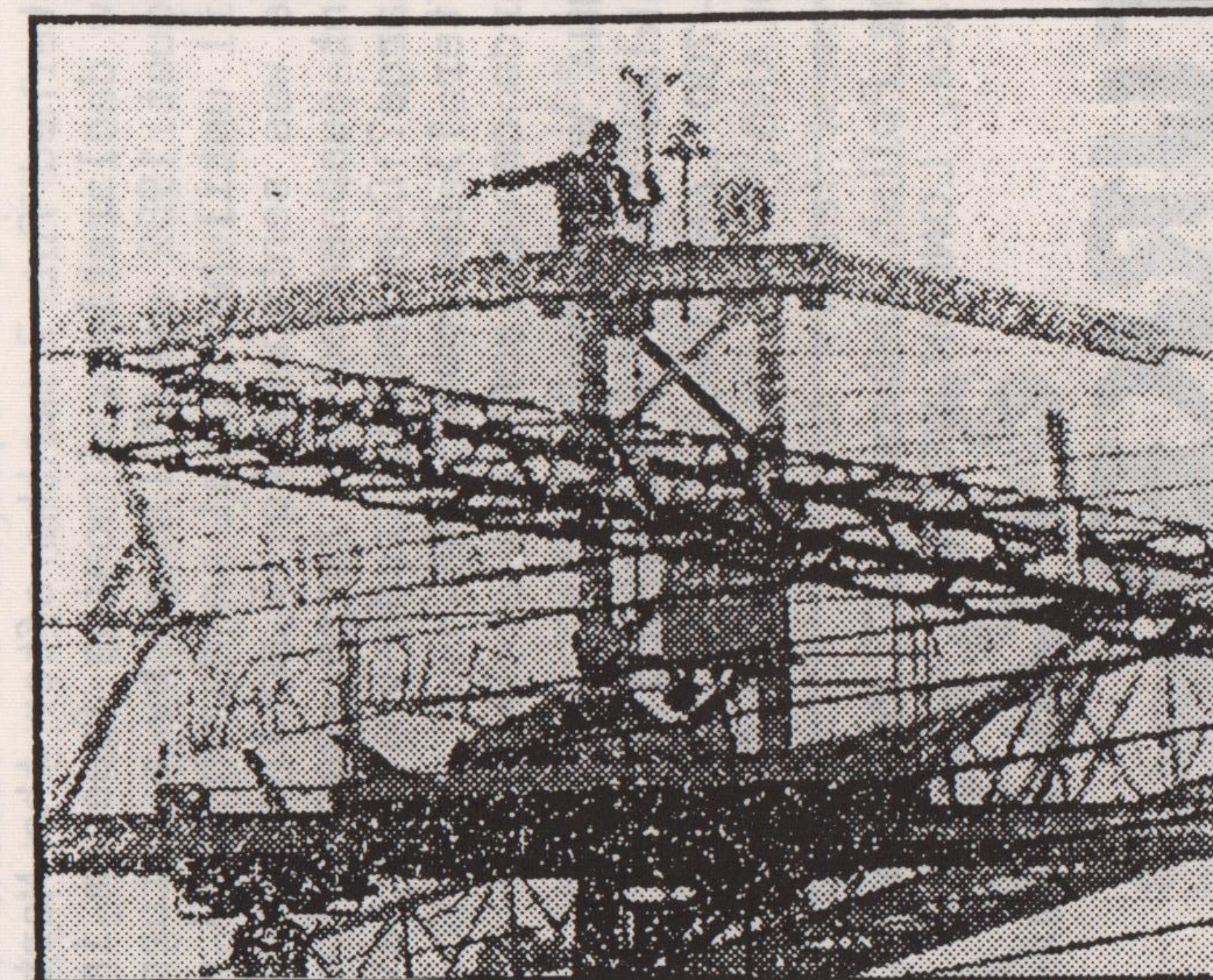
As the first convoy left Greenham the Press and TV were already there to cover its departure and it was obvious they were given advance notice of the exercise. The Greenham women, however, were patently unprepared and unable to do anything to prevent the convoy from leaving the base. It was an enormous PR success for the government.

But the Greenham women cannot be blamed for what happened. In isolation they are powerless. If anyone deserves criticism, then it would be those anti-militarists who have allowed themselves to be conned by the pacifist mystique. It's as if a huge spiders web of quietism has been woven, dulling the sensibilities, lulling those trapped within into believing that their strength of conviction alone will help them eventually to win through. The government has kindly proven that symbolic resistance is no challenge to its strong-arm methods, yet there has been no effective rearguard campaign in support of the wider protest movement. The state is well experienced in dealing with protest movements and knows exactly when to use the right degree of violence to quell resistance (whether actual or symbolic). Tear gas and the SAS in Belfast, soft cops (comparatively) at peace camps, and IRU's in Brixton. That is until the state is confronted with the unexpected: offensive measures on terms it has not calculated on.

# HIGH WYCOMBE

On March 2-4 a NATO bunker which is under construction at Walters Ash, Naphill, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire was occupied. The action took place to draw attention to what is going on at Naphill, and also to halt the machinery.

One protester Sean Hawley was beaten by thugs of Taylor Woodrow who are under contract to build the bunker. Four people were arrested and need money to help pay for fines. Send to BNDAN, 37 Montpelier Street, Brighton East Sussex BN1 3BDL.



*Sitting on top of the crane at the bunker*