

COMMUNITY POLICING

Colin Roach was a young black man who was found dead of a gunblast in the foyer of the Stoke Newington Police Station, in London last year. The Stoke Newington & Hackney Defence Campaign took up the case with Colin's family trying - without any success so far - to get justice at a public Inquest into his death. Local street meetings and pickets of the police station led to many arrests and police harassment of the Roach family and activist from the SN&HDC. (SN&HDC c/o 380 Old St. London EC1 tel: 739-8549).

CIRUS NOOR

Cirus Noor a 22 year old black prisoner was one of the activists arrested and harassed. At present he is in prison, & two people who have been to visit him have been assaulted by police shortly after visits. On top of daily abuse he now faces certification and commitment to a mental hospital under section 47 of the Mental Health Act and he is now trying to get out of jail and this threat to his freedom. Cirus Noor c/o B63620 HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Rd SW18 London

ACE KELLY

Ace Kelly an activist from the SN&HDC was one of the people assaulted by cops after visiting Cirus Noor. While that case continues he was again harassed. He was with his six year old daughter at a bus stop near the Thames river when police attacked him accusing him of kidnapping his own daughter! He was separated from her and arrested charged with 'obstruction'. Luckily people at the bus stop got his name and phoned a solicitor who managed to get him released after several hours of threats, dark cells and beatings. He is trying to get the charge dropped asking for letters to be sent to the Home Secretary, Chief of Police & Officer in Charge at Kennington Lane Police Station, SE11.

JUNIOR SERVICE

Junior Service is a young singer in a reggae band from Brixton who has been so badly beaten by police that he needed to be hospitalised after both his arrests this year. His family and friends are actively picketing court appearances and holding public meetings into the whole affair, one recently with miners who too are not strangers to the strong arm of the State, from Kent. The Kent NUM secretary was arrested and placed under a South African style banning order (from any picket lines) and house arrest, he was arrested again and spent 9 days inside for "obstruction".

Junior Service Support Campaign 8 Camberwell Green London SE5

CAMDEN SKIRMISHES

Early in the morning of the 21st June the large block of flats Chamberlain House, near Euston Station in Camden, London were evicted in 'Effra Parade Style' (See BF 5G) 100 cops in full riot gear threw out the last half dozen squatters who had chosen to remain on the premises when the cops moved in. Before the actual day the eviction had been vigorously opposed with fly-posting, demonstrations and 'fair' local Press coverage. However in the end the eviction went unhindered with no barricades or resistance and only a few locked doors for the cops to kick in. The night before the squatters had a wake and celebrate their defeat by dropping televisions from high balconies, lighting bonfires, overturning & setting alight a car, flooding and starting fires in the flats.

However the last word must go to Camden Council who have succeeded in making 200 more people homeless.

Source: T./Albany.

Camden Squatters Network,
c/o Albany Street Books,
36 Albany Street. NW1. LONDON



OPEN PRISON

On March 31st at 11pm a 15 year old youth was attacked by men outside the Prison staff club, Brixton.

He needed 6 stitches to a groin injury, was partially concussed from the blows to his head and neck. When attacked in an alley off Jebb Avenue his friends called out: "stop it we are getting the police". The attackers replied: "We are the police". A passing car was stopped and an ambulance called as the attackers disappeared inside the Prison Officers Club.

The lads family were notified by the hospital and his friends. They contacted the police who have not interviewed the screws or vital witnesses. Medical evidence was not collected from King's College Hospital and the youth's injuries were not photographed.

Cynical readers may think that's predictable - maybe - this cover-up stinks!

BLACK FLAG

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Women's army on the march



CALVERTON COLLIERY

Much has been written about womens' actions during the present miners dispute, but it has concentrated on 'traditional roles', such as in the kitchen and demonstrating passively. Whilst these functions remain vital, women on picket lines have been virtually ignored, although many have been on the 'Front Line' since day one of the strike. This action is now spreading, and police handling of the situation is interesting.

On June 27th a hundred women from various parts of the Nottingham and Yorkshire coalfields converged on Calverton Colliery near Mansfield. At that particular pit only 60 out of 1,300 miners are on strike, and attitudes towards strikers and their families are both vicious and vindictive.

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ANTI - MILITARISM

STOP THE CITY

After going on the May 31 STC I would like to make some suggestions as to how the next STC on September 27th can be improved.

1. May 31st illustrated how the police will control the demonstration and intimidate the protesters when they are in small numbers. Thus the Sept 27 STC must be a large scale, mass action.
2. Police intimidation tends to make some people extremely angry, and apt to do stupid things. This is, of course, what the cops want, which is why we must be sensible and fight the State on our own terms.
3. Some sort of central point where resources and information can be exchanged is perhaps necessary. This was entirely missing on May 31st and there was no publicity beforehand. The idea behind May 31 was not a success. The existence of a central point would not compromise anarchist principles as it would have no control over specific actions, which would not have to use this mechanism to exchange information unless they had no other means, and so it would not provide a focus for cop attention. It could, however, provide valuable material for publicity, etc, for groups who had no other means of acquiring this. It is up to all of us who want September 27 to be a successful demonstration to start planning for it and publicizing it NOW.

Streatham STC

STC-Bristol

The people who were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage had to go back to the police station, and were LET OFF!

They were let off bail/charges, but had a caution. The cops also kept their records (name, address, DOB, Age, etc) after they promised (sic.) they would be destroyed, if no court proceedings went ahead. Some went back and complained - "Well that was to get information out of you, wasn't it, and we succeeded ..ha ha." - claimed the desk officer. MORAL: Don't let anyone tell you cops never lie, so why should you.

POLICE INVADE BEETLE CENTRE

Cops threatening to send down the task force' finally brutally invaded the Beetle Centre squat themselves to stop a free gig/party at which Rancid, the Cabbages, Lunatic Fringe, Disorder & Chaos UK were playing. Perhaps the filth took their cue from a discoboy bastard across the road who had started taking pot shots at people by the door with an air rifle. Entry was gained by some numbskull cop pulling out his truncheon and smashing glass in. Resistance increased the Big Men's erections and they started shoving everybody about. 2 were held at the Trinity nick. The cops had no warrant. Some were from Nottingham.

Upper Heyford

At approximately 4.30 am on June 21, 19 men and 10 women climbed over fences and barbed wire (with the aid of carpets) in order to get onto the runway at Upper Heyford USAF base. This was the action we had originally attempted on May 2, but which the Police rumbled, forcing us to blockade the main gate instead. This time it was a terrific success. Despite being almost immediately spotted by a patrol car, we managed to splash paint all over the runway. Soon we were surrounded by American soldiers (having disposed of paint containers by this time). Singing and chanting we moved about the runway, occasionally sitting down for a while, and sending the outnumbered soldiers into a confused panic.

Once members of the Thames Valley cop force had arrived (who's motto is 'peace in the Thames Valley'!) we were dragged into army vans by the soldiers and driven through the base to the Sports Centre. We played 'knots' in the back of our van whilst our comrades in another van rocked it from side to side. Once there, the men were taken out, searched, put into a sort of squash court. The women were brought in soon after (having had to wait for WPC's to arrive to search them), and were put in the next court. The acoustics in the gym were fantastic, so we sang to each other, expressing our distaste for war. Humour gave us the edge over the soldiers & cops throughout our 12 hours captivity morale remained high. When the MOD police arrived our collective power forced them to negotiate with us on our own terms.

Eventually we were processed and questioned. We each gave our name and address & answered 'no comment' to all other nosiness. We were then escorted from the base, where we joined the others who were waiting at the Peace Camp. We had been held, on 'suspicion of causing criminal damage', but no none of us were charged. One comrade was, however, taken to a local police station & bailed on condition that he returns on a later date, having been unfortunate enough to have paint all over his shoes. We drove home in jubilant mood.

We did not stop the war machine for any length of time, but we certainly disrupted it. We will continue to do so until the bases are dismantled.

@. Sabot.

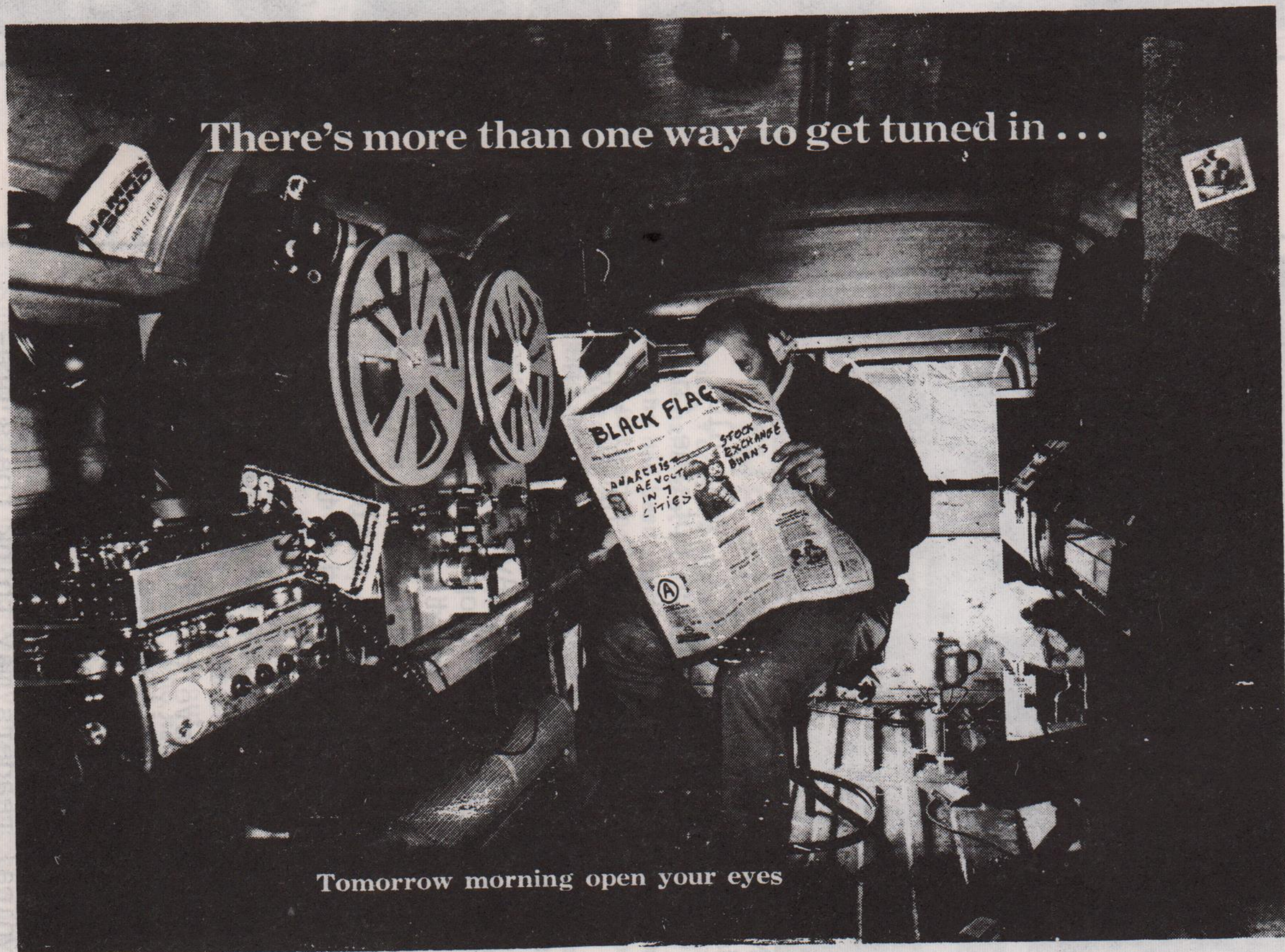
HIROSHIMA DAY ANNIVERSARY

Monday 6th August, Trafalgar Square at 12.00 midday will be the scene of mourning for the countless millions who were murdered in all wars, particularly the Japanese people of Hiroshima & Nagasaki and as a protest against nuclear weapons and Arms dealing/conventional war.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN IRAN

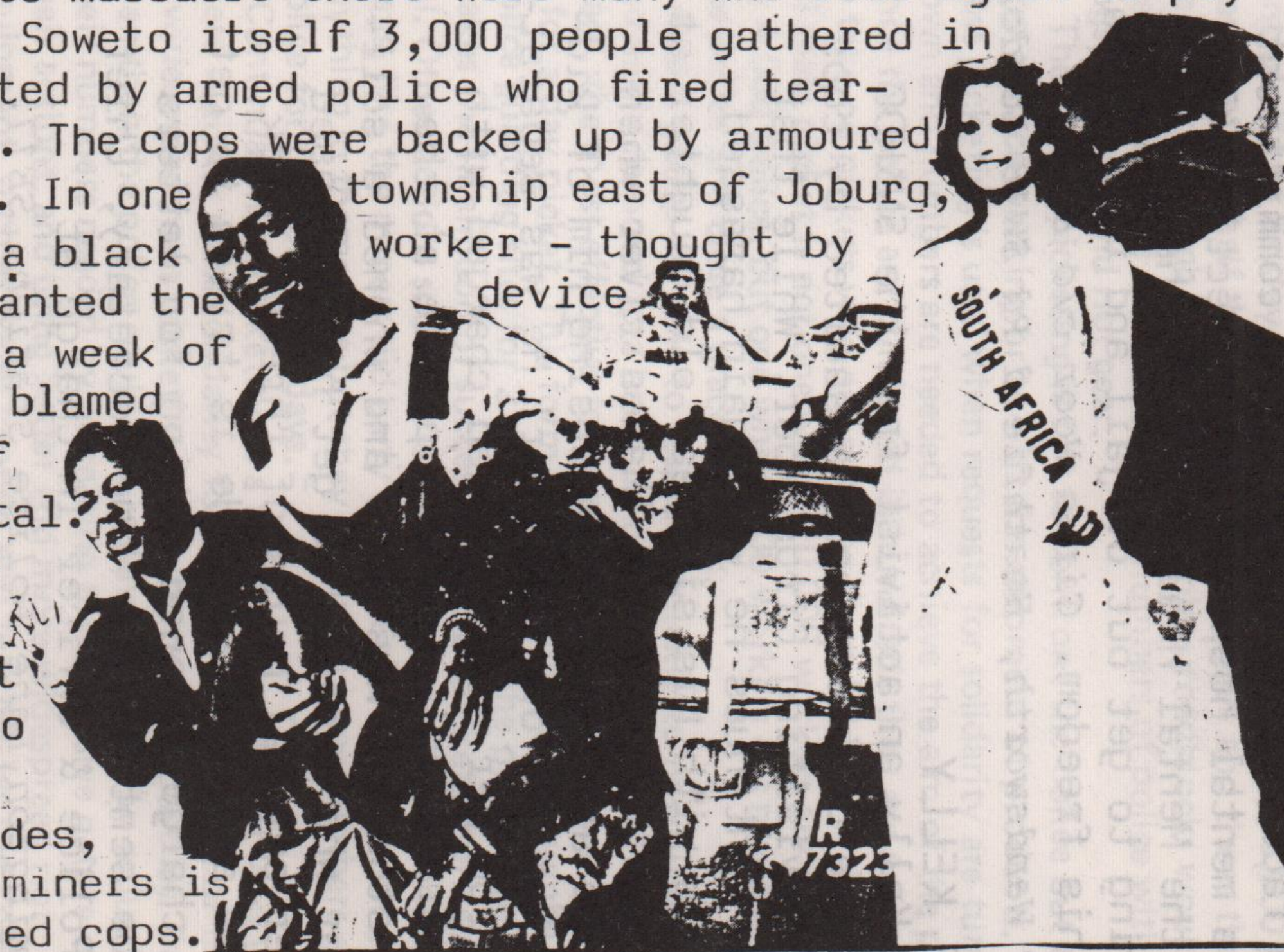
Officially in Iran the annual rate for industrial accidents in work places is 15,000. This does not cover those cases in other smaller units for which there are no official statistics.

In fact every year more than 20,000 workers are the victims of industrial accidents caused by hazardous conditions. Last year 800 workers lost hands and 8,200 lost fingers in such accidents. This of course, does not include death and illness arising from the nature of jobs.



South Africa: Soweto's Black Memories

On the eighth anniversary of the Soweto massacre there were many who rose again to pay tribute to their fallen comrades. In Soweto itself 3,000 people gathered in honour of the dead, but were confronted by armed police who fired tear-gas missiles to break up the service. The cops were backed up by armoured trucks and were dressed in riot gear. In one township east of Joburg, a Magistrates Court was bombed, but a black worker - thought by the authorities to be the one who planted the - was killed as it went off. Within a week of the anniversary SA authorities have blamed 'persons unknown' for the shooting of five striking miners in a town in Natal. One of the miners was shot dead. The strike is for higher wages. Earlier the employers had agreed to implement a 14% increase but later failed to do anything about it. The dispute has witnessed much violence from both sides, but, the stone-throwing of striking miners is no match for the riot-control equipped cops.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS INTERNATIONAL



Germany

The 35 hour week strike has united the German Employers with many workers locked out in the metal industry. Print workers continue to organise disruption of the bourgeois press though.

The German FAU (anarcho-syndicalist section of the IWA) organised a picket on June 20th of the Japanese Cultural Centre in Dusseldorf, Germany in solidarity with K. Omori now facing the death penalty in Japan. November 11th, 1886 was the day that the City of Chicago hung the Anarchists known as the Haymarket Martyrs. November 11th this year is a Sunday but nevertheless a good day for Anarchist Black Cross and other groups to have meetings on the real labour movement history and current cases of repression such as K. Omori. All those interested please get in touch and we will list the events for our readers.

K. OMORI POSTCARDS

2 designs. 10p each & SAE from:
Black Shadow, c/o Old Stewards House,
Northgate, HUDDERSFIELD HD1 1RL

OMORI - PARIS BOMBINGS

Paris France: Easter Weekend. Anarchist groups claimed 2 bombings in support of the campaign to save K. Omori's life. We're getting more details for next issue.

DIRECT ACTION IN NORWAY

There has been an organisation of unemployed people in Oslo for a while and it now has 500 (paying) members. One of the things they did, was to run a cafe for unemployed people. It was open once a week, in some borrowed premises. The group badly needed some space of its own for activities, but of course the Council wasn't interested. They knew from experience that the only solution was to squat one of the many empty houses that the Council owns. Ironically the house which they squatted had been a Dole-Office for 50 years, and had only recently been abandoned. Everything had been very well planned, so even though the cops turned up 5 minutes after the squat was opened by 100 unemployed people, they were strong enough to resist the police's attacks. The pigs tried to break through the barricades, but did not succeed.

Due to the fact that the squatters had got support from unions, parties and some individuals, the Council decided to try & negotiate. They offered the squatters a lease on part of the building, but the squatters refused - they already had the whole building. They have made a cafe, and are now doing up the rest of the building.

This year there was streetfighting between young people and the police on the 1st of May as has been the case on that date for the last six years. Last year the cops evicted and smashed up the squatters meeting place in Oslo, called Blitz, so this year the squatters smashed up cops cars who had been in charge of the eviction. Earlier this year the police used large groups of riot police against the squatters but this time their strategy was much more dangerous for the squatters - all the cops were wearing plain clothes...In the end police managed to surround and cut off the activists. They then sent in the horses, and the dogs and the riot squad. Only 40 people were arrested this time, but they were very

done in by the cops - all beaten up badly.

The main slogan at the demo was 'Help the Police - shoot yourself!'. The reason for the use of this pretty old slogan, was that at the same time the Police were running a "Support the Police" campaign, a young guy was shot and killed by police! The reason? He had stolen some beer and aimed at a cop with a coathanger. But he was shot down - in the back - as he was leaving the area, making it clear that there was no way that he could have posed any threat at all to the police. The cop who shot the drunk 19 year old has still not been charged with anything.

A couple of weeks ago, the annual Miss Norway crowning was going to take place at one of the fashionable restaurants in Oslo. A group of squatters dressed up in 'straight' clothes, paid the cheapest entrance ticket of about £8 per person (the most expensive cost much more) and found their seats among fashion-people and upper middle-class snobs. The show began with dancers in SS uniforms, and with lots of nazi effects; big applause...After that Miss and Mr Norway (some kind of 'equality')

were presented with loud disco music. the show continued with evaluation of looks, dancing etc. Just before the big moment when Miss Norway was about to be crowned, the squatters all sprang into action, pouring "butter-acid", which is a liquid that really stinks, not just for a day, but for weeks, all over the judges, & onto the stage. Among the judges was the leader of the Norwegian "progressive" party, a neo-fascist political party. He got his clothes totally ruined, as did all the others. As the 600 stinking bourgeois audience left, they were met with booing and shouting. They couldn't even go home in a taxi, the way they stank. The Norwegian activists have to pay thousands of £s in damages, but they think it was worth it.

REPRESSION IN ITALY

The '7th April' political trial of autonomia operaia in Rome ended on 12th June with 55 of the defendants being condemned to prison and 16 released. 24 have received sentences of 10 years or more, including 5 sentences ranging from 20 - 30 years. The defendants have submitted an appeal.

4 of those on trial had managed to flee abroad. The Italian Govt. has now issued another request to the French Govt. for the extradition of Toni Negri (30 year sentence) and Oreste Scalzone (20 years).

The political nature of the trial is well illustrated by the fact that the 'crimes' of which the 34 were judged to be guilty were nothing more than vague accusations of organising or participating in a 'subversive association' and an 'armed band'. This trial is part of the State's attempt to repress all independent class struggle outside the control of the parties and the trade unions.

5 years after the original arrests the Padova wing of the 7th April case continues, with 95 people currently on trial in a specially constructed & fortified 'bunker-courtroom'.

But resistance has not been crushed. Struggle continues in all areas of the Italian society. On 23rd June people came from all over Italy to demonstrate

in Rome against state repression, against 'Article 90' which has removed many of the 'rights' prisoners previously had, against the continuing use of preventative detention, for liberty for Italy's 4,000 political prisoners. The struggle outside the prisons is linked to that of the prisoners themselves - over the last 10 months many prisoners have gone on hunger strikes against their appalling conditions, last March and April.

Source: M.

Info: 'Comitato Promotore di Convegno Internazionale', Libreria Calusca,
Via Belzoni 14, 35100 PADOVA, Italy.

SCALA MOBILE CUTS

In the last *Black Flag Quarterly* there was an article on the resistance to the Socialist Craxi's Government which tried to cut the 'scala mobile' resulting in wage reductions for those linked to the scale. Lately the strikes versus the cut in the Scala Mobile have died down after the Govt. decided to limit the extent of the cut-back. BUT wildcat strikes have been seriously disrupting Rome and Milan airports, in defiance of the Unions 'code of self-regulation' of strikes.

An article on Anti-Militarist Direct Action in Italy will appear in the next *Quarterly*.



France

LIBERTY FOR JACKY CHALLOT

At a frontier post in Northern Poland, 28 year old Jacky Challot, a syndicalist who is a member of the French CFDT was arrested on the 22nd of March. Jacky had been very involved in action with Solidarnosc as part of a European network.

There have been protest actions on his behalf carried out in France and Belgium over the last couple of months. The Polish authorities say he could be released on a bail the sum of about £4,500, meanwhile he could face 5 years in a Polish prison. Protest letters can be sent:

Procureur Ludwig Porazdewski,
28 Ul Kaszubska, 70952 Szczecin, POLAND
and to the nearest Polish Embassy.

His friends can be contacted at:
Collectif pour la liberation de Jacky
Challot, c/o asbl 22 Mars, 2 rue de
l'Inquisition, 1040 Bruxelles, 02/736.27.76
& c/o CFDT, 8 rue Saint-Simon, 78000
Versailles, FRANCE.

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Doledrums

Instead of the 'cap in hand' - please Guv' demand of The Right To Work; Anarchists have always put forward the idea of Right to Well-being. This means that the unwaged should have the right to housing, clothing food, transport, heating etc. be they 'old' or 'disabled', young or 'housewives' and in fact should be 'organised' along with yer actual workers by industrial and community federated unions and councils. Such libertarian organisations would have no paid officials and all delegates be made easily recallable if the power goes to their heads of 'negotiating' etc.

We have had several reports this issue of unemployed people in Norway and Canada occupying the premises they need, such a method of direct action to solve the real problems of everyday life should inspire us all to DO SOMETHING besides complain about powerlessness.

New Technology

In the USA the magazine *Processed World* and the paper *Fifth Estate* have taken up the issue of the 'electrical/technological revolution' in different ways. The first, reporting from the frontline desks of the wage slaves, the latter from the anti-industrial consumer who wants to re-invent society. Here in Europe the German FAU comrades have put together a pamphlet (being translated) on the application of the machinery by the boss class ie. the 'Personal Information System' (PIS on you?) which is a record of your school, work, health, sex/drink/spcial/political habits for Employers. Here in Britain the anarchist press has been quiet, but for small letters and odd articles. In the next *Quarterly* we will publish an article: *Decentralised Totalitarianism* which in its efforts looks at "entrepreneurs" like Clive (oops Sir.) Sinclair. We would also be interested to open up the 'debate' to others so please write now, not later, your news and views on the computer technology and its application. Interesting letters, extracts from any newsclippings etc will also be of use.

THE JOY OF WORD PROCESSORS PART 68

A report given at the 1982 Annual Conference of ASLIB (a librarianship association) contained a description of word-processing at a large US bank in San Francisco. 110 word processors were sat in ranks. No talking, smoking or eating was permitted, and even visits to the toilets were timed and logged. Operators were expected to realise keying speeds of up to 12,000 keystrokes per hour.

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Letter

ICELANDIC PEN PAL

I'm a 17 y.o. boy and I would like an English pen-friend. My interests are: Anarchy (politically), U2 (the group), literature, animals etc...I will answer all letters to: Jon G Kristinss.
Kurland 1. 108 R.V.K. ICELAND.

PUBLICATIONS

NEWSAGENT SALES OF BLACK FLAG

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SPLASH

An independent paper of Plymouth. No.11 15p: Fear & Loathing of Pickets, Dartmoor Prison, Police State, Teachers Strike, local news & letters from:
115 St Pancras Avenue, Manadon Vale,
PLYMOUTH PL2 3TL.

GREEK FREE PRESS

Thanks to the generosity of two Greek comrades the Kate Sharpley Library has acquired a sizeable part of the back catalogue of the Athenian anarchist publishing house *Eleftheros Typos* (Free Press). And very impressive it is too. Over 30 finely produced books ranging from the anarchist 'classics' like Bakunin, Proudhon and Kropotkin, to the historical (the *Isvestias* of Kronstadt, Hungary '56, the GPU in Spain), from ecology to feminism. A fine body of work to put British publishing to shame. Any Greek speaking comrade wishing to have a good read should get in touch and arrange a suitable time when the KSL is open.

P.S. One disappointment is that none of the books is about Greece or by a Greek still it's a good international effort.

NO CHOICE

No. 13. 12 pages. A4 format. 20p. Colour! Cambridge Anarchist News - local news, Toty Fascists, military research, Free Love & more. A good read:

Box A, Grapevine, c/o Cambridge Free Press,
25 Gwydir Street, CAMBRIDGE

STRIKE ACTION

8 page pamphlet. A5 format. 20p. Why strike?, One day strike, official/un-official, organisation, cash, propaganda direct action/solidarity. Clearly written brief outline of strike strategy. Just what the boss and lazy union officials don't want you to know! Produced by DARK STAR, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1. and the South & East London DAM-IWA.

1985 CALENDAR

'When in 1912, the dockers were on strike, the seamen showed their solidarity by refusing to work the ships. The masters used the clerks to unload the ships and the union pickets were beaten up by the police. They immediately returned to their headquarters at Liberty Hall, got their guns, and quickly marched back. Neither the police nor the scabs offered any resistance after that, proving that only by our armed force can peaceful picketing be carried on!'

from the *Wilhelmshaven Revolt*.
We are hoping to compile an Anarchist calendar with some Esperanto entries and any readers who speak/write it please contact: Black Shadows, Old Stewarts House, Northgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

S. WALES MINERS BENEFIT

Towards picketing expenses. July 11th. 6pm at the Coliseum, Mount Pleasant St, Trecynan near Abedare. Bands playing are CRASS, FLUX OF PINK INDIANS & ANNIE ANXIETY. Entrance £2. Free for miners and their families. There will also be a speaker from the NUM.

Polish Embassy Picket

On Friday 29th June South London Direct Action Movement and East London DAM organised a picket in London outside the Polish Embassy in support of the miners strike. Twenty people turned up and gave out 1,000 leaflets explaining how Polish coal is being imported here in an attempt to break the strike. We received many positive responses from passers-by.

GLASGOW - POLISH SOLIDARITY

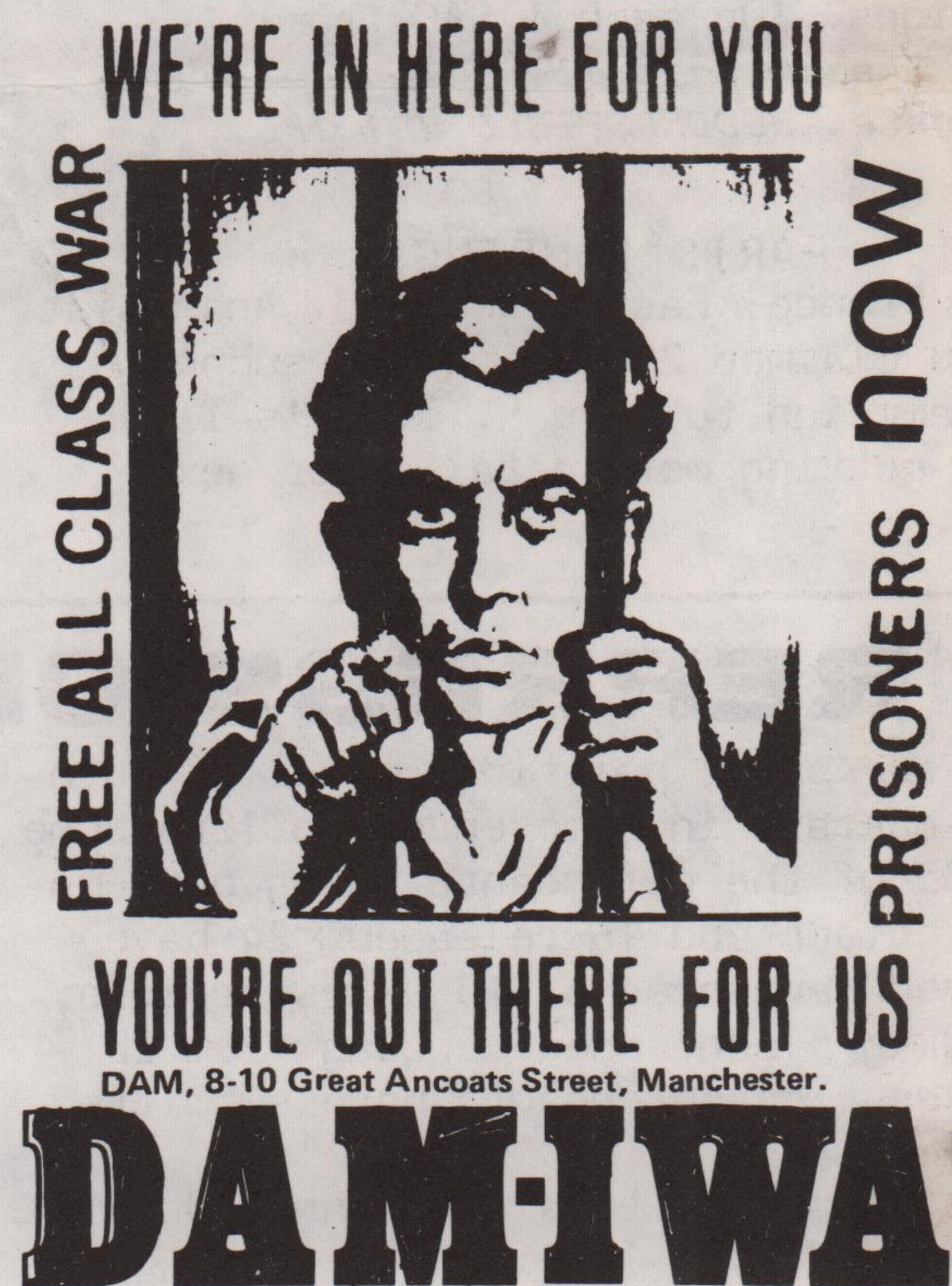
THURSDAY 28th June: Polish Consulate in Glasgow had coal thrown through a window. It was done in protest at scab coal coming from Poland and in solidarity with the Polish workers by Galsgow unemployed.

MILITANT TRAVESTY

A new independent women's support group has been formed in the Doncaster area and was recently invited to a meeting in Rotherham organised by *Militant*. The group presumed that other women's support groups would be attending and they decided to go along to the meeting.

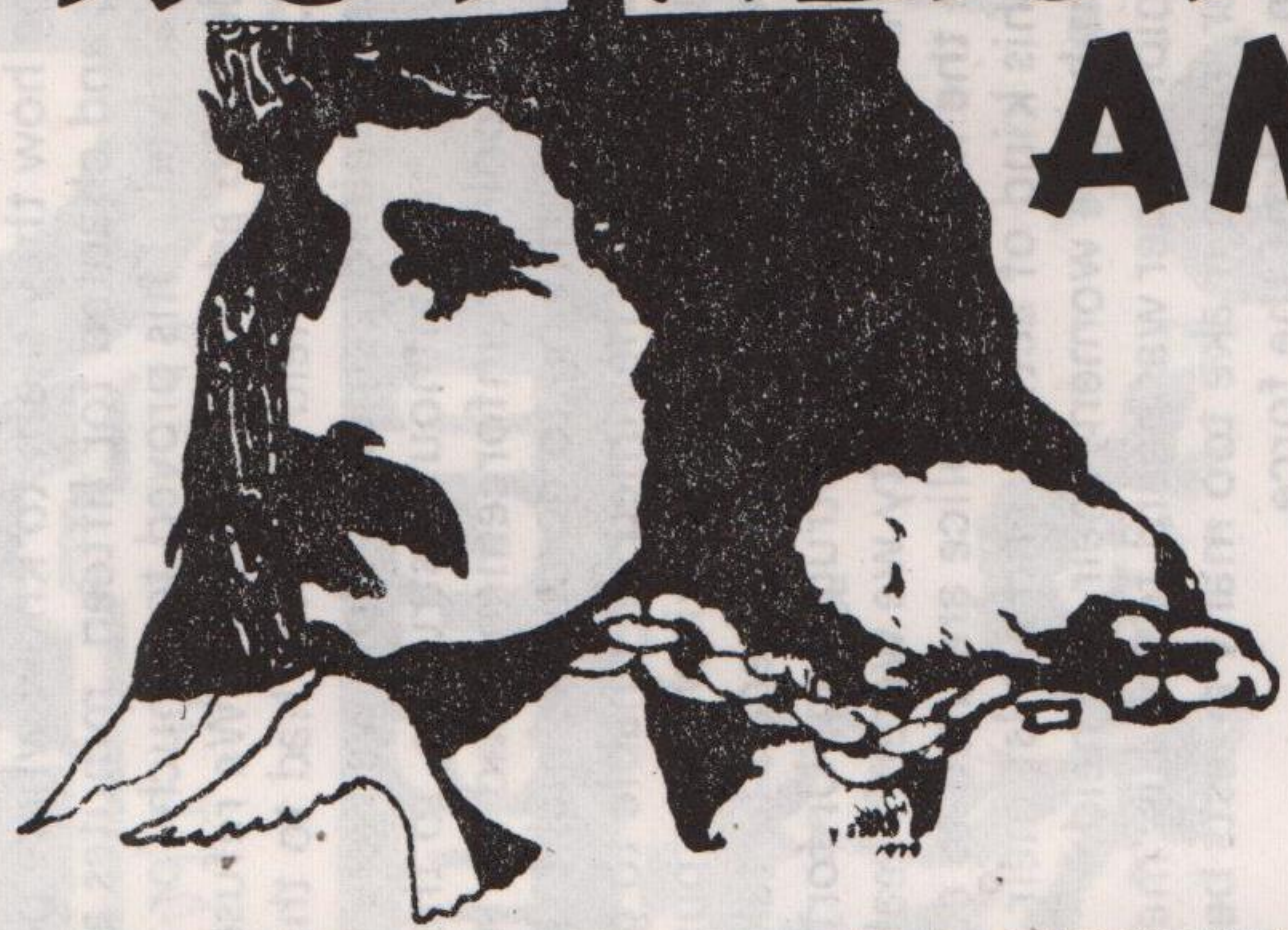
Unfortunately there were no other women's support group present. Instead, the group was talked at for 5 hours (2 'Militants' were assigned to each woman)

and then finally were asked to join Militant (NOT the Labour Party). In return for joining Militant we were promised a place on a steering committee to be set up with the aim of organising a national conference of women's support groups. When told that such a committee was already being organised, Militant dismissed it as being too heavy with bureaucrats! The group declined Militant's offer...



A series of 8 DAM-IWA stickers, 2-colour, depicting industrial needs are available from DAM-South London, c/o 121 Bookshop, 121 Railton Road, London SE24. Please send stamped self addressed envelope plus a 12½p stamp.

ITS NOTIALISTAIR COOKES AMERICA



FREE LEONARD PELTIER Native American P.O.W.

Survival Network Newsletter No. 25 is dedicated to the case of Leonard Peltier, a native American who has been jailed and punished by the State system in the USA.

The American capitalist system was built upon the colonisation of the lands belonging to the many tribes of Indian peoples who formerly lived, roamed, cultivated and settled upon the American continent.

The American FBI in the person of Norman Zigross, head of their office in South Dakota defended FBI use of illegal actions against Indians who he viewed as a 'conquered nation' and that the FBI is merely acting as a 'colonial police force'.

In the summer of 1975 Leonard Peltier along with other Indian people was setting up a sweat lodge in preparation for a sun-dance that August.

On June 26th, FBI agents raided the land belonging to the Lakota (Sioux) at Pine Ridge on some petty pretext and shot up the place. The Indian people naturally had to fight back and two FBI agents, and sad to say, one of the Indian defenders, ended up as stiff. The following day, 175 FBI agents invaded the land sacking homes and seizing 346 people for interrogation. The camp was moved and on September 5th posses of FBI agents again attacked and made more arrests.

Amongst those arrested was Anna Mae Aquash, a 27 year old Indian woman from Nova Scotia, who had been part of the Wounded Knee action (where Indians took back their land and in a gun battle four FBI men died). She said, 'I saw FBI agents with M-16s and pistols, they raided, busted and pillaged.' In the search for innocent victims they asked Anna Mae to name names. To this she courageously answered 'You can shoot me or put me in jail'. One of the FBI terrorists, David Price, told Anna Mae 'he would see her dead within a year. About six months after this threat was uttered Anna Mae's decomposing body was found by a rancher, she had been executed with a shot in the back of the head.

Five months after the death of the two FBI agents four Indian people: Bob Robieau, Dino Butler, Jimmy Eagle and Leonard Peltier were indicted with aiding and abetting in the so-called murders of the agents. Both Robideau and Butler pleaded self-defence and were acquitted. The charges against Jimmy Eagle were dropped. Leonard Peltier was extradited from Canada where he had been held in chains in solitary confinement in Oakalla prison (the prison the 'Vancouver 5' spent 16 months in).

Leonard was tried and found guilty on false and fabricated evidence and by the racism of the judge and jury, he is now in Marion Federal Penitentiary convicted of two counts of first degree murder with two life sentences to serve.

After nearly eight years as a prisoner of the American State, a major advancement in the case happened with the release of some documents under the Freedom of Information Act revealing that coercion and deception on the part of government agents and the information that the weapon which had been supposedly 'proven' as the murder weapon not only did not belong to Peltier, but was not probable as the gun, and the FBI and Federal authorities and Courts knew that! Now all that is required for Leonard Peltier is a new trial. At noon April 10th 1984 Leonard along with Standing Deer (Robert Wilson) and Rechaza Lorede Chingatu (Albert Garza) began a death fast because the Marion Prison administration has continuously refused to allow them their religion in any way. Currently they are lingering somewhere between fasting and being force fed and beaten.

If part of the last little bit doesn't get up some atheistic noses, you could try to help by writing to:
Judge Benson, US District Court, Old Federal Building Court-house, Room 333, Fargo, North Dakota, 58102 USA.
Leonard Peltier No. 89637-132; Standing Deer (aka Robert H. Wilson) No. 01499-164; and Rechaza Lorede Chingatu (aka Albert Garza) No. 49602-146 at: PO Box 1000, Marion Fed. Pen., Illinois, 62959 USA.
Write to Warden Jerry Williford as above Prison address.
& Leonard Peltier Defence Committee, (and get their 'Crazy Horse Spirit' mag.), 2524 16th Avenue S. Seattle, Washington 98144 USA.

Letter

Greetings,

I am a native Indian of the Pima-Apache tribe from the state of Arizona I am an anarchist, and at present I am incarcerated serving a term of 5 years in the Arizona State Prison for Women.

I need pen pals, so please write me:
Elaine "Lu" Antone No. 47573,
PO Box 3400, Goodyear, Arizona, 85338 USA.

Montreal, Quebec

On May 23rd RAJ (Autonomous Coalition of Youth) began an occupation of Welfare/Dole and Govt. offices in Montreal, Quebec. The most upfront demand was for parity of welfare benefits for under 30s. A policy of discrimination has existed for years in Quebec - single able bodied persons under 30 are expected to live on the equivalent of £75 monthly. Welfare *does not* pay their rent. This policy continues under a supposedly Social Democratic Parti Quebecois Govt. elected in 1976. The rationale is that there is no reason why these people don't have jobs - the reality that unemployment is highest amongst youth - the policy is purely punitive and is an attempt to force youth into economic dependence either on their parents or on others. Over 30s get £205 a month which is not liveable either but more!

About 200 people participated in the occupations which continued to move from office to office after being kicked out from the first target after 2 days. About 15 arrests were made (at random). The occupation did succeed in getting much publicity, in newspapers and on TV. What is important is that this is the first militant action around the issue after so many years of more or less isolated agitation. Also the orientation of the group is interesting - anti-war, anti-sexism, anti-work exploitation demands are included in their program. These link-up are *not* isolated events - over the last 3 or 4 months *all material involving army recruiting* has disappeared from unemployment offices in Montreal. September in Montreal will see a day of action against porn and against war to be organised by various groups.

There were predictable drawbacks to the RAJ action - every hierarchical, traditional male radical type operating style which left many women alienated and contributed to the wind-down of the action after about 2 weeks.

Self Defence is No Offence

A woman was arrested in New York, USA for 'defacing' a poster for *Penthouse*, a well known magazine committed to publishing pornographic images of women.

In court the woman said it was not an act of vandalism but of SELF-DEFENCE. She offered the judge an issue of the mag. which included a story celebrating the gang rape of a college woman, photo-essay of bondage, rape and murder of a woman, and a cartoon making fun of murder/rape.

The case was dismissed!

SOURCE: Black Bairn

Letter

Everything is now completed with the trials here in British Columbia.

The others are completely finished with this courtshit but I've still got to go to Toronto for the Litton bombing trial.

Ann Hansen expected a life sentence, so it has not upset her so much and she is strong in the face of the State's attacks.

I am expecting life, but not until the trial in Toronto is finished. I'll inform you of my change in address when I'm transferred back East.

The Crown was eager to finish things in B.C. so:

- the Cheekeye Hydro bombing, Red Hot Videos and supermarket armed robbery charges were dropped against me in B.C.
- the Litton conspiracy, Red Hot Videos and supermarket armed robbery were dropped against Doug.
- the supermarket robbery was dropped against Ann.

In solidarity and resistance,
Brent Taylor.

Oakalla Prison

Further to our last report we learn that Ann Hansen did, in fact, get a 29 year sentence, not 20. Also Doug Stewart, although only getting sentenced to one day (taking into consideration the 16 months he has already served), is still to be sentenced on another round of charges. These include the bombing of the BC Hydro station. Doug pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence. Brent Taylor has also pleaded guilty to possession of weapons and possession of explosives in this second round. His sentencing is also to come up. Brent will in addition face charges for the Litton Systems bombing (Cruise missile parts plant), to which he is pleading not guilty. Brent will be sent to Toronto to attend the trial against this charge.

Anti - Authoritarian News Network

Issues 6 & 7 of this folded A4 format bi-weekly includes information on resistance to the State from around the world, with Toronto/Canada local emphasis.

In North America, the *Survival Network* (see Leonard Peltier story) and the Nuclear Register exist to cover some of the needs of their member groups. In Britain the *Anti-State Documentation & News Network* and *Ecomedia* survive. The AANN want to retain their autonomy but federate up with other news services, those who want to comment should do so soon as they plan a special package mail-out to those who respond. Subs are \$12 a year, 50¢ for back issues & Stamped Addressed Envelope. AANN Bulletin c/o Unknown A Co-op PO BOX 915, Station F, Toronto M4Y-2N9.

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When the first contingent of about fifty of us arrived, there were twenty to thirty police waiting, including a senior officer (amazing how they seem to know where people are going to bel). We sang and chanted for fifteen minutes and cheered as other women arrived. This proved too much for the protectors of law and order who asked us to move. We refused and they tried to push us. Our 'line' held and they had to think of a new tactic. Response? Reinforcements. Now we were outnumbered and were pushed, not without a struggle, to the opposite side of the road. More police reinforcements and we were surrounded.

Scabs were arriving to go on the night shift, and we were not happy about being hemmed in, unable to get near the scabs let alone put forward a point of view. So a push took place to try and break police lines. Arrests began to take place as women were dragged out — still struggling. Unfortunately, not being used to this sort of activity we weren't really sure how to break through the lines. The police are used to containing or at least, facing this kind of action, and whilst their task wasn't made easy for them by the women, their line held.

A senior officer was heard to tell his 'men' to treat us like men, and later, not to make too many arrests because he'd be the laughing stock of the force.

Another push took place, and the police knocked out an elderly woman, and although allowed to carry her across the road, they didn't call an ambulance. Luckily a nurse was on the picket line, and was able to carry out limited treatment. More arrests, but we were unable to break through, and the circle tightened. We tried to push back against this, giving rise to the loud comment on a certain uniformed persons erection (not so politely put) much to his consternation and embarrassment and amusement of his colleagues.

A lorry (mobile prison) arrived and the scabs were arriving by the bus. A further push and this time a woman not actually in that particular push was picked out and dragged out. She fought against this, and other women helped her. We managed to get her free — but the police ran in, kicked her in the back and pulled her — again having to fight off the women. This time they had no choice but to call an ambulance because she was in such a bad way, and the older woman was taken to hospital. Eventually we were allowed to go. More than twelve had been arrested. Two were in hospital.

The arrested women were allowed to see a solicitor at 4.45pm June 28th, and appeared in court at 5pm. Although they didn't have their photographs taken, fingerprints were, and they were released on conditional bail.

Many of us at Calverton on Wednesday night were not used to such action, and some decided that they wouldn't do it again. This of course is good, because if you make that decision, those who want to picket will know that those present are of similar mind and will not be troubled by people standing by whilst others are knocked about by police. There will not be the 'spectator' problem that the men have had, whereby you think everyone's with you when in actual fact many are just there to make the numbers up. This will lead to a more militant womens force, independant of the Union, prepared to take autonomous action.

Three of the women were charged with assault on a police constable, and four with obstructing the police, the rest with threatening behaviour. All were released on conditional bail that states they are not allowed into Nottingham.

MINER& YORKSHIRE MINER

It is rare for us to encourage readers to get and distribute trade union papers but these two are notable exceptions, full of news, letters & photographs from the strike. *MINER: St. Jame's House, Vicar Lane, SHEFFIELD. YORKSHIRE MINER: 2 Huddersfield Rd, Barnsley. OR from the nearest NUM picketers/collectors.*

THE MINERS AND

The activities of certain of the groups of the 'revolutionary left' during the present miners strike raise whole questions about what is and what is not solidarity?

The major activity of most 'revolutionaries' on the left has of course been selling 'THE PAPER', but it is not the selling of the paper that is so bad as what is actually written in them. Many of the 'revolutionary' parties have used their papers to attack the strategy of the strike, personal union officials and in some cases the whole principles of the strike.

The principle that no person has the right to sell another person's livelihood has been attacked by the Revolutionary Communist Party, who want a national ballot and Workers Power who want a branch 'show of hands'. It may not have occurred to these vanguards of the working class but people are voting everyday with their feet.

The overall strategy of the strike has been attacked by all and sundry but the main aggressor has been the Socialist Workers Party. The SWP has made personal assaults on people such as Jack Taylor, Yorkshire Area President, over the handling of the Orgreave situation, although the directing of pickets is neither controlled by Taylor or Scargill but by the Yorkshire region co-ordinating committee. They believe that Taylor has deliberately held back on the picketing of Orgreave and restricted the movement of pickets.

The overall strategy of the strikes has been good, considering the lack of pickets, the wide number of targets and the determination of the police to stop them, the only tactics available to the miners has been the hit and run tactics of guerrilla warfare. Orgreave was of course a diversion from this strategy and the end result was hundreds of arrests and injuries for very little other than an education in the true nature of the police.

Although we as anarchists have different ideas about organisation than the hierarchical structures of the NUM and different political principles to people like Scargill and Taylor, this is not the fight that we are engaged in. There is little that we can criticise these two on during this strike. Both of them have thrown themselves into the frontline, both have been assaulted by police, they like all other paid NUM officials have given up their wages and during this strike have been nothing more than propaganda and symbolic figure heads.

Getting back to the SWP's assault on the miners. They have argued for Orgreave to be turned into a mass symbolic battle, day in day out (perhaps they want a permanent pitch to sell their paper), being totally unaware of the limitations of such an action and ignorant of the forces that the state has, to fight such a pitched battle.

But it is not just the words in the papers of the left that are dubious, but all their other forms of 'solidarity'. Fund raising 'for the miners' is a great thing to latch on to. The SWP started off its miners fund, which has not reached £14,000, the purpose of this fund 'to put the miners case over to other workers', i.e. fund the paper, and other SWP propaganda. Money is also raised by many groups to send miners to their conferences and meetings. But more often than not it is used by the party to control situations, pay for busses etc. and build up their prestige. Of course not all of the 'left' groups are as bad as each other and some have given useful solidarity work to the miners and their families.

This brings us onto the question, what is solidarity? Solidarity comes in various forms, first is propaganda and education in support of people involved in struggle. In most cases strikes and other struggles go hardly noticed and any form of propaganda is useful. But there is propaganda in support of the strike and propaganda for your own cause, the best example is the Support the Miners Posters by the Revolutionary Communist Party, which has RCP taking up a third of the poster, a true poster of solidarity should have the name of the group showing solidarity in print, that has to be looked for.

Likewise the written word, either in papers or leaflets, should be used to inform people of the struggle and the events going on, and not as a means to criticise the people involved, point out the ideological differences, but the aim of solidarity is to educate and propagate not to take over.

On the question of fundraising, it is very simple if all funds are handed over to those who are going to use them, now we think it would be better if we did this with the money people have entrusted to us, if people gave money for a specific purpose such as buying food, then to buy food direct.

THE LEFT

There is also more direct support like attending picket lines and demonstrations in solidarity. On both these events we are there to add our weight, either to show our banners and flags in support or to add bodies to the push, blockade or in a symbolic manner depending on the nature of the event.

Returning to the miners strike our job as anarchists is to give solidarity. Although this fight affects all of us, it is primarily the fight of the miners and their families. We may not like the the structures they choose to work within, we may not like their individual politics or religion, but these things are irrelevant, just as irrelevant as if a policeman is an atheist or in favour of unilateral nuclear disarmament. There will be plenty of time after the strike to put our political theories over, but during this dispute there is only one form of propaganda, and that is propaganda by deed, through no strings, non dogmatic, consistent and practical solidarity.

HARWORTH SCABS

At Harworth Pit in North Nottinghamshire 25 windows were smashed in the pit shower block and four cars in the car park, belonging to scabs had their tyres slashed and windscreens smashed.

MALTBY AGGRO

The 'rioting' that occurred in the South Yorks pit village of Maltby on the 15th and 16th of June, although reflecting the atmosphere within the pit villages, especially the hatred towards the cops, was indiscriminate in its targets. Shops that have given food to help miners and their families through the strike had their windows smashed.

Although this window breaking has been blamed on outsiders, many of those arrested were local people and miners from Maltby pit. The local NUM officials and committee members have been out on the streets at night asking people to go home and attempting to keep things calm.

FROM THE PICKET LINES....

- Jack Taylor, Yorkshire NUM President, after throwing himself virtually single handed at a police line at Orgreave, grabbed a SWP paper seller, who had been criticising him for lack of leadership, and threw him in the direction of the police. The SWP member walked off muttering to sell his papers elsewhere.
- Many miners have been arrested in Nottinghamshire pit villages not while picketing but for distributing the 'Miner' through people's doors.
- SWP members have posed as NUM officials to redirect pickets, to where they think is best.
- Knottingly Town Hall notice in West Yorkshire has been sprayed with the words 'POLICE SCUM, POLICE FILTH, FUCK OFF KINNOCK'.
- At the funeral of Joe Green, who was mowed down by a lorry driver at Ferrybridge power station, a saluting policeman was given major covering in the media. But miners at the funeral responded with a barrage of two fingered salutes.
- Joe Green was 55, which means he was no longer applicable for the £1,000 per year 'redundancy' money that the media and MacGregor have made so much fuss about.
- The TGWU members at Orgreave, who have been stopping work while the strike breaking lorries are being loaded up, have promised the Yorkshire NUM that they will not handle scab coal. As the coal stocks at the plant are running low, BSC will soon be faced with shutting down the plant or bring in scab coal. As the Orgreave plant depends on a continuous running process to stop damaging occurring, it is highly probable that scab coal will be conveyed in.

ORGREAVE AND UP DATE

The so called Battle of Orgreave is at the time of writing over, with only a handful of pickets turning up to face the ranks of police and the convoy of lorries is still making its twice daily trip between the coke works and the Scunthorpe steel plants. The mass picketing at Orgreave arose because the British Steel Corporation started to shift the stock pile of coke, despite the fact that the Yorkshire NUM was allowing sufficient coke into Scunthorpe to keep the furnaces from cooling and cracking.

The resulting mass picketing became a battleground because of the belief that the police could be beaten by the mass ranks of miners and their assorted friends in a head to head confrontation. This myth has its roots in the 1972 miners strike when 15,000 plus pickets successfully confronted 800 Bobbies and closed down the Saltley coke works, a symbolic victory that hastened the miners overall victory.

1972 is far removed from the present strike. The miners themselves have had their numbers cut by around a third and in this present dispute are divided amongst themselves, reducing their numbers even further and tying up pickets outside pits where some scabs are going into work. The police have increased their numbers, there is much more national co-operation between forces and they are trained, equipped and experienced in riot control. If the Saltley picket was re-enacted today, 8,000 pickets would set off, half that number would arrive and those that were lucky enough to get through police roadblocks would be met by a force of more than equal numbers of police with dogs, horses, and riot gear.

The aim of picketing is not to confront the police but to stop a place working or to halt the shipment of products. Mass picketing is used when requests for solidarity are turned down and numbers are needed to achieve the aim of the picket. Once the police are numbered in hundreds they are quite able to take on pickets who outnumber them by 3 to 1. A successful mass picket is not one where 10,000 workers are defeated by 4,000 police, but one where 200 workers outmanoeuvre the police and close a place of work.

As the police are able to respond quickly to new situations and easily respond to a build up of numbers at a particular place, the most effective form of picketing is the one off, shut it for a day picket. This form of picketing, ties up numbers of police guarding sites for 2 or 3 days after the picket, which makes the likelihood of success for other pickets more successful. Other actions such as the forming of convoys on motorways, like the miners did early on in this strike may not achieve anything in themselves but they do tie up large numbers of police for the following days.

Continual mass picketing is a thing of the past, at least until there is either mass solidarity for a particular dispute or there is widespread mass picketing involving many industries. But, even then the police could still remain effective by reducing their numbers needed by increasing the offensive nature of their actions, and using better and more widespread riot equipment, such as water cannon and tear gas (as the Police in France and Poland for example do). If the police are stretched there is always the option of a third force, made up of political volunteers and if that is not enough there is always the Army.

UPDATE:

RUMOURS

Some miners poured a mixture of oil and gloss paint onto the convoy from Orgreave as it was passing under a motorway bridge. The aim was to black out the windscreen of one of the lorries, they missed but caused a number of police motor bikes — outriders who escort the convoy and radio to other cops to nick any stonethrowers etc — to skid and fall over.

Miners being chased by police at Orgreave were confronted by *Workers Power* members and asked "do you want to buy a paper?"

Footnote for postal workers and others: The NCB Office mail is being re-routed to avoid picket lines. The last we heard it was going to 33 Cavendish Place, London W.1